

# Dreyfus honored as students' chancellor

He might have been Wisconsin's 40th governor, but to UWSP alumni and friends, the man in the red vest is known first and foremost as the students' chancellor.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus, UWSP's ninth president and first chancellor, will be honored for his contributions to the university and its students on Saturday, April 30, when the University Center is named in his honor. Dreyfus and his wife, Joyce, will be on hand for a public dedication ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. at the center's

Reserve Street entrance. Special guests, former Student Government Association presidents, members of the Dreyfus family and Chancellor Linda Bunnell will join the celebration. A public reception will follow at 2:45 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Alumni Room.

"I am so thrilled to have the student center named for me," said Dreyfus, "primarily because students supported it."

Alumni Association Director Emerita Karen Engelhard, '59, John Jury, former student development director, and Helen Godfrey, vice chancellor emerita of Student Affairs, were advocates for the UC name change.

"Any lasting dedication to Lee must be something that touches students' lives every day," said Engelhard. "Their welfare was his major focus. Lee was busy putting UWSP on the map and found real joy in advancing the university, but it was always about, for and with the students."

A professor of speech, radio and television at UW-Madison, UW-Extension and Wayne State University before becoming UWSP's president in 1967, Dreyfus was in the habit of dealing with students and that colored his way of thinking, he said.

At a time when students were protesting the Vietnam War and holding beer riots, he knew he needed to stay visible and accessible to them. So he began wearing a red vest with the promise that he'd keep it on until the war was over. The red vest has remained his signature icon.




Lee Sherman Dreyfus, UWSP's ninth president and first chancellor, is a nationally known speaker.

"I kept my connection with students," he said, inviting them to approach him with ideas, opinions or problems. He made them a priority when they came to his office, he visited them in the residence halls and stopped at the downtown bars to chat and have a beer with them, he said. He ate lunch at the center, got to

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UC named for Dreyfus



Saturday, April 30  
Dedication, 2 p.m., UC Entrance  
Reception 2:45 p.m.  
UC Alumni Room



Dreyfus addresses students, including Jim Hamilton, '76, standing at right, who demonstrated in front of the chancellor's office during the early 70s.

## UC project set for 2006

Naming it for Dreyfus is just the beginning of changes coming to the University Center, which will see a \$17 million addition and renovation project beginning in April 2006. The work will be done in phases to allow the building to remain partially open during construction, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2007.

Perkins and Will of Chicago and SDS of Eau Claire have already begun to design the project, which will be financed by student fees. The project will add 43,000 square feet and renovate about half of the current building's 153,000 square feet, reallocating and adding space, refurbishing the aging building, modernizing kitchen and dining areas and upgrading mechanical and electrical systems. The architects plan to incorporate sustainability concepts such as natural light and energy efficiency into the design.

Perkins and Will, an international firm, has a historical connection to UWSP as its architects designed Old Main 110 years ago when the campus was founded.

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## Vacation tours to California, Hawaii

Get away from it all in 2005 with two trip offerings from the UWSP Alumni Association

### Northern California July 10-17

An eight-day trip to northern California begins Sunday, July 10, with two nights and a guided tour of San Francisco, including a cable car ride, a trip across the Golden Gate Bridge and dinner on Fisherman's Wharf. The next stop is Yosemite National Park for a two-night stay, a guided tram ride and free time to explore the Valley Visitor Center, Indian Village and Ansel Adams' photography gallery. Another two-night stay follows at Lake Tahoe, with a scenic circle tour and cruise on the MS Dixie II. Traveling back toward the coast, there will be a stop in Sacramento, the state capital, as well as a stop in Sonoma, the heart of wine country. The trip includes 11 meals and lodging for \$1,498 per person, double occupancy or \$2,247, single occupancy.

### Hawaiian Holiday Oct. 20-30

An 11-day tour of the Hawaiian Islands begins Thursday, Oct. 20, in Honolulu, with visits to the world's best beaches, Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. On the island of Oahu, explore the lush green mountains of the Pali, the crystal clear waters of Haunauma Bay and the botanical gardens and cultural displays of Waimea Valley Park. After flying to Kauai, enjoy a cruise on the Wailua River to visit the tropical Fern Grotto and a visit to Waimea Canyon and fields of sugar cane and pineapple. Another flight takes visitors to the island of Maui and its lush Lao Valley, the historic town and shops of Lahaina and a traditional luau. This trip includes 13 meals and lodging for \$1,799 per person, double occupancy or \$2,618, single occupancy.

The price listed for both excursions does not include airfare, which is available from most U.S. gateways. Home and local pick up and return services for most counties in Wisconsin and Illinois to O'Hare airport is available and can be arranged through Mayflower Tours at 800-728-0370. A \$200 deposit is required with reservation and optional insurance is available.

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## Sentry marks 100 years with gifts to UWSP

Last November Grammy-winning singer and conductor Bobby McFerrin came to UWSP to share his many talents with students from campus and area schools. He spent three days inspiring students with his unique instrumental and vocal music and dance. Topping it off, he gave a public performance at Sentry



Students improvised with Bobby McFerrin during his visit to Stevens Point last November.

Theater that benefited music education in Stevens Point schools.

McFerrin's visit was made possible through a gift from Sentry Insurance, based in Stevens Point. In celebration of its 100th anniversary, the company established the Sentry Insurance Invitation to the Arts, a new five-year program which supports visits from well-known artists through annual contributions of more than \$50,000 to UWSP's College of Fine Arts and Communication. Sentry Insurance Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of the company, developed the program in conjunction with the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication.

"Sentry Insurance is pleased to expand the strong relationship we have shared with UWSP through the years," said Jim Weishan, president of Sentry Insurance Foundation. "UWSP is a valuable resource for Sentry and our employees, and we appreciate the university's many contributions to the quality of life in our community."

In addition to the arts program, Sentry continues its legacy of annual giving to UWSP. This year's gift of

\$60,000 supports scholarships and other programs.

Sentry also supports UWSP through a matching program for employee gifts to UWSP, student internships, hiring of UWSP graduates and use of Sentry Theater.

"It has been great for me to come into a community with partnerships like the one between UWSP and Sentry Insurance," said Todd Kuckkahn, executive director of the UWSP Foundation and assistant to the chancellor for advancement. "So many students have benefited from the company's generosity over the years."

The largest employer in Portage County, Sentry Insurance was founded in 1904 by members of the Wisconsin Retail Hardware Association. Today, Sentry is one of the largest mutual insurance companies, providing insurance for consumers and businesses throughout the United States.

Sentry Insurance offers a five percent discount to eligible UWSP alumni for its "Plain Talk" car and home policies. For more information, contact Sentry at 1-800-3SENTRY.



## Phonathon exceeds goal

The efforts of student callers paid off this fall as the Annual Fund Phonathon exceeded its fund-raising goal by more than \$27,000.

So far, students have raised over \$207,000, making it the largest phonathon fund-raiser ever at UWSP, according to Deborah Anstett, interim director of annual giving. Donations will continue to come in until June.

A staff of 20 callers, including three student managers, Catherine Duemler, Brodhead; Maria Lewis, Kaukauna; and Audrey Miles, McFarland; reached more than 13,000 alumni who made over 5,000 donations between September and December 12 in order to surpass the goal of \$180,000.



Student managers Maria Lewis, communication, '05, and Cat Duemler, business, '05, celebrated a successful phonathon during a semester-end holiday party held for student callers by the UWSP Foundation staff.

The drive's success is in part due to special appeals to those who have given large gifts in the past as well as an appeal to younger alumni, who were asked to give at least as much as the year they graduated, such as \$20.01 for 2001 grads, said Anstett.

"We are trying to build a giving culture that starts when students are here," she said. Through the Future Alumni Association student organization, students are seeing how they can stay connected to the university when they become alumni, as well as developing an interest in philanthropy.

Money raised through the phonathon funds Alumni Honors Scholarships for incoming freshman, helps pay for the Alumnus, helps with other fund-raising projects or goes where there is the greatest need on campus.

Students will be calling alumni again during the spring semester as part of an appeal to graduates of each of the four colleges, Anstett said. Donations made at that time will benefit students and programs within the donor's particular college.

## Dreyfus honored

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know a lot of students by name and worked closely with the Student Government Association. He also continued to teach speech and communication.

"He really had a lot of respect for students," said Jim Hamilton, '76, Stevens Point, who served as student body president during 1973-74. Dreyfus was ahead of his time as the first chancellor to allow students to decide how to allocate their fees, he said. "He gave students a voice that was envied across the state."

In 1974, Dreyfus became UWSP's first chancellor following the merger of the UW System. His 11 years as president and chancellor were ones of unparalleled growth and change at UWSP, with large enrollment increases, many building projects and new programs, the addition of Lake Joanis at Schmeeckle Reserve and the creation of Faculty Senate and shared governance.

Dreyfus led a reorganization of the campus which created the College of Professional Studies, College of Natural Resources, Division of Communication and paper science program. He also proposed and encouraged the creation of the world's largest computer-generated mosaic mural on the side of the CNR building.

In 1977 Dreyfus announced that he would seek the Republican nomination for governor and took a leave of absence the next year to run his campaign. He won the election and was inaugurated as the state's 40<sup>th</sup> governor on the front lawn of Old Main at noon on Jan. 1, 1979.

Deciding not to run for a second term in 1982, he took the job of president of Sentry Insurance Corporation, then formed Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Inc. in 1984 and became part of the Washington Speakers Bureau. He continued traveling and giving speeches around the country until 1999.

He served as a member of the Board of Regents from 1989 to 1996 and as interim state superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction in the spring of 1993. The winner of the United States Distinguished Public Service Medal and UW System President's Gold Medal, he has written a weekly column for *The Waukesha Freeman* since 1990 and writes a series about the history of the state's governors for a monthly column in *Fifty Plus* magazine. He hopes to one day turn the series into a book.

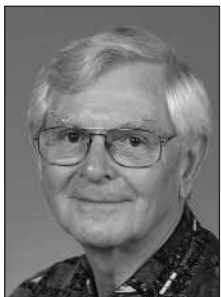
Over the years Dreyfus and his wife, Joyce, have been generous contributors to the UWSP Foundation. In 2001, at the dedication of a plaque that marks where he took the oath of governor in front of Old Main, the couple presented the foundation with \$100,000 through a charitable remainder trust and cash gift.

Born in Milwaukee in 1926 to parents who motivated him to participate in public service, Dreyfus began acting on the radio at age seven and continued that work into his 20s. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, then attended UW-Madison where he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in communication. In addition to his teaching, he managed WHA-TV, the public television station in Madison, and was chair of the Statewide Television Development Division.

## Foundation Board welcomes four



Karen Farley Halverson



Robert J. Knowlton

The UWSP Foundation Board recently added four members, elected officers for the 04-05 year and honored emeritus members.

New members starting three year terms include Karen Farley Halverson of Stevens Point, Robert J. Knowlton of Stevens Point, Keith Kulas, '87, of Marshfield and James P. Schuh of Plover.

Halverson is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Stevens Point Area Public Schools. She is involved in United Way of Portage County and was honored in 2004 with the Educational Services Administrator of the Year Award by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators.

Knowlton chaired the Department of History for six years and Faculty Senate for two years during his 30 years at UWSP. He also founded UWSP's Latin America Studies program and is former chair of the UW System Latin American Center Faculty Policy Committee.

Kulas has worked for Wipfli LLP in Wausau and Marshfield since graduating from UWSP and in 2003 he became a partner in the Marshfield office. He is involved with the Marshfield United Way, Marshfield Sunrise Rotary Club and board of directors of the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Schuh is a lecturer in communication at UWSP, a past president of Wizard Communications and former general manager of WSPT Radio in Stevens Point. He was elected to the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2003 and is involved in several Stevens Point community organizations.

Officers include Jerry O'Brien, Stevens Point, president; E. John Buzza, Stevens Point, vice president; John Ross, '58, Waupaca, past president; Karen Engelhard, '59, Stevens Point, secretary; and Thomas Stout, Stevens Point, treasurer.

The board honored four emeritus members: Stout, who has served since 1995 and continues through 2005; James Anderson, '89, of Stevens Point, who served from 1985 to 2004; Bruce Bay, '65, of Eureka, Mo., who served from 1995 to 2004; and Frederick Wenzel, '56, of Madison who served from 1985 to 2004.

## Thankful for two careers, alumnus gives back to UWSP

Four years ago, Jim Linowski, '76, left behind the world of retail to begin a new life in the world of raising and training horses.

Even before he graduated from UWSP, Linowski had begun using his major in fashion merchandising as manager of a Stevens Point fabric store. Ultimately, he became the general manager of Woodfield Shopping Center in Shaumburg, Ill., the third largest mall in the country with more than 300 stores in almost 2.7 million square feet. During his 16 years there he served as chairman of the Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, on the Board of Directors of the Chicago chapter of the Salvation Army and was active in other civic and tourism groups.

Meeting his career goals in the retail business inspired him to take an early retirement. He and his wife, Lynne, a longtime equestrienne, now own Equus Oaks Farms in Lexington, Ky., where they raise and train sport horses. He also recently became a partner in a tobacco seed company.

"So I guess I am no longer retired," he quips.

Crediting UWSP for helping him achieve these two successful careers, Linowski showed his appreciation by including the UWSP Home Economics Centennial Endowment in his will. A bequest of \$10,000 was presented as part of the Home Economics Centennial celebration, which he and Lynne helped plan.

"It was an easy thing to do," he says about the bequest. "I'd encourage others to add a gift to their wills because it's a way for alumni to give back."

Linowski became a nontraditional student at UWSP after serving in the U.S. Air Force. Working part time, going to school full time and having a family was not easy, he says, but his professors were very supportive.

"What I enjoyed more than anything was the instructors' dedication to helping a man complete his education in what was a female-dominated field," said Linowski. He credits solid instruction from professors such as Ethel Hill and Edith Pankowski.

"I hope that in a small way my gift continues the high standards and quality of education at UWSP, and maybe it will allow students to get an education they couldn't otherwise afford," he said.

Donors who name UWSP as a beneficiary in their will become members of the William C. Hansen Society. For more information, call the foundation at 800-858-5267 or e-mail [foundation@uwsp.edu](mailto:foundation@uwsp.edu).



From left, Jim Linowski, College of Professional Studies Dean Joan North and Professor Emerita Mary Ann Baird of interior architecture have all included gifts to the Home Economics Centennial Endowment in their wills.



## Never too young to learn about nature

The Helen R. Godfrey Child Learning and Care Center at UWSP recently won two grants to encourage environmental education for young children.

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) awarded the center with two \$1,000 grants. The first provided environmental education at the “Leading the Way Conference” at UWSP in September, attended by early childhood educators who received an activity guide and CD about Wisconsin’s Project Learning Tree Guide for preschoolers.

The second grant, titled “Wisconsin’s Birds and Butterflies: Our Backyard Friends,” is funding a backyard classroom at the center which will feature a butterfly garden and bird habitat. Children will participate in projects appropriate for each age group and learn about natural ecosystems by watching butterflies develop from larva and building bird houses and bird baths.

“Our goal is to engage the children’s natural curiosities both outside the classroom in the butterfly garden and within the classroom with art, science, theatre, literature and other visual learning techniques that encourage language and creative thinking development,” said center director, Susie Sprouse.

## Student wins national honor

A paper written by Andrew Bloeser, Sturgeon Bay, a senior communication and political science major, was named best in the nation by Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor society.

Bloeser’s paper, *Democracy Without Democratic Journalism? A Content Analysis of the San Francisco Chronicle During the Policy-defining Period Prior to the Iraq War*, was submitted to the Pi Sigma Alpha 2004 Best Undergraduate Class Paper competition by Assistant Professor Michelle Brophy-Baermann of the Political Science Department. Bloeser received a \$250 award and was recognized in several national Pi Sigma Alpha publications.

As Brophy-Baermann’s research assistant, Bloeser has worked on a welfare reform paper that may be presented at a regional conference this spring. Last year he presented a poster on welfare reform and think tanks in the Capitol rotunda in Madison as part of a UW Systemwide undergraduate research symposium. He also has served as the news editor and features editor with *The Pointer* student newspaper.

## Donation made to clans collection



Marking the donation to the Menominee Clans collection are, from left, Mike Hoffman, Menominee descendent; George Kofron; David Wrone, emeritus professor of history and Menominee language; James Frechette; his son, Richard Frechette; and Ed Marks, curator of education at the UWSP museum.

A donation of \$25,000 has been made to preserve and maintain the Menominee Clans collection at the UWSP Museum of Natural History.

George J. Kofron of Hazelhurst, a longtime friend of the collection’s creator, James Frechette, established the George J. Kofron Endowment for the Menominee Clans Story “to promote the history of the Menominee and make the public more aware of it,” he said. The donation will fund the development of educational materials, programs and the Menominee Clans Web site.

Frechette hand carved the wooden clans figures on permanent display at the museum in the University Library, depicting the gathering of the first clans of the Menominee. The collection was dedicated in September 2003.

For more information on the collection, see the Web site at [www.library.uwsp.edu/MenomineeClans/](http://www.library.uwsp.edu/MenomineeClans/).

## UWSP & Marquette collaborate in Kenya



Pictured, left to right, is Joyce Njeri of SACDEP, Arlen Albrecht, John Kinini Munene of SACDEP, Anisa Phillips, Vic Phillips, Anna Haines and Mai Phillips. Not pictured is the photographer, Milo Harpstead.

UWSP’s Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) is collaborating with Marquette University’s College of Nursing to enhance the effectiveness of treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in Kenya through improved nutrition.

A team of UWSP personnel traveled to Nairobi, Mombassa and Voi, Kenya, in July to evaluate soil conditions, water availability and agronomic factors for small garden systems to provide food. The team, led by GEM director Victor Phillips, included Taylor County’s UW-Extension staffer Arlen Albrecht; Emeritus Professor Milo Harpstead, soil and waste resources expert; Anna Haines, director of UWSP’s Center for Land Use Education; Mai Phillips, adjunct UWSP professor of forestry; and the Phillips’ daughter, Anisa. They were assisted by personnel from the Sustainable Agriculture and Community Development Programme-Kenya (SACDEP).

The multi year-project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will have people from both UWSP and Marquette working to educate individuals and their families on dietary nutrition to support HIV/AIDS drug therapy as well as training Kenyans to install and manage small garden systems to provide the needed foods.

Albrecht and Vic Phillips will return to Kenya March 18-28 to finish gathering data.

## UWSP museum’s popular dinosaur exhibit gets a “tail-lift”

The tyrannosaurus rex will growl again beginning April 1 when a refurbished exhibit dedicated to dinosaurs is unveiled in the UWSP Museum of Natural History.

“T-rex is back by popular demand,” said the museum’s curator, Ed Marks, of the fiberglass cast reproduction, which has moving jaws and growling sound effects. “The kids love him.”

The Jurassic display is part of a series of fossil exhibits depicting geological time periods in chronological order. Marks has spent several months refurbishing the exhibit and updating the museum’s resident allosaurus to reflect new scientific theories about how it walked and balanced.

“It’s much more accurate now,” said Marks, who had first put together the plaster cast allosaurus in 1973 when he started work at the museum.

The allosaurus is an authentic reproduction of the fossil remains found in a Utah quarry and had occupied a window display at the museum for 32 years. Marks recently took it apart and began extensive repositioning of its tail vertebrae, which included cutting and bending the steel armature. The allosaurus will carry its tail high from now on instead of resting it on the ground.

The exhibit also will feature newly acquired jellyfish fossil reproductions purchased by the Friends of the UWSP Museum of Natural History group. The fossils of the beached jellyfish were found in a sandstone quarry

off Highway C in Marathon County.

“They are very rare, from the Cambrian period,” Marks said.

When the display is finished, visitors will be able to view the fossil exhibits in chronological sequence from early Cambrian to Quaternary period, Marks said. About 12,000 people visit the museum each year, including a number of student groups from area schools.

The refurbishing of the dinosaur exhibit is part of a 10-year remodeling plan that started a few years ago at the museum, said Holly Voll, development specialist with the UWSP College of Letters & Sciences. The remodeling will continue one project at a time as funding becomes available, she said.

“The money that the Friends group and the Friends members gather is making the museum grow,” Voll said. “The museum basically has a shoestring budget. It’s donor driven.”

Friends volunteers do everything from greeting visitors to helping staff the museum’s gift shop and make up an advisory board. The African savanna that Marks created several years ago was completed almost exclusively through donations and fund-raising provided by the Friends group, Voll said. Marks’ next project is a new habitat diorama featuring the North American moose and wolverine, which have been purchased by the Friends of the Museum. For information about the Friends or to make a donation, call the museum at 715-346-2858 or stop in to pick up a brochure.

The museum also is a teaching environment, and students who take the university’s Museum Methods class often join the staff there.

Other exhibits in the museum remain open while work continues on the dinosaur exhibit. Located in the UWSP library, 900 Reserve St., the museum is open to the public free of charge. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Call 715-346-2858 for a listing of museum hours during spring or summer breaks. Weekday parking is available in two metered lots across the street from the library and is free on weekends.



UWSP museum curator Ed Marks works on the Allosaurus.



## STV on the Web with streaming video

You may now catch up on the latest news, sports and original programs offered by UWSP Student Television from anywhere in the world.

Previously broadcast only on cable channel 10 within the Stevens Point viewing area, STV is getting assistance from University Telecommunications to bring its programming online with streaming video at [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/stv](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/stv).

Currently, news and sports footage are online as well as all five episodes of a show that debuted last fall. *Undergrads*, a sitcom about the lives and loves of two UWSP roommates, was written, produced, directed and edited by STV general manager Matt Lawton of Green Bay and promotions coordinator Jennifer Garvey of Freedom.

"We are really excited to offer online video," said Bret Lemoine, a senior from Waukesha who served as general manager of STV during the fall semester. "Anyone in the world can watch it and see what we're accomplishing here. It not only speaks well for STV but for UWSP. We're also providing a new perspective for UWSP alumni."

In addition to *Undergrads*, STV is producing several new shows, including *The Jack Bennett Pointer Sports Report*, a half-hour show co-hosted by Bennett, coach of the 2004 National Championship Pointer men's basketball team, and Shawn Kozlowski, STV sports director; *Newspoint*, a news parody show; another sports show, *Pointer Previews*; and *What It's Like to Be Me*, a show that celebrates diversity on the UWSP campus. These shows also may become available online in the future.

"STV has generated a lot of interest this year," said Lawton. "The shows are professional productions so people are seeing what we can do." Students from all majors are getting involved, he said, including a CNR major who produces an outdoor sports report segment on *STV News*.

STV employs nine executive student staff members as producers and managers, and about 30 other students volunteer their time as news anchors, reporters, camera operators and technicians.



Matt Lawton, Green Bay (far right) shoots footage for STV's *Undergrads*, featuring, from left, Meghann Stucker, Hartford; Bret Lemoine, Waukesha; Jonathon Marx, Ringle; and Rebecca Casper, Green Bay.

## Glass sculpture program expands



A student works on a glass project that will be donated to UWSP's Arts Bash 2005 fundraiser.

The Department of Art and Design now has a professional-grade kiln-formed glass sculpture program thanks to several grants, a corporate sponsorship and new facilities within the remodeled Noel Fine Arts Center.

The glass program has grown extensively since 2001, says Assistant Professor Kristin Thielking of the art and design faculty, with improvements benefiting students taking three-dimensional sculpture classes as well as community members who take kiln-formed glasswork classes offered by UWSP Extension.

Earlier this year, the Vallier Foundation awarded nearly \$15,000 to Thielking for the purchase of two large kilns and high quality equipment for engraving, etching, cutting, carving, polishing, sand blasting, painting, fusing and casting glass. She also has purchased equipment and attended the Pilchuck Glass School in Seattle, Wash., with funding from three UPDC grants from UWSP.

Bullseye Glass of Portland, Ore., has recently become a corporate sponsor, and over three years will donate \$2,000 worth of materials, match up to \$1,000 of UWSP's glass purchases and offer a 50 percent discount on additional purchases. In addition, students in the program are invited to compete every fall for exhibition in the Bullseye Connections Gallery in Portland.

Remodeling at the Fine Arts Center has made the needed space available, and has given students easy access between the studios for glass, woodworking and ceramics.

"This new room design and proximity of the three-dimensional work areas inspires more synergy and cross-disciplinary exchanges and collaborations," says Thielking. "We have already begun to see it happen."

A sculpture and ceramics work yard will be added in the summer of 2005, she added, giving the students outside space for stone and wood carving, a pit-fire facility for ceramics and a small out building that may contain a hot-glass working studio in the future.

Thielking joined the UWSP faculty in 2001 after earning a master's of fine art degree in sculpture with an emphasis in glass from UW-Madison and a bachelor's degree from Brown University.

## Students publish three books

For the first time, the student-run publishing company at UWSP has published three books in one semester.

Last fall Cornerstone Press published *Slough of Memories* by Dorothy Zmuda of Stevens Point, *Influences* by Arthur Herman of Stevens Point and *As the Ashes Fade* by Caroline Meehan, a UWSP senior from Merrill.

Students of English Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing course make up the staff of Cornerstone Press and are responsible for editing, designing, printing, binding, marketing and selling each book. The company's profits fund future publications.

"The students' workload this semester was enormous," said Dieterich. "They rose to the occasion, however, and produced three fine books. It always amazes me what UWSP students are capable of when they put their minds to accomplishing something as difficult and complex as this."

The Portage County Historical Society (PCHS) assisted with the sales and marketing of *Slough of Memories*, a collection of Zmuda's stories of her life as a Polish girl growing up on the north side of Stevens Point during the 1920s. It features her photos as well as those from the PCHS. It is available for \$10 in Stevens Point at the Holly Shoppe in the Lincoln Center, Bookfinders and the Copy Center or through PCHS, 715-341-2238, [www.pchswi.org/](http://www.pchswi.org/), or e-mail [pchs\\_54481@yahoo.com](mailto:pchs_54481@yahoo.com).

In *Influences*, Herman, a UWSP professor emeritus of philosophy and a prolific author, discusses the possible connections between early Hinduism and early Christianity. The book deals with the connections between civilizations in the Indus Valley and the Greek and Roman cultures that came into contact with the early Christian culture. It costs \$19.95.

*As the Ashes Fade* is a novella about a man growing old and exploring the sins of his militant past in the American South. It costs \$5.95. Meehan, a mother of three and a member of the Cornerstone Press staff, has another book in progress.

The books are available at the University Store by calling 715-346-3431. For more information about Cornerstone Press, see [www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/](http://www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/).



## Students intern in London

From doing public relations for a film company to being an assistant personal trainer, UWSP students are working as interns in London during the spring semester.

In a pilot program, International Programs (IP) has 10 students serving internships in businesses and agencies ranging from NBC News to a psychiatric unit. The students are staying at the International Students House with the traditional study abroad group and some are taking classes as well. The interns' arrangements were made by Professors John Mann and Leslie Zweigmann of Anglo American Education Services (AAES).

After their first couple of work days, most of the students reported loving their new jobs, said Dave Staszak, IP director.

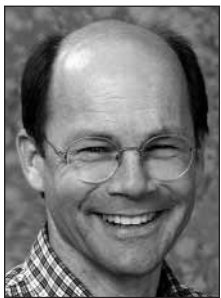
They are working for Babzoo Ltd., a film crew company; the David Lloyd Leisure Kensington fitness center; the Centre for Economic and Business Research; Mason Williams Ltd. public relations firm; Locomotion Digital film and video company; Dali Universe art gallery; Maverick Media television production company; Scala Productions, and a child and family psychiatric resident unit for disturbed children.

"These are world-class opportunities," Staszak said. "We have ensured that our students will not just be making coffee or filing. They are working 40 hours per week on projects."

The program has been in the works for about two years and was initiated by Mark Koepke, assistant director of IP, through AAES. It will continue in London and will likely expand to both semesters due to growing faculty and student interest, says Staszak, who will be visiting the students in Great Britain during the spring semester along with Dean Gerard McKenna of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and Professor Richard Ilkka, chair of the Division of Communication.



## Wildlife professor earns statewide award



Eric Anderson

Eric Anderson, professor of wildlife, was one of two outstanding teachers selected for the 13th annual Regents Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes exceptional teaching within the UW System.

He received \$5,000 and attended an award ceremony in Madison.

“Teaching is who I am, not what I do as a profession,” said Anderson, who has taught in the CNR for 14 years. “It engages every part of me – my intellect, my personality and my passions – in the give and take of the learning process. I’m grateful to be able to do what I love for a living.”

Anderson has taught 25 different undergraduate and graduate courses and has been actively involved in college and wildlife curriculum development. He created a Wisconsin Natural History CD-ROM for teaching field identification of plants and animals and has taught international study abroad programs in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Tahiti. He has advised UWSP’s Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society since 1998, the largest

chapter in the nation and last year’s Chapter of the Year.

Among his numerous research projects, Anderson is currently working with students from The Wildlife Society to find conclusive evidence of the presence of mountain lions in Wisconsin. They used over 300 reported sightings in the state to identify hotspots of possible cougar activity.

## UWSP recognized for excellence

UWSP ranked among top Midwestern public universities and was commended for its campus environment according to two recent reports on university quality.

*U.S. News and World Report* named UWSP number seven in the top tier of Midwestern public master’s degree-granting institutions. The magazine uses several indicators of academic excellence to rate campuses, including academic reputation as assessed by peers, retention, faculty resources, students, financial resources, graduation rates and alumni giving. Schools are organized by mission and region.

“I am pleased that UWSP remains in the top ten,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. “I am especially proud that we offer the highest percentage of undergraduate courses taught by regular faculty in the UW System and have one of the highest graduation rates of the UW comprehensive universities.”

According to The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), UWSP ranked above other UW System institutions for having a supportive campus environment in which students thrive academically, socially and personally and have high quality relationships with fellow students, faculty and administrators. Seniors ranked UWSP higher than the national average in this category.

The NSSE also found that compared to other UW System schools, more first year students at UWSP felt they were receiving an enriching educational experience through extra-curricular activities, study abroad, independent study and a diverse student body. UWSP ranked close to the median with other campuses in the system in the areas of active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction and level of academic challenge.

## Communicators laud English profs

The Association of Professional Communication Consultants (APCC) has recognized Dan Dieterich and the late Hank Sparapani of the English faculty for distinguished records of training and service to the communication consulting profession.

The award that Dieterich received will be presented in the future as the Dan Dieterich Award for Excellence in Training and the one given posthumously to Sparapani will be renamed as the Hank Sparapani Award for Excellence in Service.

The professors were co-founders of the Association of Professional Writing Consultants, which expanded to become the APCC, an international organization that helps people in all professions develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Dieterich and Sparapani presented more than 100 writing training programs throughout the country since 1978.

Dieterich came to UWSP in 1976 and is affiliated with the UWSP Tutoring Learning Center. Sparapani was a faculty member for 27 years before his unexpected death. (For an obituary, see page 17)

## Housing officers honor Mosier



Robert Mosier

The former director of residential living at UWSP has been honored with an award named for him by a regional association of university housing officers.

The Robert Mosier Professional Enrichment Award is one of two major awards given annually by the Upper Midwest Region of the Association of College and University Housing Officers. It is given for outstanding commitment

to professional development of housing and residence life staff.

Mosier, who received the award in 1991, presented it to the 2004 winner at the organization’s recent conference. He has won numerous awards from the association in the past and in 2001 was inducted as a member of the National Chapter of Alumni and Friends of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

Mosier resigned from the residential living position last summer in order to co-coordinate UWSP’s self-study process for the NCA accreditation. He has served UWSP for 33 years, eight as housing director.

## Faculty and staff retirements

### Phil George



Phil George

Phil George, an administrator who has helped more than 60,000 students obtain more than a half billion dollars in financial aid during his 34 years at UWSP, retired in December.

George began his career in 1970 as the youngest director of financial aid in the UW System, serving under eight chancellors and seeing the amount of student aid rise to over \$37 million annually. He was an active member and two-year president of the Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and he has been involved in regional and federal financial aid processes and software management.

A Connecticut native, he previously taught high school English in Vermont and worked in financial aid at the State University of New York-Fredonia. His retirement plans include consulting work, writing, gardening, home improvement projects and woodworking.

### Portia Hamlar



Portia Hamlar

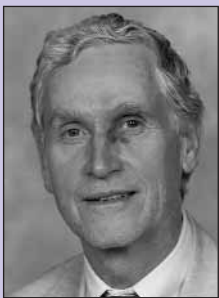
Portia Hamlar, assistant to the chancellor for equity and affirmative action, retired in September after three years of service at UWSP.

A former labor relations attorney, Hamlar implemented a number of programs to support diversity at UWSP during her tenure, including diversity circles training and enhanced minority recruitment and mentoring.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Hamlar has worked as a vocal music teacher, law professor, adviser to black law students and as labor and environmental counsel for Chrysler Corp. and associate counsel for the Michigan Bar.

Hamlar returned to Detroit after retirement and plans to finish writing her autobiography and a history of her alma mater, Alabama State University, from 1920-1963, when it was headed by her father and grandfather.

### Alan Haney



Alan Haney

Alan Haney, an ecosystem restoration expert and former dean of the College of Natural Resources, retired in January.

Haney’s career as dean, from 1988 to 1998, was a time of growth for the CNR, including a \$10 million building addition. Regarded as an expert on the endangered oak savanna ecosystem, he was instrumental in bringing ecosystem management principals into the CNR curriculum. In recent years he has dedicated his career to the classroom and to research with students. He has been active in and served as a science adviser to several conservation groups. Previously he taught at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, N.C. and the University of Illinois.

He has two books in the works and is continuing research on the Boundary Waters ecosystem in northern Minnesota. He also plans several paddling trips during retirement.

### William Kirby



William Kirby

William Kirby, a professor of education and a pioneer of distance education, retired in January after 36 years at UWSP.

An educational testing and statistics specialist, he was one of the first UWSP faculty members to use a computer and teach classes statewide via television and satellite. He was recognized by UW-Extension and a national continuing education association and honored for excellence in teaching from the School of Education. He and his family led a group of students on a semester abroad to Great Britain in 1974 and he led a second trip in 1998 with his wife, Lynn.

Before coming to UWSP in 1968, he served as a National Defense Education Act Fellow at the University of Maryland and also taught fifth grade in Baltimore County, Md., in the early 60s.

His retirement plans include traveling in the Southwest U.S. to attend Elder Hostels and “revamp his mental energies” as well as exercising, reading, and not surprisingly, online teaching.

Also retiring recently was **Dee Seyfarth** of the Financial Aid Office.



## Staff changes affect Student Affairs



**Rosanne Proite** An alumna was appointed as executive director of campus life in July after the reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs.

In her new role, Rosanne Proite, '77, Stevens Point, manages 90 percent of the activities planned for students outside of the classroom. She coordinates all aspects of student life programming, including wellness, academics, activities, leadership development and alcohol and other drug education. She supervises the food service contract and serves as the university's student conduct officer.

She also supervises two new appointees, Laura Ketchum-Cifti, director of the University Centers (formerly assistant director of Student Involvement and Employment, summer conference coordinator, residence hall director and campus activities coordinator), and Joseph Totman, director of Residential Living (formerly assistant director of community development and education, residence hall director, assistant director of summer camps and conferences and assistant of new student orientation.)

Before coming to UWSP, Proite was director of housing and residential life at Florida Atlantic University. She also has worked in residential services for Marquette University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Kansas State University and University of Iowa. She holds a doctoral degree from Kansas State University.

With the retirement of John Timcak, Director of Career Services Mary Mosier also has assumed direction of the Student Academic Advising Center, Student Disability Services and New Student Orientation.

Mike Pagel, '75, Amherst, a specialist in natural resources and sciences for Career Services, is now serving as coordinator of the New Student Orientation Program.

Former academic adviser Sharon Knopf is the associate director of Student Academic Advising Center.

Jim Joque, formerly of the Student Academic Advising Center, is the Student Disability Services coordinator.

## There's no place like home

By Rosanne Proite

In August of 1972, my parents, brothers, sister and I squeezed into the car with all of my worldly possessions packed nicely in the trunk, and headed from Milwaukee to UWSP. I was about to embark on a college experience that would be so much fun - and so productive - that I never wanted to leave! Unfortunately, I found I couldn't major in "college," but through the incredible guidance of several key staff members in Student Affairs (we didn't call them mentors back then), I learned that I could go on to graduate school and ultimately work in higher education. So in May of 1977 (yes, I was on the five year plan!) I completed my bachelor's degree from Point and headed for a graduate program at a university in west-central Illinois.

Fast forward through 27 years of working on college campuses in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin and Florida. Today I'm looking out onto the snow-covered lawn of Old Main from my second floor office. Yes, after nearly three decades, I've come home. It's been a strange few months, transitioning from a great job in a warm climate to an unbelievably tremendous opportunity here at UW-Stevens Point.

Since I began my role as executive director of campus life last summer, I have had a chance to reflect on my alma mater's current state of affairs:

The clothing hasn't changed - many of our women students are still wearing bell-bottoms, tie-dyed shirts, and floppy sandals and wearing long hair.

The music has changed - or at least how students are playing it. In 1972 my roommate had a rather bulky stereo record player; today's students have portable CD players and iPods.

I brought a portable electric typewriter and a new digital clock radio (the kind of clock where the numbers "flipped"), graduation gifts from my parents. Today's students, of course, bring computers, cell phones, large-screen televisions, DVD's, refrigerators and microwaves.

The names of some of our residence halls have changed. I lived in Roach Hall in '72 and '73; today's students prefer to call it May Roach. What was Schmeeckle Hall is now Steiner Hall and what was Steiner Hall is now South Hall. It's been a bit confusing, but I'm getting used to it.

I majored in communicative disorders, business and finally in broadfield social science with an emphasis in secondary education...in that order. Today, over one-

third of our students arrive on campus with an undeclared major. Most students change majors two to three times before figuring out what they want to do with the rest of their lives.

It took me five years to graduate. That's also still pretty typical; although with costs escalating today, there's more incentive to graduate quickly so as not to amass significant debt. Today, over 70 percent of our students receive some kind of financial aid.

Although I wasn't into partying as much as some of my fellow students, I covered my share of nights at the Square. Today, the Square has been physically altered in a way that makes it difficult to remember which bar used to stand on which corner. But our students still find plenty of ways to gather and celebrate. Like my predecessors, we are still trying to find ways to keep our students safe. Use of alcohol and drugs are not more prevalent today - but incidents of excess are reported and talked about more frequently. That's the good news...the bad news is that we still haven't figured out how to reduce those activities to a more responsible level.

And then there are the faculty and staff who were instrumental in my ability to graduate. I wouldn't have made it without financial aid and I probably would have floundered in several other academic majors if not for the enthusiasm of my political science professor. And then there were all of those people who worked in the Division of Student Affairs - my residence hall directors, the staff in the registrar's office (where I had my first job), and many, many others. Today's students also benefit from quality instruction, programs and activities all designed to prepare them for their future.

What, you may ask, brought me back? In the last several years I have gotten back in touch with three of my floor mates from Roach (oops - May Roach) Hall. My dear friends have reminded me of the fun we had, the goals we set and achieved and the traditions we celebrated. That's what college is about. When I came back to interview for my position last May, those feelings were still present in ways that I had not experienced on any other campus. What makes UWSP so special are the people - the students, the faculty, and the staff, and the care and concern that each group has for the other. It's good to come home!

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## Noel Fine Arts Center nears finale



As the Noel Fine Arts Center addition nears completion, the music, theatre and dance departments are looking forward to moving into the building by the end of the spring semester. The building will be in use over the summer and a celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in early October, kicking off a year-long celebration of signature arts events and performances. Look for more information about these festivities in the September issue of *The Alumnus*.



## Trivia ‘keeps on’ in 2005

“Keep on Trivia” is the theme for UWSP’s 2005 Trivia Weekend, referencing the “Keep on Truckin’” catchphrase coined by 60s avant-garde cartoonist Robert Crumb.

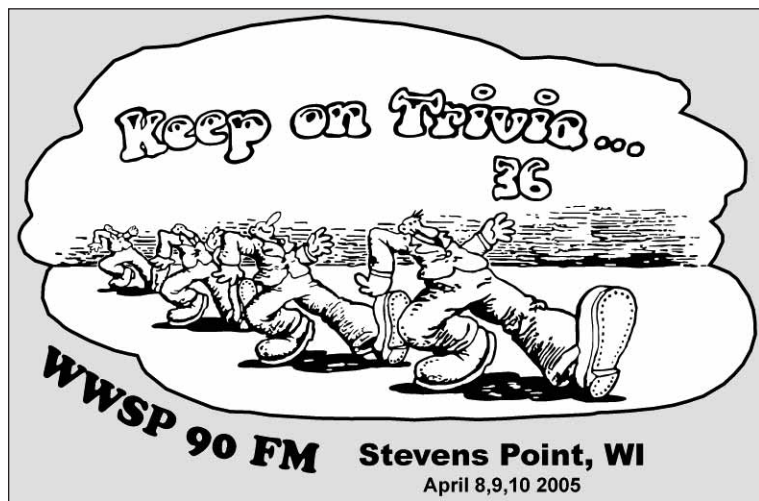
The world’s largest trivia contest will be broadcast on the student radio station, 90 FM WWSP, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 8, and lasting 54 straight hours until midnight on Sunday, April 10.

Eight trivia questions are read each hour on WWSP, and teams have the length of one or two songs in which to call in answers. Teams may participate in the Trivia Parade that winds through campus Friday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

Teams must register in advance at the 90 FM studios in the Communication Arts Center the week before the contest. Registration is \$30 and Trivia merchandise will be for sale.

The annual event attracts about 12,000 players on nearly 500 teams. Participants travel to Central Wisconsin from as far away as Europe to participate. Trivia has received media attention from *USA Today*, the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Jeopardy* game show. For a complete list of rules, a list of teams and everything you need to know about the contest, visit the WWSP Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp) and click on Trivia.

WWSP has served the Stevens Point community for 35 years with programming including blues, jazz and alternative music.



## COFAC welcomes development duo



Kristin Duckart



Tiffany Wilhelm

An alumna and an associate lecturer at UWSP are combining their talents as interim development co-coordinators for UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC).

Kristin Duckart, ’89, Wisconsin Rapids, an instructional assistant and graduate student in communication at UWSP, and Tiffany Wilhelm, Stevens Point, an associate lecturer in arts management and executive director of the Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum of Stevens Point, are sharing the post vacated by Mike Fahey, who took a state relations position with the UW-Madison Alumni Association.

The two will serve part time through October. A permanent replacement will be found when a new COFAC dean is hired after Dean Gerard McKenna retires this summer.

Duckart has worked as director of development for the Wisconsin Rapids Area Catholic Schools and is active in the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary Club, serving as a board member and international projects chair. As the Midwest ambassador for Rotoplast International, she traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, last spring with a team of medical professionals that provided free reconstructive surgeries for indigent children suffering with cleft lip and palate abnormalities. She has been involved in several medical missions, going to northern Nigeria in 2002 to help immunize children against polio.

A native of Sauk Prairie, Wilhelm earned degrees in arts management from UW-La Crosse and Florida State University. Prior to coming to UWSP, she was artistic administrator for the Asolo Theatre Company in Sarasota, Fla., and worked as a marketing consultant and graphic designer for Theatre TCC! at Tallahassee Community College.

## Treehaven looks to the future

With the completion of the White Pine Lodge residence cabins, UWSP’s Treehaven Field Station is looking to the future and a capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to support improvements, construction and programming for school-age students.

Formerly known as part of the Double Cabin Project, the White Pine Lodge was completed in June 2004 with funding from the Vallier Foundation, Stahmer Foundation, Tomahawk Community Bank, Wisconsin Public Service and others. The lodge houses both the Vallier Cabin, which sleeps three, and Stahmer Cabin, which sleeps four. Each offers visitors a common living room, deck, kitchenette and two bedrooms with private baths. Because of the design and interior connecting doors, the lodge also may be opened up for a group of seven, or separated into one cabin with three bedrooms and another with one.



Inside the White Pine Lodge, guests enjoy a fireplace and cedar furnishings with a Northwoods touch.

Decorated in northwoods colors and styles, the cabins contain cedar furnishings from Cabin Creations of Phillips. Those who donate \$140 toward the lodge’s cedar furniture are awarded with a one-night stay in either cabin, based on availability.

Now underway, the Treehaven Capital Campaign’s goal is to raise funds for an additional double-cabin (the Tamarack Lodge), a Gateway Visitors Center, a two-bedroom addition to the Fern Young Lodge, site upgrades and equipment, and a \$1 million addition to the Treehaven Endowment that will provide natural resources and environmental education to fourth graders as well as middle school and high school students.

Treehaven’s programs and visitors have outgrown the original plan for the facility, which was to house the 200 undergraduate UWSP natural resources students that study there for 12 weeks each summer. The variety of users now includes school children, professional and business groups and senior citizens who use Treehaven year-round for conferences, workshops, study tours and Elderhostels.

“Expanding Treehaven’s capacity to serve a wide range of people all year is critical to our fiscal future,” says Treehaven Director Corky



The back view of the White Pine Lodge shows the private decks featured as part of the two cabins in the building.

## UWSP students help tsunami victims

Several UWSP student organizations have sprung to action to help those who lost everything in the December 2004 natural disaster in South Asia.

The South Asia Society and Shama, Inc. collaborated with Integrated Rural Health Care Hospital in Pavagada, Karnataka, India, to adopt two villages that were severely affected by the tsunami. Shama, Inc. sponsored a benefit concert in February, with all the proceeds going to the hospital in Pavagada.

The Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) student organization, International Club and Student Government Association coordinated a weekend of activities on campus Feb. 4-6, with all proceeds divided between the American Red Cross and two international relief groups, Oxfam and UMCOR. Students who attended Centertainment and athletic events, a dodgeball game and Super Bowl party supported the relief efforts through admission and purchases of food items donated by local businesses.

The United Nations student organization and Chinese Club also donated a portion of proceeds from their respective Krispy Kreme sales and Lantern Festival events, and four residence halls donated proceeds from a “penny war” collection.

For information on helping these campus efforts, contact Shama Inc. through Jyoti Chander, [j2chande@uwsp.edu](mailto:j2chande@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-3574 or call WISPIRG at 715-346-3617.

## Teacher credential process updates

The Career Services Office would like to bring alumni up-to-date regarding changes that have occurred in the area of teacher recruitment and hiring. The two most notable changes are the shift from confidential letters of recommendation to open letters as well as the now common practice of candidate supplied credentials (self-credentialing) as opposed to credentials being transmitted by the Career Services Office.

“Feedback from school administrators indicates their acceptance of self-credentialing,” says Mary Mosier, director of Career Services at UWSP. “Administrators also stress the importance of candidate references being pertinent and up-to-date.”

Career Services online, <http://uwsp.edu/career>, provides job and career information. In addition, alumni are always welcome to contact the office directly at 715-346-3226 or [career@uwsp.edu](mailto:career@uwsp.edu).





Theta Xi and women's rugby team's 2004 Homcoming parade float re-created a classroom full of Pointer Pride. Homecoming 2005 is set for October 8.

# Pointers celebrate

Chancellor Linda Bunnell met alumni Pat James, '91, Appleton; Randy Porter, '90, Hygiene, Colo.; Chris Ammon, '88, Schofield; and Jeff Zabel, '69, Stevens Point, at a reception before the Homecoming parade.



Left to right, Pat and Dick Parsons, '50, Muskegon, and Ruth and William Koch, '51, Tomahawk, enjoy a meal and friendly conversation at the football reunion last September.



Jack Leichtenberg, '50, Madison, and Jerry Scheel, '56, Greendale, were former football teammates.



Charlotte Wright, '79, Iowa City, Iowa; English Professor Emeritus Richard Doxtator; and Matthew Lewis, '80, Elmhurst, Ill., reminisced at the English Department reunion held at the Smith Scarabacchio Art Museum in downtown Stevens Point during Homecoming. Wright and Lewis were classmates in a creative writing class taught by English Instructor David Engel, '67, who also attended the reunion.



Pointer football athletes from the 1946 and 1949 champion teams gathered for a reunion last September in the Anderson Heritage Room in the UC. Guests included, left to right, Richard Lorenzen, '51, Hartford; Dick Berndt, '50, Stevens Point; Jerry Scheel, '56, Greendale; Head Football Coach John Miech, '75, Stevens Point; Jack Leichtenberg, '50, Madison; and Dick Parsons, '50, Muskegon.



# at reunions and Homecoming



The annual Homecoming tug 'o war tested the strength of many on the front lawn of Old Main.



# Theatrical ideas come out of ‘The Toy Box’

The Toy Box Theatre Company in New York City exists to create a world of experimentation and invention that challenges the existing boundaries of theatrical creativity, not unlike a child’s toy box that serves as a starting place for the imagination.

And it all began at UWSP as a dream of three theatre majors.

Jonathan Barsness, ’01, Brooklyn; Scott DelaCruz, ’00, Queens; and Michael Holmes, ’02, Manhattan; formed Toy Box in the spring of 2002, hoping to create a company that was committed to the development and nurturing of emerging artists like themselves. All the members of the company would rotate through the tasks of producing multidisciplinary works.

“We give all the credit to UWSP for planting these ideals,” says Holmes. “The department encourages actors to work as directors, designers, set builders and costume designers.”

The three first discussed their own theatre company while still at UWSP, but it wasn’t until DelaCruz moved to New York in the summer of 2000 and Barsness followed in the summer of 2001 that it became a serious

possibility. Since Holmes was still in school, the three of them spent many hours on the phone and with the help of the Kirkland and Ellis Law Firm, became a legal not-for-profit organization and put on their first show before Holmes moved to New York in the summer of 2002.

However, nothing could prepare them for the reality of producing theatre in New York, they say. “Everything costs a lot of money and it’s hard to get people’s attention when so many other things are competing for it.”

Even so, one of the first things they did was set up a scholarship for a junior or senior in theatre and dance that best exemplifies the Toy Box Theatre mission.

“Some of our best auditions have been from UWSP alums,” says Holmes. “Our shows would not be what they are without people involved from Point. Professionalism is held as a top priority at Point and that comes across in the professional world.”

Their first production was done in March 2002, while Holmes was in NYC for spring break. The show, a staged reading of new works by Donny Neufuss, ’01, Holmes and a New York playwright, was a success on many levels, says DelaCruz. Looking back, he says, the best thing was that the same people who were in the audiences then are in their audiences now.

The company put on its first full-scale production, *Greener Grass*, in November 2002. Written and acted by Barsness and Holmes, directed by DelaCruz and staged by Diane Ballering, ’99, the show was a “crash course in learning how to run a company,” says Barsness.

“We learned about making a budget, marketing, publicizing, conducting auditions, finding rehearsal space and managing finances,” he says.

Since then, they have produced *Sounds of the City*, a staging of dance, poetry and music inspired by New York City; the original play *Afternight Seating*, written by an 18-year old aspiring playwright; *Out to Play*, a Toy Box benefit show that gave DelaCruz the chance to direct Broadway stars such as Kerry Butler and Mary Bond Davis from *Hairspray*; and most recently, *Doctor Faustus*, which closed



Michael Holmes, Scott DelaCruz and Jonathan Barsness are making their dreams reality through the Toy Box Theatre Company.

November 28. They’ve performed at The Pantheon and Abingdon theaters on 42nd Street, the Sande Shurin Theatre on 43rd Street and the Kraine Theatre on the Lower East Side, among others.

The three founders take turns as actors, directors, designers and stage managers in their productions, and have had help of several UWSP alumni, including choreographer Candace Jablonski, ’02; actor Susan Maris, ’03; lighting designer Chris Kay, ’03; costume designer Jennifer Paar, ’00; and actor Ryan Reilly, ’03. Mandy Pouliot, ’98, is working with the company closely and may become a fourth permanent member of the group within the year.

Toy Box also had international exposure. In 2004 the company’s production of *How to Draw Mystical Creatures*, written by former UWSP theatre professor Ellen Margolis, was chosen as one of the 200 productions in the International New York Fringe Festival, out of 1000 applicants. It earned a positive review and an award for Overall Excellence in Playwriting.

Future plans include another *Out to Play* benefit in April and having their own theatre space with a resident company of artists. For now, they continue to hold onto day jobs.

“But all of us would like to be able to make Toy Box our full-time job,” says Holmes.

Barsness, DelaCruz and Holmes welcome UWSP alumni to their shows and auditions. Find more about the Toy Box Theatre Company and future productions at [www.toyboxtheatre.com](http://www.toyboxtheatre.com).



Holmes played the title character in the Toy Box Theatre Company’s production of *Dr. Faustus* at the Sande Shurin Theatre last November. Ryan Reilly, ’03, (not pictured) played Lucifer.

## Alumnus’ drawings in Peterson guide book



Justin Sipiorski

Justin Sipiorski, ’97, Murphysboro, Ill., works with fish every day while pursuing his Ph.D. in zoology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC). But he’s also taking his career in another direction by drawing fish for a popular field guide.

Primarily a self-taught artist, Sipiorski will provide approximately 150 colored pencil illustrations of catfish, mad toms, sunfish, darters and

bass for the second edition of the *Peterson Field Guide for Freshwater Fishes*, to be released in 2007 by Houghton Mifflin. It is used by lay persons and scholars alike to distinguish particular species.

“I’ve always dreamed of a career integrating teaching, research and illustration,” he said. He is on his way to doing so with the help of his adviser at SIUC, Brooks Burr, who was one of the authors of the first edition of *Peterson*. “I was at the right place, at the right time, with

the right skills,” Sipiorski said.

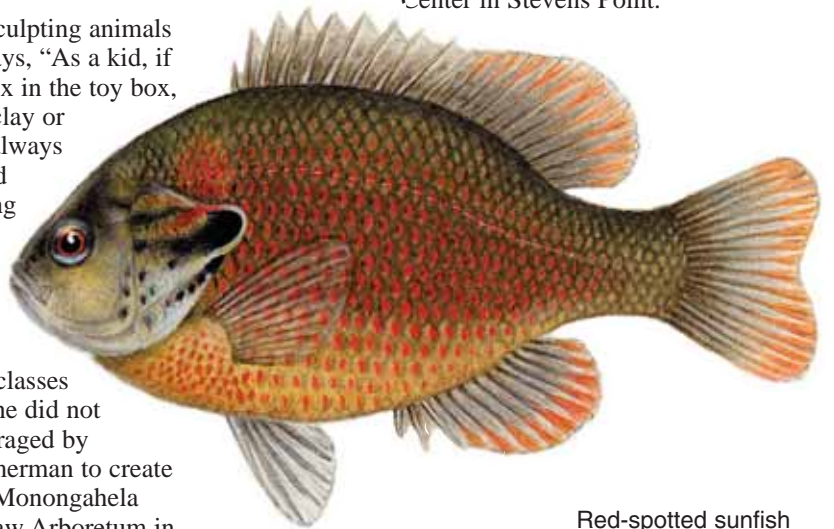
He also has had pen and ink drawings of nine baleen whales and two seals included in the second edition of the comprehensive reference book, *Wild Mammals of North America*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2003.

He has been drawing, painting and sculpting animals as long as he can remember. Sipiorski says, “As a kid, if I didn’t have a shark or tyrannosaurus rex in the toy box, I would just make one out of modeling clay or Legos. I was a sort of junior naturalist, always taking nature hikes and memorizing field guides. I guess it was just a natural paring for me – biology and artwork.”

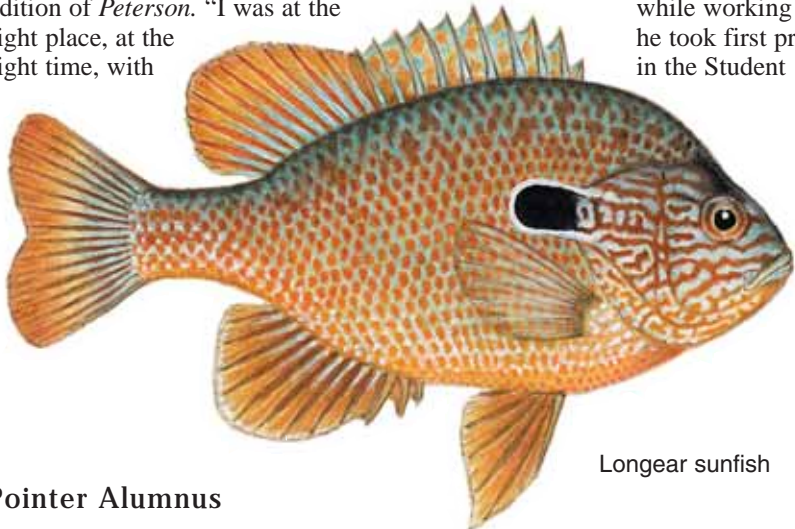
The son of Larry and Mary Sipiorski, ’85, Stevens Point, he took summer art workshops as a child under David Smith, UWSP emeritus associate professor of art and design and took art classes in junior and senior high school. While he did not take art courses at UWSP, he was encouraged by Schmeeckle Reserve Director Ron Zimmerman to create interpretive signs at the reserve and for Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia and Shaw Arboretum in St. Louis, Mo. He learned to use graphic design software while working at UWSP News Services. Also at UWSP he took first prize in the Student

Wildlife Society art and photography competition.

His artwork has been featured on T-shirts and greeting cards used by the Central Wisconsin Wildlife Center and last August, a collection of his drawings of birds, fish and wildlife was on display at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point.



Red-spotted sunfish



Longear sunfish





# “Wood-be” punster finds perfect field



Paul DeLong

Nowadays, most folks know Paul DeLong, '85, as Wisconsin's chief forester: the man who leads the Department of Natural Resources' 460 employees in protecting and sustainably managing the state's forest resources.

But there's a more relentless side to DeLong. His family, friends, and former classmates and instructors at UWSP know him as a dyed-in-the-wool punster. He was

encouraged in the “retortical” art at his father's knee.

“We enjoyed puns around the dinner table. We had a lot of fun, though my mother didn't necessarily think so,” said DeLong, who was on the UWSP campus last fall to talk about “Wisconsin Forestry: Past, Present & Future” as a featured speaker in the CNR's Colloquium Series.

He perpetuates puns at his own dinner table. “The pun is the only form of humor in which you want to get a groan,” says DeLong, who resides in Madison with his wife, Abby, and two children.

He's gotten his own share of groans through the years, and actually has made the commitment to become a “recovering” punster. But he loves to keep falling off the wagon, he added.

DeLong's department is one of the larger and better-respected forestry programs in the nation. He values diversity, and as his second year as forestry administrator comes to a close, he continues to focus on tenets

forwarded by Aldo Leopold to establish and maintain strong relationships with the land.

“Fortunately, wood is a renewable resource, so our challenge is how to produce wood products in a way that ensures forests provide ecological, economical and social benefits both for today and for future generations,” DeLong said.

He maintains a close relationship with the university. Since his graduation in 1985, he has taken part in seminars and courses, and presently is a member of the forestry advisory committee.

DeLong is the first UWSP alum to head up the state's forestry service. UWSP alums comprise half of his leadership team – a result of their applied training and experience rather than deliberate selection, he specifies.

“Now I've given you de-long and de-short of it,” he said. “I've lived up to my reputation.”

## Alumnus takes life changing trip to Thailand

Last July, Keith Uhlig, '89, spent the two most intense weeks of his life in a refugee camp near Saraburi, Thailand, learning about a people without a country as they prepared for life in America.

“What caught me off guard was the depth of human spirit that could be found there,” he said. “At Wat Tham Krabok, life is boiled down to its very core. It's a beautiful thing to see.”

A reporter for the *Wausau Daily Herald*, Uhlig traveled halfway across the globe to write a series of stories on the Hmong refugees at Wat Tham Krabok, a Buddhist temple about 90 miles north of Bangkok. There, 15,000 Hmong had made a life for many years, but now they were being offered a new start in the United States. Some would be headed to Central Wisconsin where Uhlig lived and worked.

For Uhlig, who had no prior international experience and grew up in the small town of Colby, it was a life changing experience.

His insights became columns in the “Starting Anew” series, which ran in Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers last July and August and brought the sights, sounds and stories of the camp to life for readers in communities across Central Wisconsin.

The series, available online at [www.wisinfo.com/thailand/](http://www.wisinfo.com/thailand/), earned a “Friends of Education” Award from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and an internal award from Gannett for Uhlig and those who joined him on the trip, reporter Hlee Vang of the *Oshkosh Northwestern* and photographer Sharon Cekada of the *Appleton Post Crescent*.

Photos from the trip have been traveling around Central Wisconsin as part of Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers' “Starting Anew: The Hmong Journey to Wisconsin” exhibit, and were on display in UWSP's Agnes Jones Gallery February 28-March 4.

Uhlig did not have a writing career in mind when he began college at UW-La Crosse where he majored in physical education. But after transferring to UWSP, he took a couple of communication classes on a whim and enjoyed them. Professor Dan Houlihan encouraged him to write for the *Pointer* and got him an internship at the *Tomahawk Leader*. It was a good fit.

“I thought that newspaper journalism would be the



Uhlig, Vang and Cekada by the Wat Tham Krabok Buddhist temple.

best way to meet a wide variety of people, so that I could write the ‘Great American Novel,’” Uhlig said. “I still might.”

His first reporting job after graduation was with the *Eagle Herald* in Marinette. After marrying his wife, Kristina, and moving to the Twin Cities, he worked for a chain of weeklies, then a small state agency, doing public relations. Four years ago he realized he missed the newspaper business, and returned to Wisconsin to become a reporter for the *Wausau Daily Herald*.

When the story broke that the Wat Tham Krabok camp was being closed by the Thai government and that the United States would offer resettlement to its refugees, editors at the *Herald* knew this would be significant for Central Wisconsin.

“I joked with my editor that we needed to go there,” says Uhlig. “But he didn't laugh.”

The trip progressed into a partnership between the *Herald* and its sister papers in Appleton and Oshkosh.

Cekada would come along to take photos and Vang, a native of Laos who had family in the camps, would report as well as act as an interpreter.

“I knew this was an important trip,” said Uhlig. “The coverage would make a difference in this community, so that people would know more about the Hmong and understand where they are coming from.”

After the Vietnam War, the Hmong found themselves enemies of their government for aiding the United States. Fleeing Laos, they became illegal immigrants in Thailand or lived in United Nations refugee camps. When those closed by the early 90s, Wat Tham Krabok offered sanctuary for a short time, said Uhlig.

From his first moment in the camp, Uhlig's senses were overwhelmed. Houses were made out of corrugated steel, bamboo and concrete block. The smells of food mixed with the smells of sewage in the dusty air. It was noisy, with many voices speaking in a foreign language and scooters motoring all around.

“It was an interesting place,” he says. “The people had one foot in the 1800s and another in 2004.” There was no running water and no toilets, yet they had televisions, cell phones, and an Internet café used to contact relatives in the United States. Students attended one of two schools, where they learned their native language as well as some English. There was primitive health care run by the Thai government through a contract with the U.S.

The people in the camp worked in nearby farms or mines or made crafts and clothing to send to relatives in America who sold them and sent back the money. Even though they had very little, Uhlig said the families would share food and always made them feel welcome in their homes.

Some of these same families are again welcoming Uhlig into their homes in Wausau, he said, as he continues writing about their lives and the changes they are facing. They are eager to learn English and how to drive and get jobs, he says.

“I'd like to see their stories through,” says Uhlig, “I'd like to see everybody get a job and see every one of their children graduate from school. Until then, I will keep writing.”

*Photos and column excerpts courtesy of Sharon Cekada, Keith Uhlig and Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers.*



A Buddhist monk greets Uhlig at Wat Tham Krabok.



Families at the camp were very generous, sharing food and hospitality.





## Benesh wedding

**Jessica (Asmus) Benesh**, '02, and **Benjamin Benesh**, '01, Oshkosh, exchanged wedding vows on April 17 in Rosendale. She works in advertising and marketing with Gannett Co. in Oshkosh. He is a physical therapist with St. Elizabeth Hospital/Affinity Healthcare Systems in Appleton.



Their wedding party included (from left standing behind the ushers) personal attendant **Marissa Mullen**, '01; Sara Pashak; **Angela Wichmann**, '02; **Jessica Martin**, '02; maid of honor **Betsy Nelson**, '02; the bridegroom and bride, Ben and Jessica; best man Aaron Benesh; **Brent Larson**, '01; **Jay Bennett**, '01; **Greg "Choppz" Jerabek**, '01; **Jeff Wisnicky**, '00; and Shane Asmus.

## 2000s

**Ruthie Baker**, '04, Edina, Minn., played Patty Andrews in *Christmas of Swing* at the Great American History Theatre in St. Paul, Minn., over the holidays. A reviewer at the *Star Tribune* said that "her magnetism comes from an essential joy deep inside her performer's soul."

**Kate Cerra**, '04, Land O' Lakes, is a residential assistant with Conserve School in Land O' Lakes.

**Kelly (Meyer) Nechuta**, '04, Stevens Point, is a support consultant with Lands' End business outfitters. She is married to **Mike Nechuta**, '04.

**Richard Palzewic**, master's '04, Rhinelander, is a teacher with the Rhinelander School District.

**Jacqueline Ruth**, '04, Stevens Point, is employed with Sentry Insurance.

**Elizabeth Van Lysal**, '04, Washington, D.C., is the national coordinator of National Communication Association Student Organizations. She also coordinates activities for Lambda Pi Eta honor society.

**Kate Brickman**, '03, Springfield, Ill., is finishing her master's degree in environmental policy and administration at the University of Illinois. Brickman works as a graduate assistant in an internship with the Office of Public Information at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. She is known as the "voice of the Illinois EPA" for her monthly radio program and she also produces and edits agency videos and publications.

**Sara Clauder**, '03, Madison, is a communication specialist in the marketing department of WPS Health Insurance, Madison.

**Nathan Cover**, '03, Hendersonville, N.C., is a shop technician with Bikeways. His wife, **Sheila (Ardisana) Cover**, '01, is communication coordinator with the Community Foundation of Henderson County.

**Bryan Flahave**, '03, Little Falls, Minn., is a materials handler with the Department of Defense.

**First Lt. Waylon Gross**, '03, is in Iraq as platoon commander for the "Hellraisers," the 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon, Battery A, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, out of Fort Hood, Texas. His unit has more than 70 missions under its belt in Task Force Steel Dragon, which logged more than 500,000 miles of escort duty in five months and is still at work.

**Heather Haugen**, '03, Starkville, Miss., is a graduate student at Mississippi State University.

**Luke Hayden**, '03, was accepted to Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Fla. After completion of the 14-week course, he will be commissioned as an ensign.

**Emily Jahncke**, '03, Waukesha, is a substitute teacher and does clerical work for Montessori School of Waukesha.

**Sara Janz**, '99, master's, '03, Wisconsin Rapids, is an early childhood teacher in special education at Pittsville Elementary School.

**Kari Schmideke**, '03, Stevens Point, is a substitute teacher with the Stevens Point Area Public Schools.

**Andrea Sedgwick**, '03, Oconomowoc, is a sales associate with Enterprise Lighting.

**Amanda Sommers**, '03, Oshkosh, teaches strings to students in fourth-eighth grades in the Oshkosh School District. She is principal bassist with the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra and the symphony's librarian.

**Heidi (Sprecher) Katzmarek**, '03, Stevens Point, is a teacher with First Home Group Home in Stevens Point.

**Kelly Tamm**, '03, Johnson Creek, is pursuing a graduate degree in sports administration at UW-La Crosse.

**Bobbie Webster**, '03, Wisconsin Rapids, is forest education project coordinator with the Center for Land Use Education at UWSP.

**Jeffrey Willems**, '03, Wisconsin Rapids, is a graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

**Ellery Beich**, '02, has joined Schenck Business Solutions' Green Bay office as a staff assistant in the governmental accounting department. He previously was with the Department of Workforce Development in Madison and is pursuing his CPA designation.



Brenda Lee Johnston

**Brenda Lee Johnston**, '02, Milwaukee, recently became director of the Performing Arts Center for the School District of South Milwaukee. Part of the recently built \$42 million campus for grades 6-12, the state-of-the-art center will be used for series presentations, business rentals, performing arts rentals, and school events.

**Jessica Martin**, '02, Madison, is doing research on new drugs that have FDA approval pending as an assistant scientist at Pharmaceutical Product Development.

**Elizabeth Mauritz**, '02, Denton, Texas, is combining her undergraduate interests by pursuing a master's degree in environmental philosophy at the University of North Texas, Denton, and working as a teaching fellow.

**Rhonda Miska**, '02, Charlottesville, Va., is social justice minister with Church of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Richmond. She served for two years as a Jesuit volunteer in Cusmapa, Nicaragua.

**Stacey (Wussow) Sinkula**, '02, Hilbert, is an actuarial analyst with American Medical Security, Green Bay. She is married to Joe, an agricultural consultant for Wisconsin Public Service.

**Anthony Vaccarello**, '02, Chicago, is supplier relations manager with The BusBank, a transportation broker in Chicago. He says, "While at UWSP, I was able to study under the best communication faculty members. They have shaped my life in my current profession. I want to thank them!"

**Stephanie Van Pay**, '02, earned a master's degree in social work at UW-Madison last May. She is a residence hall director at UW-Eau Claire and co-adviser of UWEC's Residence Hall Association Board. "Even though I may work for UWEC, I will always be a Pointer!" says Van Pay.

**Julie (Eberhardy) Baird**, '01, Stevens Point, is designer/production manager with Schulist Custom Cabinets. Her husband, **Michael Baird**, '02, is a customer assistance representative with Renaissance Learning, Wisconsin Rapids.

**Mary Cwikla**, '01, Woodstock, Vt., is senior wildlife keeper with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee. Her first grandchild was born in June 2004, so she said, "Grandma Mary will be looking to move back to Illinois/Wisconsin in the next year."

**Megan Flanagan**, '01, Plymouth, is a program coordinator with Health Solutions Ltd., Sheboygan. She received a master's in wellness management and applied gerontology in July from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

**Dawn Schlund**, '01, Milwaukee, graduated from UW-La Crosse in May with a master's degree in education with an emphasis in college student development and administration. She is a residence hall director at Trevor Hall at Lawrence University in Appleton.

**Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point, and **Sue Wilcox**, '93, Rosholt, have both been elected to the Portage County Business Council Board of Directors. Halverson owns Andrew's Clothing for Men in Stevens Point and Wilcox is executive director of the United Way of Portage County.

**Joel Kubish**, '01, is a water treatment specialist with the U.S. Army, stationed with Unit 15197 in Korea. While at UWSP, he was employed with the Central Wisconsin Archeology Department. His wife, **Bobbi (Zbleski) Kubish**, '96, master's, '01, just completed a year and a half as interim director at Central Wisconsin Environmental Station and hopes to join Joel in Korea.

## Alumni gather for grad celebration



**Jenny Baeseman**, '98, Antarctica, received her doctorate in environmental engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her dissertation was titled *Denitrification in Acid-Impacted Mountain Stream Sediments*. She received a National Science Foundation Microbial Biology Postdoctoral Fellowship and is working at Princeton University in New Jersey. She headed to Antarctica for the second time last fall to study microbial diversity in the streams of the McMurdo Dry Valleys. A number of UWSP alums attended her graduation celebration on her parents' farm in Marathon. Pictured are (from left, front) **Judy Burshbeck**, '01; **Jeff Burhandt**, '00; **Sarah (Houfe) Lincoln**, '98; **Tom Foster**, '97; Baeseman; **Toni (Daddato) Westland**, '98; Professor Bryant Browne; (from left, back) **Brian Vallesky**, '97; **Valerie (Wegner) Fellows**, '98; **Jenny (Yost) Ehlert**, '98; **Stephanie Egner**, '99; **Ray Oswald**, '97; **Kevin Kuehner**, '98; **Heather (Houfe) Witt**, '97; **Jason Brierley**, '98; and **Eric Scharenbroch**, '99. Not pictured are **Chad Johnson**, '97; **Kevin Thiel**, '97; **Jessica (Kamp) Tuchalski**, '98; and **Amy (Baeseman) Trawicki**, master's '99.



**Delia Smith**, '01, Greendale, is a social worker with Southeastern Youth and Family Services, Milwaukee.

**Jeremy Ames**, '00, Washington, D.C., is a presidential management fellow with the Environmental Protection Agency.

“My experience at UWSP opened my eyes and mind... I left Point full of knowledge and excitement for what lies beyond”  
-Joel Kubish, '01

**Rick Cornette**, '00, Los Angeles, recently returned to UWSP to present a seminar about his personal experiences in the professional world, giving valuable advice to theatre and dance majors about auditions, agents, casting directors and pursuing a theatre career. Cornette has had major roles in the New York production of *Fame: The Musical* as well as the national tours of *Mama Mia!* and *Swing!* and the West Coast premieres of *The Last Five Years* and *Songs for a New World*. He also has appeared in television and industrial shows.

**Rachel Gruhle**, '00, Pewaukee, is teaching mathematics at Arrowhead High School, Hartland.

**Bunmi “Boomer” Olatunji**, '00, Fayetteville, Ark., received the American Psychological Association Division 12 (clinical) Distinguished Student Research Award at the July 2004 APA Convention in Hawaii. He has defended his dissertation and plans to return to the University of Arkansas for grant-funded research with Professor Jeff Lohr.

## 1990s

**Jody Gindt**, '99, Boyd, is senior forester with Eau Claire County Parks and Forest.

**Bradley Nycz**, '99, Wind Lake, is human resources/information services manager with Kohl's Department Stores corporate office in Menomonee Falls. His wife, **Amanda (Birschbach) Nycz**, '99, is a career counselor at UW-Milwaukee and Mount Mary College.

**Jennifer Seymour**, '99, Plainville, Mass., is a post-doctoral fellow at Boston University School of Medicine.

**Monica Bloom**, '98, Franklin, is a designer for RedEnvelope Inc., an online and catalog gift service. The “Holiday Tower” candy presentation she designed was among the products featured on the cover of the *Holiday Gift Guide* included in the December issue of *Oprah* magazine. She also creates packaging for such goodies as “Chocolate Sin.”

**Jacqueline (Schneider) Maher**, '98, Minneapolis, Minn., works in showroom sales at Kohler Co. She is married to Steven, a mechanical engineer.

**Craig Drummy**, '97, Milwaukee, has been a patrol officer with the village of Pewaukee Police Department for more than five years. He also serves on a five-department SWAT Team and as a crime scene evidence technician.



Mark Manz

**Mark Manz**, '97, Kiel, reached a goal he's been working on for six years when he participated in the U.S. Olympic marathon trials on Feb. 7, 2004, in Birmingham, Ala., and finished 55<sup>th</sup> overall. More than 30 family members and friends traveled by charter bus to the trials to cheer him

on. Manz qualified for the trials with a finish of 2:21:42 at the 2003 Chicago Marathon. He is store manager of K&M Piggly Wiggly and a lifestyle assistant with the Sheboygan YMCA. He also coaches the junior high cross country program in Kiel and is cubmaster for Cub Scouts Pack 3833.

**Paul Gregg**, '97, Iowa City, Iowa, has been accepted to the graduate conducting program at the University of Iowa and is serving as a teaching assistant in the Choral Music Department. His wife, **Elizabeth (Hurckman) Gregg**, last attended '97, is operating a private voice and piano studio. They have one son.

**Jason Fassl**, '97, Milwaukee, was lighting designer for *Skin Tight*, a Renaissance Theaterworks production at the Off Broadway Theatre, Milwaukee. He has worked as a lighting designer on a cruise ship and for several productions in Milwaukee theaters. He also operates his own lighting company, Anti-Shadows Lighting Design.

**Shane Heyel**, '96, Fleetwood, Lancashire, England, was employed for six years in water regulation and zoning with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Sturtevant. In spring 2004, he rejoined his girlfriend, Paula, in her hometown and enrolled in a master's “programme” at Lancaster University.

**Kerry Regnier**, '96, Elburn, Ill., is a dietitian with New Beginning Pediatrics, Elburn. In May she completed her master's in public health at Northern Illinois University. She and her husband, Mark, have two children.

**Brandon Tushkowski**, '96, Milwaukee, recently was promoted from graphic designer to art director at Laughlin/Constable, Milwaukee. He is handling accounts such as Wolverine Boots & Shoes and Buell Motorcycles. He and his wife, Katie, recently bought a new home that they share with their dog.

**Kirk Miller**, '94, Chicago, recently joined Infonet, www.infonet.com, as new business development manager. He enjoys improvisation classes at Second City, home improvement projects and business networking.

**Doug Skiba**, '94, Lander, Wyo., is marketing events coordinator with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander. His wife, **Heidi (Koepfle) Skiba**, '94, is an instructor at the school. They live with their Chesapeake Bay retriever in view of the Wind River Mountains, outside town. The couple previously worked and lived at Yosemite National Park for three years.

**Kitrina (Luce) Carlson**, '92, Menomonie, is an assistant professor at UW-Stout. Her husband, **Aaron Carlson**, '92, is a laboratory assistant with TTM Technologies, Chippewa Falls.

**Ruth (Wawrzaszek) Forsgren**, '92, Chippewa Falls, is a naturalist at Beaver Creek Reserve in Eau Claire County. She is married to Ray, a contractor.

**Jodi (Justman) Van Remortel**, '92, De Pere, has marked 10 years as an interior designer with Schneider National, Green Bay. Her husband, **Mark Van Remortel**, '92, is a sales representative with Innotek Medical Products Inc. They have two children.

**Kenneth VanMieghem**, '91, Green Bay, recently won the Correction Education Association Wisconsin's Innovative Program Award for the adult education art classes he began at the Wisconsin Resource Center in Winnebago. He also was curator for the first Inmate Art Show at the Flying Pig Art Gallery in Algoma. He and his wife, Kim, have four children.

**Roy Diver**, '90, Plover, has worked 10 years for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Rapids. As district conservationist, he administers Farm Bill programs for landowners in Wood County. He continues to attend classes at UWSP and has participated in Career Day events for the Soils Society. He is married to Becky.

**Tami Drew-Huiras**, '90, master's '99, Wisconsin Rapids, is a social worker with the Children's Service Society in Wisconsin Rapids. She



Jill (Garson) Fleming

and her husband, Kevin Huiras, an engineer, have two sons and recently purchased a new home.

**Jill (Garson) Fleming**, '90, La Crosse, is a registered dietitian, author and motivational speaker specializing in weight loss with Thin Choices in La Crosse. Check out her book, *Thin People Don't Clean Their Plates*, at the Web site thinchoices.com. Her husband, **Colin Fleming**, '91, is a vice president with Park Bank, La Crosse.

## 1980s

**Keith Beyer**, '89, La Crosse, is associate dean in the College of Science and Allied Health at UW-La Crosse where he continues to do research in atmospheric chemistry with a National Science Foundation Grant. He had taught chemistry at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, for 10 years and served in various administrative positions. He is married to Anne (Hansen).

**Laurie Schroeder**, '89, Stevens Point, received a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship Award for 2004 as one of Wisconsin's top 100 teachers. She teaches mathematics at Pacelli High School in Stevens Point.

**Tim Sprink**, '89, Altenburg, Mo., is the owner of International Log & Timber in Frohna, Mo. The business specializes in exporting hardwood veneer and saw-logs throughout the world to various end-user manufacturing companies. He and his wife, Natalie, have five children.

**Todd Boelter**, '88, St. Peters, Mo., is an underwriter with The Hartford Insurance Co., Creve Coeur, Mo. He is married to Carolyn (Conway). Boelter says he has fond memories of Professor Emeritus Neil Lewis, and the history courses that he instructed. “My fondest memory is the evening I received the Chancellor's Leadership Award. This truly was one of the highlights of my collegiate experience.”

**Ellen Daberkow**, '88, Neenah, is a customer service representative with Guardian Insurance, Appleton.

**Michael Bie**, '86, Madison, created the Web site classicwisconsin.com, which has surpassed one million views and been featured in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. The site grew out of Bie's 2002 book, *Classic Wisconsin Weekends*, and features articles on travel, history and culture in America's Dairyland.

**Steve Janiszewski**, '85, Sublimity, Ore., is park manager for Oregon's largest and most diverse state park, Silver Falls, an 8,700-acre park with 10 waterfalls, miles of multi use trails and various overnight facilities. He and his wife, Nicole (Cheldelin), enjoy hiking, canoeing and snow-shoeing with their two dogs. UWSP alumni living in Oregon should e-mail him at teamzewski@highstream.net. “Life is good!” he says.

## Education, experience pay off for actress

**Andrea Anders**, '97, has made it big on the sitcom of a former “Friend.” As a member of the cast of NBC's *Joey*, a spin off of *Friends* in which Joey Tribbiani has moved from New York to Los Angeles to make his way as an actor, Anders plays lawyer Alex Garrett, Joey's next door neighbor and possible love interest. The show runs Thursdays at 7 p.m.

“I'm having the time of my life,” said Anders while taking a break from filming on the former *Friends* stage at Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank, Calif., where she was shooting the new show's sixth episode. “This role has been fantastic. Cast members are really enjoying each other's company and having a good time.”



Andrea Anders

This is Anders first regular television role. Previously, she appeared as Elaine Robinson in the Broadway production of *The Graduate* and had a small part in the movie, *The Stepford Wives*. She filmed two television pilots and had recurring roles on the HBO series *Oz*, CBS's *The Guiding Light* and ABC's *One Life to Live*. She also guest starred on NBC's *Law and Order* and Fox's *Tru Calling*, and has worked at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and the Arena Stage in Washington D.C.

Anders credits her experiences at UWSP with helping her become an actress. “UWSP was a great place to learn and grow. I really value how I was able to transition into an artist while I was transitioning into adulthood.”

While at UWSP, Anders had roles in *I Hate Hamlet*, *Black Comedy*, *Steel Magnolias*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Lend Me a Tenor*.

Her advice to fellow theatre students is “really work your connections.” Her agent in New York told her that everyone has a novel to sell and that “you need to find what you have to sell yourself.”

Anders also recommends going to graduate school. She earned a master's degree in theatre from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, in 2001, which led to many roles when she moved to New York City after graduation.

## Alum's success reflects on UWSP



Andrew Nauman

**Andrew Naumann**, '92, has made a name for himself in the instrument business since graduating from UWSP almost 13 years ago. Owner and president of Schilke Music Products, he founded and owns Naumann Trumpets, Inc., a manufacturer of historical replications of Baroque (valveless) trumpets from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

He's also made a name for himself among trumpet students at UWSP. In the fall of 2004, Naumann and his wife, Julie, awarded the first annual \$6,000 Andrew Naumann/Schilke Music Products Honorary Robert Kase Scholarship to freshman music education major Amanda Lewin of Cudahy. The result of a \$60,000 pledge to the Music Department in honor of Kase, a professor and department chair, the scholarship will be given annually to outstanding trumpet students through audition, essay and academic standing. The award pays full tuition for one year and may be renewed for up to five years.

“Kase was a tremendous mentor while I was a student and has become a wonderful friend,” said Naumann. “This scholarship will offer many students the opportunity to experience all the great teaching UWSP has to offer.”

“The Naumann's gift provides a boost to our program and is an example of true generosity and gratitude from an outstanding graduate,” said Kase.

Naumann began making his own baroque trumpets in his living room in 1993 while recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Within two years it was a big seller nationwide and by 2000 was considered one of the finest in the world, says Kase. Naumann began working for Getzen Company in 1997, redesigning its trumpet line.

In 2002 he purchased the Schilke Music Corporation of Chicago, a world-renowned maker of custom trumpets. Within his first year he broke sales records, increased production and remodeled the factory, reestablishing the Schilke name as one of the most successful and trusted trumpet manufacturers in the world.

In addition to the scholarship, Naumann has given to UWSP through donations of trumpets and mouthpieces, support of visiting artists, membership in fund raising committees and by talking about the university while he tours the world, says Kase.

“He's an international ambassador for UWSP and the Department of Music,” he said.



Bob Kase and Amanda Lewin





**Sharon (Plotkin) Hobbs**, '74, Dawson, Texas, is a special education teacher at a rural Texas school with the Hubbard School District. She lives with her husband, Joseph, on a cattle ranch in central Texas and still rides and shows quarter horses. Her e-mail address is [jshobbs@glade.net](mailto:jshobbs@glade.net). "I would love to hear from those who took the 1972-73 England trip," she says.

## Tuition discount for alumni families

UWSP takes pride in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our alumni. As a graduate of a quality institution within the Wisconsin university system, it stands to reason that you would wish the same UWSP experience for future generations in your family. If you want to pass the torch but nonresident tuition is holding you back, take advantage of the "Return to Wisconsin" program.

Recently approved by the UW System Board of Regents, this pilot program offers a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition to the daughters, sons and grandchildren of UWSP graduates. The program opened to eligible UWSP undergraduate students last fall.

Qualifying children or grandchildren are students whose parents, legal guardians, stepparents or grandparents graduated from UWSP. A "graduate" is defined as any person who has been awarded an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree from UWSP.

If you know of any family members or friends who would qualify for this incentive, please let them know.

To learn more about the "Return to Wisconsin" program, see [www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2wi.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2wi.htm) or contact the Office of Admissions at 715-346-2441 or e-mail [admiss@uwsp.edu](mailto:admiss@uwsp.edu).

## Stay connected ... and win Pointer stuff!

Calling all alumni! Help us stay connected with you electronically and become eligible for prizes, from University Store merchandise gift certificates to an autographed basketball.

UWSP would like to keep our alumni current on campus happenings and events by building an electronic database. This not only saves money, it gets you the information faster and in a manner you prefer. So we need your e-mail address. To show how serious we are about launching this new program, we are offering a chance to win seven valuable prizes:

- Two \$100 online gift certificates for University Store merchandise
- Four \$50 online gift certificates for University Store merchandise
- One basketball autographed by the 2004 NCAA Division 3 Champion Pointer men's basketball team.

To be eligible for the drawing, send us your information by June 30, doing one of the following:

- Go to our alumni Web site, [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni), and update the information online.
  - Complete the information in the "Keep In Touch" section of the *Alumnus* below and mail it to us.
  - Call us during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at 877-764-6801.
- Thanks for helping us all stay connected!

**David Ross**, '85, Klamath Falls, Ore., is restoration supervisor with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Klamath Basin Ecosystem Restoration office. He works with local groups to restore the Upper Klamath basin watershed for endangered fish. His wife, **Georgia Schubilske**, '80, is a lab technician with Klamath Medical Clinic.

**Dwayne Butler**, '83, New Berlin, is owner of a family-run business, Digital Graphics, Germantown, which recently was highlighted in a story about small businesses in the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. Previously an assistant sports editor with Community Newspapers, he received a number of awards for his writing, including national recognition by the Suburban Newspapers of America. He also volunteers with a group that assists low income and homeless people in Waukesha County. His wife, Barbara, is self-employed.

**Sherri Crahen**, '83, is dean of students at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. She had been interim dean of students at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and has spent the past 20 years working in student affairs. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and a master's degree at Penn State University.

**Kevin Delorey**, '83, Lake Mills, an attorney with the Quarles and Brady LLP law firm in Madison, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. He earned a law degree from UW-Madison and specializes in real estate law.



Eric C. Parker

**Eric C. Parker**, '83, Waterford, is a principal with the engineering and consulting firm Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates,

Inc. Taking a lead role in the firm's environmental group, he deals with wetland-related projects and natural resource management. He is a past board member of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and currently co-chairs the science committee of the Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin. He and his wife, **Janet (Zwicke)**, '84, met at Clam Lake summer camp and have two children.

**Lynne (Borkenhagen) Schroeder**, '82, Hartford, is administrative assistant to the president at Concordia University, Mequon. Her husband, the **Rev. Ricky P. Schroeder**, '81, is pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Hartford.

**Dawn Marie Olson**, '81, master's, '86, Wisconsin Rapids, was nominated to the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program. She is the owner of DawnArt Visual Images and teaches art classes, presents workshops and speaking engagements. Her work was featured in the Central Wisconsin Biennial Show at New Visions Gallery, Marshfield, in December and January. In 2004, she won a stipend to exhibit her work at the Wisconsin Arts Board Gallery in Madison. Her husband, Greg Pesko, is a sales engineer. Contact her at [dawnart@wctc.net](mailto:dawnart@wctc.net). She says, "It would be fun to find the whereabouts of my Roach Hall wing-mates from 1976 to 1978!"

## 1970s

**William Burkman**, '79, Knoxville, Tenn., recently accepted the position of program manager for Southern Forest Inventory and Analysis, headquartered in Knoxville. He and his wife, Peggy, relocated to Knoxville from St. Paul, Minn., where he was leader of data collection and processing at the North Central Research Station forest inventory and analysis unit.

**Crystal (Kapter) Dwyer**, '79, Escanaba, Mich., was named Outstanding Educator of 2004 at Bay College where she heads the theatre and speech department and directs plays on campus and in the community. She and her husband, Ed, have been married for 25 years and have three children.

**Rick Laabs**, '79, Huntingdon, Pa., is chief information officer for Mutual Benefit Group. Previously he was a vice president with AIG Technologies in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been employed in insurance information systems for nearly 26 years.

**Mike Van Abel**, '79, Broomfield, Colo., recently became executive director of the International Mountain Bicycling Association in Boulder, Colo. He formerly was national vice president for the American Diabetes Association. He and his wife have three children.

**Jeffrey Wrase**, '79, Arlington, Va., is senior economist for the Joint Economic Committee that advises members of Congress on domestic and international economics and policies. He also is leading delegations to China on behalf of Senate staffers. He taught at various universities, most recently the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and has advised members of the Federal Reserve Board. He earned a Ph.D. at Brown University.

**Sue Clark Kubley**, '78, Stevens Point, is an academic counselor for Student Support Services at UWSP and the adviser of the Hmong and South East Asia Club. She earned a master's degree in education, counseling and guidance at UW-Oshkosh in 1987. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.



Tom Castonguay

**Tom Castonguay**, master's '77, Red Lake, Minn., is a trust forester with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest

Region, Red Lake Department of Natural Resources. He retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel in July 2000. His wife, **Jane Castonguay**, last attended '77, is a registered nurse.

**Patrick Durst**, '77, Bangkok, Thailand, is senior forestry officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He recently coordinated the "In Search of Excellence: Exemplary Forest Management in Asia and the Pacific" initiative, an analysis of 30 forests to be published in early 2005.



Connie (Schmidt) Scherber

**Connie (Schmidt) Scherber**, '77, Clear Lake, Iowa, is supervisor of Speech and Language Services for AEA 267 in Iowa. She heads a 90-person staff, that provides services to 62

school districts in eastern and northern Iowa. She and her husband, Patrick, a special education consultant, are parents of twin daughters.

## Keep in touch

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Help us maximize our resources by providing your e-mail address. You'll receive notice of alumni gatherings and campus news without a mailbox full of paper.

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

Would you consider getting involved in Alumni Association events in your area? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



**Jim Buchholz Sr.**, '76, Plymouth, received the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He has been employed with the state parks and forests for the past 28 years and is natural resource property supervisor in Sheboygan County, where he oversees operations at Kohler-Andrae State Park and Harrington Beach State Park in Ozaukee County. He and his staff at Kohler-Andrae Park also were chosen to receive the 2003 State Property of the Year Award. His son, **Jim Buchholz Jr.**, '00, master's, '02, Stevens Point, is the assistant director of Schmeeckle Reserve and in July will marry Sunshine Kapusta, '00, a program specialist in the Learning Experience and Activities in Forestry (LEAF) program at UWSP.



Daniel J. Miller

**Daniel J. Miller**, '75, Beaver Dam, was promoted to screening supervisor with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). He works at Dane County Regional Airport, Madison. Miller joined TSA in 2002 as a security screener and became lead screener in 2003. The federal agency was formed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America.

**Jeffrey VanDien**, '75, Tampa, Fla., is senior vice president of business development and marketing with Media Technology Resources. Over the past 20 years, he has developed advertising media programs for CNN, Fox News America and the National Cinema Network. He is married to Karen, a mortgage broker.

**Kerry Wilson**, '75, Sheboygan, was appointed pastor of Fountain Park United Methodist Church, Sheboygan. He served for 15 years at Zion United Methodist Church, Marshfield. His wife, **Sue Wilson**, last attended UWSP in 1973.

**Linda Jagielo**, last attended '74, Alexandria, Va., was awarded a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in early childhood teacher education from Kent State University in August. She is one of eight 2004-2005 National Head Start Fellows (NHSF) chosen through a competitive search by the NHSF Commission.

**Tom Meier**, '73, master's '80, manager of Mead-McMillan Wildlife Area Complex, was named Wildlife Manager of the Year. He transferred to Milladore in 1981 to assume responsibility for Mead-McMillan. During the ensuing years, he worked with the Friends of Mead-McMillan Association to raise money for a wildlife education center. Groundbreaking on the 6,200 square foot "green" building took place in 2004. He and his staff have created educational programs to serve the more than 4,000 students who come to the center from surrounding schools. He also took part in the Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area Feasibility Study, aimed at establishing more areas for prairie chickens and grassland birds.



Mike Blasczyk

**Mike Blasczyk**, '72, Appleton, has been inducted into the George Martin Hall of Fame by the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association. A member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, he has officiated high school wrestling since 1975. He has been active with the Fox Cities Officials Association, served on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Officials Advisory Committee and is a rules interpreter for the state. A science teacher at Kimberly Middle School, he also has coached football and wrestling and coordinates the annual Youth Wrestling Tournament. He and his wife, Cathi, have two daughters.

**Tom Dewerth**, '72, Menomonee Falls, is a hypnotherapist in Menomonee Falls.

**Dave Edwards**, '72, Baraboo, is a detective sergeant with the city of Baraboo and a member of the county's Emergency Response Team.

**Frank Larson**, '72, Medford, is a reforestation technician for Medford/Park Falls with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He is married to Dawn.

**Linda (Brodhagen) Wussow**, '72, Bonduel, was named a 2004 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Top 10 Teacher of the Year for her health

and wellness week program. She is a family and consumer education teacher with Bonduel School District. She and her husband, Dale, also farm. Their daughter, **Rachel**, '02, is involved in family and consumer education.

**Patty Vaughn**, '70, Wauwatosa, recently retired from Mukwonago Area Schools following a 33-year career in elementary education. She enjoys Irish music and Irish set dancing.

"Point was a great experience, and I still get up there for the wellness programs during the summer"  
-Tom Dewerth, '72

## 1960s

**Gene Kemmeter**, '69, Stevens Point, and his sons, **Mike Kemmeter**, '99, and **John Kemmeter**, '03, are all working in news media. Gene, a former reporter and news editor, is managing editor of the *Portage County Gazette*, where his sons have worked and continue to contribute. John is creating sports computer games at Dave Koch Sports, Stevens Point. Mike is broadcaster "Mike King" of radio WIBA, Madison, and is the station's assistant news director. Another Pointer, **Josh Wescott**, '99, is news director at WIBA. Wescott's father, **Gary Wescott**, '74, presently mayor of Stevens Point, also is a former radio newscaster.

## 1920s

**Veda (Nelson) Dahlke**, '22, Louisville, Ky., formerly of Westfield, celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. She taught at schools in Sheboygan, Stoughton and Westfield, where she grew up and graduated as valedictorian of her high school class. She enjoys listening to her radio and has a long prayer list.

### You could be here!

Alumni...if you haven't sent an update to *The Alumnus* recently, we want to hear from you! Please fill out and return the form on page 14.

## Sigma Tau Gamma reunion set

The fraternity that began as Alpha Beta Rho in 1955 and became Sigma Tau Gamma in 1965 will celebrate 50 years at UWSP with a reunion on campus on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23.

The Gamma Beta Chapter reunion will begin Friday evening with a welcome back reception (location and time to be announced). Saturday's activities will include a campus tour at 10 a.m., a reception at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites, 715-341-6000, through March 21 for \$64.99 per night or at the Country Inn and Suites, 715-345-7000, through April 1 at \$69 or \$85 per night.

If you are a Sigma Tau Gamma member or "little sister" and have not received registration information or would like to know more, contact Steve Zywicki, reunion committee chair, at 715-346-3813 or [szywicki@uwsp.edu](mailto:szywicki@uwsp.edu).



## Alums gather in D.C.



Pointer friends got together in the Washington D. C. area on Dec. 20, including, from right to left, **Lisa Bleske-Bristow**, '89, Alexandria, Va.; **Colleen Martin**, '91, Alexandria, Va.; **Jackie (Mueller) Tillotson**, '88, Alexandria, Va.; **Linda (Bleske) Gustin**, '88, Lebanon, Ohio; and **Karen Kopydlowski**, '88, North Potomac, Md.

## Alum publishes book



*American Compass* by Bill Meissner '70

**Bill Meissner**, '70, has published his fourth book of poetry, *American Compass*, a collection that takes the reader on a journey down the American highway. A professor of English and director of creative writing at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., Meissner also has published a collection of short stories, *Hitting the Wind*; has had works in more than 150 journals, magazines and anthologies; has received numerous writing awards and conducts the week long Mississippi Creative Writers Workshop. He holds a master of fine arts from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. For information on *American Compass*, go to [www.undpress.nd.edu](http://www.undpress.nd.edu).

## Zahns travel the globe for teaching career

**Jim Zahn**, '70, and **Sherry (Kust) Zahn**, '70, recently returned to Wisconsin after 30-year careers teaching in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the South Pacific plus visits to 48 countries on five continents. They met at UWSP and married in 1970. After teaching in Wausau schools for three years, the couple took positions with Guam Public Schools and taught there until 1976. For the next five years, they taught mathematics in American military middle schools and high schools near Stuttgart, Germany. In 1981, they began teaching at Dhahran Academy on the grounds of the American consulate in Saudi Arabia. A couple of years later, the Zahns moved to the small island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific.

In 1989, Jim accepted a position with Saudi ARAMCO School in Abqaiq but had to evacuate in 1990, when the Persian Gulf War started. They went to La Crosse for a year and a half before taking posts at Hong Kong International Middle School. They spent 12 years in Hong Kong and moved back to the U.S. because the older of their two children is attending St. Norbert College. Sherry presently is teaching middle school mathematics and elementary computing at Tomorrow River School, Amherst.

The couple says they've had many exciting traveling moments, but one of the more memorable ones was being arrested in the middle of winter 1976 in Leningrad, Russia, for taking a picture of a long line of people waiting to buy oranges from an outdoor stand. They spent two hours in an interrogation room 100 feet beneath the subways of Leningrad. Finally, after exposing the last photo in their camera, they were released. "After that incident and others, it was obvious that we were being watched. It was a relief to ride the train back to Germany and cross the Iron Curtain into Western Europe again," they said.

To talk to the Zahns about teaching and living overseas, e-mail them at [jayzee123@hotmail.com](mailto:jayzee123@hotmail.com) or [szahn@amherst.k12.wi.us](mailto:szahn@amherst.k12.wi.us).



The Zahns family at the Tazman Glacier in New Zealand



The Zahns at the Great Wall of China

## Delta Zeta reunion



**Kathie (Jung-Ray) Vavra**, '72, Egg Harbor, was host for a reunion of the UWSP chapter of Delta Zeta in July. Most of the 35 members attending hadn't seen one another in more than 30 years, she said. The next reunion will be in July 2007; e-mail her at [kkjvavra@cs.com](mailto:kkjvavra@cs.com) for more information.



# Obituaries of friends and alumni

## 1990s

**Stephanie Daleiden-Rediger**, '95, Mosinee, died Aug. 7 at Palliative Care in Wausau at age 37. She was employed as a youth worker with Professional Services Group for the past eight years. Survivors include her partner, Cindy Daleiden-Rediger, and two sons.

**Ronald J. Ekern II**, '95, Chetek, died June 13.

**Lee Allen**, '90, died Jan. 20, 2004, in Albuquerque, N.M., at age 46. A former reporter for the *Baraboo News Republic* and *Adams County Times/Friendship Reporter*, he had worked as an employment specialist for Rehabilitation Service and Veterans Program. His wife, Liz, survives.

## 1980s



**Paul Staddler**, '82, master's '02, Plover, died Sept. 3 after fighting cancer. He was 45. Staddler had been a physical education and health teacher at East Junior High School in

Wisconsin Rapids since 1998 and received the Kohl Fellowship Award for Teaching Excellence in 2001. A certified U.S. Professional Tennis Association instructor, he also coached tennis at East and in Stevens Point at Pacelli High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High School and Ben Franklin Junior High School. A Green Bay native, Staddler previously worked at The Restaurant at Sentry Insurance and at Glaxo-Welcome as a pharmaceutical representative. He also published two books of poetry. Survivors include his wife, **Doris Haines-Staddler**, '81. Staddler established the Paul J. Staddler Physical Education and Health Scholarship Fund with the UWSP Foundation shortly before he passed away. It is given to a junior or senior with a major or minor in the UWSP School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics.

## 1970s

**Anne Melchior**, '77, died at age 48. She had lived in West Bend.

**Ellen (Madden) Horkan**, '76, Reedsburg, died Aug. 10 at age 96. She had taught in one-room schools and was well known in the Reedsburg area for her activism in community and church groups. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen, and two sons and is survived by four children.

**Scott Gilmore**, '75, Rio, died unexpectedly July 3 at his home at age 52. A photographer and amateur genealogist with an interest in historic buildings, he worked as a nursing aide at University Hospital, Madison.

**Christine Hahn**, '75, died Aug. 26 at House of Dove, Marshfield, at age 51. She had many occupations, from driving school bus to providing home care in the Pittsville area. She was active in her church and local school. Her husband, **Rev. Thomas Hahn**, '76, and a son and daughter survive.

**John Lough Jr.**, '74, died May 31 in Waupaca, at age 52. He developed a business, Heritage Painting, which specialized in painting Victorian homes and received national recognition for his signature pinstripes. He enjoyed traveling and loved Thailand, which he had visited the first time as a UWSP student. His parents survive.

**Ernest 'Chip' Sandker**, '73, formerly of Racine, died Oct. 14 in Kalamazoo, Mich., at age 54. He

owned and operated True Life Taxidermy for over 30 years. His wife, Melissa, survives.

**Alice Acor**, '72, died Feb. 29, 2004, at home in the town of Goodrich, near Medford, at age 54. She was a teacher for more than 20 years before returning to college to become a psychologist. She earned master's degrees from the University of Missouri and UW-Superior and a Ph.D. from Marquette University and was a member of the American Psychological Association.

**Joanne (Conrad) Lodzinski**, '72, master's '82, died May 19 in Stevens Point, at age 65. She became the area administrator for Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools (SPACS) in 1985 and retired in 1999. Previously she was a teacher at St. Stanislaus School and principal of St. Peter School and received the Outstanding Educator Award from SPACS. She was active in a number of educational and religious organizations. Survivors include her husband, Ron, son Jeff, daughter **Jill Yudchitz**, '95, and granddaughter **Erin Yudchitz**, '03.

**Jeffrey Nygaard**, last attended '72, died July 27 at home in Stevens Point at age 55. He established Nygaard Construction in 1976 and was a charter member of Golden Sands Builders, which he served three terms as president. His wife, Linda, a son and daughter survive.

**Joyce (Worzella) Handrick**, '70, master's '83, died May 29 in Marshfield. She was 67 and had resided in Mesa, Ariz. She taught school for 29 years, 27 of them at Auburndale, and retired in 1994. Survivors include three sons and four daughters.

**Anthony Soroko**, '70, Stevens Point, died March 1, 2004, from complications of diabetes at age 54. His decorated career with the U.S. Department of Defense began in 1974. He developed early generations of source codes in mainframe computers for Army logistic support systems; was assigned to the U.S. Navy Sea System Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C., designing combat support systems for the AEGIS cruiser warships; and served overseas on the Korean Peninsula. In 1995, he became responsible for managing legacy computer systems and retired in 2003. A naturalized citizen born in Ludwigsburg, Germany, he is survived by his mother and 10 brothers and sisters.

## 1960s



**Terri (Ronzani) Witt**, '69, master's '70, died June 23 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. She was 57. Retiring in 2003, she had served as a

teacher for students with hearing impairments for 33 years with Stevens Point Area Schools and was credited with revolutionizing the program. Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Ronald, and two daughters. Her advocacy for hearing-impaired children lives on in the Terri Witt Scholarship, established in her memory by her husband and given to UWSP sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students with financial need within the School of Communicative Disorders.

**Mora Dickinson Jensen**, '67, died April 1 in Necedah. She was 90. She taught elementary and special education classes for many years in Tomah, Wonewoc and Mauston. Preceded in death by her husband, Richard, she is survived by four children.

**Jonathon Schreiber**, '66, died July 21 at his home in Oxford, Miss., at age 60. He received master's and Ph.D. degrees from Oregon State University and was employed as a soil scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service National Sedimentation Laboratory in Oxford until his retirement in 2002. His wife, Sharon, and three children survive.

**Dennis Lee Waid**, '65, Flint, Mich., died Oct. 20 at his home at age 61. He taught in Plainfield schools and worked for Rhinelander Aviation and for the Rhinelander Police Department as a dispatcher, retiring in 1996 due to illness. He was active in several community groups.

**Michael Vaughn**, '65, died in April in San Francisco. Formerly of Wisconsin Rapids, he served with the National Guard and was activated during the Berlin Crisis (1960-61). His career in sales and marketing included owning his own successful printing company in San Francisco. He was a certified scuba diver and an enthusiastic beach volleyball player, and enjoyed snow skiing and fly fishing.

**Marjorie (Goodman) Waugh**, '64, Poynette, died Sept. 14 at age 90. She taught for 25 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and is survived by five children.

**Catherine (McTigue) Brunker Eskritt**, '63, died July 17, 2003, at age 88 in Stevens Point. We apologize for misspelling her name in the spring 2004 issue of the *Pointer Alumnus*.

**Richard Swider**, '63, died Sept. 11, 2000, in Port St. Joe, Fla.

**Emily (Schwartz) Franke**, '61, died June 3 in Wausau. She was 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gust. Survivors include three children.

**Lonn King**, '61, died June 8 in Linwood, Kan., at age 69. He earned a master's degree at UW-Madison. King was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a decorated combat veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired as senior manager in field research for an agricultural company in North Carolina. Survivors include his wife, Melanie, and three children.

## 1950s

**Rosella (Braun) Buran**, '58, Manitowoc, died at her daughter's home in Wilmette, Ill., on Oct. 13 at age 69. She taught first grade in Manitowoc for 33 years and volunteered with the Head Start Program after retirement. Her husband, Reginald, preceded her in death. Three children survive.

**Alson Attoe**, last year attended '57, died Feb. 14, 2004, in Oshkosh. He was 68. He was on the wrestling team while attending UWSP. He retired in 1995 after 28 years with Rockwell International, Oshkosh. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne, and three children.

**Donald Nice**, '57, died Feb. 23, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Burlington at age 69. He spent 42 years as a teacher and principal in Wauwatosa, Fond du Lac and the Kenosha Unified School District. He coached football and enjoyed being a farmhand for his son-in-law. His wife, Bridget, and five children are among survivors.

**Leone (Handsche) Peter**, three year certificate '57, '60, died July 22 in New London. She was 90. She and her late husband, Henry, made their home in the Fremont area. She taught for 3 years in various schools in Outagamie and Waupaca counties and the New London School District. She is survived by four children.

**Bonnie (Ekvall) Hoekstra**, '56, died April 6, in McFarland at age 69 after a year long struggle with cancer. Her teaching career

spanned 40 years at schools in Marshfield, Stevens Point, Milwaukee and McFarland, where she taught kindergarten for 28 years. She retired in 1996. Survivors include her husband, Peter, and two children.

**Lyrena (Bradley) (Handke) Zimmer**, '56, died May 9 at Wild Rose. She was 99. Family and horses were the primary interests of her life. Husbands Carl Handke and Emil Zimmer preceded her in death.

**Grace (Collins) Boldig**, '55, died March 14, 2004, in Mulberry, Fla., at age 70. She was a teacher in Milwaukee area schools and retired from the Racine School District. Survivors include her husband, Jerry, and three children.

**Patricia (Holding) Henschel**, three year certificate, '52, bachelor's '67, died March 5, 2004, in La Crosse, as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile crash. She was 72. Her husband, Lyle, also died as a result of the crash. Their two daughters survive. She was a third-grade teacher for more than 30 years in schools in Marion, where the couple had lived since their marriage.

**Jacqueline (Benjamin) Petrick**, '52, died July 24. She was a resident of Wisconsin Rapids.

**Suzanne (Swanke) Sengstock**, '52, died March 19, 2004, in Shawano at age 73. She had lived in Clintonville since her marriage in 1953 and was a teacher for Shawano, Clintonville and Birnamwood school districts until her retirement in 1990. She was active with community development and enjoyed playing bridge. Four children survive; her husband, Henry, preceded her in death.

**Roland Sacho**, '50, died May 12 in Marshfield. He was 79 and had lived in the town of Little Black. He received a Bronze Star for his service with the U.S. Army during World War II and served with the Wisconsin National Guard until 1976. He was commander of the Medford unit when it was activated in 1961 during the Berlin Crisis. He taught in Medford Area Public Schools from 1951 to 1986. Appointed the Taylor County emergency management director in 1978, he held the position until retiring in 2002. He was active in a number of Medford area organizations. Survivors include his wife, Laurie, and three children.

## 1940s

**Grace (Lepak) Kolbrick**, '46, Grayslake, Ill., died Feb. 27, 2004, in Lake Forest, Ill., at age 77. She earned a master's degree from Roosevelt University-Chicago in 1970. A former resident of Hatley, she was a teacher in Wisconsin and Illinois for 32 years before retiring in 1975. She was active in many organizations and loved to travel, cook, golf and play bridge. Her husband, Duane, survives.

**Lucy (Stefanski) Sandquist**, last attended '44, died March 27, 2004, in Wausau. She was 79. She began her teaching career at the one-room NuDell School in Plover, and continued later at St. Mark, Rothschild, and Holy Name, Wausau. Later in life she worked as a caregiver. She is survived by four children.

**Virginia (Lundgren) Shaw**, last attended '42, died Feb. 18, 2004, in Stevens Point. She was 82. She was a long time employee of Bell Telephone in Wisconsin and Michigan. She was an active volunteer and, in 1991, was cited by the governor as one of the 10 Most Outstanding Women of Wisconsin. Her husband, Clifford, preceded her in death.

**Margaret (Clark) Wunsch**, '42, Two Rivers, died Feb. 29, 2004, in Green Bay at age 82. She taught home economics at Rio High School

for two years. She played violin and enjoyed knitting and sewing. She is survived by her husband, Melvin, and seven children.

**Gustave Binnebose Jr.**, '41, died Feb. 24, 2004, at his Watertown home at age 84. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy whose many decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, World War II Victory Medal and Gold Star. He retired as a commander and was active in veterans' groups. His wife, Mary, and five children survive.

**Clifford Sprague**, '41, died April 3, in Stevens Point at age 85. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduation and served in Europe and North Africa, where he was awarded seven battle stars. He joined the Air Force Reserve and retired as a master sergeant with 27 years of service. He worked for 33 years with Soo Line Railroad as a switchman, brakeman and conductor and retired in 1978 as general yardmaster. An amateur radio operator, he was active with his church and many veteran and community organizations. Survivors include his wife, Ethel, and two children.

**Marian (Roberts) Welke**, '41, Stevens Point, died Oct. 12 at age 85. She served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, then taught home economics in Norway, Mich., Sturgeon Bay and Sheboygan. She was also a county extension agent in Upper Michigan and Wisconsin and volunteered at Lincoln Center in Stevens Point. Her husband, Harold, preceded her in death. A daughter survives.

**George Lutz**, '40, Stevens Point, died in a car accident on Oct. 13 at age 83. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, earning several medals, then worked for the Soo Line Railroad for 40 years. He enjoyed local sports including UWSP women's soccer. His wife of 54 years, Margaret, preceded him in death. Six children survive.

## 1930s

**Jean (McFetridge) Batten**, two-year certificate '39, bachelor's '65, died June 7 at age 85. She and her husband, Lynn, farmed in Abbotsford, and she taught at Bruckerville and Liberty schools. Later, she served as librarian at Medford Junior High until her retirement in 1984. She was active in her church, community organizations and professional groups. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn. Survivors include three sons.

**Jane (Livingston) Greene**, '38, died May 3 in Sturgeon Bay, at age 88. She was director of the Door County Library for 28 years and was recognized at her retirement in 1980 as the Wisconsin Library Association's Librarian of the Year. A room at the library is dedicated in her honor. She was an active volunteer for her church and community. Her husband, Stanley, preceded her in death.

**Laura (Rosenow) Kingston**, '37, Stevens Point, died on Oct. 25 at age 88. She taught in Jefferson until her marriage to Samuel, who preceded her in death. An artist, she created paintings and children's books for her grandchildren. Eight children survive.

**Gordon Schaftner**, '34, died Feb. 12, 2004, in Stevens Point. He was 92. He became a partner in 1935 with his father in the former Schaftner's Shoe and Orthopedic Store in Stevens Point and operated it until retiring in 1986. He was active in his church, where he sang in the choir for 42 years and served as a lay minister and Sunday school teacher. His wife, Muriel, preceded him in death. Two daughters survive.

**Natalie (Gorski) Schipper**, '33, Manitowoc, died July 7 at age 92. She taught in Three Lakes until her marriage to Herbert, who preceded her in death after 58 years of marriage. Two children survive.



# Faculty and Staff Obituaries In Memoriam

**Rene Alltmont**

Rene Alltmont, a former professor of French, died on Sept. 11 in Norwalk, Ohio, at age 76.

A native of Antwerp, Belgium, Alltmont taught French history at UWSP from 1966 to 1978. He also taught at South Central High School and was a member of the American Association of University Professors.

Alltmont served in the Army Air Force during the Korean War. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from George Washington University and a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware.

He had spent the last 25 years in the Milan and Norwalk areas. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, children and grandchildren.



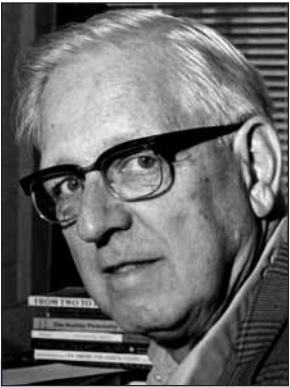
Rene Alltmont

**Albert Harris**

Albert Harris, professor emeritus, died on Oct. 26 in Plover at age 95.

Retiring in 1979, Harris taught educational psychology and philosophy courses and served as chair of the Department of Psychology and Philosophy for 34 years. He earned degrees from La Crosse State Teachers College (UW-La Crosse) and UW-Madison. Before coming to UWSP, he taught at two high schools and worked in public service during World War II as a conscientious objector.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and is survived by three children. Memorial donations may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church of Stevens Point or the UWSP Foundation.



Albert Harris

**Amelia Marguerite Baumgartner**

Amelia Baumgartner, a former UWSP lecturer honored for her environmental work, died Dec. 22 in Athens, Ga., at age 95. Earning degrees at the University of Rochester and Cornell University, she was reputed to be the first woman to earn a doctorate in ornithology. She taught in New York and Oklahoma before coming to UWSP in 1956 with her husband, wildlife Professor Fred Baumgartner. She wrote the column *Across the Footbridge for the Stevens Point Journal*, served as president of the Citizens National Resources Association, founded Portage County Preservation Projects and was named Central Wisconsin Environmentalist of the Year by the students and faculty of the CNR.

After retiring in 1975, the Baumgartners started Little Lewis Whirlwind Nature School and Sanctuary in Jay, Okla., and published *Oklahoma Bird Life*. They moved to Athens in 1992. Her husband preceded her in death in 1996 and she is survived by three sons and one daughter. Memorials may be made to the Oklahoma Ornithological Society, c/o William Carter, PO Box 2209, Ada, OK 74821-2209.

**Jon Borowicz**

Jon Borowicz, emeritus professor of music, died on Oct. 27 in Sarasota, Fla., at age 78.

Borowicz served in the U.S. Navy during World War II then earned degrees at Cleveland Institute of Music and UW-Madison. He taught at a high school in Ohio and two universities and founded the Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra in 1959, which he led until 1974. He was director of the University Orchestra and orchestral studies at UWSP from 1975 to 1989 and during that time led the Wausau Symphony and Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (CWSO).

Survivors include Marilyn, his wife of 52 years, one daughter and three sons.

Memorial donations may be made to the CWSO Guild Jon Borowicz Scholarship, c/o CWSO, PO Box 65, Stevens Point WI 54481 or call the CWSO office at 715-345-2976 for more information.



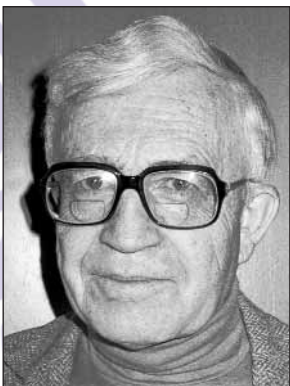
Jon Borowicz

**Wolfgang Horn**

Wolfgang Horn, an emeritus professor of psychology, died July 3 at his home in Hayesville, N.C. at age 85.

Born in Germany, he served the German Army in World War II and was detained in America as a prisoner of war. After the war he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Marburg in Germany. He worked for the Department of Justice in Germany, then came to the U.S. in 1968, where he taught at UWSP for 15 years, becoming an expert in creating tests to measure intelligence and personality.

His writings and photographs of German attacks on the Soviet Union during World War II were used in the Time-Life *Third Reich Series* and interviews with him have been shown on the *History Channel*. He spent his retirement in Clay County, N.C., teaching art classes at a community college. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Frieda, and six children.



Wolfgang Horn

**Leon Smith**

Leon Smith, the father of electronic music at UWSP, died Aug. 23 in Round Rock, Texas, at age 75. Smith came to the Music Department at UWSP in 1970, running the theory and graduate programs. In 1978 he founded the school's electronic studio, using a UW System grant and his own money to construct a digital synthesizer laboratory in the Fine Arts Center, one of the first and largest of its kind in the Upper Midwest. He served on the board of the Central Wisconsin Symphony and Wisconsin Alliance of Composers and sang with the Trinity Lutheran Church choir.

A Texas native, Smith studied at Texas Chiropractic College and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from the University of Indiana. He taught in Texas and Tennessee before coming to UWSP, then retired in 1994 and moved back to Texas. His wife, Mary Louise, preceded him in death. A son survives.



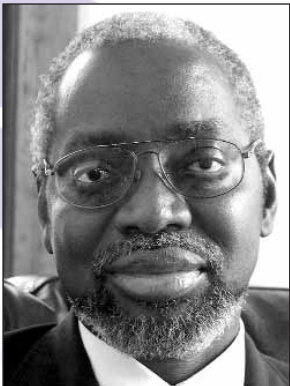
Leon Smith

**Clive David**

Retired Forestry Professor Clive David, Stevens Point, died on Nov. 3 after a lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 57.

A native of Guyana, South Africa, he earned degrees at the University of New Brunswick and University of British Columbia before working as a forester in his home country and for the Canadian government. After coming to UWSP in 1989, David brought geographic information systems (GIS) technology to the College of Natural Resources. He was recognized several times by colleagues and student government for excellence in teaching and was named a UW System Teaching Fellow in 2000. He retired in 2003 due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Beverley David of the UWSP Foreign Languages Department, and two daughters. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or UNICEF.



Clive David

**Henry "Hank" Sparapani**

Henry Sparapani, professor of English, died unexpectedly on August 21 at age 60. He came to UWSP in 1977, and in 1978 he and fellow Professor Dan Dieterich conducted the first of their many writing workshops. The two offered specialized writing training for businesses across the nation, co-founded the Association of Professional Communication Consultants and helped organize and present workshops at the Business of Communication conference held annually at UWSP. Sparapani was the first faculty adviser to the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He held degrees from Michigan State University and University of Indiana-Bloomington.

He also was active in the community, serving as a Boy Scout leader for two decades and winning two of the Scout's highest honors, the Silver Beaver and Vigil Honor membership in the Order of the Arrow. He served on the board and was an active fund-raiser for the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra.

He is survived by Susan, his wife of 37 years, and three sons.



Henry Sparapani

**Deanna "De" Juhnke**

Deanna "De" (Dangers) Juhnke, Stevens Point, died on Oct. 10 at age 65 after a three-year battle with cancer.

Juhnke worked as a program assistant in the Letters and Science dean's office from 1990 until 2001 and was active in the Central Wisconsin Rose Society.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Roland "Rollie" Juhnke, who retired as personnel director at UWSP in 2001. Two daughters also survive.

## Obituaries of friends and alumni (continued)

**Leone (Cuff) Du Four**, two-year certificate '32, three-year certificate '33, Seymour, died June 17 of cancer at age 92. After graduation she married classmate **Theodore Du Four**, two-year certificate '32, then worked at various jobs and raised their five children. Following his death in 1963, she returned to college and received a bachelor's degree in 1965 at UW-Oshkosh. She taught in elementary schools in Seymour until her retirement in 1977. Active in her church and as a volunteer, she was

named Seymour's "Citizen of the Year" in 1990.

**Olive (Sivertson) Irving**, '32, died May 11 in Port Edwards. She was 91 and had resided in Wisconsin Rapids. She taught in area grade schools including Arpin Graded, Two Mile, Biron Graded and St. Mary's before her retirement. Her husband, Thomas, died in 1992. She is survived by three daughters.

**Esther (Kleist) Pratt**, '32, Bancroft, died at home Oct. 7 at age 91. She taught in Almond, Bancroft,

Wild Rose and Wisconsin Rapids. Her husband, Warren, preceded her in death and two sons survive.

### 1920s

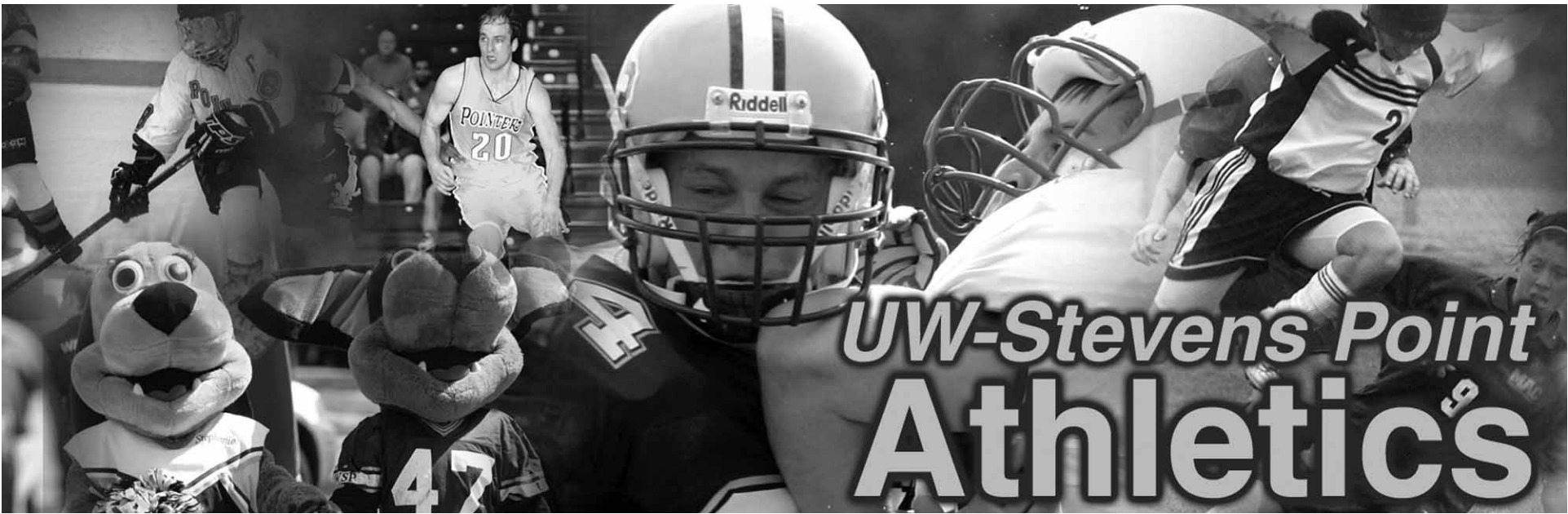
**Elizabeth (Swan) Hurlbut**, last attended '29, died July 9 in Stevens Point at age 93. She was active with her church and community and enjoyed baking, knitting, golf and traveling. Survivors include five children; her husband, Kenneth, preceded her in death.

**Leona 'Peg' (Lloyd) Verthein**, '29, Coloma, died Oct. 24 at age 94. She taught in Unity, then at Coloma Elementary for 40 years and served as a church librarian. Her husband, Harold, and a son preceded her in death.

**Lorette (Broecker) Hansen**, '23, died Aug. 8 in Madison at age 101. She was an elementary teacher and lived in Marshfield for many years. Her husband, Marc, preceded her in death. Her son and daughter survive.

**Loretta (Leary) Dean Carlson**, '22, died Feb. 18, 2004, at Rockford, Ill., at age 102. She taught first grade from 1924-27 and fourth grade from 1938 to 1968 with the Arrowhead and Hartland School. She was active with women's groups and was the first Girl Scout leader in Hartland. Her first husband, Herbert Dean, preceded her in death. Survivors include her second husband, Hub Carlson, and three children.





# Pointers sports success continues

## Fantastic fall finishes

Another successful fall sports season was highlighted by conference championships in women's soccer and women's cross country as well as winning seasons in football and volleyball and another trip to nationals by the men's cross country team.

### Cross country



Jenna Mitchler

The men's cross country team made its 18th trip to the national meet and its fourth straight, earning an 11th place finish. Senior Mark LaLonde, Park Falls, was sixth overall at the national meet and also placed second at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet. The Pointers placed fourth at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships and won meets at St. Mary's and Grinnell during the season.

The women's cross country team won its second straight WIAC championship and went undefeated in the

regular season against NCAA Division III competition for the second straight year before placing sixth at the national meet. Senior Megan Craig, Bangor, won the University of Minnesota Invitational at mid-season and junior Jenna Mitchler, Kaukauna, was an All-American performer with a 23rd place finish at nationals.

### Football

The football team finished 6-4 overall against one of the most challenging schedules in the NCAA Division III and nearly rallied for a conference championship after losing its first two league games and a nonconference game against national finalist Linfield (Ore.). The Pointers won four straight conference games, rallying from behind in the fourth quarter for three straight wins before losing the season finale at UW-River Falls. Senior tight end Ross Adamczak, Plover, was a second-team All-American and quarterback Brett Borchart, Huntley, Ill., ranked fourth nationally in total offense.

### Golf

The women's golf team placed fourth at the WIAC championships for the second straight year. Sophomore Susie Lewis, Crystal Lake, Ill., shot below 90 for every round during the season and posted an 83.7 average while placing ninth at the conference meet.

### Soccer

The women's soccer team captured its 11th conference championship in the 13-year history of the league and also claimed the WIAC tournament title with a 1-0 victory over UW-Oshkosh. The Pointers made their eighth straight NCAA tournament appearance and defeated Concordia (Wis.) in the first round before losing to the University of Chicago. UWSP finished the year 16-5-1 with four of its five losses posted against ranked teams. Senior defender Tara Schmitt, Brookfield, was named the WIAC Player of the Year.

### Tennis

The women's tennis team finished sixth at the WIAC championships for the second straight season. Kim Goron, Green Bay, was the consolation champion at No. 3 singles to lead the Pointers.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team achieved its highest win total since 1998 with a 21-14 overall record. The Pointers played another strong schedule with eight of their losses coming against ranked opponents. Sophomore Lori Marten, Pittsville, was named to the all-WIAC defensive team and set a school record for single-season digs.

## Winter winners

### Men's basketball

The men's basketball team achieved the second-longest winning streak in school history, entering its holiday break with 17 consecutive victories. The defending national champions spent the first half of the season as the unanimous No. 1 team in the country and won their first eight games all by at least 11 points. Senior Jason Kalsow, Huntley, Ill., was a first-team preseason All-American and is the men's all-time leading scorer. Coach Jack Bennett also passed Hale Quandt as the winningest coach in school history.

### Women's basketball

The women's basketball team was nationally ranked for the first four weeks of the season and opened the year with a 6-3 record before the holiday break. Senior Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was a first-team preseason All-American and has become the school's all-time leading scorer.

### Men's hockey

The men's hockey team opened the year 6-4-2 and went undefeated through its first three conference games. Senior Mike Brolsma, Appleton, became the 20th player in school history to reach 100 career points and tied a league record with five assists in a single game as the Pointers beat fifth-ranked UW-River Falls.

### Women's hockey

The women's hockey team opened the season with eight straight victories and was among the nation's top-ranked teams. Last year's national runner-up, the Pointers played their first six games of the year outside Wisconsin and then beat UW-River Falls and UW-Superior, the top two challengers to the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association title. Senior Ann Ninnemann, Rosemount, Minn., scored her 100th career point in an overtime win at Lake Forest on Nov. 20.

### Swimming and diving

The swimming and diving teams are both among the challengers for WIAC championships as the men are contending for their sixth straight crown. UWSP had several individuals and relays earn nationally qualifying times at the Wheaton Invitational earlier in the season. The Pointers also took time away for their winter training trip to Barbados in January.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team has been among the nation's top ranked teams once again this year and opened the year with a 6-2 record. Senior Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, is on pace to become one of the school's all-time winningest wrestlers and is among the nation's top-ranked competitors at 174 pounds.



Kate Banser, Merrill, (left) and Katie Stephenson, Medina, Minn., (right) block an attack by a UW-La Crosse player.

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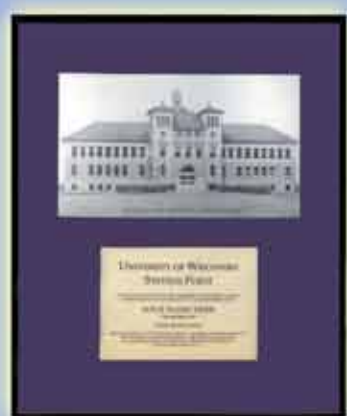
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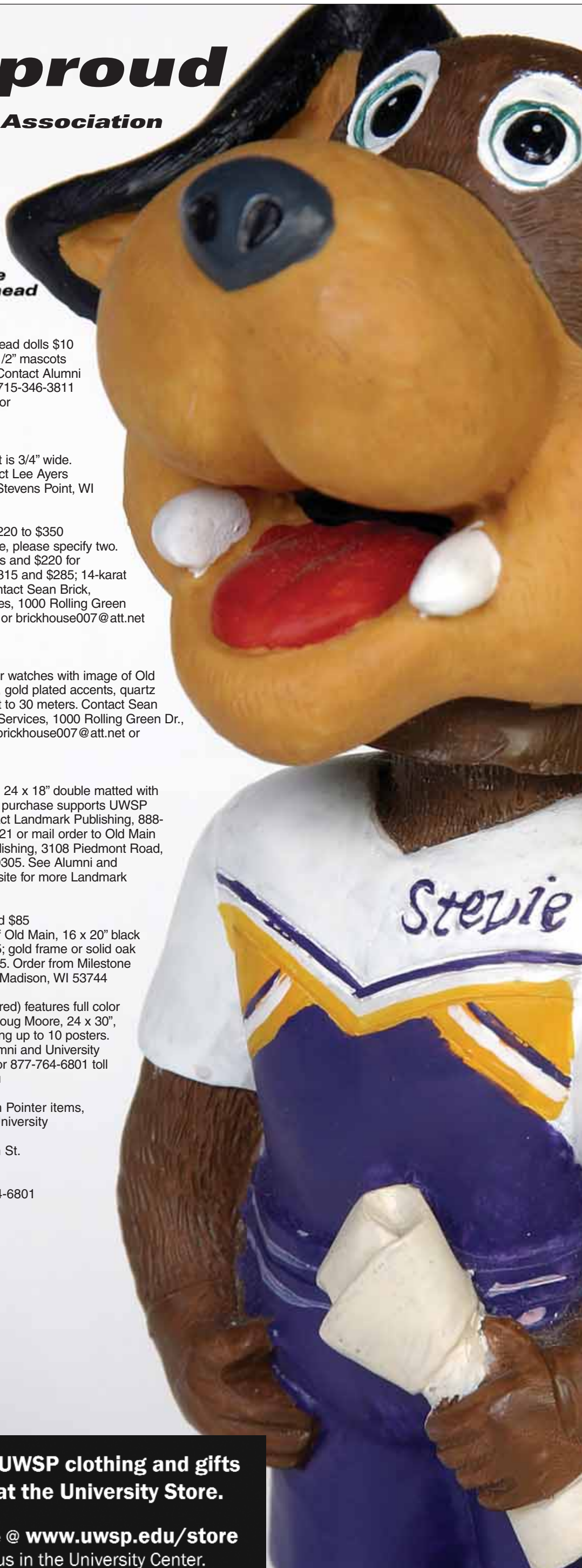
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# UWSP events calendar

## MARCH

**Spanish Colonial Religious Art 1650-1950: Work from a Midwest Collection and Stevens Point Area School District Elementary School Artwork**

Sunday, March 6-Sunday, April 3;  
reception Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

### Music Department recitals and concerts

All events are in Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center  
7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**Voice Recital**-Tuesday, March 8

**Symphony Orchestra**, Wednesday, March 9

**Combined Bands**-Thursday, March 10

**Combined Choirs**-Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13,  
3 p.m.

**Mostly Percussion Ensemble**-Tuesday, March 15

**Jazz Ensemble Concert**-Wednesday, March 16

**Centraline Trio, guest artist**-Tuesday, March 29

### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual International Dinner

Saturday, March 12, 5:15-10 p.m.

Laird Room, University Center

715-346-3849 or fso@uwsp.edu

## APRIL

### Music Department recitals and concerts

All events are in Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center  
7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**Composers Concert**-Monday, April 4

**Robert Peavler faculty recital**-Tuesday, April 5

**Horn Quartet**, Monday, April 11

**Voice Recital**-Wednesday, April 13

**Lab Jazz Ensemble**-Friday, April 15

**Guest artist clarinetists**-Monday, April 18

**Opera performance**-April 21-23

**Campus Band**-Sunday, April 24

**Flute Choir**-Monday, April 25

**UWSP Symphony Orchestra**-Wednesday, April 27

**String Chamber Concert**-Thursday, April 28

**Soiree Musicale**-Friday, April 29

### AIRO Pow Wow

Saturday, April 2, 1-10 p.m.

UWSP Berg Gym,

Health Enhancement Center

715-346-3576

### Performing Arts Series:

**Bruce Wood Dance Company**

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Sentry Theatre

### Performing Arts Series:

**Kristin Korb, jazz bassist**

Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center

### Trivia 2005, "Keep on Trivia" 36

Friday, April 8-Sunday,

April 10

90 FM, WWSP

### Department of Theatre and Dance: "Suessical the Musical"

April 8, 8 p.m.; April 9-10 & 13-16, 7:30 p.m.;

April 16, 2 p.m.

Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center



### UWSP Juried Student Exhibition and Paul Leonard: Recent Work

April 10-May 1; reception,  
Sunday, April 10, 2-4 p.m.

Carlsten Gallery and

Schneider Student Gallery

Noel Fine Arts Center

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of the Arts

Sunday, April 17,

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

UWSP Berg Gym, Health

Enhancement Center

### Melvin Laird Youth Leadership Day

Monday, April 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

University Center

### UWSP Alumni Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, April 23, Noon-4 p.m.

Founders Room, Old Main

## <http://events.uwsp.edu>

### Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 23-Sunday, April 24

Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt

[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow)



### Lee Sherman Dreyfus University Center Dedication

Saturday, April 30, 2-4 p.m.

University Center

### Portage County Cultural Festival

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Stevens Point Area Senior High School

## MAY

### Music Department recitals and concerts

All events are in Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center  
7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**Wind Ensemble**-Monday, May 2, 7 p.m.

**Concert Band**-Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

**Jazz Ensemble**-Wednesday, May 4

**Combined Choirs**-Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m.

### Department of Theatre and Dance: "Danstage 2005"

May 6, 8 p.m.; May 7 & 12-14, 7:30 p.m.; May 8, 2 p.m.

Jenkins Theatre, FAC

### UWSP BFA Candidate Exhibition

May 8-22; reception, Sunday, May 8, 2-4 p.m.

Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery

Noel Fine Arts Center

### UWSP Copper Fountain Fest

Friday, May 13, 4-10 p.m.

Pioneer/Pfiffner Park, Stevens Point

### Spring commencement ceremony

Sunday, May 22

Parking Lot E or Quandt Gym (if rain)

## JUNE

### Walk Wisconsin

June 4, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Pfiffner Park, Stevens Point trails

[www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com) or sbrish@spacvbv.com

### Foundation Board meeting

Monday, June 6

Location TBA

### Special Olympics Summer Games

June 9-11

UWSP campus

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### Summer School

Four week session, June 13-July 8

Eight week session, June 13-August 5

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### Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps

June-August, Youth summer camps, ages 6-17

June-July, Family Adventure Camps

[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes/summer05.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes/summer05.htm)

### Class of 1955 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

Friday-Saturday, June 17-18

UWSP campus

### 2005 North Star Summer Theatre

New Horizons production,

David Auburn's *Proof*

June 22-26, 8 p.m.

Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

## JULY

### 2005 North Star Summer Theatre

Imagination Constellation Theatre for children

*Illusions of Reality-The Magic of Tristan Christ*

July 6-8, 10 a.m.; July 8-9, 8 p.m.

Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Wellness Conference

July 9-14

UWSP campus

[www.nationalwellness.org/](http://www.nationalwellness.org/)

### Alumni Association Northern California trip

July 10-17

715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu

### Summer school, four-week session

July 11-August 5

[www.uwsp.edu/summersession](http://www.uwsp.edu/summersession)

### 2005 North Star Summer Theatre

Summer Lights production,

*Three Men on a Horse*

July 27-31, 8 p.m.

Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

### American Suzuki Institute, session one

July 31-August 6

UWSP campus

[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/)

## AUGUST

### American Suzuki Institute, session two

August 7-13

UWSP campus

[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/)

## SEPTEMBER

### First day of 05-06 fall semester classes

Tuesday, Sept. 6

### Happy 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday, UWSP

Sept. 12-16

Activities celebrating UWSP and its programs

(including inauguration)

### Installation of Chancellor Linda Bunnell

Thursday, Sept. 15

Location and time TBA

### Celebracion Hispana

Monday, Sept. 26

UC Encore Room

## OCTOBER

### Alumni Association Board meeting

Friday, Oct. 7

Location TBA

### Homecoming 2005

Saturday, Oct. 8



### 18th Annual Festival of India

Saturday, Oct. 8

Stevens Point Area Senior High School

[www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/SHAMA/](http://www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/SHAMA/)

### Foundation Board meeting

Monday, Oct. 10

Location TBA

### Alumni Association Hawaiian Holiday trip

October 20-30

715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu

### Future Homecoming dates:

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

For more information on alumni events or to plan one in your area, call 715-346-3811 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.

Tickets for campus events, unless otherwise noted, are available through the University Box Office, Room 103A, University Center, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378 or at the door if not sold out in advance.

The Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery are open, free of charge, when classes are in session, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Thursday evenings and during FAC performances, 7-9 p.m. For information, contact director Caren Heft at 715-346-4797 or cheft@uwsp.edu.