



## Alumna walks across America to celebrate life

After walking the more than 3,000 miles that make up two-thirds of their journey across the United States, Robin (Laatsch) Grapa, '01, Oshkosh, and her mom, Patty Laatsch, took a few days off the trail to share their experiences with people very close to their hearts.

Flying from Colorado, where they were literally walking across the Rocky Mountains, they went to Nashville, Tenn., from August 2 to 5 to attend the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation conference for patients and families.

The mother and daughter had much in common with those who attended. Grapa was diagnosed with aplastic anemia in 1998 while she was a 19-year-old student at UWSP. Now 27 and in remission, she was able to share with families at the conference the story of how she decided to hike cross country to raise funds and awareness for a disease that nearly took her life.

On Feb. 4 Grapa and Laatsch set out from Cape Henlopen, Del., on a 5,107-mile hike of the southern route of the American Discovery Trail (ADT). Traveling from 15-30 miles a day while carrying 35-pound packs, they walked through Maryland, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and most of Colorado. They hope to reach Point Reyes National Seashore, north of San Francisco, in late October or early November. When they succeed, they will be the second pair to hike the trail in one season and the first mother-daughter team.

"The journey is a celebration of my life," said Grapa. Two years ago, when her doctor told her she was in complete remission, she began to think about doing something big with her "new lease on life." Thinking of both her love of hiking and her wish to help others with blood disorders, she researched the ADT and began work to make the walk a reality.

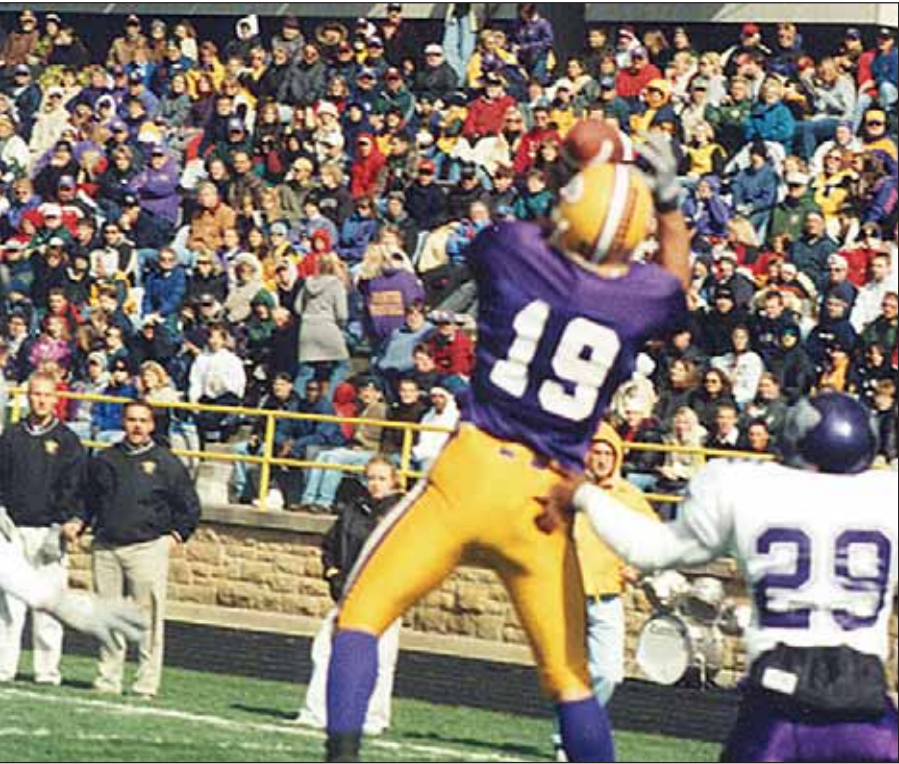
Grapa took a leave of absence from her job as a graphic designer with 4imprint in Appleton and the company became one of her major sponsors,

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Robin Grapa gives a thumbs up on the trail during her cross-country hike. Now in Utah, she and her mom, Patty Laatsch, have more than 1,000 miles to go until they reach the west coast. (Photo courtesy Robin Grapa)

## Homecoming 2006: Point goes Hollywood



Join fellow alumni and friends of UWSP for a weekend of fun, food and festivities as the university celebrates Homecoming 2006 on October 20-21.

With a theme of "Hollywood gets an Education," Homecoming activities will include student events, alumni reunions, an all-campus picnic, campus tour, open houses at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, Nelson Hall and Smith Hall, a planetarium show, a student and alumni dance, the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, and of course the annual parade and football game in which the Pointers will face the UW-Oshkosh Titans.

"The Alumni Association is extremely excited about Homecoming 2006," says Alumni Association president Shannon Loecher. "It is truly a collaborative effort"

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### Register online and you can win a hotel stay

By registering online for Homecoming, you will be entered for the chance to win one free night in one of four Stevens Point hotels on Saturday, October 21.

The names of four lucky alumni or friends will be drawn for a free night's stay at the Holiday Inn Express (king size room), Country Inn and Suites (queen size room), Country Springs Hotel (king size tower room) or Comfort Suites (king size room with whirlpool and complimentary bottle of champagne).

The prizes will be drawn two weeks before Homecoming on Friday, October 6, and winners will be notified immediately via e-mail. To register, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm) and click on "Register for Homecoming."

Special thanks to the Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Suites, Country Inn and Suites, and Country Springs hotels for their generous donations.

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## Is your next door neighbor a Pointer?

Greetings from the second floor of Old Main. I trust everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. As the weather starts to turn a bit brisk, it is time again for the students to arrive on campus from all over the state, country and world.

In so much as our students are from all over, it stands to reason that UWSP’s alumni presence reaches far beyond the campus boundaries as well. With the launch of our online community, The Connecting Point, we have heard from over 1,000 alumni from as close to campus as Stevens Point and as far away as New Zealand, France and Thailand. To add your information, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on The Connecting Point under the Features section.

As our office heard from Pointers across the globe, we also began to hear stories of “random Pointer sightings” across the nation. We are everywhere! One of my colleagues met a Pointer on a ski lift in Colorado. I’ve met Pointers in line at the grocery store (although, I’ll grant you, I live in Point), one alumni board member found herself seated next to a Pointer in a Minneapolis cocktail lounge after work and yet another board member doing research in Antarctica discovered that two of her colleagues also went to Point. From fine pubs in Minneapolis to remote research stations in Antarctica to theatres in New York and Chicago – UWSP is making its mark!

That brings me to the title of this letter. I would ask each of you reading this: Is your next door neighbor a Pointer? Have you asked? You might be surprised.

We encourage you to share your stories of meeting Pointers in unexpected places as we continue to share the small world experience created by the breadth and depth of Pointers making a difference across the world. The Connecting Point is quickly becoming a spring board for reconnections and wonderful shared memories. The Class Notes section allows alumni to share their experiences and milestones with fellow Pointers while the online directory helps classmates who have lost touch find each other in a secure setting.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, we hope you will keep UWSP in your hearts and minds as you make a difference in the world today. And we hope you will continue to stay in touch with your Pointer family!

Warmly,

*Laura Gehrman Rottier*  
Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02



Alumni and friends of UWSP enjoyed a trip to Austria and Germany in April, visiting Kitzbuhel, Innsbruck, Tratzberg Castle, Salzburg, Dachau, Munich, Berchtesgaden and Castle Herrenchimsee. The Alumni Association is offering trips to Spain in the spring of 2007 and to Ireland in the fall of 2007. For more information, contact Go Next at 1-800-842-9023 or go to [www.gholidays.com](http://www.gholidays.com).

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## Raffle winners named



Benjamin Hedquist

Started over a decade ago, the UWSP Alumni Association tuition raffle has long been an extremely popular program. Students who enter are given the chance at a free year of tuition or a free meal plan for the following year.

This year, two incoming freshman were the lucky winners. Benjamin Hedquist of Stevens Point won a full year of tuition valued at more than \$5,400. He plans on majoring in music at UWSP. Kami Lynch of Oshkosh won a full year of the university’s meal plan, valued at more than \$1,800. She will be a dietetics major. More than 6,100 tickets were sold for the raffle, with proceeds benefiting scholarships and the Future Alumni Association.



SGA leaders address alumni

Dear UWSP Alumni,  
We want to take this opportunity to share our plans as the Student Government Association leaders for the 06-07 school year. First of all, we are excited about the year ahead and enthusiastic about the goals and initiatives we hope to achieve. It is our pleasure to serve the student body and help move this university in the right direction as it changes with the 21st century.



Ross Cohen and Rhea Owens

Our biggest mission is to push UWSP to become as socially and environmentally responsible as possible. We’ve taken a number of steps already, including students purchasing 10 percent renewable energy to power the campus, the purchase and implementation of solar hot water heaters for more residence halls and the indoor pool, the purchase and sale of Fair Trade and organic products throughout campus, and the establishment of a student-run and funded sustainable vegetable garden. UWSP has a reputation of being conscious minded, and as the leaders of the student body, we will do everything it takes to ensure that this university lives up to that image and beyond.

Our other focus is to inform the student body and campus as a whole about the elections this November and the importance of voting. We aim to educate students about the candidates and issues, how to register and where to vote. As UWSP alumni, we hope each of you take the time to look at the issues, analyze how they would affect our current institution, and VOTE! We believe it is every individual’s responsibility to consider the effects on higher education and the future of Wisconsin and our nation when voting. Future students of this state cannot afford a 6.8 percent tuition increase every year.

We have many ideas, but since we don’t have all the answers we have been encouraging students to inform us about issues they would like tackled or resolved. This invitation is extended to UWSP alumni as well, so please do not be afraid to contact us. Again, our main goal is to shape UWSP into a top notch institution that works directly to benefit its students, community and world.

Thank you for your time. We hope to hear from you. UWSP has the potential to become the leader in a number of different social and environmental initiatives and to be nationally recognized for its work and efforts. We hope to make this happen. If we can be of service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Ross Cohen, '07, & Rhea Owens, '07  
President & Vice President  
UWSP Student Government Association  
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Three recognized by Alumni Association

The Alumni Association and the Board of Visitors honored two alumni and a friend of UWSP in May at its annual award ceremony. The 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Andrew Naumann, '92, Melrose Park, Ill.; the Alumni Service Award went to Brant Bergeron, '85, Plover; and the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award was given to Roy Menzel, Stevens Point.

The owner of Schilke Music Products in Melrose Park, Naumann heads one of the most respected trumpet manufacturing companies in the world. He first began making trumpets in his apartment in 1993, then worked for the Getzen Company redesigning trumpets and establishing a custom line. Naumann was approached about buying the Schilke company after visiting its factory in 2002. Within the first year of his ownership, the company broke all sales records, increased production, remodeled the factory and reestablished the Schilke name.

Naumann and his wife, Julie, established the Andrew Naumann/Schilke Music Products full tuition Honorary Robert Kase Scholarship in honor of his friend and mentor, Music Department Chair Bob Kase. He’s also donated trumpets to the Department of Music and serves on the College of Fine Arts and Communication Great Artists and Speakers Fundraising Advisory Committee.

Bergeron, director of public and community relations for Ministry Health Care, is the former director of Alumni Relations at UWSP, a position he served for 12 years. During his time at UWSP, he was involved in the Academic Staff Council and Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He now volunteers for 90FM’s annual Trivia Contest, is a referee for alumni basketball games and advises the current Alumni Affairs Office.

An active volunteer in the UWSP community, Bergeron is involved with Plover-Whiting Youth Athletics, the Community Foundation of Portage County, Stevens Point Kiwanis Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Portage County, United Way of Portage County, Faith in Action, St. Bronislava Parish of Plover, Knights of Columbus of Stevens Point and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. He and his wife, Jill, have two daughters, one of which will attend UWSP in the fall.

Menzel was honored for his humanitarian and community service with the Hansen award, named for a 1911 alumnus who became the university’s president from 1940 to 1962 and served as a Wisconsin State Senator from 1964 to 1969.

A public relations professional, Menzel was one of the founders of the Green Circle Trail in Stevens Point, securing land and generating funding and support for the project as well as serving on its board of directors. He is an avid supporter of UWSP’s Schmeckle Reserve, was involved in creating the Operation Bootstrap food pantry and was on Stevens Point’s Centennial Committee. His “On the Back Porch” columns appeared in the Stevens Point Journal in the 40s and 50s and reappeared from 2003-2004.

He also has taught public relations classes at UWSP, served its chancellors and administrators as an unofficial liaison between the campus and community and served on the Board of Visitors, the Quarterback Club and Backcourt Club. He and his wife, Marge, have nine children, five of whom attended UWSP.



Andrew Naumann Brant Bergeron Roy Menzel

Alumni happy with new programs

After the announcement of the services available to them in the last issue of *The Alumnus*, alumni are enjoying the many perks of graduating from UWSP.

More than 1,000 alumni have signed up for “The Connecting Point,” an online directory that makes it possible for them to update their information, register for events, add news items to an online digest and look up old friends, all through [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).

“The Connecting Point” is fantastic,” says Jon Stika, '80. “I have found and contacted people I haven’t seen or heard from in 20 years! Keep up the good work!”

Jennifer Boehm Groszek, '99, Chicago, signed up online for an event at the Lincoln Park Zoo. “It was very easy,” she said. “I have an account so it plugged in all my info for me.”

Other alumni benefits seeing a positive response include the new alumni credit card, Sentry Insurance discount and the loan consolidation partnership with Nelnet. Discounts to alumni and partnerships with organizations that offer rewards are just some of the many ways the UWSP Alumni Association keeps alumni connected to UWSP, says Alumni Affairs Director Laura Gehrman Rottier.

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Students are benefiting from more than \$450,000 in donations from UWSP alumni and friends through last year’s Annual Campaign for Point. The annual campaign represents approximately 25 percent of all money donated to UWSP.

Looking ahead to the 2006-07 academic year, the foundation recently sent alumni, friends and parents a free gift along with information about this year’s campaign.

Each gift makes a difference in the lives of a student, says Deb Anstett, the foundation’s director of development. A donation of \$50 to \$100 could provide art supplies or subscriptions to an online journal. Gifts in the \$100 to \$250 range could provide lab chemicals and safety equipment or books for student research. Advanced software, athletic uniforms and stage costumes might be purchased with gifts over \$300 and donations of \$500 or more could provide bus transportation to professional conferences or fund a scholarship.

Making a gift is easy with the new online giving site found through [www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation) or with the pledge form included here. Gifts may be made using VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

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# Faculty and staff retirements

## Martha Anderson

For just under 20 years, Martha “Marty” Anderson has shared her mathematical knowledge with UWSP students. As a senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, she has engaged students in statistics, applied calculus and computer applications. Anderson resides in Abbotsford with her husband, Richard, and they have two sons. She will no doubt continue growing and showing African violets, as well as enjoy square dancing, church choir, knitting and competitive bridge.

## Nancy Bayne



Nancy Bayne

Retired as associate vice chancellor for personnel and budget, Nancy Bayne worked at UWSP for 31 years as a professor of psychology and administrator. She also has served as the interim affirmative action director, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and the coordinator of women’s studies. She has won the Excellence in Teaching Award and is proud of being able to have touched students’ lives as well as developed faculty orientation programs and mentored new faculty. She and her husband, Ron Allison, have moved to Lake Tomahawk in retirement, where she says, “I will explore my options for the next phase of my life.”

## Richard Behm



Richard Behm

A professor of English and director of writing programs, Richard Behm retired after 30 years at UWSP. During that time he was honored for excellence in teaching, directed the Tutoring-Learning Center and Central Wisconsin Writing Project, which he co-founded, advised the University Writers and Barney Street publication and was acting dean of Academic Support Programs. He has been published extensively as a poet and outdoor writer and with his wife, Mary, wrote a book on helping children learn to read. An Ohio native, he previously served in the Air Force as a special investigator. Retirement will include traveling, gardening and more writing.

## Jack Bennett



Jack Bennett

Men’s basketball coach Jack Bennett spent nine years of his 34 years in coaching at UWSP. He retired in August 2005 as the university’s winningest coach with a 200 win and 56 loss record, two national championships, five NCAA tournament appearances and five Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles. He received consecutive National Coach of the Year and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year awards in 2004 and 2005 and is a 2006 inductee into the Wisconsin Basketball Hall of Fame. Previously he coached at UW-Eau Claire and high schools in Rhinelander, Wisconsin Rapids, Marinette and Park Falls. He was able to coach his sons, Nick and Jay, during his final eight seasons at UWSP. Retirement may be permanent or be a time to recharge for a future challenge, he says. He and his wife, Sue, reside in Plover.

## Roger Bullis



Roger Bullis

A native son of Portage County, Professor Roger Bullis began his career here at UWSP in 1971. An expert on film, video, the Web and media studies, he published one of the first-ever e-books online in 1987 and a decade later was the first UWSP professor to offer a Web delivered course on campus. He created what has become the Web and Digital Media major. He has also served as head of the Division of Communication, acting dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and instigated and advised the Campus TV and University Film Society. He has served on the Stevens Point City Council and the Plover Village Board.

## David Chitharanjan



David Chitharanjan

A professor of both chemistry and clinical laboratory science, David Chitharanjan came to UWSP in 1968. He chaired the Department of Medical Technology and held the position of associate vice chancellor for curriculum/program support for three years. He won three Excellence in Teaching Awards and the Distinguished Achievement Award and was active as a community volunteer and member of the Rotary Club. A native of India, he previously taught in Detroit and Madras, India. He and his wife, Julie, plan to spend time with their children and grandchildren as well as travel.

## A.J. Diekelman

A lecturer in mathematics for nine years at UWSP, A.J. Diekelman has over 40 years of teaching experience from sixth grade through the university level in Illinois and Wisconsin. She has also taught at UW-River Falls and UW-Stout. An avid traveler, she has visited Prague, Russia, Spain, Italy, France, Holland and Great Britain. She even played the flute in the Great Lakes Naval Station Band before women were allowed as members. Her retirement plans include time with her grandchildren as well as church activities, reading, puzzles and needlepoint.

## Dennis Elsenrath

Dennis Elsenrath began his career at UWSP in 1965 in the Division of Student Life. He has also served as deputy assistant chancellor for Student Affairs, executive director of Student Enrichment and Retention Services, director of counseling and staff psychologist at the UWSP Counseling Center, and most recently as chair of the Department of Psychology. A co-founder and member of the National Wellness Institute, Dennis has conducted numerous wellness presentations and workshops through the country. He is also a licensed psychologist and has maintained a limited private practice.

## Jim Gifford



Jim Gifford

Jim Gifford is a prime example of lifelong learning as he was first hired in 1976 as an English professor and then in the mid-1980s obtained a master’s in computer science education and has since helped guide the campus curriculum development in computer science-based coursework. His service in campus governance is well known including former chair of Faculty Senate and two semester abroad forays. In the community he is serving his ninth term on the Portage County Board. A proud resident of Plover, he and his wife, Barbara, plan to travel more and spend more time with their children.

## Susan Gingrasso



Susan Gingrasso

Susan Gingrasso danced into UWSP’s dance program in 1974 and in 32 years has been instrumental in building and shaping this program with new ideas. She helped the campus secure a \$500,000 federal grant for the Faculty Alliance for Creating and Enhancing Teaching Strategies (FACETS), giving UWSP and UW-Marathon County faculty ways to develop and improve their teaching techniques. Gingrasso was just selected to receive the National Dance Education Organization Dance Education Award this October in California, her native state. She is married to retired UWSP professor Doug Henderson. In retirement, she hopes to enjoy scuba diving in the Cayman Islands with her son, Carcheri.

## Sandra Holmes

Sandra Holmes, professor of psychology, arrived on campus 32 years ago and jokes that her Southern accent was so thick then that some of the Yankees here thought she was from a foreign country. Holmes served as the director of the Center for Personal and Professional Development and for 10 years as chair of the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects. She co-taught the first interdisciplinary course at UWSP and is a past recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award. In retirement, Sandra plans to travel to Alaska, return to Europe and spend time with her grandchildren.

## C. Marvin Lang



Marvin Lang

A professor of chemistry and Eugene Katz Distinguished Letters and Science faculty member Marv Lang retired after 42 years of service. He has shared his love of chemistry through more than 600 public chemical demonstration programs and 500 invited lectures throughout the United States and Europe, often working with colleagues Don Showalter and Gary Schulfer. A longtime member of the American Chemical Society, he has been honored by them several times. He’ll spend retirement with his wife, Louise, as well as working on genealogy projects, chemical stamp collecting, demonstrations, lectures, research and ten grandchildren.

## Paul Mertz

A history faculty member for nearly 37 years, Paul Mertz served as chair of his department for six years. A member of the Southern Historical Association, he has done extensive research and writing on social issues of the southern United States, including civil rights. He published the book New Deal Policy and Southern Rural Poverty through Louisiana State University Press, and wrote several book reviews for historical journals. He also led two semesters abroad to Great Britain and led bike tours in Europe through UWSP’s Adventure Tours program. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in Stevens Point.

## Meryl Lee Nelson



Meryl Lee Nelson

A 1972 alumna of UWSP, Meryl Lee Nelson has worked at UWSP since 1991 as coordinator for the English as a Second Language Summer Program and an education program specialist with the Foreign Student Office and Multicultural Affairs. A former high school teacher, she is an expert on ESL teaching certification and introduced Japanese scholarship to UWSP. An outdoors enthusiast, she enjoys bicycling, winter skiing, photography and sailing. She and her husband, Stu, reside in Stevens Point.

## Jack Reed

Having served 18 years as the chair of the Chemistry Department, Jack Reed has taught and administered at UWSP for 39 years. A native of Lake Orion, Mich., during that time, he served on the Faculty Senate, assisted in the development of a polymer laboratory and taught high school students as part of a National Science Foundation energy symposium.

## C. Susan Riley

C. Susan Riley joined the staff at UWSP in 1978. A senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, Riley’s expertise lies in teaching beginning and intermediate algebra for learning disabled classes. She has also enjoyed teaching courses in practical mathematics as it relates to banking, insurance and other everyday uses of math. A native of Edgerton, Riley enjoys bicycling, scrapbooking and travel.



## Hans Schabel



Hans Schabel

Hans Schabel, professor of forestry and director of international resource management, retired after 33 years at UWSP. A native of Germany, Schabel has linked his research and classroom aspirations with international field work, having led 30 UWSP study abroad programs in Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Central America. He has visited over 50 countries and worked in Tanzania for three years. He has won honors from UWSP, the U.S. Peace Corps, Rotary Club, Altensteig Forest District in Germany's Black Forest and Jagiellonian University in Poland. Schabel will publish a book on forest entomology in East Africa later this year. He and his wife, Jill, plan to travel and visit their three children and granddaughter.

## Jan Seiler



Jan Seiler

During her 37 years at UWSP, German Professor Jan Seiler has been honored with many teaching awards from the state and UWSP. A native of Texas, she was a Ford Fellow at UW-Madison and served as chair of her department for 10 years. Seiler is certified as an oral proficiency tester in German and co-directed many summer immersion institutes for foreign language teachers. She created a minor in teaching English as a second language and coordinated an ESL certification program for teachers. She and her husband, retired German Professor Mark Seiler, worked together at UWSP for 35 years. The two recently traveled to China and plan other trips in the future as well as time with their two children.

## Don Showalter



Don Showalter

Donald Showalter joined the faculty at UWSP in 1971, and after teaching in Iowa for three years, returned in 1976. He has received many awards for teaching from UWSP, the Board of Regents and many others. Between 1987 and 1989, Showalter was involved in the making of a 26-episode PBS series, "The World of Chemistry." The series is still an integral part of chemistry curricula across the country and earned Showalter the moniker of "Doctor Wow" for his frequent exclamations. His demonstrations with colleagues Marv Lang and Gary Schulfer have "wowed" many across the country. Showalter and his wife, Charlotte, plan to garden, fish, camp, spend time with their children and grandchildren and travel.

## David Staszak



David Staszak

During his 26 years at UWSP, Dave Staszak has served as a dean of Graduate Studies, professor of biology, director of the Title III Computer Literacy Project, director of International Programs and associate vice chancellor for Academic Programs and Grant Support Services. He has taught classes, brought a \$2.5 million computing grant to campus, administered millions of grant dollars and traveled to 30 countries. In retirement he will continue to enjoy his family, photography, exercise, hunting, fishing, SCUBA diving, riding his Harley and life on Sunset Lake with his wife, Sally Clanton, retired director of News Services.

## Kathleen Taft



Kathleen Taft

A 1963 graduate of UWSP, Kathleen Taft joined the academic staff in 1969 as a senior lecturer in chemistry. During her 37 years at UWSP, she has focused on helping students gain confidence in the field of chemistry and learn in a supportive environment. She is also responsible for the creation of the Iris Fountain located between the Dreyfus University Center and Old Main and the plantings in the courtyard of the Science Building.

## Eugene Tubbs



Eugene Tubbs

A 1972 graduate of UWSP, Eugene Tubbs has been a faculty associate in the College of Natural Resources since 1976. During his 30 years at UWSP he has been involved with the Stevens Point Water Commission, soil judging events and the CNR Germany/Poland summer seminars. Tubbs served as editor of the first edition of Soil Science Simplified. A native of Chetek, he and his wife, Gail, have four children. In retirement he may enjoy his hobbies of gardening, raising chickens, woodworking, fishing and hunting.

Additional faculty and academic staff retirees include Sharon Knopf, Douglas Post, Bill Radue and Joan Sosalla. Classified staff retirees include, Jean DiCicco, Cheryl Hasenohrl, Thomas Karch, Roy Kuschel, Nancy LaMar, Judith Peterson, Joan Ross, Maija Stumbris, Darlene Wechsler and Fred Zivicki.

# Faculty News

## Thomas appointed to national advisory board

Christine Thomas, dean of the UWSP College of Natural Resources, founder of Becoming and Outdoors Woman (BOW) and gubernatorial appointee to the DNR Board, has been named to the 11-member Sporting Conservation Advisory Committee by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton. The board will advise the Department of the Interior on issues important to sportsmen and women.

## Gingrasso selected for national educator award

Susan Hughes Gingrasso, retired professor of dance, received the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) Dance Educator Award this spring. She was nominated for the award by students, colleagues and alumna Stephanie Knipfer, '05, of the Bozeman Symphony Society in Montana. The award is one of three that recognize excellence in higher education, K-12 and the private sector.

## Librarian receives service award

Axel Schmetzke, professor in the university library, received the Francis Joseph Campbell Award, given by the Libraries Serving Special Populations Section of the American Library Association. The award recognizes Schmetzke's efforts in creating a barrier-free online environment, a virtual learning space that is accessible to everyone including persons with disabilities.

## Wilke reappointed Distinguished Professor

Richard Wilke, professor of environmental education, has been designated as a Distinguished Professor in the College of Natural Resources. This is the third time that Wilke has received this honor from the UW System Board of Regents. The position includes funding for research assistants, equipment, supplies and a portion of Wilke's salary. The appointment runs until March 2011.

## Armacanqui-Tipacti honored by UW System



Elia Armacanqui-Tipacti

Elia Armacanqui-Tipacti, associate professor of Spanish, was among 16 women from Wisconsin to receive the UW System Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award. The award recognizes women for their extensive contributions to their campus and their communities.

## Johnson continues research in Wyoming

Tom Johnson, professor of anthropology, traveled to Wyoming this summer to continue his research on Shoshone family histories at the American Heritage Research Center in Laramie and on the Wind River Reservation. Johnson received a \$5,000 University Personnel Development Grant to help offset his travel expenses. A main goal of the project was to research a Shoshone woman named Porivo, whom Johnson hopes to determine more conclusively to be Sacajawea, the Native American woman made famous by her involvement in the Louis and Clark Expedition. Some historians believe that Sacajawea died at Fort Manuel Lisa in 1812 while others believe that she returned to the Wind River Reservation where she lived as Porivo until 1883.

## Sprague elected to advising commission

Rhonda Sprague, undergraduate advising coordinator and associate professor of communication, has been elected chair of the Faculty Advising Commission of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), a nonprofit organization chartered in 1979 to promote quality academic advising and professional development to ensure the educational development of students.

## Freckman honored as conservation advocate

Robert Freckmann, emeritus professor of botany, received the Distinguished Service Award from the North Conservancy Trust at Schmeeckle Reserve in June. A founding member of the land trust's property committee and its director from 1999 to 2002, he was instrumental in furthering the trust mission of land conservation in central Wisconsin. Founded in 1994, the trust provides assistance to owners concerning property easements and land monitoring.

Freckmann retired in 2001 after 33 years in the biology department at UWSP, where he developed the herbarium into the second largest in the state. He continues to work at the herbarium, leads the Stevens Point Park Board, serves as vice president of the local Audubon Society and Friends of Powers Bluff and coordinates the Central Wisconsin Botanical Club. He and his wife, Sally, are also active with the Ice Age Trail.

## Trainer inducted into Hall of Fame

Daniel Trainer, Stevens Point, dean emeritus of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), was among the 2006 inductees into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

Trainer has been active in conservation in many ways. From 1971-87, he served as dean of the CNR. Under his leadership the college grew to become the largest undergraduate natural resources program in the country. He has also been highly involved in numerous environmental groups, organizations and efforts.

Trainer has held positions with the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, the Intrastate Recycling Corp. and the Plover River Alliance. A native of Princeton, he is a graduate of Ripon College. When he first came to UWSP, he was a recognized expert on wildlife disease and founded the veterinary science program. The second phase of his career began when he headed the new College of Natural Resources, retiring in 1989. Trainer is most proud of the success of the CNR graduates and the many leadership positions they hold in the state. Trainer is enjoying his retirement by devoting more time to causes and organizations like the Green Circle Trail, the Plover River Alliance and the North Central Conservancy Land Trust. He has also developed an interest in photography and continues to be an avid turkey hunter.





The Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility officially opened on June 2 in a ceremony that included College of Letters and Science Dean Lance Grahn, fifth from the left.

## UWSP aquaculture facility opens in Bayfield

The Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF) near Red Cliff, a partnership between UWSP, the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), UW-Extension and the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, opened officially June 2 with a ribbon cutting and open house.

Located seven miles north of Bayfield at 36445 State Highway 13, the NADF was begun in 1996 to “promote and advance the development of aquaculture in a northern climate.” The only facility of its kind in the Midwest, the NADF is dedicated to teaching people how to effectively raise, process and market freshwater fish for human consumption. Fish farmers, fisheries professionals and the public have the opportunity to see hands-on practices at a fully operating applied fisheries research and demonstration facility. Current projects include the incubation and rearing of walleye, yellow perch and brook trout. The NADF has received some welcome federal support the past two fiscal years thanks to U.S. Congressman David Obey and U.S. Senator Herb Kohl.

UWSP’s College of Letters and Science joined with the NADF in 2005 to support their aquaculture enterprise with expertise in fisheries and fish biology. Christopher Hartleb, UWSP associate professor of biology and water resources and co-director of NADF, is leading UWSP’s work at the facility.

“UWSP is excited to be part of the work done out of this impressive facility,” said Lance Grahn, dean of the College of Letters and Science. “We look forward to adding our faculty’s expertise in aquaculture to our partners’ strengths in outreach, economic development and business skills.”

To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Gregory Fischer, facility director, at 715-779-3461 or see [www.uwsp.edu/cls/aquaculture](http://www.uwsp.edu/cls/aquaculture).

## Biking and hiking adventure tours in 2007

UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours, offering trips for cyclists and hikers of all levels since 1985 through the School of Health Promotion and Human Development, has announced six European trips for 2007.

Itineraries of 30 to 70 miles per day for cyclists and five to ten miles for hikers are designed so participants can bike or hike as little or as much as they wish. Accommodations are typically at comfortable, charming 3-star hotels that are often family-run and characteristic of the area. Local cuisine is featured as well as cultural and historical sites such as castles, vineyards, open markets, architectural gems and distinctive landscapes. On bike trips, a van is used to transport luggage. Buses or trains transport travelers from one locale to another on hiking trips. All ages are welcome. Past participants have ranged in age from 18 to 84.

The schedule is as follows:

**Amalfi Coast, Italy, January 1 – 13 (hiking)** – This cultural walking and low-impact hiking tour will feature Sorrento, Capri, Mount Vesuvius, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello and the temples of Paestum, as well as two nights in Rome.

**Mallorca, March 15 – 25 (bicycling)** – Mild weather, excellent roads, spectacular scenery and outstanding accommodations are the highlights of this trip. This island in the Mediterranean is a cyclist’s paradise!

**France, June 12 – 28 (bicycling)** – Enjoy the lavender and sunflowers of Provence! Features will include historic villages, Roman ruins, the Papal Palace in Avignon, the medieval fortress town of Les Baux, and an optional ride up Mount Ventoux. We’ll explore areas made famous through the paintings of Van Gogh and Cezanne: Arles, St. Remy, Aix-en-Provence and Mt. St. Victoire.

**Germany, June 30 – July 15 (bicycling)** – The Mosel and Rhine valleys will offer cyclists magnificent views of meandering waterways with castles looming above. Villages of half-timbered houses like Tries-Karden and Bernkastel-Kues will take you back in time. Three days in the ancient Roman capital of Trier with its array of museums and churches will provide many cultural opportunities.

**England and Scotland, June 30 – July 15 (hiking)** – A Celtic tour of three different areas of Britain will begin on the peaceful Isle of Man where we’ll enjoy coastal walks, visit unique villages, and ancient Viking ruins and castles. The Lake District will be next, home to poets and galleries, with abundant hiking opportunities. Oban in Scotland, with hiking excursions to the Isles of Kerrara, Mull and Staffa, will also be featured.

**Norway and Denmark, July 21 – August 12 (bicycling)** – Starting in Oslo, we’ll spend the first two days seeing historic and cultural sites. We’ll cycle down the coast of Norway, exploring harbors and forts. A ferry will take us across the North Sea to Denmark, where we’ll pedal westward to coastal resorts, finally spending two days in Copenhagen.

To learn more about the trips, visit the Web site, [www.uwsp.edu/hphd/bikehike](http://www.uwsp.edu/hphd/bikehike), e-mail [bikehike@uwsp.edu](mailto:bikehike@uwsp.edu), or call 715-346-4080.



Hikers enjoy the coasts of Britian

## Yonke new director of International Programs



Eric Yonke

Eric Yonke, a UWSP professor of history and coordinator of peace studies, began half-time duties as the new director of International Programs on August 1, following the retirement of director Dave Staszak.

“Eric has the experience, expertise, personality and wisdom to insure that study abroad programming at UWSP will grow for the benefit of our students,” says Staszak. “I am very pleased

with his appointment.”

As the director of both semester and short term study abroad opportunities in more than 15 countries, Yonke says he plans to “maintain the programs that we have and the great tradition we have. I also want to branch out.”

He envisions an expansion of international internships and the creation of new programs related to human rights, poverty and development.

A specialist in modern European history, Yonke served as the coordinator of the International Studies degree program at UWSP, led two semesters abroad and two summer study programs in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic that focused on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, coordinated the Magdeburg Dual-Degree Program offered by UWSP and Magdeburg University in Germany and served as a member of the UWSP international affairs committee and sub-committee.

He is the current acting director of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, a nonprofit organization whose members include 22 private and public colleges and universities in the state. After a new director is elected, Yonke will continue as UWSP’s representative for the organization.

Yonke has also served as the faculty adviser for the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and as the unofficial adviser to other student organizations on human rights and other related topics.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

## State wildfire used as a learning experience

The Learning, Experiences and Activities in Forestry (LEAF) program at UWSP is using one of Wisconsin’s worst wildland fires as a learning experience for Wisconsin’s K-12 students.

In May 2005, more than 3,400 acres of land in Adams County burned, destroying 30 homes and other structures. As a result, the LEAF program worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create a supplement to the existing Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Education Lesson Guide that focuses on the economic, social and ecological implications of wildland fire in Wisconsin.

“We saw a public need and started an education initiative to help ensure that K-12 students understand the risks, the role that humans play in setting most of Wisconsin’s wildland fires and how we can safeguard life and property through proper planning and implementation, said Sterling Strathe, LEAF’s program director.

LEAF piloted the program in May within the Adams Friendship school district, where some students lost their homes in the 2005 fire. After students completed lessons in their classrooms, they gathered at a burned site in nearby Big Flats where they were taught fire ecology, reforestation and fire “do’s and don’ts” by UWSP students in Professor Dan Sivek’s Foundation of Environmental Education II class. The DNR also demonstrated their fire suppression equipment.

## UWSP listed in *The New York Times*

UWSP was listed in the April 23 edition of the *New York Times* as one of the top 109 colleges in the nation for the percentage of students completing degrees in six years, a common time period for measuring graduation rates.

The listing appeared in the Education Life section of the paper. According to the table, 58 percent of UWSP students graduate within six years, putting UWSP on par with the State University of New York, Stony Brook; University of Maine, Farmington; Pennsylvania State University, Berks; Mississippi State University and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.



## CNR fundraiser celebrates conservationists

College of Natural Resources alumni and friends will celebrate the work of Fred Schmeekle and those who followed in his footsteps during 60 years of conservation education at the 2006 Fall Migration, a fundraising dinner to benefit the CNR.

Held Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center on Highway 10 East, the event will begin with a social at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar, silent and live auction and raffle will follow dinner.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Reservations should be made before Friday, Oct. 20. Call the CNR at 715-346-4617 or go online to [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration). Reservations received before Friday, Oct. 13, will be eligible for the special Early Goose Raffle Drawing in which two winners will receive \$250 in CanvasBucks redeemable for raffle tickets at the banquet.

## Career Services announces new credential policies

Changes in the way school districts hire teachers have led to changes in the way Career Services Office at UWSP handles teacher credential files.

School administrators are now accepting copies of credential files supplied by teaching candidates, so the UWSP Career Services Office has stopped creating credential files for UWSP alumni teaching candidates. Instead, says director Mary Mosier, the office is now helping students and alumni with "self credentialing," the putting together of materials to effectively market oneself for a teaching position.

Mosier adds that the Career Services Office recently changed its policy regarding the length of time the university will keep teacher credential files. While the former policy had been to keep these for 35 years then shred them, the new policy states that these files will be kept until January 2013 then shredded.

Even though 2013 is some time away, Career Services will regularly publish notices of this policy so alumni are informed of this change. Any alumni who want the non confidential contents of their teacher credential file can contact the Career Services Office with their request.

Since many of these credential files contain outdated materials, alumni seeking teaching positions would be well served to obtain new letters of recommendation rather than relying on those residing in their university credential file. UWSP credential files typically contain a resume or data sheet and letters of recommendation. Transcripts have never been a part of credential files. The Records and Registration Office is responsible for all transcripts.

The staff of Career Services would be happy to talk with alumni about the impact of this new policy or about any questions alumni have related to job seeking or career changing. The office is located in Room 134 Old Main Building, [career@uwsp.edu](mailto:career@uwsp.edu), 715-346-3226.

## Dreyfus University Center remodeling begins



Photo by University Relations and Communications and Susan Crotteau

Construction began on a \$26 million Dreyfus University Center remodeling project May 30, and will continue through fall 2007. An official closing ceremony was held May 3, attended by Chancellor Linda Bunnell, students and center staff. By July, the center's facelift began in earnest, as the façade was removed to make room for an expanded entrance and two-story corridor. Students approved the project's funding through student fees.



# Outstanding Faculty and Staff

## Excellence in Teaching Award

**Richard Behm**, professor of English, at UWSP since 1976  
**Michelle Brophy-Baermann**, associate professor of political science, at UWSP since 1997  
**Pat Kluetz**, head of the Division of Interior Architecture, at UWSP since 1988  
**Jeana Magyar-Moe**, assistant professor of psychology, at UWSP since 2003  
**Guillermo Penafiel**, professor of art and design, at UWSP since 1991

## University Scholar Award

**Valentina Peguero**, professor of history, at UWSP since 1990  
**Alek Toumi**, associate professor of foreign languages, at UWSP since 2000

## University Service Award

**Scott Frazier**, professor of health, exercise science and athletics, at UWSP since 1988.

## Academic Staff Excellence Award

**Sue Kissinger**, coordinator of advising and recruitment and director of the Student Success Center in the College of Natural Resources, at UWSP since 1995.

## Academic Staff Spirit of the Community Service Award

**Carol Schulz**, executive assistant to the dean of the College of Natural Resources, at UWSP since 1992.



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# Alumna named to equity and affirmative action post



Mai Vang

Mai Vang, '03, master's '04, has been named UWSP's new assistant to the chancellor for equity and affirmative action.

Vang began her duties on July 1, and is responsible for programs aimed at promoting equity in the work place at UWSP. She will develop, implement and monitor equity and affirmative action policies that ensure all employees are treated fairly regardless of age, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any one of a number of other factors. She will also serve as the institution's spokesperson on diversity related issues.

Previously Vang served UWSP as a student service specialist in education and coordinator of Project Forward, a program that offers Hmong students the tools and guidance needed to become certified Southeast Asian refugee classroom teachers. Vang herself is a graduate of the program and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in education at UW-Madison.

"Mai's familiarity with the campus and community will help her move quickly into her new position," said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. "She brings a focused energy and sense of purpose."

Bunnell also thanked Ron Strege, director of multicultural affairs, for serving as interim director of equity and affirmative action during the search for a permanent director.

# Student news

- ✧ Nine undergraduate students displayed their research at the State Capitol in Madison as part of the Third Annual Posters in the Rotunda: A Celebration of Undergraduate Research on April 25, including Kyle Taylor of Stevens Point, Karen Chamberlin of Wisconsin Rapids, Veronique Van Gheem of Green Bay, Shane Heinrich of Wausau, Laura Kneebone of Oregon, Amanda Burg of Slinger, Rachel Koehler of Stevens Point, Nick Legler of Seymour and Kristianne Neeser of Grand Forks, N.D.
- ✧ Five graduate students in the College of Natural Resources received Gaylord Nelson Earth Day Fellowships given by the Wilderness Society for significant contributions to promoting conservation ethics and environmental education as well as exhibiting leadership potential, including Courtney Schaefer of Grand Island, Neb.; Jennifer Dillard of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Brian Barch of Baraboo; Rainey Kreis of San Pedro, Calif.; and Jessica Huxman of Stevens Point.
- ✧ Elizabeth Stangl of Beaver Dam, an education student and president of the UWSP chapter of the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA), has been named the StWEA State Student Leader of the Year.
- ✧ The National Student Education Association honored UWSP's StWEA chapter with its Local Excellence Award. The national association also named Amanda Froom, an education student and StWEA president at the state level, was honored as Outstanding State Leader.
- ✧ Three students, Amanda Lewin of Cudahy, Kyle Borkenhagen of Baraboo, and Ashley Erikson of Deerfield, received Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society Grants to study abroad. UWSP was among the few institutions to have three student winners.
- ✧ Four students, Adam Rappel of Mishicot, Ben Petree of Wausau, Wayne Salzmann of Neenah and Justin Schwartz of Antigo, performed in Carnegie Hall with the Ninth Annual National Wind Ensemble as part of a Memorial Day concert series. Schwartz was also recognized by Wisconsin Public Radio as finalists in the Neale-Silva Young Artists' Competition, along with a UWSP Woodwind Quintet made up of Samantha Theuring of Racine, Schwartz, Angelina Lopez-Frank of Stevens Point, Cody Hunter of Sun Prairie and Molly Lindemann of Valders.
- ✧ Two students, Kim Kriegel of Hatley and Kristin Madson of Valders, were recognized with awards at the 22nd Annual Brass Ring Awards Competition. Kriegel received an Award of Merit in poster design and Madson was honored with third place in 3-dimensional design.
- ✧ UWSP's student chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) has been selected as the Student Chapter of the Year for 2006 by the ASID National Professional Chapter.
- ✧ Six students participated in the 2006 Eagle Walk in March. Jerry Stoecklein of Lakeville, Minn.; Stacy Feldman of Juneau; Nick Hyer of Allouez; Alissa Tervo of Hudson; Ian Perkins of Fall Creek; and Katie Adams of Germantown took the 200 mile walk on the rural roads of Wisconsin from UWSP to Glen Haven. Held annually during the week of spring break, the walk raises funds for the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the state of Wisconsin matches funds raised by the walkers before the event.



Stevens Point area Hmong students took part in a weeklong campus visit in June which focused on health career options at UWSP. Over 20 area junior and senior high students participated in hands-on activities, including a visit to this clinical laboratory science classroom.



# UWSP events calendar

<http://events.uwsp.edu>

## September

**Fall semester begins**  
Tues., Sept. 5

**Music Department recitals and concerts**  
(Events are in Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)  
**Faculty recital: Paul Doeblar, flute**, Thurs., Sept. 21  
**Guest recital: Jenni Yang, clarinet**, Sun., Sept. 24, 3 p.m.  
**Faculty recital: Lawrence Leviton, cello**, Sat., Sept. 30

**Exhibit: Faculty work**  
Closing reception, Mon., Sept. 11, 4-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

**Spud Bowl and picnic**  
Sat., Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

**Exhibit: Humble: 1900-1950**  
Sept. 17-Oct. 15, a study of objects from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Reception: Sat., Sept. 23, 4-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of India**  
Sat., Sept. 30, 3-9 p.m.  
SPASH, Stevens Point

## October

**Music Department recitals and concerts**  
**Faculty recital: Ryan Korb, percussion**, Thurs., Oct. 5  
**Voice area recital**, Mon., Oct. 16  
**Symphony Orchestra**, Wed., Oct. 18  
**Guest recital: Electropolis and Silent Film Metropolis**, Wed., Oct. 19  
**Wind Ensemble**, Fri., Oct. 20  
**Combined Choirs**, Sat., Oct. 21, and Sun., Oct. 22, 3 p.m.  
**Faculty recital: Andrea Splittberger-Rosen, clarinet**, Sun., Oct. 22  
**Jazz Ensemble**, Mon., Oct. 23

**Performing Arts Series: Los Hombres Caliente, jazz trio**  
Sun., Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Theatre and Dance Dept.: “Anton in Show Business”**  
Oct. 13-15 & 19-22  
Studio Theater, Noel Fine Arts Center

**2006 Homecoming Week**  
Oct. 16-21 (see back page)  
Campus and community events

**Exhibit: PostSecret**  
Oct. 22-Nov. 22, homemade postcards.  
Reception: Sun., Oct. 22, 2-4 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

**UWSP Foundation Board annual meeting**  
Mon., Oct. 23

**CWES Hoot and Howl**  
Fri., Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m.  
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,  
Amherst Junction

**90FM WWSP Jazzfest**  
Oct. 13-16, 60 hours of jazz  
Concert featuring Connie Evingson and the Clearwater Hot Club  
Sat., Oct. 14, 8 p.m.  
Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center

## November

**Music Department recitals and concerts**  
**Clarinet Studio Recital**, Sat., Nov. 11  
**Composers Concert**, Mon., Nov. 13  
**Voice Area Recital**, Fri., Nov. 17  
**Mostly Percussion Ensemble**, Mon., Nov. 20  
**Lab Jazz Ensemble**, Tue., Nov. 21  
**Chamber Jazz Ensemble**, Tue., Nov. 28  
**Concert Band**, Thurs., Nov. 30

**Performing Arts Series: Ethos Percussion, ethnic quartet**  
Mon., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Theatre and Dance Dept. musical: “The Pirates of Penzance”**  
Nov. 10-12 & 16-19  
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

**Family Weekend**  
Oct. 13-15  
Residence halls and campus

**Hansen Lecture Series: Karl S. Pnazek, CAP Services**  
Mon., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 221, Noel Fine Arts Center



**Performing Arts Series: Kathy Mattea, country western singer**  
Sun., Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

## December

**Music Department recitals and concerts**  
**Campus Band**, Sun., Dec. 3  
**Jazz Ensemble**, Mon., Dec. 4  
**Concert Choir/Chamber Singers**, Tues., Dec. 5  
**Symphony Orchestra**, Wed., Dec. 6  
**Wind Ensemble**, Fri., Dec. 8  
**Choral Union/Women’s Choir**, Sun., Dec. 10, 3 p.m.

**Exhibit: Poster Offensive**  
Dec. 4-Jan. 28, poster works.  
Reception: Sat., Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center



**Performing Arts Series: Eileen Ivers, Celtic fiddle**  
Wed., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Theatre and Dance Dept.: “Afterimages”**  
Dec. 7-9  
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

**Fall commencement**  
Sat., Dec. 16, 1 & 4:30 p.m.  
Quandt Fieldhouse

## January 2007

**Winterim classes**  
Jan. 2-18

**Spring semester begins**  
Mon., Jan. 22

## February 2007

**Performing Arts Series: Alonzo King’s LINES Ballet**  
Contemporary dance  
Tues., Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Arts Bash 2007**  
Sat., Feb. 3, 7-10 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center

**Theatre and Dance Dept.: To be announced**  
Feb. 9-11 & 15-18  
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

**Exhibit: Lineage: Three Generations of Artists**  
Feb. 11-March 4, works by three generations of teachers and students.  
Reception: Mon., Feb. 12, 4-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

## March 2007

**Theatre and Dance Dept.: “Romeo and Juliet”**  
March 2-4 & 8-10  
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

**Exhibit: Clothing as Metaphor**  
March 11-April 8, clothing forms.  
Reception: Mon., March 12, 4-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center



**Performing Arts Series: Chicago City Limits, improv comedy**  
Thurs., March 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

## Future Homecoming dates:

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007  
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

## Future 90 FM Trivia dates:

Trivia 38, April 20-22, 2007  
Trivia 39, April 11-13, 2008

Events are subject to change. Tickets for campus events, unless otherwise noted, are available through the University Box Office, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378, or at the door if not sold out in advance. The Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery, located on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center, are open free of charge when classes are in session. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.; and Thursday evenings and during evening performances, 7-9 p.m. For information, contact Caren Heft, 715-346-4794 or [cheft@uwsp.edu](mailto:cheft@uwsp.edu).

# Alumni Association events

For more information on alumni events or to plan one in your area, call 715-346-3811 or e-mail [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu). Sign up online at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).

## September

**Hereford and Hops Tour and Tasting**  
Thurs., Sept. 7, 5-7:30 p.m.  
Hereford and Hops Restaurant, Wausau

**Treasures of Italy trip**  
Sept. 14-22  
Chianciano and Fiuggi, Italy

**Rugby Football Club Reunion**  
Sept. 29-30  
Bukolt Park, Stevens Point

**Football Game and tailgate, Pointers at Trinity University**  
Sat., Sept. 30, 12 noon  
Deerfield, Ill.



## October

**First Nighter’s dinner and show: “Anton in Show Business”**  
Fri., Oct. 13, 6 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center

**Class of 1956 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
Oct. 13-14  
UWSP campus

**Alumni Association Board meeting**  
Fri., Oct. 20  
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station

**2006 Homecoming Week**  
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**Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet**  
Sat., Oct. 21, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Stevens Point

## November

**Women’s basketball tailgate**  
Thurs., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.  
Nicholas Suite, Kohl Center, Madison  
Exhibition game vs. UW-Madison  
\$20/person for parking, tickets and meal

**First Nighter’s dinner and show: “The Pirates of Penzance”**  
Fri., Nov. 10, 6 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center

**Alumni shopping trip to Minneapolis**  
Sat., Nov. 18

## January 2007

**UWSP alumni chapter meetings**  
Dates to be announced  
Would you like to help organize a UWSP alumni chapter in your neck of the woods? If so, call Alumni Affairs at 715-346-3811 and meet with other alumni in your area.

## February 2007

**First Nighter’s dinner and show: To be announced**  
Fri., Feb. 9, 6 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center

## March 2007

**First Nighter’s dinner and show: “Romeo and Juliet”**  
Fri., March 2, 6 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center

**Washington D.C. Pointer Reunion**  
Tues., March 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Rock Bottom Brewery, Arlington, Va.





# Alumnus went off the beaten path and into the sky

Craig Wilson, '00, Madison, has not always taken the beaten path. For example, most UWSP students finish their degree in four or five years; Wilson finished his in about 26.

While most photographers hold their camera with their hands or a tripod, Wilson chooses to hold his with a kite.

Ever heard of indoor kite flying? Well, he does that too.

Admittedly, these choices have made life a little bit more complex for Wilson, but all of these things also have given him something very special: a view far less ordinary.

Wilson started down his path to a college degree in the fall of 1974 when he enrolled at UWSP and began studying forestry and natural resources. After a while his interests shifted to general science with intent to teach. But then his path took a turn toward the unique. In 1978 he jumped at the chance to study abroad and soon found himself immersed in the rich culture of Malaysia.

"That was a highlight," says Wilson, "It opened my eyes to my place in the world." The trip also shifted his interests again. After returning from abroad, he left school and went into residential construction. He worked, married and started a family with his wife, Betsy. For a while he was on another very good but ordinary path. Then came kites.

Wilson became fascinated with kiting in the 1980s, first with the "sport kites" that were popular at the time. A step up from the classic children's toy, sport kites have two strings rather than the traditional one and offer the operator a higher level of control. By manipulating the strings, the "pilot" steers the kite, causing it to turn, loop and dive. After learning about kites through store bought kits, Wilson began to experiment with building his own, working through a progression of what he calls "bigger and badder" kites. Eventually he had an epiphany, connecting the dots of kiting and his other longtime hobby - photography.

"One day I was holding down a big kite, a big twenty-foot wing, trying to get some pictures" says Wilson. "I've got one hand on the kite and I'm taking pictures with the other hand and I make the connection that the camera could easily be lifted by the kite."

That moment set the wheels in motion and he began constructing the equipment he would need to dangle a camera from a kite and capture images from the sky.

This was no simple task. His first design involved a small, inexpensive and most of all "expendable" 35 mm film camera, a special timing device and an interesting conglomeration of jewelry chain, bits of wood and rubber bands. But the rig sat dormant for sometime after its completion.

"I had the camera ready for several months before working up the courage to lift it and, I figured, smash it to bits," says Wilson. But on December 7, 1987, in a stiff winter wind, it took to the sky for the first time and captured a slightly crooked, but successful image of his Sun Prairie home. While not publishable, those first photos revealed to Wilson the amazing possibility and intriguing point of view of kite aerial photography.

His initial success led to further developments, which led to further successes. Over time, his camera rig, just as his kites did, got "bigger and badder." With many trips to the drawing board and the work bench, Wilson's creation evolved into the advanced system he uses today.

The bits of wood, jewelry and rubber bands are gone. Now an 8 mega-pixel digital camera hangs on carefully designed metal brackets beneath an intricate pendulum system on the kite string. A series of radio controlled motors tilt and rotate the camera to point the lens at a subject and another transmitter has replaced the timer to trip the shutter.

Over the years Wilson has perfected his hobby to an art. His photographs have been published in *Air and Space* and *Outside* magazines. His work has also appeared in a number of museums including the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum in Oshkosh, the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C.

This summer, Wilson published the first collection of his photos, *Hanging by a Thread: A Kite's View of Wisconsin*. The 136-page softcover book, featuring more than 140 of his kite's-view photographs, was printed by Itchy Cat Press in Blue Mounds and is now available in bookstores.

Wilson's passion for kites is not limited to those

with cameras. His collection has grown to include more than 200 kites from all corners of the world. He has explored a wide variety of kite designs and recently began working with Guild Works, a group of indoor kiting enthusiasts and performers, to build kites that require no wind to fly. With ultra lightweight designs, indoor or zero-wind kites are powered by body movements like a gentle flick of the wrist and slow ballet-like strides across an open floor. The group even choreographs performances set to music, a far cry from the usual 50 meter get-this-kite-in-the-air dash.

The kites designed, built and used by Guild Works are made from paper thin cloth and microcarbon or wrapped graphite spars that give them unique shapes. Many have multiple strings that control their graceful movements through the still spaces of a room.

Wilson performed with the group at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia as part of a celebration for Benjamin Franklin's birthday. Guild Works also performs at private events including parties and corporate gatherings.

After leaving school in 1978, Wilson spent his time working and experimenting with loftier pursuits, literally. His credits, meanwhile, sat collecting a bit of dust. It wasn't until his children, Casey and Madeleine, reached their teen years that he saw good reason to return to his studies.

"I was giving the 'stick with it' and 'got to finish what you start' speeches and I realized...hmm...I guess I've got some unfinished business myself," says Wilson.

Wilson took courses at UW-Madison and transferred the credits back to UWSP. He also took online courses and received several experiential learning credits for his work in photography. In 2000, these credits, combined with his work in the 70s, earned him a degree in general science with a minor in biology.

Now, of course, his "finish-what-you-started" speech has more validity, he says, even if his "stay focused" speech leaves a little bit to be desired. Still, it seems unlikely that Wilson would have found the view less ordinary had he remained on the beaten path.

For more information about Guild Works, go to [www.guildworks.com](http://www.guildworks.com).



Craig Wilson demonstrates his indoor kite flying skills with Guild Works



Wilson's new book features photos taken from a kite, including the photos above. One of Wilson's first attempts at kite photography was the self portrait below.





# Walk across America

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along with Celgene, a pharmaceutical company in New Jersey. Over the course of the hike, Grapa and Laatsch hope to raise \$1 million for the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation. So far they have raised more than \$95,000 with more fundraisers planned along the way.

Their other goal is to raise awareness through media coverage of their walk as well as by talking to people they meet.

“The more people that know someone who has been affected either directly or indirectly by Aplastic Anemia or MDS (myelodysplastic syndromes) and are aware of such are more likely to support research for them,” says Grapa on her Web site. “And in the end, that saves lives, and makes the experience of dealing with the illness a little smoother.”

Grapa did not know she was sick in her freshman year at UWSP. During a routine visit to University Health Service, one of the doctors noticed her low blood cell count and sent her to a specialist in Marshfield. He diagnosed aplastic anemia, a disease that occurs when bone marrow stops making enough healthy blood cells.

A bone marrow transplant was one treatment option, but her brother was not a match. Instead, the Laatsch’s opted for a four-day immunosuppressive treatment at St. Joseph’s in Marshfield, which was effective. However, Grapa had a severe reaction to her medications and suffered from seizures that nearly took her life. She ended up in the intensive care unit (ICU) at St. Joseph’s.

Laatsch recalled that when her daughter got sick, she thought she’d be able to be there at her side no matter what. But when the worst of it came while Grapa was in the ICU, Laatsch had to leave the room. Her husband held their daughter’s hand while a priest came in to perform last rites.

“I was out in the waiting room, praying,” Laatsch said. “I told God I’d do anything He asked as long as our daughter could stay with us.” After Grapa recovered from her ordeal, Laatsch waited for the moment in which she knew God would tell her what that “anything” would be, she said.

Seven years later the moment came when Grapa explained her idea of walking the ADT to raise funds and awareness for aplastic anemia.

“When Robin asked if I’d walk with her, I immediately said yes,” explains Laatsch. “Now I’m keeping my promise. I’m going to be there to help her reach her goal and celebrate her life. Knowing what we went through, I’m also doing this to get the word out about this serious disease. It’s just as fatal as cancer and there is not much research into it.”

Grapa’s father, Keith, is also doing his part by keeping their



Grapa and Laatsch are following the American Discovery Trail, and took the southern route in Ohio. As of August 10, the pair had three states to go.

Web site up to date with photos and journal entries and promoting the walk while “holding down the fort at home,” he says. Grapa’s husband, Adam, is also supportive and works two jobs while she’s away. Both men were able to join their spouses in Denver for several days to celebrate Grapa’s July birthday thanks to a donation from Pharmion Pharmaceuticals.

Grapa admits that, despite training prior to the hike, both she and her mom were novices when it came to long-distance walking. Now they are experts in foot care and footwear. “I call my mom the ‘Blister Queen,’” she says. Both have gone through six pairs of hiking boots. “Our backs and feet hurt, but we’ve adapted,” she says.

After having a few days off at the Nashville conference, Grapa knew it wouldn’t be easy to get back into their hiking routine, so they increased their distance slowly. The patients and families she spoke to at the conference gave her the fuel to continue, she said, and she is looking forward to dipping her toes into the Pacific Ocean since she dipped her heels into the Atlantic Ocean back in Delaware.

“What I will remember most about this trip is that hope goes full circle,” Grapa said. “I’m giving hope to other patients of this disease and they are giving me the hope to push on. It’s humbling. While they’re thankful for what I’m doing, I’m thankful to them.”

When the walk is complete, she plans to get back to work but will continue to advance awareness of the disease. Though there is a chance for her to relapse, Grapa sees her diagnosis and remission as an adventure and a “second chance at life.”

“What got me and my family through it all was a positive attitude and a sense of humor,” she said. “When it gets tough, take it day by day. Then you’ll look back and see you’ve come a long way.”

Find more at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni), including links to the Our Hike Web site and Grapa’s daily journal. The pair hope that UWSP alumni who live along their hike through Utah, Nevada and California will come out to meet them as they continue onward toward their goal.



Robin Grapa and Patty Laatsch

## Homecoming 2006

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between several campus departments, the Stevens Point community and alumni and friends volunteering their time. It wouldn’t be what it is without everyone’s help.

“We welcomed over 500 alumni and friends back to campus last year,” said Alumni Affairs Director Laura Gehrman Rottier, “and we’re looking forward to seeing even more alumni, family and friends this year. We’ve added several events to our calendar so we hope everyone can take advantage of all that UWSP and the Stevens Point community has to offer during Homecoming weekend.”

Registering for Homecoming events is easy with a new online form available at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm). The first 100 registrants under will receive a free UWSP lanyard, and all who register will be entered into a drawing to win a free hotel stay. As space is limited for some activities, pre registration ensures being included in the fun.

“By offering online registration,” says Gehrman Rottier, “we hope to encourage alumni to let us and each other know that they are returning to our alma mater so we

can greet them and welcome them to campus with a personal touch – and maybe a free hotel stay!”

In addition to Homecoming events, the University Store will be open during the weekend at 200 Division Street, its new temporary location during renovations at the Dreyfus University Center. Schmeckle Reserve’s Visitor Center, Conservation Hall of Fame and five miles of natural and lakeside trails will also be open, as will UWSP’s Museum of Natural History and UWSP Archives in the University Library.

The Alumni Affairs office welcomes all UWSP alumni groups who are planning a reunion to contact them for help in organizing and publicizing the event. For more information, contact the office at 715-346-3811 or 877-764-6801 toll free.

See the back page of the Pointer Alumnus for a complete list of events and times or go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm). A list of area hotels may be found at <http://uwsp.collegehotelsguide.com>.

## CWES offering homecoming open house

The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) will dedicate its remodeled Sunset Lodge and hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 21, as part of UWSP’s Homecoming festivities.

Following the 11 a.m. Homecoming picnic on the lawn of Old Main, shuttle buses will begin taking visitors out to CWES in Amherst Junction and will continue



CWES’ newly remodeled Sunset Lodge includes a fieldstone fireplace made possible through a donation by Bob and Marilyn Worth of Stevens Point, who both attended UWSP.

between the university and field station throughout the day. Pre-registration is required online or by calling the alumni office.

A dedication of the newly remodeled Sunset Lodge will be held at 1:15 p.m., featuring College of Natural Resources Dean Christine Thomas and others who partnered to fund, design and provide finishing touches to the now larger and updated building.

The Prairie Smoke Bluegrass band will play in Sunset Lodge from 2-5 p.m. Based in Portage, the band has performed at festivals, coffeehouses, clubs and private events throughout Wisconsin. The group formed in 1998, inspired by Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs and Ralph Stanley.

The CWES cabins and facilities will be open for tours throughout the day, with student volunteers as guides. In the case of warm weather, the Sunset Lake waterfront will be open for pontoon rides, kayaking or canoeing. Games for children, refreshments and s’mores and hot cocoa around the fire are also planned.

UWSP alumni and their families were a big part of a very busy summer at CWES, says Director Scott Johnson, ’93, Rosholt. Many alumni rediscovered the environmental station by attending family weekend camps and sending their children to summer camps and the annual high school natural resource careers camp, he says.

Camp attendance was up by more than 40 percent, allowing for the purchase of additional kayaks for use during the summer camps and throughout the year for overnight and school programs. Alumni have also suggested the addition of family weekends that offer programs and activities for more experienced campers.

“We are excited to be able to reconnect alumni with UWSP as well as help them teach their kids about the great outdoors,” says Johnson.



# Class Notes

## 2000's

**Amanda Flunker**, '06, Appleton, had two design projects accepted for publication in the fall issue of Creative Quarterly Magazine, a national student art magazine geared toward college students and art departments.

**James Duquette**, '05, Saint Paul, Minn., is a law student at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities and is engaged to Lyndsay Learman, whom he met at UWSP. They are planning a summer 2007 wedding.

**Maureen (Nevins) Alley**, '04, and **Michael Alley**, '05, Madison, were married June 18, 2005, in Oshkosh then honeymooned in Key West, Fla.

**Katherine Lueck**, '04, Cordova, Ala., will marry Bruce Dunagan on March 10, 2007, in Alabama, with a reception in Wisconsin in March. Katherine is an overseas study academic adviser for the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

**Brenda Luchsinger**, '04, Tuscaloosa, Ala., completed a master's degree and is serving a horn internship at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. In July she spent two weeks in Spain at a chamber music festival and on

October 21, she'll be a featured guest soloist with the UW-Manitowoc Lakeshore Wind Ensemble.

**Sherry McManus**, '04, Plover, is a unit director for the Boys and Girls Club in Plover.

**Naomi Morris**, '04, and **Cory Foucault**, '04, both of Oak Creek, will be married in Holmen on May 19, 2007. Morris works in advertising for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.



**Jennifer Beranek**, '03, Madison, is public relations manager for Great Wolf Resorts, Inc., Madison.

**Brian Decorah**, '03, Tomah, was selected to attend the third annual Summer Institute at West Liberty State College in West Liberty, W.V., in June, as part of the college foundation's Emerging Minority Business Leaders Program. He works for the Ho-Chunk Nation in retail development and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. at UW-Eau Claire.

**Sara Schillinger**, '03, Greendale, is a fitness coordinator for UW-Milwaukee. Previously she worked at the Wisconsin Athletic Club. She began graduate studies in kinesiology this summer.

**Tony Galaska**, '03, Lafayette, Ind., is a visiting instructor of lighting design at Purdue University, where he earned a master's degree in May. During the summer he designed shows for the Texas Shakespeare Festival and The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's outdoor stage.

**Jonathan Schiller**, '02, Pewaukee, received a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May. He will serve his residency in emergency medicine at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University Program in Syracuse.

**Molly Mann**, '01, Milwaukee, has an animated short film, *Old Night*, in the Tomorrowland exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, which runs through August 13. She made the film while earning a master's degree in animation and film at the California Institute of the Arts in 2003. She is currently the creative manager for Maranda Enterprises in Mequon and a part-time professor of animation at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design.



**Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point, presented the May 21 commencement address in two ceremonies held at the Specht Memorial Forum/Sundial at UWSP. Andrew was Wisconsin's 2005 Young Entrepreneur of the Year and Portage County's 2005 Entrepreneur of the Year. He owns and operates Andrew's Ltd. Distinctive Men's Clothing with two Stevens Point locations. He and his wife, **Shana (Chase) Halverson**, '02, have one son.

**Rick Cornette**, '00, Los Angeles, Calif., appeared in his first prime-time featured role April 26 on an episode of *CSI:NY*. Rick played Nick Russo, the limo driver of guest star Kid Rock.

**Ann-Marie Rintelmann**, '00, Orlando, Fla., lived in Seattle for three years prior to moving to Florida. A speech-language pathologist with EBS Healthcare, she would love to hear from fellow swimming alumni at annrintelmann@msn.com.



**Clint Kriewaldt**, last attended '98, Pittsburgh, Pa., visited an elementary school in his native Shiocton in March to participate in the Read Across America program for the seventh year in a row. A reserve linebacker for the World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, Clint is pictured with his son. He and his wife, **Jamie (Lowney) Kriewaldt**, '01, also have a daughter.

## Bruning plays for national figures, traditions



Gunnar Bruning

From the funerals of military veterans and late President Ronald Reagan to the dedication of the World War II Memorial and the nation's Fourth of July celebrations, **Gunnar Bruning**, '99, Crofton, Md., has played his trumpet for some of the nation's most honored public figures and traditions.

As a member of the 90-member U.S. Navy Band, Bruning performs in numerous concerts and official ceremonies in the Washington, D.C., area and on tour. The Marathon native also teaches at the Washington Conservatory of Music and is a freelance musician in the area.

The band's ceremonial duties include playing at the White House, Capitol and Pentagon and for presidential inaugurations,

military retirements and changes of command as well as many funerals at Arlington Cemetery. They also perform in one U.S. tour each spring and give regular summer concerts at the Capitol and U.S. Navy Memorial.

"I like being a part of the ceremonial aspects of the band," he says. "To become a part of these big occasions is humbling, and a real honor and a privilege. These events are bigger than I am."

Bruning credits Music Department Chair Bob Kase for his foundation in trumpet skills as he studied with him for three years in high school and four years in college. All of UWSP's music faculty were supportive, he adds, and he enjoyed all he learned while playing in several ensembles.

After graduating from UWSP, Bruning went to the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he eventually earned a master's degree in trumpet performance and met his wife, Stephanie, a professional pianist. He'd often thought about having a career in a military band or orchestra, so when a rare opening came up in the Navy Band while he was still at the conservatory, he auditioned and earned the spot. The couple moved to the D.C. area in June 2001 after Bruning finished his degree.

After they audition as civilians, members of the band join the U.S. Navy while under contract, Bruning says, and serve in the band throughout their enlistment.

Bruning says he can see himself making a 20- to 30-year career out of playing in the band. He and his wife will evaluate that decision when his enlistment is up in two more years, he says.

The biggest adjustment in moving from Wisconsin to D.C. was the amount of traffic, he says, but he has grown to love Maryland.

"I like the people I work with – they are fabulous musicians from across the country," he added. "I've made some great friends."



On May 29, Gunnar Bruning (lower right) had the honor of playing *Taps* at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery. President George W. Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and other guests attended.



1990's

**Tera (Meyer) Coyle**, '99, Sammamish, Wash., a program assistant with the Issaquah school district, graduated with a master's of administration in August and is certified as a principal. She and her husband, Dan, have two children. Tera writes, "I love the Seattle area! I don't miss the Wisconsin snow or mosquitoes!"

**Jennifer (Boehm) Groszek**, '99, Chicago, Ill., is an attorney with Gunty and McCarthy in Chicago, practicing civil defense litigation and environmental toxic tort litigation. She is married to Robert Groszek, also an attorney.

**Heather Kind-Keppel**, '99, and her husband, **Todd Hauser**, '99, Columbia, Mo., welcomed a son, James Todd, in October.

**Cassandra (Janowski) Barnhart**, '99, Chapel Hill, N.C., married John Barnhart on June 15 in Chapel Hill, where they are building a home.

**Stephanie Sprangers**, '97, Milwaukee, married John Graham in August.

**Melissa (Orlowski) Phipps**, '97, Farmington, Mo., and her husband, Mike, welcomed a son, Mason Michael, in December.

**Cathy Kozlowicz**, '97, Elkhorn, coordinates the Basic Skills and Family Literacy Program for the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha and also writes for four newspapers. She also will present at the next WE LEARN conference at Yale University. Previously she was executive director of a YWCA in Eugene, Ore. Cathy is training for a three-day 60-mile walk for breast cancer awareness. For more information, call (262) 470-5099, e-mail ckoz13177@yahoo.com or see [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org).

**Laura Routh**, '97, Lawrence, Kan., inspects factories, plants and landfills as a hazardous waste/solid waste inspector for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment office in Lawrence. In 2003 she earned certification as a hazardous materials manager and is now in a public health certificate program through the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

Class of 1997, Let's celebrate!

Plans are being made for your 10th reunion next June, but we need YOUR help to make this celebration what YOU want it to be. The UWSP Alumni Association is forming a planning committee to organize fun events for the 10th reunion, to be held June 22-23, 2007. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office by Sept. 30 to sign up. We will be having a planning meeting the Sunday after Homecoming, Oct. 22, to kick off your own special year. More details will follow once you sign on for the fun!

**Eric Johnston**, '96, Maumelle, Ark., is a forestry sales manager for Riggs Tractor Co. in Little Rock, Ark. Previously he was a machine representative for Caterpillar in three southern states. He holds a master's degree from Western Illinois University and is married to Susan.

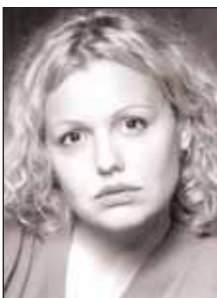
**Brian Versey**, '96, Sheboygan, is vice president and manager of the U.S. Bank Sheboygan Private Client Group. He recently won a trip to Mexico for achieving U.S. Bank's 2005 Pacesetter Award, given to the top one percent of employees for outstanding sales, service and retention.

**Nicole (Mau) Einbeck**, '95, Monroe, writes "Hello! I would love to hear from fellow HP/W graduates of '95. Contact me at [nicole.einbeck@monroeclinic.org](mailto:nicole.einbeck@monroeclinic.org)."

**Michael and Amy (Boucher) McGowan**, both '95, Miami, Fla., were featured with their son and daughter on the cover of the April issue of *Florida Trend* magazine for a story on those who relocate to Florida. The couple has lived in Miami for more than eight years. Michael received an MBA from the University of Miami and works for DHL Worldwide Express. Amy works at home for KI of Green Bay. Michael's parents, **Judy (Kolstra) McGowan**, '70, and Lewis McGowan now reside in The Villages, Fla. His grandmother, the late **Idelle Kolstra**, graduated from UWSP in 1961.

**Peter Windingstad**, '94, Minneapolis, Minn., is design director for VEE Corporation in Minneapolis. Previously he worked for ACME Corp. Production Services in Milwaukee and Scenic View Inc. in Chicago and operated his own live event production firm. He holds a master's degree from the University of Arizona. He and his wife, Holly, have two daughters.

**Jimmy Husain**, '93, Gahanna, Ohio, has been promoted to business intelligence consultant at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, where he relocated from Des Moines, Iowa.



**Tonya Ross (Beckman)**, '93, Washington, D.C., is an actor who has appeared in *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center and *The Game of Love and Chance* at the Folger Theatre in D.C. and in *Lady Windermere's Fan* with actress Dixie Carter in Baltimore. She also worked on the upcoming Nicole Kidman film, *The Visiting*. Next April she will appear as Sonia in *Crime and Punishment* at the Round House Theatre in Maryland.

**Tamara (Butts) Moore**, '92, Colorado Springs, was named dean of students at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where she formerly served in an interim role. Moore has worked at UCCS since 1998 and is a member of the Alumni Association board.

**Lisa (Hackman) Messer**, '91, a self-employed dietician, and her husband, **Jeff Messer**, '89, an experiential learning coordinator at Blackhawk Technical College, recently moved from Beloit to Edgerton with their two children. Lisa is coordinating a 20-year Roach Hall reunion for hall residents of the mid-80s (see Homecoming events, page 20) and hopes to see many "crazy dorm and wing mates" for fun and reminiscing.



**Aaron Haase**, '96, Colorado Springs, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, ran into **Terry Porter**, '93, Mequon, a former National Basketball Association player and coach, at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga., in April. Aaron is the base attorney at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and his wife, **Hope (Klingler) Haase**, '99, is a math teacher. The couple was married in the UWSP University Center Laird Room in 1999 then earned a law degree and master's degree respectively at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Pointers meet in Germany



**Lieutenant Colonel Joe Bray**, '89, assigned to the 1st Personnel Command; **Lieutenant Colonel Jackie (Mueller) Tillotson**, '89, assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G8; and **Lieutenant Colonel Mark Radtke**, '88, assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G3, met in Heidelberg for a Point reunion this spring. All three of the officers were commissioned through the UWSP ROTC program and all are on active duty in Germany.

From Sundial to wedding aisle



**Brian Kortendick**, '97, and **Susan (Wridt) Kortendick**, '96, Oak Creek, were married on Feb. 25, with many fellow UWSP grads in attendance. Pictured, left to right, are **Callie (Lowther) Steward**, '97, and **Jeff Steward**, '97, Shoreline, Wash.; **Laura Wolterstorff**, '96, San Francisco, Calif.; **Adam Theisen**, '97, Chicago, Ill.; **Heather (Keyes) Bauer**, '96, Saukville; **Dan Leemon**, '99, Jackson, Wy.; **Derek Bauer**, '97, Saukville; **Renee (Hahne) Martin**, '96, Columbia, Mo.; **Chris Donahue**, '97, St. Paul, Minn.; Brian and Susan. Friends who could not attend included **Josh Meister**, '98, Girdwood, Alaska; and **Erin (Daugs) Passalacqua**, '97, O'Fallon, Mo. Brian proposed to Susan at the Specht Memorial Forum (Sundial) on the UWSP campus in May 2005. Even though their paths crossed over the years, having gone to elementary and high school together in Racine and to UWSP, they didn't start dating until meeting again in 2002 when Susan returned to Racine to find a job and plan her high school reunion. The couple, who honeymooned in Costa Rica, expect their first child in November.

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## 1990's Continued

**Fred Hebblewhite**, '91, returned to Stevens Point where he is director of resource development for United Way of Portage County. He was director of marketing for Copps food stores and a United Way volunteer in Stevens Point then moved to Milwaukee to work for Roundy's and Aldi Foods. He and his wife, Lori, have two children.

**Janel Bahr**, '90, Appleton, married Jerry Jochman in Appleton in June.

**Nancy Turyk**, '90, master's '00, Amherst, a water scientist at UWSP's Center for Watershed Science and Education, received the UW Extension's 2006 Wisconsin Volunteer Stream Monitoring Award in the employee category.

## 1980's

**Greg Diekroeger**, '86, masters '94, Stevens Point, assistant director of campus activities at UWSP, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors for the National

Association for Campus Activities (NACA). He has served NACA in various roles in the past, both on the regional and national level. Additionally, Diekroeger is self-employed with Eventures Event Production Services. He and his wife, **Angie Heuck-Diekroeger**, masters '94, have two children.

**Mike Bestul**, '82, Fairmont, W.Va., is vice president and chief information officer at Fairmont State University. Previously he worked for the Florida Community College System, UW System, State Wisconsin Investment Board and UW-Madison. He holds a master's degree from Amberton University in Garland, Texas. He and his wife, Susan, a professional cellist, have three children.

**Vikki Lorenz**, '82, Chesapeake, Va., is vice president of Corporate Finance for Sentara Health System. Previously she was the finance director at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

**Colleen (Ulrich) Jones**, '82, Lake Mary, Fla., president and owner of C. Ray Accounting, graduated from UWSP in 1982, rather than "attended" as stated in the last issue. *The Alumnus* regrets the error.

## Class of 1982, Let's celebrate!

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**RoJeanne Doege-Floyd**, '80, Woodstock, Conn., along with her husband, John, and daughter, Jasmin, created Jasmin Ariel Creations, a greeting card and gift business that raises awareness and funding for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressive (FOP), a rare bone disease that causes bone cells to grow within muscles, tendons and other connective tissues. Jasmin, now 12, was diagnosed with FOP at age 5. RoJeanne writes that the discovery of an FOP gene has given

them new hope. "We appreciate the ongoing support and interest for her because FOP strikes only one in two million people," she says. For more information, see <http://www.jasminariel.com>.



Debra Leuman Gagnon

Cardinal Stritch University in May 2004 and recently became a licensed district administrator. She and her husband, John, have one daughter.

**Jill (Vandehey) Klefstad**, '80, Boyceville, was recently promoted to assistant professor at UW-Stout. Jill earned a Ph.D. in critical pedagogy in December from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.

**Nancy Lind**, '80, Normal, Ill., is a professor, public service internship coordinator and associate department chair of the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University in Normal. Recently recognized as a Professor of the Year finalist by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education, she has won more teaching awards than any other teacher at ISU and has written two books. Nancy earned her master's and Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. Though she lives in Illinois, she still bleeds green and gold. "Go Pack!" she says.

**Debra Leuman Gagnon**, '80, Green Bay, is principal of Dickinson Elementary in DePere. She earned a doctor of education degree from

## 1970's

**Thomas Albright**, '79, Bloomington, Ind., has been a systems analyst/programmer for the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University at Bloomington for the past 21 years.

**Michael Sullivan**, '78, Hastings, Neb., an obstetrician/gynecologist at Franklin County Memorial Hospital, Franklin, Neb., won the Male Amateur Vocalist and Male Gospel Vocalist of the Year from the Nebraska Country Music Foundation in 2005. He earned a master's degree in allied health education from the University of Kentucky in 1981 and a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1992. He is married to Anita.

**Sue (Meyer) Duda**, '76, Minocqua, is a batik (a wax-resist dying technique) artist, creating original sea life designs on silk as well as prints and note cards. She also plays fiddle in the Timberline String Band for folk dances throughout northern Wisconsin.

**Ronald Lange**, '76, Eau Claire, was named the 2006 Physician of the Year by Sacred Heart Hospital of Eau Claire. An ophthalmologist with Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic since 1984, Ronald specializes in retinal vascular disease and has served as the hospital's chief of surgery for over a decade. A 1980 graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin, he and his wife, Patricia, have two sons.



**Major Tom O'Brien**, '88, presented Lieutenant **Jared Nagel**, '04, with his Combat Infantryman's Badge while the two Wisconsin Army National Guardsmen were stationed in Kuwait last December. Tom is a Battalion Executive Officer who works for Becker Inc. in Wausau. He and his wife, **Heidi (Schoeppel)**, '87, have two children and reside in Stevens Point. Jared and his wife, **Sheri (Lobner)**, '03, reside in Plover with their two children. Both Tom and Jared were stationed in Kuwait through August with the 2-127th Infantry, headquartered in Appleton.

## UWSP alumnae employees honored

Four UWSP alumnae employees were honored in April by the Classified Staff Advisory Council (CSAC).

**Bernice (Czaplinski) Kurzynski**, '80, Stevens Point, won the CSAC 2006 Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award, which recognizes classified staff members who epitomize the standards of outstanding and dedicated service and special contributions to the university. She began working at UWSP in 1954 then left to raise her family. She returned in 1977, and has worked for the College of Professional Studies since then. Currently she is the academic department associate for the Division of Interior Architecture and is active in the community. Three alumnae received the CSAC Outstanding Contribution Award.

**Jackie DeKay**, '93, Stevens Point, has worked for UWSP for 35 years, 29 of them in the payroll area. Over the past year, she filled in for a co-worker on leave, working extra hours on both jobs.

**Laurie Graboski-Bauer**, '80, Stevens Point, works in the Multicultural Resource Center, where she assists students with planning multicultural activities and creates a friendly environment.

**Pat (Corcoran) Konkol**, '72, Plover, works in the Center for Communicative Disorders, where she has initiated several new business programs and procedures and helps train students.



Alumnae of the Tau Gamma Beta sorority met at the Chain O' Lakes in Waupaca over the summer for their annual reunion. From left to right are **Goldene (Schmoker) Purcell**, '57, Stevens Point; **Karen (Beebe) Engelhard**, '59, Stevens Point; **Pat (Sroda) Hanes**, '57, Baraboo; **Connie (Weber) Wade**, '57, Poynette; **Pat (Reading) Curry**, '58, Wisconsin Rapids; **Barbara Stoleson**, '60, Plover; **Jean (Getchell) Lange**, '57, Stevens Point; **Lolly (Schlack) Daun**, '57, Madison; **Sue (Johnson) Verage**, '58, Rhinelander; **Betty (Woehlert) Masaros**, '57, Appleton; **Margaret (Christ) Burns**, '57, Neenah; **Nancy (Hager) Vevea**, '58, Rhinelander; **Darlene (Schimke) Rogers**, '57, Neenah; **Betty (Hurlbut) Kessler**, '58, Waupaca; and **Donna (Trickey) Jacoboski**, '57, Fairfield, Ohio.

## Alumni honored for teaching

Four UWSP alumni were honored by the Portage County Business Council Foundation's 2005-06 Partners in Education teacher recognition program.

**Diana Bohman**, master's '96, Amherst, won a Golden Apple Award. She has taught family and consumer education for 40 years, currently at Amherst Middle School.

**Michelle Kempe**, '96, Stevens Point, won a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction Award. She teaches math at Ben Franklin Junior High in Stevens Point.

**Tammy Tautges**, '90, Plover, won a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction Award. She teaches English as a second language at McKinley Elementary School in Stevens Point.

**David Woyak**, '60, Hancock, won a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction Award. He teaches third grade at Riverview Elementary School in Wautoma.



A group of Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni got together for a fishing trip in Ontario this summer. Pictured are, back row from left to right, **Dan Leider**, '69, Ringle; **Mike Schilleman**, '69, Layton, Utah; **Jim Tipple**, '69, Wausau; **Rob McGrane**, '68, Green Bay; and **Jim Richardson**, '69, Rockford, Ill. In the front row, left to right, are **Jack Finger**, '69, Ellison Bay; **Bob Woelfl**, '69, Port Washington; **Bob Diverde**, '69, Boynton Beach, Fla.; **Barry Norem**, '68, Madison; and **Jim Martin**, '70, Mosinee.





Karen Brownell

**Karen Brownell**, '76, Pittsville, a mathematics teacher at Pittsville High School, won Lawrence University's Outstanding Teaching in Wisconsin Award in June. She has spent her entire 30-year teaching career at PHS, where she has taught every mathematics course and served as coach of the math team, a consistent top finisher in UWSP's Central Wisconsin Math League. She has also served as the girls' volleyball coach for 28 years and track coach for 17 years.

**Kathryn Gorichan**, '75, Antigo, retired in April 2005, after 30 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service. Gorichan says she was the first woman district conservationist in Wisconsin, leading the way for other women in an all-male agency.

**Alexa Posny**, '74, Arlington, Va., is director of the Office of Special Education Programs for the U.S. Department of Education. Previously she served as deputy commissioner of education for the Kansas State Department of Education. She holds Ph.D. and master's degrees from UW-Madison in education administration and behavioral disabilities.

**Steven Schmidt**, '73, Sherborne, Dorset, United Kingdom, works as a horticulturist.

**Charles Kihm**, '72, Carson City, Nev., received an associate of applied science-automotive degree from Western Nevada Community College in May. He also has an associate of arts degree in general studies from Milwaukee Area Technical College and a master of arts degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

**Gary Vander Wyst**, '72, Park Falls, chairs the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters through 2007. Vander Wyst has worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources since 1998, currently as the Upper Chippewa Area forestry

specialist and is part of the Incident Command Overhead team for forest fires. Previously he was in the U.S. Army, was a research forester in Morocco with the U.S. State Department and was a civilian forester for the Department of the Army.

# 1960's

**Mary McGrath**, '69, Burnsville, Minn., a speaker, author and educator with 31 years of teaching experience, presents workshops and in-services for teachers, parents and organizations through Reflections Resources, Ltd. Her books include *Teachers in Transition: Growing Forward Through Retirement* and *Teachers Today: A Guide to Surviving Creatively*. She also co-wrote two books and is a member of the National Speakers Association and Toastmasters International and holds a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. Find out more at <http://www.maryzmcgrath.com/>

# 1950's

## Class of 1957, Let's celebrate!

Plans are being made for your 50th reunion next June, but we need YOUR help to make this celebration what YOU want it to be.

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John and Mary Jo Boyne

**John Boyne**, '56, Centerville, Mass., and Parrish, Fla., and his wife, Mary Jo (Tepp), celebrated 50 years of marriage in April and marked the occasion with a three-week trip to Europe. The couple married in Stevens Point in 1956. John graduated from UW-Madison in 1961 and worked for Kimberly-Clark, Jiffy Packaging and Sealed Air Corporation. He retired in 1987. He and his wife, a nurse, have two children.

# 50 year reunion planned for class of 1956

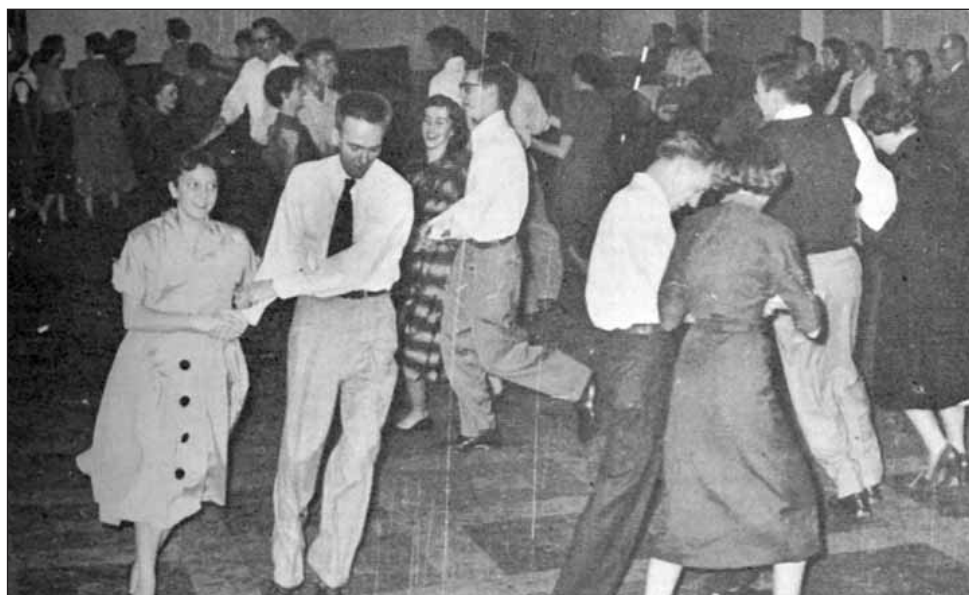
The class of 1956 will gather at UWSP on Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14, to mark its 50-year reunion and enjoy a campus tour, entertainment, food and friendship.

The event kicks-off Friday with a welcome and lunch buffet at 11:30 a.m. in the Founders Room of Old Main. From 1-2 p.m., classmates may choose from three activities: an information session on genealogical research with Ruth Steffen in Room 310 of the University Library, a behind-the-scenes look at the Department of Theatre and Dance production of "Anton in Show Business" at the Studio Theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center or a tour of the wrestling program in the Health Enhancement Center.

A campus tour will be offered between 2:15 and 4 p.m., with participants meeting at the courtyard of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Transportation will be provided between academic buildings and the residence halls.

A cocktail reception and cash bar will be held from 4-5 p.m., followed by a First Nighter's dinner theatre performance of Anton in Show Business or a dutch treat dinner at one of Stevens Point's restaurants.

On Saturday, a continental breakfast and social begins the day at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard of the Noel Fine Arts Center. A welcome, singing of the alma mater, introductions and reminiscing will follow, including a video and music presentation that centers on the class of 1956. A champagne brunch will be held in the courtyard at 11:30 a.m., followed by greetings by Alumni Affairs Director Laura Gehrman Rottier and class photos.



Whom do you recognize from this photo taken from the 1956 Iris yearbook?

# In Memoriam: Remembering UWSP faculty and staff

## John Barnes

John Barnes, Stevens Point, a professor of biology and UWSP's first entomologist, died June 6 at age 87.

A native of Lancaster, Ohio, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II then earned degrees at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Betty, came to Stevens Point in 1956, and he retired from UWSP in 1986. He was active in his church, civic and conservation groups and the Masonic Lodge. His wife and three children survive.

## Alan Lehman



Alan Lehman

Alan Lehman, Green Valley, Ariz., a professor emeritus of English, died December 19, 2005, in Tuscon, Ariz., at age 85. He spent 23 years at UWSP between 1963 and 1986, introducing students to Shakespeare and leading UWSP's first semester abroad program to London in 1969. He was one of 25 UW System professors chosen for a summer program in Japan in 1972. He also founded and directed the UWSP Lecture Forum for 20 years.

A native of Coldspring, N.Y., Lehman earned a bachelor's degree at the City College of New York then served four years in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He then earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and taught at Wayne State Teachers College in Nebraska and UW-Eau Claire before coming to UWSP. He also served in the Air Force Reserve. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn, and is survived by two children and his second wife, Florence Meagher.

## Ellen Specht

Ellen Specht, an English lecturer, publicity director, librarian and editor at UWSP between 1951 and 1970, died Feb. 19 at age 88.

Previously she taught in Oconto Falls and Wisconsin Rapids. She later worked as a correspondent and feature writer for the Appleton Post Crescent, a freelance writer and an associate at a public relations firm. She co-authored books on the railroad with her husband, Ray Specht, a UWSP geography professor and first campus planner, and contributed to the book Women of Vision of Portage County.

She and Ray, who preceded her in death, owned the Antiquarian Shop in Stevens Point for many years. A member of the Stevens Point Art League and League of Women Voters, she earned a bachelor's degree at the Oshkosh State Teachers College.

## John Weiler




John Weiler

John Weiler, Stevens Point, a mathematics professor instrumental in developing the mathematics education program at UWSP, died on May 14 at his home at age 83.

He held degrees from St. Norbert College and UW-Madison and did additional graduate study at Cornell University, Western Michigan University and the University of Georgia. He taught at high schools in the Green Bay area, Crivitz, Elroy, Kiel and Union Grove before coming to UWSP. Retiring after 40 years of teaching, he was active at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and in the community.





**Stephen Castner**, last attended '05, Cedarburg, died July 24 at age 27 while serving in the Wisconsin National Guard in Iraq. Steve was killed when a roadside bomb exploded during his first mission just days after he arrived in the Middle East to escort supply convoys from Kuwait. A junior majoring in natural resources and a member of the ROTC at UWSP prior to being called to duty, Castner was a soldier in the 121st Field Artillery Regiment. Previously he served four years in the U.S. Air Force and attended UW-Milwaukee. Eric Olson, a UWSP instructor and adviser in natural resources, said Steve loved the outdoors, took his courses seriously and was on track to work in the field of land use. He is survived by his parents, Kay and Stephen Castner.

2000s

**Julie Larsen-Stroik**, '01, Custer, died of cancer April 25 at age 48. She worked at Sentry Insurance then earned her degree and was working as a women's outreach advocate for the Women's Community Center in Wausau. Her husband, Mark Stroik, survives, as do two children and a stepdaughter. A daughter preceded her in death.

1980s

**Bryan Royce**, '88, Barronett, died in a car accident June 20 at age 43. He worked at Qualex in Stevens Point and served in the Wisconsin National Guard for six years. He graduated from Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich., in 1994, was a law clerk then an attorney for Salm & Knox-Bauer Law Office in Thorp. He opened his own practice, Royce Law Offices, in Chippewa Falls in 1997, and also taught law courses part time. He was a member of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Wisconsin Bar Association, Chippewa County Bar Association, American Legion and Ducks Unlimited. His wife, Laurie, and two children survive.

**John Berg**, '87, Janesville, died unexpectedly at home May 5 at age 44. He served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves. He was employed by various companies and land-scaped for Oak Village. He is survived by seven children.

**Paul Chronis**, last attended '87, Arpin, died March 24 at age 44. He worked as a radio announcer in Fort Atkinson and Plover and as a reporter for the *Stevens Point Journal*.

**William Dyb**, '81, Stevens Point, died May 21 at age 49. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps before studying at UWSP. He took graduate courses at UWSP and UW-Stout and was a counselor at the Lake Villa School for Boys in Illinois. After traveling to several continents, he lived and taught in Durbin, South Africa. Later he became an apprentice in tattoo artistry and body piercing. A son survives.

**Margaret Krake**, attended '34, '80, Iola, died Dec. 6, 2005, at age 92. She worked for Weller's Hardware Store and at Sentry Insurance. Her husband, Clifford, preceded her in death.

**Bea "Bunny" (Remund) Turner**, '80, formerly of Green Bay, died May 26 at age 82. Returning to school after raising her family, she became a registered dietician. She is survived by six children.

**Candace (Johnson) Wamboldt**, '80, died April 13, 2005, after battling ovarian cancer. She managed the primary grades computer lab at Bowler School since 1990. She is survived by three children.

1970s

**Diane (LaMere) Rader**, '77, Wausau, died March 29 at age 69. She earned a degree at Marquette University as well as UWSP and taught K-12 English. She was recognized for civic leadership by the Wausau Jaycettes, was president of the Resurrection Parish Council of Catholic Women and served as state president of Lawyers Wives of Wisconsin. Her husband, Larry, and their seven children survive.

**Frank Berg**, '75, Eagle River, died Jan. 9. Frank was president of Natural Health Spa Education and owner of The Beauty Resort in Eagle River. He is survived by a daughter.

**Owen Bailey**, master's '74, Wausau, died at home June 16 at age 84 after extended illness. He was a combat pilot in the Pacific for the U.S. Navy during World War II. During his life he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, as a hard rock copper miner and tavern owner/operator in Montana, a truck driver in Minnesota and as a social studies teacher at Horace Mann and John Muir middle schools in Wausau. His wife, Sharon, and six children survive.

**Dale Bartkowiak**, '74, formerly of Marshfield, died March 5 at age 57 after a lengthy illness. He earned a master's degree at UW-Madison then worked in public libraries in Wisconsin Rapids, Fond du Lac and Marshfield before retiring in 2002 due to illness. He served as president of the Wisconsin Library Association, was active in several Marshfield organizations and played bass guitar in various groups. He is survived by his wife, Barb, and two children.

**Arnold Tranter II**, last attended '74, Menasha, died June 6 at age 67. He owned and operated many business during his life as well as three dairy farms. He was also a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician and belonged to several community organizations. His first wife, Kathleen, preceded him in death. His second wife, Barbara, and five children survive.

**Eloise (Cooper) Howard**, '73, Stevens Point, died May 16 at age 91. A 30-year member of the Stevens Point Country Club, she is survived by a son and daughter. Her husband, Clifford, preceded her in death.

**Thomas Larsen**, '72, Janesville, died at home on May 10 at age 55. He earned a teaching degree at Milton College and was a psychology and special education teacher at Big Foot High School in Walworth. He also worked for the Walworth, Delevan and Janesville Police Department until he retired due to a line-of-duty disability in 1986. His wife, Kathy "Anne," and a daughter survive.

**Dolores (Johannes) Nigbor**, '72, Marshfield, died June 25 at age 86. She taught in Waushara County and at Sacred Heart School and St. John's School in Marshfield, retiring in 1981. Her husband, Clarence, preceded her in death. Two children survive.

**Carl Becker**, '71, St. Petersburg, Ill., died April 13 at age 56. He earned a master's degree from Easton Michigan University, worked as director of conservation programs for the Illinois Nature Conservancy then held several positions with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, spearheading many wildlife and endangered species efforts in Illinois before retiring in 2002. He was involved in several conservation groups on the local and national level and was active in his community. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and three children.

**Clifford Sprecher**, '71, Stevens Point, died of cancer at age 62 on April 30. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After graduating from UWSP, he worked for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., for Community Services of Wisconsin, as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in Stevens Point and in maintenance at UWSP. He was an active member of the VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and four children.

**Sandra Moen**, last attended '70, Stevens Point, age 56, died April 29 after a long illness. She graduated from Mid-State Technical College and worked for the *Stevens Point Journal* for 26 years as an advertising representative.

1960s

**Eva (Gretzner) Wolfe**, '68, Marshfield, died April 25 at age 100. She taught school in Clark County for several years, then married and raised her family before returning to teaching in Marshfield. She was a member of many local senior citizen groups. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, and is survived by three children.

**Mary (Cnare) Arkens**, '67, master's '75, Wausau, died June 7 at age 85. She taught in the town of Maine and Riverview schools in the Wausau area. A daughter and husbands, Rev. Theodore Arkens and Herbert Luedtke, preceded her in death. Three children survive.

**Bjorg (Nyen) Wickert**, '67, Sister Bay, died Dec. 6, 2005, at age 60. A native of Oslo, Norway, she taught in New London public schools, raised her family then worked at Memorial Florist in Appleton and Piggly Wiggly in Sister Bay until she retired in 2003. She was active in theatre and writing groups in her home communities. She is survived by three children as well as her husband, Keith Wickert, and former husband, Ronald Steinhorst.

**Thomas Radler**, '66, Waupaca, died March 31 at age 64 after battling ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He taught English at Waupaca High School for 35 years and was the girls' volleyball coach for 15 years. He was active with his church and Special Olympics. His wife, Bernadette, and four children survive.

**Michael Kordus**, '65, Waterford, died Jan. 13 at home at age 62. He recently retired as a communication technician for the Wisconsin State Patrol after 20 years of service. He also served in the National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and four children.

**Joanne Koshalek**, '65, master's '83, Fayetteville, Ga., formerly of Wausau, died at home April 5 at age 62. She taught family and consumer economics in Merrill schools for 27 years and hosted many foreign students who became like family.

**Joyce Helene Heins Tulpo**, last attended '64, Madison, died July 10 at age 62. She taught high school business education for one year then worked a variety of jobs. Her husband, Bruce, and three children survive.

**Rosa (Zimmerman) Curtis**, '62, Oshkosh, died on Feb. 5 at age 92. She began teaching in rural Lincoln County at age 16, then continued her schooling and raised her family before teaching again in Lincoln County schools. Her husband, George, preceded her in death. Three children survive.

**Elizabeth (Wenzel) Berry**, '61, master's '70, Waupaca, died Feb. 14 at age 88. She worked in Chicago and Stevens Point, then attended UWSP after her husband, Donald, died. She earned a master's degree then taught in Stevens Point from 1961 until 1977. She was active in education associations. A daughter survives and a son preceded her in death.

**Earl Meyer**, '61, Sun Prairie, died of cancer March 14 at age 71. He served in the U.S. Army, worked for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Chicago then for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a forest ranger dispatcher in Spooner, forest ranger in Grantsburg, forest ranger supervisor in Wausaukee and fire control specialist in Madison until his 1989 retire-

ment. He served as a volunteer firefighter, president of the Wausaukee School Board and was an active member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, serving as president of the Wisconsin chapter. He received the Silver Smokey Award for his work on forest fire prevention programs, and during retirement served as a consultant for insurance companies on the origins of fires. He was also active in AMVETS, establishing a post in Madison. He is survived by his wife, Linda, two sons and three stepchildren.

**Sharon (Klein) Bobolz**, last attended '60, Janesville, died Feb. 20 at age 66. She worked at the UW Hospital bacteriology lab in Madison, Aurora Pharmacy in Clinton and *The Clinton Topper* and was active in Rock County 4-H. She is survived by her husband, Fred, and two children.

**Allan Johnson**, '60, Sparta, died Jan. 1 at age 72. A U.S. Navy Korean War veteran, he was in the Naval Reserve until 1959. He taught high school biology in Stevens Point and zoology and botany at UWSP then served as a horticulturalist at the University of Montana in Missoula. His wife, Donna, preceded him in death.

**Charles "Doc" Webster**, '60, Plainfield, died June 3 at age 79. He served in the Merchant Marines and U.S. Army during World War II. He was a teacher and principal in Hancock and the Madison area then earned a master's degree at Winona State College. He retired as principal of Gompers Middle School in Madison. He is survived by his wife, Lois, and three children.

1950s

**Vivian (Hough) Betry**, '59, Waupaca, died June 6 at age 94. She taught in one-room schools and was an English teacher in Waupaca. She and her husband, Frank, who preceded her in death, lived on Lake Tomahawk and wintered in Fort Myers, Fla. Two sons survive.

**Robert Bricco**, '59, Ladysmith, died Dec. 24, 2005, at age 74 after a 12-year battle with cancer. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and taught in Ladysmith schools. After earning a master's degree at UW-Stout, he was principal of Ladysmith Middle School until his retirement in 1992. He was active in his community, serving on the county board. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and seven children. One son preceded him in death.

**Allan Cobb**, '59, Stevens Point, died April 25 at age 70. After completing cytotechnology training in Madison, he returned to Stevens Point in 1960 and worked for St. Michael's Hospital until his retirement in 1986. A founding member of the Wisconsin Society of Cytology, he was active in 4-H and River Valley Fliers Association. His wife, Roselynn, and four children survive.



**Otto Prazma**, '59, Adams, died April 24 at age 82. He received a master's degree from Winona State University and worked at Badger Ordinance Works and L. Picus and Sons. During his 37-year teaching career he taught in Arkdale, Grand Marsh and Adams, where he was principal. He retired in 1986. A longtime member of the Adams Lodge, he also belonged to associations for retired teachers.

**Robert Bostad**, '57, Pardeeville, died in his sleep Feb. 22 at age 74. A member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame and a 10-time letter winner in three sports, he won numerous athletic honors while in school and while serving in the U.S. Army. He then coached at Westfield, Waterloo and Pardeeville high schools. He is a member of the Wisconsin High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and three sons.

**E. Gwen (Fischer) Hagemann**, '56, Vesper, died Feb. 16 at age 72 after battling cancer. She taught English and Spanish in Auburndale and Port Edwards high schools then farmed in Arpin with her husband, John, who preceded her in death. She is survived by six children.

**Fred Hubley**, '56, Appleton, died March 23 of cancer at age 73. He served in the U.S. Army then worked for General Adjustment Bureau before owning Hubley Insurance Services. He continued working there some years after selling the business to Babbitt-Sholund Insurance in 1994. He was active in his community, serving as

president of the Downtown Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their four children.

**Thomas Moran**, '56, Fitchburg, died Feb. 4, at age 76. He served in the U.S. Navy and taught in the Madison school district for 32 years, retiring in 1988 with the Distinguished Service Award. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jeanne, and three daughters.

**Carl Nelson**, last attended '56, rural Appleton, died of cancer June 10 at age 75. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War then worked for Theo Utschig Inc. and Lunda and Boldt Construction until he retired in 1994. Then he and his wife of 50 years, Phyllis, volunteered with Builders for Christ and traveled across the country building churches and schools. He also volunteered with Boy Scouts and Little League. His wife and five children survive.

**Lewis Mittness**, '54, Janesville, died May 27 at age 76. He earned a master's degree at UW-Madison then served the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught at Lake Mills and Janesville high schools then won a seat in the State Assembly from 1964 to 1976. He served as executive secretary of the Senior Public Service Commission and as sergeant at arms of the State Legislature. Retiring in 1985, he served on the Janesville City Council and school board and was active in community organizations and volunteer activities. His wife, Ruth Ann, and two daughters survive.

**James Benson**, '51, Rhinelander, died June 23, 2005, at age 75. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning several medals. He earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and worked for Consolidated Papers until he retired in 1992. Jim was a guest lecturer for UWSP and UW-Madison and was elected as a Society of American Foresters Fellow. He was active in civic, athletic and church activities in Rhinelander. He and his wife of 46 years, Mary Ellen, who survives, traveled extensively in retirement and wintered in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is also survived by five children, including **Patricia (Benson) Weber**, '88, and **Ann Benson**, '91, both of Charlotte, N.C.

**Rosemary Nelson**, '51, Wausau, died March 13. She taught English for Stevens Point schools until her retirement in 1986. She also played organ at Resurrection parish and taught organ and piano.

**Margery (Jossie) Urban**, last attended '51, Wisconsin Rapids, died Jan. 9, at home at age 83. She taught in Pittsville for 12 years then in Wisconsin Rapids and as a substitute in area schools for 20 years. She was active in community women's groups and South Wood County Historical Society. She is survived by her husband, Bud, and a son.

**Marjorie Isaacson Voie**, '51, master's '67, Stevens Point, died April 29 at age 77. She taught in elementary schools in Appleton, Rosholt and Stevens Point for 36 years. Her husband, Roger, and a daughter survive.

**Ruth Finch**, '50, Waupaca, died in Cape Coral, Fla., on April 26 at age 80. She received a master's degree in education from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., then worked her 35-year career in the Appleton school district as a teacher and principal. She was active in the Chain O' Lakes associations of Waupaca.

## 1940s

**Carl Adamski**, last attended '48, Wisconsin Rapids, died Jan. 11, at age 78. He served in the National Guard and U.S. Army at Fort McCoy then worked for Wisconsin Gas Co. for 37 years, retiring in 1989. He was a long-time member of community business and civic groups. His wife, Charlotte, and six children survive.

**Richard Parfitt**, last attended '48, Supulveda, Calif., died April 4 at age 80. He served the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War and was employed by Hughes Aircraft as a scientist. His wife, Laura, and three sons survive.

**Patricia (Snow) Glennon**, last attended '47, Stevens Point, died Jan. 9, at age 78. She worked at Hardware Mutual Insurance Co. (now Sentry Insurance) and at Menzel and Williams until her retirement in 1989. Her husband, James, preceded her in death. Three children survive, including **Patty Glennon**, '73, Stevens Point.

**Anita (Lang) Morstad**, '46, Niagara, died June 3 at age 80. She taught in Niagara for 20 years then retired and moved to Florida, where she was a school volunteer. Her husband, Robert, preceded her in death. Two sons survive.

**Edythe (Ofstun) Branstad**, '45, Stoughton, died March 23, at age 84. She received a master's degree from UW-Madison and also attended the University of Oslo, Norway. She taught at Janesville Parker High School and McKinley Junior High in Racine.

**Gordon Lewison**, '42, Stevens Point, died April 12 at age 85. He served the U.S. Army in Germany, France and England during World War II, earning several military honors. He was a teacher and basketball coach in New Holstein, Wisconsin Dells and Wisconsin Rapids for 37 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of the American Legion, the Wisconsin Coaches Hall of Fame and Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School

Coaches Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and four children.

**Margaret Meshak**, last attended '42, Stevens Point, died June 15 at age 83. She worked for the Department of Health and Social Services in Wisconsin Rapids for 35 years until retiring in 1983. She also was involved in her church and Catholic organizations.

**Reuben Belongia**, '40, Eau Claire, died March 16 at age 87. Named a UWSP distinguished alumnus in 1990, he taught in Mellon and Oconomowoc then served as a meteorologist for the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1966. After earning a master's degree from Duke University, he taught at UW-Eau Claire until his retirement in 1978. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Coreda, and his second wife, Helen, and his survived by two daughters and a step-daughter.

## 1930s

**Erwin Bassler**, '39, Stevens Point, died April 20 at age 88. He taught at Spiritland Elementary and in Almond public schools as well as running the family farm for more than 65 years.

**Cornelia "Connie" (King) Zenner**, '39, Elroy, died June 19 at age 89. She taught at LaSalle University of Interior Design and worked with her husband, Bernard, at Zenner Furniture and Funeral Home until 1983. He preceded her in death. Six children survive.

**Irma (Rice) Deutschlander**, '37, Thorp, died May 26 at age 88. She taught in the Thorp area and was principal at Thorp Elementary until her retirement in 1978. She and her husband, Emil, also farmed. He and a daughter survive.

**Helen (Maguire) Raleigh**, last attended '35, Stratford, died May 19 at age 91. She taught in the town of Emmett then farmed with her husband, Robert. He and a son preceded her in death. Five children survive.



Chet Polka

**Chet Polka**, '52, Berlin, died July 8 at age 78. He was inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982 and served on the Alumni Board of Directors from 1984-2003. He also was one of the first winners of the Alumni Service Award in 1997. Chet enjoyed playing in the annual alumni basketball games at UWSP, even into his 70s. "He was always a big fan of UWSP," says friend **Steve Menzel**, '78. "He was a career educator and coach who touched a lot of people and loved sports and life."

While at UWSP, Chet played four sports and was named to the All-Conference basketball team. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a master's degree at UW-Madison. His 41-year career at Berlin High School included teaching social studies, coaching four sports and serving as athletic director, audio-visual director and WIAA basketball official. In retirement he was active in historical, community and professional organizations and was an avid golfer. A volunteer at Berlin Memorial Hospital, he won the Community Health Network Human Service Award in 2000. His wife, **Carol (Collins) Polka**, '50, and three children survive.



Lake Joanis in UWSP's Schmееckle Reserve



# UWSP athletes earn Academic All-American honors

Four UWSP athletes earned Academic All-American honors in their respective sports during the 2005-06 school year, giving the school 28 recipients of the prestigious awards over the past seven years.

Baseball player Chuck Brehm, Spencer, earned the award for the second straight year, while wrestler Mike Hayes, Beaver Dam, cross country and track and field athlete Jenna Mitchler, Kaukauna, and swimmer Garth Newport, Berlin, all earned their first Academic All-American honors. The four senior athletes were named to the second team in their respective sport.

The awards are sponsored by ESPN The Magazine and selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Teams are selected among all NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA athletes.

Brehm, UWSP's male athlete of the year in a team sport, carries a 3.88 grade point average in physical education and ranked among the national leaders with 16 home runs this season. The WIAC Position Player of the Year, Brehm hit .340 with 48 RBI's and a single-season school record 29 stolen bases. He ranks second in school history with 36 career homers and 53 stolen bases

Hayes placed third in the NCAA Division III at heavyweight this past season for his second straight All-American honor. He was 28-4 with 11 pins and three losses coming to the eventual national champion. Hayes has been named a scholar All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association the past two seasons and carries a 3.69 grade point average in biology with a chemistry minor.

Newport was the conference champion in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke and also swam on two winning relays to help the Pointers to their seventh straight league title. He also was a member of the All-American 200-yard medley relay that placed seventh at nationals. Newport, who has a 3.94 grade point in economics and business administration, won four career individual conference titles and six relay titles.

Mitchler, who was UWSP's female athlete of the year in an individual sport for the past two years, was a seven-time All-American in track and field and two-time All-American finisher in cross country. She was the Division III indoor national champion in the 800-meter run in 2005 and carries a 3.59 grade point in education. In addition to her athletics success, she was president of UWSP's student athlete advisory committee this past year.



Senior Chuck Brehm was named WIAC's position player of the year and an Academic All-American.

# Eight inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame



The UWSP Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet returns to Homecoming weekend in 2006 as eight alumni are inducted on Saturday, Oct. 21, in a ceremony at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point. Earlier in

the day, inductees will enjoy the Pointer football game from the chancellor's box at Goerke Field and be introduced at halftime.

The individuals selected for Hall of Fame induction include **Ken Brumbaugh**, '89, West Sacramento, Calif., swimming; **Juan Cabrera**, '95, Bronx, N.Y., swimming (photo not available); **Kelli Harms**, '98, Little Chute, softball (photo not available); **Perry Miller**, '89, Milwaukee, wrestling; **Nancy Page**, master's '80, Stevens Point, UWSP coach; **Barry Rose**, last attended '92, Elmwood, football; **Jerry Scheel**, '56, Greendale, football; and **Brett Witt**, '98, Kenosha, track and field.

Brumbaugh was named freshman athlete of the year in 1984 and was first team All-American 17 times during his career. In his last two seasons he was co-captain and during his senior year he anchored the NAIA National Championship 400 medley relay. He achieved two school records in the 200 and 500 freestyle and was part of three record setting relays for the 400 and 800 free and 400 medley relays. He still holds the UWSP record for the 500 freestyle. A native of Moline, Ill., he is married to Barbara and is a sales and production manager for Bullet Guard Corporation.

Cabrera was a conference champion swimmer in the 200 meter butterfly, 400 meter medley and 200 meter relay and had several second place finishes in national competition. He won 13 All-American honors and three Honorable Mention All-Americans. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army.

Harms, a member of the 1998 national champion softball team already inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, was an All Conference and All Region player between 1994 and 1997 as well as on the WIAC honor roll. After serving as the team captain and assistant coach for two years, Harms was the team's head coach for the 99-00 season. She has worked for Dick's Sporting Goods and TJ Maxx and is currently a sales representative for Badger Ladder and Scaffolding. She continues to enjoy sports and the outdoors and will be married to Tony Hess in September.

Miller, a heavyweight from Brillion, had an overall record of 133-29 from 1993 to 1998. He was UWSP's first four-time WSUC champion, four-time NCAA Division III All-American and two-time national champion. He established school records for most pins in a season (25), most pins in a career (82), most team points in a season (138), most team points in a career (428) and most wins in a career (133). Married to Jennifer, he is an account executive with Federal Express.

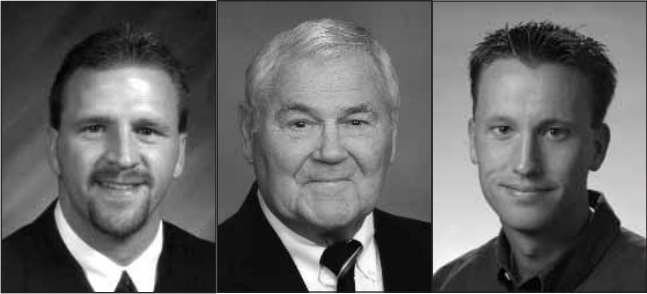
Page is a pioneer in the development of women's sports at UWSP, having coached field hockey, softball and tennis during her 31 year career. Her teams won 11 conference and district championships and numerous athletes were named to all-conference teams. She has received several Coach of the Year awards and was associate director of athletics from 1984-1997. She also co-founded the Women's Athletic Fund, a community booster group that supports all women's teams. She was inducted into the NAIA 14 Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. Page retired in 2004 and still enjoys many sports and traveling. She and her husband, David Page, '76, are the parents of two and the grandparents of two.

Rose was a member of the 1987 NAIA Division III national championship team and in 1991 he was selected at Wisconsin State University Conference's Most Valuable Player, was ranked among the top five receivers in the nation and was selected to the Champion All-American Team for Division III. In 1992, Rose was picked up by the National Football League in the 10th round of the draft. The Bills were in the Super Bowl that year as the American Football Conference champions. Rose also played for the Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers in the NFL, the Canadian Football League and World League of American Football. He earned a bachelor's degree at UW-River Falls, a master's degree at St. Mary's University and is currently pursuing a doctorate in education. Rose is the superintendent and high school principal in the Elmwood School District. He and his wife, Tammy, have three sons.

Scheel lettered in golf and football at UWSP then served in the U.S. Air Force. Upon his return he again lettered in the two sports and played on Coach John Robert's 1955 championship football team. When Coach Hale Quandt started the baseball program in 1955, Scheel was his assistant coach and earned a letter as a member of the team. Upon graduation, he played semi-professional football with the Wausau Muskies and began his teaching career in Weyauwega. Then he taught and coached football, basketball, wrestling and baseball



Ken Brumbaugh Perry Miller Nancy Page



Barry Rose Jerry Scheel Brett Witt

at Nathan Hale and Greendale high schools, winning the football championship with the Greendale team in 1968 and 1969. After a life-changing automobile accident in 1976, he returned to Greendale high school as assistant principal and guidance counselor one year later. He and his wife, Mary, have been married for 47 years and have five children and eleven grandchildren.

Witt was a member of the fourth place team at the national competition in 1997, UWSP track and field program's highest finish. One of the most decorated track and field athletes in Pointer history, he was an eight-time NCAA All-American, five time WIAC Conference champion, four-year qualifier for the NCAA national championship and four-year member of the WIAC All-Conference team. He also an NCAA Academic All-American and UWSP record holder for the 600 meter run. He served as team captain in 1998. After graduation, he competed internationally with the Can/Am Track and Field tour. He earned a master's degree at the University of Tennessee in 1999. As head cross country coach and assistant track coach at Carthage College in Kenosha, he's coached 11 NCAA national qualifiers and one NCAA All-American.

**Pointer sports hotline and Web site**

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**715-346-3888, press 4**  
**www.uwsp.edu/athletics**



# Pointers shine in spring sports



The Pointer baseball team celebrates their win over Ripon College in Wisconsin Rapids, which advanced them to the Division III College World Series.

## Baseball

Playing nearly the entire month of May with its backs to the wall, the UWSP baseball team won one dramatic game after another to stave off elimination and reach the NCAA Division III College World Series at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton for the first time since 1997.

The Pointers, who finished 35-18 overall, lost their opening game in the conference and regional tournaments, but battled back to win titles in each tournament. UWSP also lost its first game at the World Series 2-1 to the eventual national champion, Marietta

College (Ohio). They beat Aurora University (Ill.) 12-3 in the first elimination game, but then had their run end in a 5-4 loss to eventual runner-up Wheaton College (Mass.). Overall, the Pointers won 10 straight games when facing elimination.

Perhaps the most extraordinary day during the run came May 14 when the team won three nine-inning games in a single day capped with a 12-2 win over UW-Whitewater to claim the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament title at Witter Field in Wisconsin Rapids.

The Pointers were granted the opportunity to host the NCAA Division III regional tournament for the first time

in school history and beat Ripon College twice on the final day at Witter Field. Chuck Brehm, Spencer, hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to give the team a 6-4 win in the title game, while Jordan Zimmermann, Auburndale, struck out a single-game school record 15 batters to earn regional MVP honors. Zimmermann was also named to the all-tournament team at the World Series and was a second-team All-American. Jake Frombach, Stratford, finished as the school’s all-time hits leader with 243 for his career.

## Softball

Hot bats carried the UWSP softball team to a 24-16-1 record as the Pointers posted a scorching .326 batting average and averaged more than five runs per game during the 2006 season.

The Pointers went 8-2 on their trip to Florida, then battled injuries to several of their top players and still managed to post their 13th straight 20-win season. Mandy Jellish, Kaukauna, led the Pointers’ offense with a conference-leading .442 average and 61 hits. Rebekah Bauer, Stevens Point, completed her career as the school’s all-time leader in doubles and extra-base hits.

## Track and Field

The men’s 1600-meter relay team posted fourth place national finishes during both the indoor and outdoor seasons to lead the track and field teams during the 2006 season. The squad had an outdoor time of 3:13.01 and an indoor mark of 3:18.93. Adam Baumann, Marathon, and Nick VerDuin, Howards Grove, were members of both relay teams. Kyle Steiner, Grafton, won the heptathlon at the conference indoor meet and was named the field athlete of the meet. Mitch Ellis, Three Lakes, was the conference indoor and outdoor high jump champion while placing sixth in the event at indoor nationals.

Jenna Mitchler, Kaukauna, led the women’s team with a third place performance in the mile at indoor nationals and an eighth place effort in the 800-meter run at the outdoor championships.

# UWSP pitcher returns to the mound after serving in Iraq



Josh Perkins served in the US Army in Iraq

After a 34-month absence from the game while serving active duty in Iraq, this spring UWSP senior and first-team all-conference Pointer baseball pitcher Josh Perkins, ’06, Two Rivers, returned to the mound to help lead the team to the Division III World Series.

Recently his story was told on two nationally televised sports programs, “CBS Sports Presents Championships of the NCAA” in July and “NCAA on Campus” on Fox Sports Net in April. Perkins was joined on both shows by his wife, Christine, ’06, originally from Manitowoc and a fellow Iraq War veteran, and in the CBS taping by his parents, Bo and Char.

A first-team all-conference pitcher in 2003, the U.S. Army reservist was called up to active duty in October 2003 and served in the Middle East during what would have been his senior year at UWSP and 2004 baseball season. He returned to Fort McCoy in February 2005, but was too late to enroll at UWSP so could not play that spring either.

Finally in 2006, he successfully petitioned the NCAA for an extra year of athletic eligibility and after a 34-month hiatus, returned to the field.

During the last season, Perkins again earned first-team honors while posting a 7-2 record and 3.20 Earned Run Average (ERA). He ranked second in the conference with 81 strikeouts and tied a school record of 15 strikeouts in a game in a 3-0 shutout of UW-Oshkosh during the conference tournament.

# Pointer football coaches named to Hall of Fame



John Miech

The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame inducted two Pointer football coaches into its Hall of Fame in the last two years, honoring 1975 alumnus and current coach John Miech in 2005 and his former coach, the late Monte Charles, in 2006.

As part of the honor, their names are on display in the front atrium of Lambeau Field during their induction year.

“Monte was one of the most innovative coaches who ever coached in this league,” says Miech. “He made his players succeed by doing things in an unorthodox way and that got us excited. He did what he believed and it rubbed off on me.”

An offensive lineman for the Pointer team from 1972-1974, Miech came back to UWSP from 1975-77 as an assistant coach at Charles’ request.

“I know that I wouldn’t be coaching today if Monte had not called me in and asked me to be his assistant coach. I had just graduated and had a good job and coaching was the furthest thing from my mind. But he persuaded me and I’m grateful.”

Then he coached at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned a master’s degree, and at Whitnall and Jefferson high schools before again returning to UWSP as defensive coordinator in 1985 and becoming head coach in 1989.

Miech has had twice as many victories as any other coach in UWSP history during his 23 years at UWSP. He has won three WIAC championships in the past seven years, earned the WIAC Coach of the Year Award in 1998 and 2001 and was named WFCFA Wisconsin College Coach of the Year in 2001.

Miech has coached professional football players Clint Kriewaldt, last attended ’98, and Barry Rose, last attended ’92, and professional draft picks Kirk Baumgartner, ’89; and Pete Lucas, ’05.

He and his wife, Sheila, head of UWSP’s women’s soccer program, have two sons. Charles, dubbed by fans and players as “Ringmaster of the Aerial Circus” for his passing games, was the head football coach at UWSP from 1972 to 1976.

“Back in his days, 20 passes per game was a lot,” says Miech. “He threw 50.”

The only person in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (formerly Wisconsin State University Conference) to be a head coach at three schools, Charles coached at UW-Platteville and UW-Superior in addition to UWSP. He was the WSUC Coach of the Year in 1968.

He also coached for the Canadian Football League, Northern Illinois University and Southfield Michigan High School. Prior to his coaching career, he played for Vicksburg High School, Hillsdale College and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers but released prior to the 1951 season. He played on the semipro Detroit Tars team for three years.

Charles returned to UWSP as a volunteer assistant, intramural director and offensive coordinator from 1988 until 1991. He also assisted the executive director of Student Life and was coordinator of recruitment for a National Football League training camp at UWSP from 1991 to 1992. He died in 1992.



# Homecoming 2006

Check regularly for event updates at  
[www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm)

## Win a free hotel room for homecoming

By registering online, you will be entered for the chance to win one free night in one of four Stevens Point hotels on Saturday, October 21. To register, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Homecoming2006WEB.htm) and click on "Register for Homecoming."

## Friday, Oct. 20

**Registration Packet Pickup**  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Founders Room, 102 Old Main

**Alumni Board of Directors meeting**  
CWES, noon

**Phi Sig 75th Anniversary Reunion**  
Country Springs Hotel, Stevens Point, 6 p.m.  
Contact Jeff Zabel, [jjzabel@charter.net](mailto:jjzabel@charter.net), to register

**The Taste of Wisconsin**  
Location TBA, 7 p.m.  
Sample some of Wisconsin's finest, from cheese and beer to potatoes and wine.  
For tickets call 800-838-3378

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Reunion**  
Archie's Bar, Stevens Point, 9 p.m.

**Alumni/Student Homecoming dance**  
Berg Gym, 9 p.m.  
Formal crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen and a student dance contest. Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and Alumni Association.

## Saturday, Oct. 21

**Registration Packet Pickup**  
8-10 a.m.  
Founders Room, 102 Old Main

**Justice Works Run — 5k and 10k**  
8 a.m.  
Contact the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information, 715-344-2556 or 1-800-236-4636

**Coffee with alumni and friends**  
Berg Lobby, 9 a.m.

**Homecoming Parade**  
Campus Streets, 10 a.m.  
Judging Area - Steps of Berg Gym

**Nelson Hall Open House**  
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Apollo Alumni Association meeting**  
Middletown Grill and Tavern, Stevens Point, 11 a.m.

**All Campus Picnic**  
Front lawn of Old Main, 11 a.m.  
\$3 for adults, free for children under 12  
The official reunion area on campus, with inflatables, the Herpetology Society and family activities. Meet your friends under the tent. Several organizations and the academic colleges will have tables.

**All Campus Tour**  
12 noon  
Meet by the flagpoles on the front lawn of Old Main to take a guided tour through campus to see what has changed since your last visit.

**Alumni Association Burger and Brat Bash**  
Partners Pub, 12-5 p.m.

**Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) Open House**  
Bus departs from Fremont Street at 12:30 p.m.  
Preregistration required.  
For details see page 11

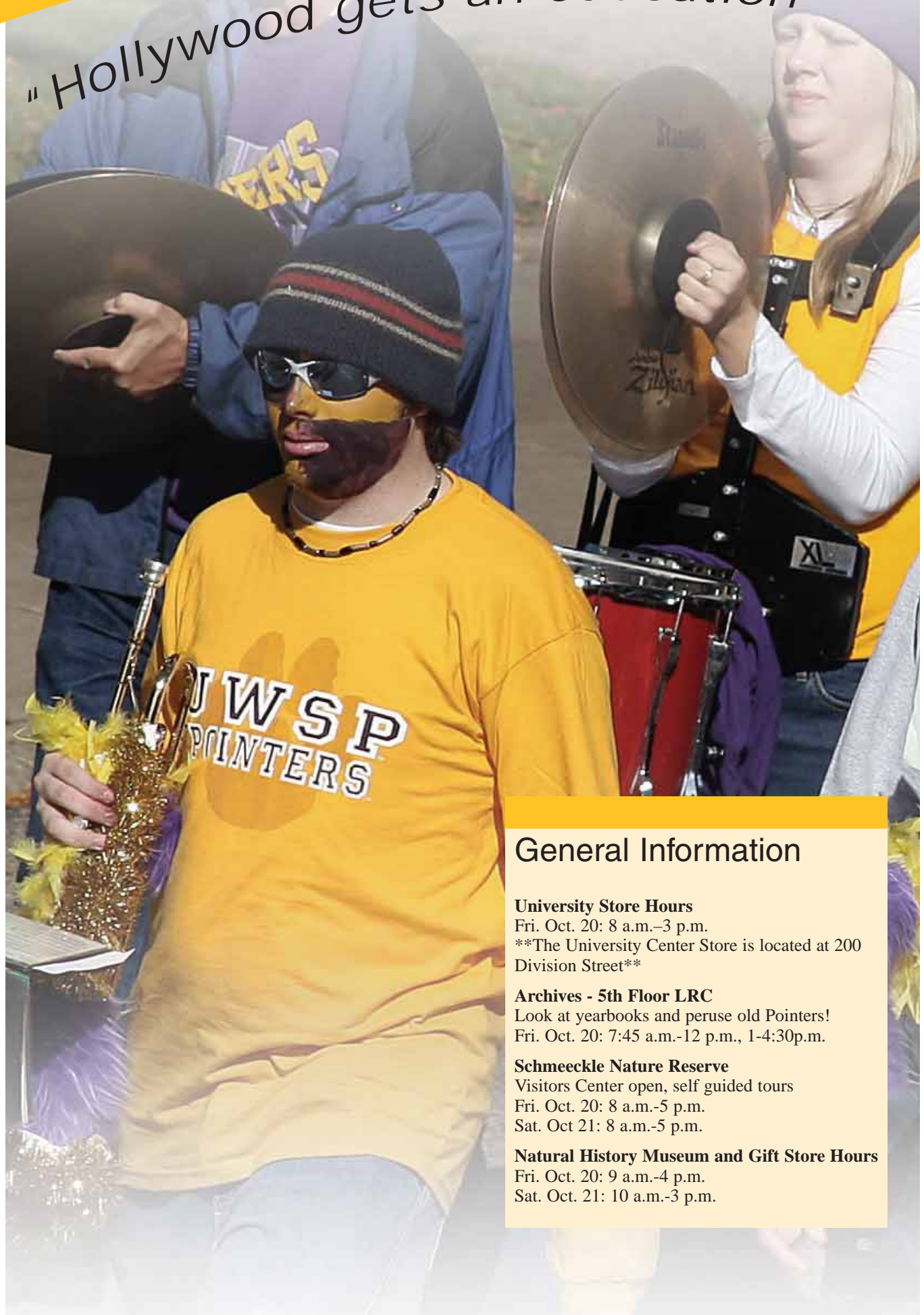
**Homecoming Football Game**  
Goerke Field, 1 p.m.  
Come cheer on the Pointers as they host the UW-Oshkosh Titans. The Class of 2006 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be announced during half time.

**Roach Hall Freshman 20-year Reunion**  
Join other "Roachies" from the mid-80s  
Partners Pub, 1 p.m.  
Contact Lisa (Hackman) Messer at [messer5@ticon.net](mailto:messer5@ticon.net) or 608-884-7709

**Allen F. Blocher Planetarium Show**  
2nd floor of Science Building, 1:30 p.m.  
"Interplanetary Explorer," appropriate for grades 2-5

**Smith Hall Tour/Reunion**  
2 p.m.  
Did you live in Smith Hall? Meet others who did as well. Enjoy a peek at your old stomping grounds while meeting others who shared your residence hall experience.

"Hollywood gets an education"



## General Information

**University Store Hours**  
Fri. Oct. 20: 8 a.m.–3 p.m.  
\*\*The University Center Store is located at 200 Division Street\*\*

**Archives - 5th Floor LRC**  
Look at yearbooks and peruse old Pointers!  
Fri. Oct. 20: 7:45 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30p.m.

**Schmeeckle Nature Reserve**  
Visitors Center open, self guided tours  
Fri. Oct. 20: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sat. Oct 21: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Natural History Museum and Gift Store Hours**  
Fri. Oct. 20: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat. Oct. 21: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Student Homecoming Activities

### Thursday, Oct. 12

**King and Queen Pageant**  
The Faux-Core, Communications Arts Center, 7 p.m.  
The top five king and queen candidates will compete in a variety of contests to be crowned Homecoming King & Queen 2006!

### Friday, Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 15

**"Shanty Town" Hurricane Relief Fundraiser**  
DeBot Center Fields, starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday through noon Sunday  
Competing organizations will build and occupy shanties on a continual basis during the competition.

### Monday, Oct. 16

**Food Drive**  
The Specht Forum/Sundial, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Teams will be awarded points for the most nonperishable food items donated. Operation Bootstrap of Portage County will receive the donations.

**"The Red Carpet Film Festival"**  
The Faux-Core, CAC, 7 p.m.  
Screening of short films to be created, directed and acted out by participating teams.

### Tuesday, Oct. 17

**"Celebrity" Tug-O-War Competition**  
Front lawn of Old Main, 3 p.m.  
Rain or shine!

### "Arriving in Style" Tricycle Races

DeBot Sidewalks, 5 p.m.  
Rain or shine!

### Wednesday, Oct. 18

**Hollywood Hunt**  
The Specht Forum/Sundial, 5 p.m.  
Classic treasure hunt competition

### Thursday, Oct. 19

**UWSP Star Search**  
The Faux-Core, CAC, 7 p.m.  
Annual talent competition - karaoke style