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It's a great day to be a Pointer!

Ask a few UWSP alumni how they benefited from attending UWSP and you are bound to hear a variety of answers. "I found a career I enjoy," "Supportive professors helped me get my degree," "I met my spouse there," "I studied abroad and had the time of my life," or "I made life-long friends"... the list goes on.

Fortunately, the benefits of being UWSP alumni did not end with your college career. With a new Alumni Association Web site, online community, credit card program and e-mail forwarding service as well as the current alumni travel programs and discounts on out-of-state tuition, insurance and alumni gatherings, now there are even better reasons to celebrate being Pointer alumni.

"Our main goal in the alumni office is to keep alumni connected to each other, the UWSP campus and current students," says Laura Gehrman Rottier, director of Alumni Affairs. "We do this by creating opportunities for alumni to spend time together both in person and online. We realize that for many, once they leave campus, the Internet is a main way to stay in touch. That's why this year we've focused a lot of our efforts into revamping the alumni Web site, trying to make it user friendly and launching an online community."

While the online community is in its early stages, there is already a lot of interest, adds Gehrman Rottier. "Prior to the official launch we had already over 70 alumni sign on to the community and several signed on for the free permanent e-mail forwarding service. We hope that our online efforts, coupled with events both on and off campus, can give alumni the tools they want to stay connected with each other and our alma mater."



Alumni Affairs online, www.uwsp.edu/alumni

With a new look and many new features, the Alumni Affairs Web site is a great resource for both alumni and friends of UWSP. Through the site, alumni may reach out to friends through The Connecting Point e-mail newsletter, volunteer, find out when the next alumni event will be held in their area, check out the Homecoming schedule, find a hotel in Stevens Point, find a business run by alumni or add their own, send a gift to the UWSP Foundation, request a transcript, buy a Pointer sweatshirt and much more.

The Connecting Point

An exclusive Web site for UWSP alumni, The Connecting Point was launched from www.uwsp.edu/alumni in February to offer Pointers a free online community for connecting with one another. It offers an online directory for alumni to update their contact information, find friends and submit class notes, announcements and memorials as well as a permanent e-mail forwarding service and alumni events calendar.

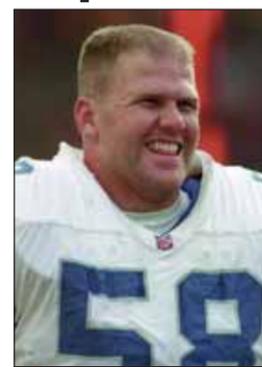
Alumni travel programs

In recent years, Pointers, their friends and family have traveled together both internationally and across our nation in 10 trips offered through the Alumni Association. This month over 17 alumni are headed to Austria, and in July, alumni and friends from UWSP will join alumni from UW-River Falls on a fishing trip to the Wiley Point Wilderness Lodge in Ontario, Canada. In September, a trip to Italy is being offered (for details, see page 2).



Alumni will take a trip to Austria in April

Alumnus made first tackle at 2006 Super Bowl



Clint Kriewaldt

A former Pointer made the very first play of Super Bowl XL.

Clint Kriewaldt, last attended, '98, made the first tackle of the game on the opening kickoff. By the end of the fourth quarter, the reserve linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers was a member of the world champion team.

Kriewaldt took part in all the Steelers' special teams plays during their 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on February 5 at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. It marked the second straight year a former Pointer has won a major pro football title after quarterback Scott Krause, '04, Waunakee, was a member of the 2004 Toronto Argonauts Canadian Football League Grey Cup squad.

Now in his seventh season in the National Football League, Kriewaldt began his career in Detroit as a sixth round draft choice and played for the Lions for four years. He has played three seasons with the Steelers, wearing number 57 and appearing in every game this season. In his two starts, he made a total 13 tackles. He also had four tackles at Lambeau Field against the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 6. During his NFL career he has played in 95 games and made 143 total tackles, including 109 solo stops.

As a member of the Pointer football team from 1995 to 1998, Kriewaldt became the UWSP all-time leading tackler with 416 during his career. He also scored 16 touchdowns in his last two seasons with UWSP. He was the first four-time unanimous first-team All Conference player in Division III of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, was named first team by all three Division III All-American publications and made 12 tackles in the Aztec Bowl, a game featuring Division III All-Stars. Kriewaldt also was named Player of the Year by WIAC and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.

A native of Shiocton, Kriewaldt majored in interior architecture while at UWSP. He and his wife, **Jamie (Lowney) Kriewaldt**, '01, a member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame as a player on the 1998 softball championship team, reside in Pennsylvania and in Appleton during the off season.

UWSP Athletics' Assistant Director Jim Strick contributed to this article.

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A note from Laura



Laura Gehrman Rottier

Is it 2006 already? Time really does seem to fly here at UWSP. The new year brought some big changes to our cozy office on the second floor of Old Main. We launched a new Web site and online community, brought a new assistant director on board, held several terrific events, met with volunteers from around the state and even found time to rearrange the office furniture!

You might notice a few new faces in our staff photo. I'd like to introduce our new assistant director, Katie Carlson, who joined the office in January. Katie is a Stevens Point native who brings a wealth of community knowledge to our office. A seasoned event planner with a range of diverse experiences, she is a wonderful asset to Alumni Affairs. I hope you get to meet her at one of our alumni events in the future.

Amidst all the change and hoopla, our mission remains the same: to keep you connected to your alma mater and each other. We hope you will find the new Web site to be user friendly. We also encourage you to play around in the online community, which allows you to update your own information and gives you access to a free alumni e-mail forwarding service. While this is not an account, having a permanent alumni e-mail address should save you a few mass e-mails to friends as well as keep you in the loop with what's going on for alumni both on and off campus.

Outside of the virtual world, the Alumni Affairs Office is also working to give alumni exclusive travel offers and better benefits. Starting in April, the Alumni Association will be launching a new credit card that offers reward points as well as five star customer service to alumni. We will continue offering international travel through an affinity program, with the next stop being Italy. And, of course, we will continue to facilitate connections through on and off campus reunions and events. This summer and fall we are planning a series called "Welcome to Our City" to encourage recent graduates to meet alumni in their new surroundings and join a new Pointer family wherever life takes them. We hope you join us at a "Welcome to Our City" event in your area to help welcome new graduates to YOUR city!

Best wishes from the second floor of Old Main.

Warmly,

Laura Gehrman Rottier

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Alumni Association offers "Treasures of Italy"



View the beautiful Italian countryside and visit the ancient and classical cities of Rome and Florence on a nine-day tour of Italy, September 14-22, offered through the UWSP Alumni Association.

The group departs from the United States on September 14 and arrives in Italy the next day. The trip starts in Rome then moves to the spa town of Chianciano in the colorful hills of the Tuscany region. From there, participants may opt to see the famous Tuscan countryside, travel to beautiful Florence and tour Assisi. Participants will also have the option to explore on their own.

After four nights in Chianciano, the group will travel to Fuggi, another spa town in the Lazio region of Italy. From Fuggi, participants may opt to visit Rome and the legendary archaeological site of Pompeii. After three nights in Fuggi, the group will return to Rome

and depart for the U.S.

The trip includes airfare, lodging, daily breakfast, in-country transfers, and more for \$1,899 per person for double and triple occupancy. Single occupancy, subject to availability, will be an additional \$400. Other fees, taxes and charges may apply. Flights are available from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Des Moines and Omaha.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m., in the Founders Room of UWSP's Old Main. Alumni may register to attend through The Connecting Point at www.uwsp.edu/alumni. For more information or a brochure, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 715-346-3811 or toll free at 800-728-0370, by e-mail at alumni@uwsp.edu, or by mail at 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI, 54481.

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Winners announced



Joe DeVault

Of course, all UWSP alumni are winners, but a few alums have taken it literally by winning prizes through the Alumni Affairs Office.

Joe DeVault, '88, Marshfield, won two Midwest Airline tickets through a drawing for those taking advantage of the Sentry Insurance affinity program.

Winners of the "Keep in Touch" contest kicked off in the spring 2005 issue of *The Alumnus* have also been announced.

Tara Braasch, '02, Brillion, won first place and received a 2004 NCAA Division III Championship basketball autographed by the members of the 2004 men's basketball team.

Andrea Turnquist, '04, Waconia; and Mark Hager, '01, Lake Waccamaw, N.C.; received a \$100 online gift certificate for UWSP's University Store.

Chad D. Haas, '90, Beaverton, Ore.; Lindsay Cornell, '04, Tomah; Aimee Fenlon, '01, Denver, Colo.; and Kevin Buckley, '92, Los Alamos, N.M., all received a \$50 online gift certificate for UWSP's University Store.

Loecher heads alumni board



Shannon Loecher

Following seven years on the Alumni Board of Directors after becoming its youngest member in 1997, Shannon Loecher, '93, Minneapolis, Minn., became the board president in the fall of 2005.

An independent consultant for the sports industry, Shannon joined the Alumni Association Board after working on a committee of alumni planning the inaugural Terry Porter Golf Classic fundraising event. She was thrilled when Alumni

Association Director Emerita Karen Engelhard asked her to become involved. In a way, she was back with family, she says.

Leaving UWSP after her graduation was not easy, she says. "Although I felt I was ready to move on and UWSP had prepared me for the real world, I cried the entire way to Minneapolis. I realized I was saying goodbye to so many special people who had essentially become my family in a home away from home."

A native of Austin, Minn., Shannon originally planned to attend a private college but on a friend's suggestion, visited UWSP as a high school senior and decided to enroll here instead. She says she liked the idea of coming to a larger school where she would have many opportunities to get involved on campus and within the community, both in and apart from her dietetics major.

While an undergraduate, she served as Watson Hall president and as a student assistant in the men's basketball program. She was a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, Dietetics Club and Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society.

Among her favorite memories are walks to Belts in freezing cold weather, Yell Like Hell competitions at Homecoming, watching the Hockey team win four national championships and going on many basketball road trips, including one to the Bahamas for a tournament.

Currently director of corporate relations for Hazeltine National Golf Club, Shannon is working on the 2006 U.S. Amateur and 2009 PGA Championship. She has worked for the University of Minnesota, National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Hockey League and Professional Golf Association (PGA).

"I consider myself very lucky to be able to get up every day and truly enjoy what I am paid to do," she says.

She credits Frank O'Brien, Bob Semling and Bob Parker for giving her experience in the Athletic Department that gave her a foot in the door for her career. "To this day I consider them mentors that I can call if I need an outside opinion or some words of advice," she says.

Shannon hopes that other alumni feel the same way about their alma mater.

"The sole purpose of the Alumni Association is not for fundraising," she says. "You are automatically a lifetime member of a group designed to help you maintain contact with fellow classmates and friends, to make sure you remain connected to that favorite professor or to just keep you informed of what is going on at your university. We want you to keep us posted on where you are and what you are up to and to get more involved with us because you had a great experience at UWSP."

"It is because of the support of over 100 years of graduates that UWSP continues to thrive in the 21st Century," says Shannon. "With the help of our alums, we can carry on that legacy for the many generations to follow."

Nominations now being accepted for alumni award

Do you know an outstanding alumnus that deserves to be honored? The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for one Distinguished Alumnus per year. If you would like to learn more about the criteria used to select the Distinguished Alum or to nominate someone for this honor, please visit http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Distinguished_Alumnus.htm. While the office accepts nominations on an ongoing basis, only one Distinguished Alumnus is chosen each year to be honored the Saturday before commencement.

"It's a great day to be a Pointer!" Contined

"These trips are a terrific way for alumni to reconnect in a unique location and in a meaningful way," says Gehrman Rottier. "This program is growing thanks to our alumni, who are, it seems, eager to travel. I think our strong international programs unit has a lot to do with that given the number of students who go overseas through UWSP. That student experience resonates long after you step foot off the UWSP campus."

Return to Wisconsin Tuition Discount

Discounts on UWSP tuition are possible for children and grandchildren of alumni living out of state. With the "Return to Wisconsin" nonresident discount program, a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition is offered to all qualifying UWSP undergraduate students. Eligible non-resident students include those who are residents of states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as residents of U.S. territories and foreign countries.

For the purposes of this program, parents are defined as biological, adoptive, step parents, and/or legal guardians. Grandparents are defined as biological or adoptive grandparents. Graduates are defined as persons who have been awarded a baccalaureate, associate or graduate degree from UW-Stevens Point.

The Return to Wisconsin discount applies only to nonresident tuition, meaning that housing, food costs, segregated fees and all other expenses will be charged at the same rates applicable to all other students. Currently, the program represents a \$3,580 discount based on full-time enrollment for a full academic year; however, a student does not need to be full time to take advantage of the 25 percent discount. The discount is renewable as long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the UWSP catalog.

To learn more about the program, go to www.uwsp.edu/admissions/webpages/return2wi.htm, call (715) 346-2441 or e-mail admiss@uwsp.edu.

The Cardio Center

Alumni in the Stevens Point area can exercise while overlooking their alma mater at the Cardio Center, located in the upper level of the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs.

Open to UWSP faculty, staff, students and MSTC students as well as alumni and their spouses, the Cardio Center includes 65 strength and cardiovascular machines in its facility of over 7,500 square feet. Those using the Cardio Center benefit from nationally certified personal trainers; holistic health classes including yoga, meditation, Pilates, Latin dance and karate; shower facilities; free towels and lots of locker space. The center is also free on Friday evenings beginning at 5 p.m.

Memberships are available for the semester, partial semester, summer, academic year or calendar year. Fees and information may be found at www.uwspcardiocenter.com or by calling (715) 346-4711.



The UWSP Cardio Center, featuring an exercise area that overlooks campus, offers membership to alumni and their spouses.

Affinity Programs

What is an affinity program? Businesses with affinity programs offer discounts and specials for alumni while contributing revenue to fund The Connecting Point and Alumni Association activities. The revenue in turn benefits alumni by reducing alumni event costs and allowing the office to charge minimal fees for gatherings and reunions. Links to current affinity programs may be found on the alumni Web site.

Sentry Insurance offers a variety of discounts to alumni depending on insurance needs. Alumni requesting quotes also are entered into prize drawings (see page 2).

UWSP alumni may apply for the new US Bank affinity credit card as of April 1. The program offers high quality customer service and a point earning system that offers travel, leisure merchandise and gift certificate rewards.

M&I Nelnet offers a loan consolidation program to alumni with borrower benefits that include either reducing the interest rate or principal balance after meeting certain criteria as well as reduced application fees.

Click on the link to roomrate.com through the alumni Web site for competitive rates on hotels in the Stevens Point area.

Buy diploma frames from Campus Images and class rings from Jostens through the Web site and the Alumni Association will receive benefits from your purchases.

Alumni donate trees

A business owned by two alumni donated 10 large trees from their nursery to UWSP.

Eco-Building & Forestry, LLC of Stevens Point and Wausau, owned by Tom Girolamo, '82, and Kathy Clarke-Girolamo, '83, made the donation to replace trees damaged on campus during a late summer windstorm in Stevens Point in 2005.

The donated red, white and Austrian pines were 6 to 10 feet tall and, according to Tom, all grown by a method where the root system is pruned automatically. "The root pruning system produces trees with light weight and fibrous root balls that can easily be handled by just a one or two person planting crew," he said.

Eco-Building & Forestry designs, installs and maintains sustainable and environmentally friendly landscapes. They also provide large property consulting and management. The company grows their own plant material at their nursery near Lake DuBay and produces a variety of specialty labor saving and natural resource conserving products for the landscape industry and consumers.

Laura Mundschau, '97, is the company's landscape designer and computer technician.



Annual campaign making an impact

The Annual Campaign for Point has the impressive goal of raising a half million dollars to benefit the UWSP campus and students. After one semester of calling, the goal is now fifty percent achieved thanks to the support from over 3000 of our loyal alumni, parents and friends!

During the spring semester, students called alumni whose last name begins with A-L and also parents of freshmen and senior students. Starting in February, the Foundation began calling parents of sophomores and juniors, as well as alumni with names beginning with M-Z. This year's goal is to reach more alumni by calling just once and asking them to contribute to those programs that they have supported in the past.



Kristina DeWitt is one of the students contacting alumni this year as part of UWSP's Annual Campaign.

If you haven't received your call yet, please pick up your phone because it just might be Kristina DeWitt, a senior from New London majoring in wildlife education who will graduate in December.

"Our alumni are great to talk to," says Kristina, a daytime caller who often speaks with older alumni. "They are always very friendly and continue to be interested in what's going on here at UWSP."

Did you know that thousands of employers match gifts their employees make to qualified charities? To find out if your employer will match your gift to UWSP, ask our caller! We have an online database listing thousands of matching gift employers. You may also check with your human resources department. With your help, together we can make an even greater impact on the quality of education here at Point!

Ross remembered as supporter of UWSP



John M. Ross

John M. Ross, '58, Waupaca, a former board member and president of the UWSP Foundation and supporter of UWSP, died of cancer on Feb. 28 at age 69.

A native of Stevens Point, Ross earned a bachelor's of science degree from UWSP in conservation education, he became a National Park Service ranger-naturalist on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He later earned a Master's degree at Indiana University in recreation and park administration. He then joined the Department of the Interior Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. In 1969, Ross joined the faculty of Indiana University where he taught courses in recreation and park administration. From 1984 to 1994, he served as director of development and external relations for IU's School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He retired in 1998.

Ross served on the UWSP Board of Foundation Board of Directors from 1997 until 2003, serving as president from 2001-2003. He also served on the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board and established the Ross-Schmeekle Endowment for support of Schmeekle

Reserve. Ross and his wife, Nancy, who survives along with their son and daughter, were generous financial supporters of UWSP.

"As a volunteer, John was always pushing the envelope toward excellence through his creative ideas, his gentle demeanor, and his ability and commitment to help behind the scenes," said Steve Menzel, director of development and public relations for UWSP's College of Natural Resources. "UWSP will miss him dearly."

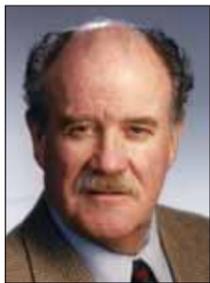
In tribute to John and Nancy's contributions to the university, UWSP is establishing the "Ross Amphitheater," an outdoor gathering place located on the edge of Schmeekle Reserve. The amphitheater will include natural landscaping, tiered seating, solar-powered trail lighting, a stage area and an engraved stone honoring the Rosses. The estimated cost of the project is \$6,000.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Menzel at 715-346-2032 or smenzel@uwsp.edu.

Foundation Board welcomes new members



Helen Godfrey



Biff Kummer



Bob Worth

The UWSP Foundation Board of Directors recently added two new members and honored an emeritus member.

Helen Godfrey, Stevens Point, and Biff Kummer, '73, Bowling Green, Ky., have begun three year terms as board members.

At UWSP, Godfrey, assistant chancellor emerita of student affairs, served in a variety of roles prior to her retirement in 1999. In 2004, she served as interim director of the Foundation Board and as a consultant to then Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm. She is also well known for her Child Learning and Care Center. Godfrey also

serves as chair of the YMCA Camp Manito-wish Board of Directors, is a member of the Portage County Community Foundation Board and has received the UWSP Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Achievement Award.

Kummer is a retired professor of physical education and recreation at Western Kentucky University. He is also a member of the Dorothy K. Vallier Foundation Board of Directors and the Kopmeier Family Fund Board of Directors and has served as a member of the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board for three terms. Kummer's past honors include an outstanding alumni award from the Department of Recreation and Leisure at the University of Utah and the Silver Beaver from Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to young people.

Robert (Bob) Worth, '50, was honored for more than 25 years of service to the UWSP Foundation Board, including serving as its president. The retired chairman of The Worth Company, Stevens Point, he is a recipient of the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award. Worth is also an emeritus member of the board of directors of the Portage County Business Council and Kiwanis Club.

CWES acquires 'Minister Lake' land

The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) has acquired a 45-acre parcel east of Sunset Lake for its permanent use.

The tract includes much of the land around Minister Lake, a scenic natural pond and wetland area that has been used by CWES in the past due to a partnership with its previous owner, North New Hope Lutheran Church. In works for two years, the purchase was finalized March 15 and was made possible through grants from the state of Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Land Preservation Fund administered by Portage County and donations from friends and alumni of CWES.

"Various groups served by CWES, including youth, adults, school groups and UWSP, have been allowed to use the property for education, research and recreation," says Steve Menzel, public relations and development coordinator for the College of Natural Resources. "The deal ensures that those uses will continue for the foreseeable future."

Remembering UWSP faculty and staff

Thomas Overholt



Thomas Overholt

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Thomas Overholt died on August 8.

After joining UWSP in 1975, Overholt participated in a number of university-wide committees and activities and won the UWSP Scholarship Award and the Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Service Award.

He led a semester abroad trip to London and co-led several summer biking trips. He retired in 1999 as chair of his department.

Originally from Ohio, he earned a bachelor's degree at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, then earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He taught at Yankton College in South Dakota for 11 years, during which he received a postdoctoral fellowship to study anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Overholt was active in several professional organizations and wrote four books on biblical philosophy, cross-cultural comparisons and Native American religions. After retirement he was active in the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society and North Central Conservancy Trust.

He is survived by his wife, Sally, and two sons.

Dan Houlihan



Dan Houlihan

Dan Houlihan, Stevens Point, a professor emeritus of communication, died Sept. 1 at age 82.

While at UWSP from 1964 to 1987, he served as director of the Office of News and Publications then was a professor of journalism and advisor to The Pointer for many years. He was on a state committee for the Wisconsin

Council on Criminal Justice and worked to develop Portage House, a halfway center for criminal offenders that was the first of its kind in the state.

Houlihan was also involved in Stevens Point recreational leagues, was a frequent contributor to Letters to the Editor in the Stevens Point Journal and wrote a memoir, *I Love You, I said. 'That's Nice,' she replied.*

Born in New York City, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended Niagara University and earned degrees at St. John's University and the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Prior to coming to UWSP he taught elementary school in Valley Stream, N.Y., operated and owned the family nursing home business, taught in Stevens Point and worked in the publication department of Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, and is survived by four daughters and six sons.

Shirley (Cudworth) Busa



Shirley Busa

Shirley Busa, Stevens Point, an academic department associate in the Department of Theatre and Dance, died Oct. 28 at age 50 after a brief illness.

Busa worked at UWSP for the last 20 years, including many years in the News Services/University Relations photography division, and she was active in the Wisconsin State Employees Union. She enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping and was taking classes at UWSP. She is survived by her husband, Norman, and a son.

UWSP begins work on Master Plan

A new Master Plan for the UWSP campus is in works now that the consulting firm Ken Saiki Design, Inc. has been contracted for the work.

Under the direction of Chancellor Linda Bunnell, the Seiki team has been meeting with campus students, staff, faculty and administrators as well as members of the community to discuss ideas on facility space, landscaping, campus image, transportation, campus housing, outdoor athletics and recreation, safety and sustainability. The final outcome in December will be a long-range, overall plan which will incorporate recommendations on existing buildings, new facilities, exterior image improvements, landscaping, enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle routes, a response to parking needs and on-campus residential facilities.

The plan will cost approximately \$150,000 and is being funded by campus funds, UWSP Residential Living and Parking Services.

Ken Saiki Design, Inc. an award-winning Madison-based firm specializing in landscape architectural design, has previously worked on exterior campus plans for UW-Oshkosh, UW-Green Bay, UW-Whitewater and other universities. One of the consultants on the project is Marsha Lea, a Stevens Point native who attended UWSP and whose father, Keith Lea, is a retired director of UWSP Technical Services.

ASID chapter honored

The UWSP American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) student chapter newsletter won an honorable



mention in the National ASID Student Chapter awards. Kelli Adelman, chapter president, accepted the award at a luncheon in Vancouver, British Columbia, last July (pictured left).

Alumna named to natural resource boards

Diane Lueck, '92, master's '95, the outreach program manager for the International Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program founded and located at UWSP, has been elected to the Pheasants Forever national board of directors and appointed to the Natural Resources Foundation (NRF) Wisconsin Board of Directors.

As part of Pheasants Forever, Lueck will serve on a 16-member board that oversees the operations of Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever.

Founded in 1986, the 2,000-member NRF supports the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. As a member of its board, she will support its key program areas of endangered species protection, habitat protection and restoration, community-based conservation and environmental education and outreach. Past NRF board members from UWSP include College of Natural Resources (CNR) Dean Christine Thomas and CNR Dean Emeritus Dan Trainer.

Lueck has been the director of BOW's international program since 2000. Founded in 1991 by Thomas, BOW offers outdoor skills programs and workshops to women across North America. Lueck has overseen the development of BOW training and curriculum materials, expanded opportunities in North America, helped broaden BOW's outreach for those with disabilities and supervised graduate students. She has taught BOW workshops every year since 1991, has had many BOW-related articles published and won grants for the program in excess of \$1 million. For more on BOW, see <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/>.

Lueck won the CNR's Outreach Award in 2002 and has been recognized by Wisconsin and British Columbia for her BOW programs. A member of many natural resource and outdoor sports organizations, she holds a Ph.D. in adult education from UW-Madison and resides in Friendship with her husband, Gary.

Knowledge not the only prize at Community Open House

On Sunday, April 23, UWSP will host a Community Open House, a day of presentations, displays and prizes with the goal of helping the community acquaint themselves with what their university has to offer.

Held throughout campus from noon to 4 p.m., the event showcases UWSP's programs, resources, personnel and students. Activities such as science demonstrations, displays, tours and planetarium shows will be offered free of charge. Special programs will be held at Schmeckle Reserve, including an evening hike. Several displays around campus will have food or merchandise for sale with proceeds going to support various student organizations. The event is co-sponsored by the Worth Company, a Stevens Point fishing equipment manufacturer.

A new feature at this year's open house is the Point Pass, for which each family will receive a card that may be stamped at various activities and buildings during the day. Drawings will be held for those who have collected the stamps, with the top prize being a family camping weekend at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. Other prizes will include gift certificates for the University Store and Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and tickets to UWSP events. For a schedule of events at the open house, see www.uwsp.edu/openhouse.

The Festival of the Arts will also be held in the Noel Fine Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring items for display and sale by more than 50 juried artists working in a wide variety of media. This event is also open to the public free of charge.



Toumi publishes third play in trilogy

Alek Toumi, an associate professor of foreign languages, has published the third play in his French series, the "Sartre-Beauvoir" trilogy. *De Beauvoir a beau voile* features one of the series' main characters, the ghost of Simon de Beauvoir, who again confronts Islamic fundamentalists. The series of plays, which also includes *Madah Sartre* and *Taxieur*, comments on post-colonialism and the tragedies of women and intellectuals persecuted by fundamentalists. Toumi has now written and published six books.

Student news briefs

- ★ Molly Lindemann, a senior music major from Valders, won the Undergraduate Division of the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition in November. Her first place prize included being able to perform with the ensemble and \$1,200. Last year she was runner-up. Lindemann also auditioned with the National Wind Ensemble and performed with the group at Carnegie Hall in New York City in January. She is the president of Delta Omicron and a student of Music Professor Patrick Miles.
- ★ Twenty-five voice students performed at The National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) student auditions. Elizabeth Magnor and Katie Minch were finalists in the Freshmen Women division; Megan Younkle was a finalist and Caitlin Last tied for third place in the Sophomore Women division; Jeffrey Bakken won first place in the Junior Men division; and Jason Zell tied for first in the avocational division.
- ★ Dan Solberg, Brookfield, and Ben Wojahn, Waupun, both College of Natural Resource majors, planted a Native American Three Sisters Garden at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center in Ashland as part of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) program. The garden, an ecosystem in which sunflowers, corn, beans and squash grow together in ecological harmony, serves as an example for local gardeners. The students also helped set up community gardens in the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations that provide free produce to tribal members.
- ★ Azuree Lintereur, a senior physics major, was one of 12 students to win a ten-week undergraduate medical physics 2005 summer fellowship at Marshfield Clinic/St. Joseph's Hospital through the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.
- ★ Keith Fliss, a senior art and design major, was honored for designing three public service posters in the Applied Arts Magazine Design/Ad Annual contest. His work was published in the January 2006 issue.
- ★ A UWSP alumna and a UWSP student participated in the Summer Research Intern Program with the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. Melissa Gebhardt, '05, Wausau, researched genetics involved in multiple sclerosis. Senior biology major Jonathon Badger, Plover, researched the genetics of bipolar disorder.
- ★ After serving an externship with Hilton hotels in London through UWSP International Programs, Courtney Sikorski, '05, Mosinee, was offered and accepted a full-time public relations position with the company. "She not only represented UWSP and the Communication Program well but also has been able to launch what well could be a very impressive career," says Professor Rich Ilkka, head of the Division of Communication.
- ★ Samantha Ewert, a junior dance major from Milwaukee, was one of four students to receive a National Dance Education Organization scholarship at the NDEO national conference last October.
- ★ Yu Wang, Kunming, China, chose UWSP for her master's work in environmental education after winning the prestigious Ford Foundation International Fellowship. One of 460 fellows around the world, she is studying with Randy Champeau, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources and director of the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education.
- ★ Andrew Moore, Sturgeon Bay, along with fellow computing majors and members of the Association of Information Technology Professionals at UWSP, is providing computer software upgrades and hardware maintenance to the Plover Boys and Girls Club through the Upper Midwest Campus Compact Consortium, a national effort to engage students in civic and leadership activities.
- ★ Melissa Cichantek, a Marshfield senior political science and philosophy major and president of the Student Government Association, received a full scholarship to attend the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference in Washington D.C. in March. As a delegate she met with lawmakers, administration officials and diplomats to discuss issues facing Israel.
- ★ Robert Forseth, a senior international relations major from Waupaca, and Arturo Viguera, a history and Spanish major from Elkhorn, were chosen from their congressional districts to participate in the inaugural American Youth Scholarship Foundation's United States Model House of Representatives in April. They will write and vote on bills and attend committee hearings on Capitol Hill.

Highly ranked for study abroad, UWSP looks to China

The Institute for International Education has again ranked UWSP among the top 20 universities for sending students abroad, according to its Open Doors 2005 report.

Not only was UWSP ranked 18th in the nation among comprehensive universities for sending 357 students abroad during the 2003-04 academic year, the report spotted trends in international study that are being pursued by UWSP.

"We are so pleased to again be nationally recognized for the number of students we have been able to expose to the life changing experiences that study abroad affords," says International Programs (IP) Director Dave Staszak.

The Open Doors report found that U.S. students are heading abroad in record numbers and that an increasing number of students are going to countries where English is not the primary language. Study abroad in China increased by 90 percent, making China the ninth-leading host destination for American students.

China is now a destination offered through UWSP. Last summer, Staszak spent three weeks meeting with educators and researching the development of short term and semester abroad programs.

The result is a semester-long program in Western China, beginning next fall. Students are being offered study at Sichuan University in Chengdu, as well as study tours to Beijing, Xian and Tibet. Courses, with the exception of Chinese language, will be taught in English.



International Programs Director Dave Staszak met many new friends while visiting China last summer, including two giant pandas.

Three new China programs also will be offered during the summer of 2006, including Political, Social and Cultural Transformation in China, led by Jianwei Wang, professor of political science, and Bob Wolensky, professor of sociology; Fossil Resources of China, led by Chris Liu, assistant professor of biology and Mike Bozek, unit leader at UWSP's Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research Unit; and business internships in China led by Gary Mullins, chair of the Division of Business and Economics.

"China has become so popular because it is in the news nearly every day," says Staszak. "It is one of our biggest trading partners and is quickly becoming a major world economic, agricultural, and military power."

China has a rich culture, tradition and history, he adds, and despite the country's rise to global prominence, it is still a

developing country with huge challenges. "Students who choose to study there now will witness history in the making and influence the Chinese view of America," he says.

"I found the Chinese people to be some of the most warm, outgoing and hospitable people I've met in my travels throughout the world. They are very interested in Americans, and in my experience, have a very positive view of our country and the possibilities to build new friendships and partnerships."

UWSP currently offers several study abroad opportunities, including semesters in Australia, Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland and Spain. Students also may visit 16 countries through short-term study programs over summer and winter breaks. These programs, open to a broad range of students, have consistently drawn hundreds of participants and helped the university rank among the top 20 master's institutions for several years in a row. Since the UWSP International Programs Office was established in 1969, the campus has sent over 10,000 students overseas.

More information about UWSP International Programs is available on the Web at www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad.

Students help school in Thailand

Ten UWSP art and design students and Professor Mark Brueggeman spent their winter break in Mae Sai, Thailand, helping young students learn about art and creating a large permanent mural that depicts the cultures of their home countries of Laos, Viet Nam, Cambodia, China, Burma and Thailand.

The students took part in a new International Programs (IP) offering, "Public Art and Journaling in Thailand," from Dec. 28, 2005, through Jan. 21, 2006, at the Development Education Program for Daughters and Community, a school in Mae Sai founded by two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sompop Jantraka to rescue children from being trafficked into the country's sex industry or exploitive child labor situations.

The trip was initiated by art student Joseph Quinnell, who visited the school last summer as part of a photojournalism project on the exploitation of women and children in the country. After seeing the lack of funds for art education as well as the children's interest in art, he brought the idea of a winter break trip for UWSP students to IP and Brueggeman. Quinnell, who returned to DEPDC with the group over winter break, hopes to create a continuing partnership between the school and UWSP for arts education through study abroad trips.

"UWSP fine arts students can become DEPDC's resource for dance, theatre, music and art," he says, "and in return, Mae Sai will become a point of true cultural exchange for UWSP students."

As part of his "Thailand Project," Quinnell will exhibit his photographs in buildings across UWSP from Sunday, April 16 through Sunday, April 30. The exhibits will also include photos and artwork by students who took part in the winter trip and artwork of DEPDC students.

A series of lectures, featuring Quinnell, Jantraka and Sarah Feinbloom, the director of a film on child trafficking, will also be held on campus the last week of April. More information is on the Web at <http://students.uwsp.edu/jquin065/dream/index.htm>.

Isaacson scholarship created

A student scholarship recently created through UWSP's International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE) honors the first director of International Programs at UWSP.

The Pauline Isaacson International Scholarship, created with funds from her estate, will be awarded in the summer or fall for the first time to a student or students who will be studying abroad, according to IPSE director Bob Wolensky, a professor of sociology at UWSP.

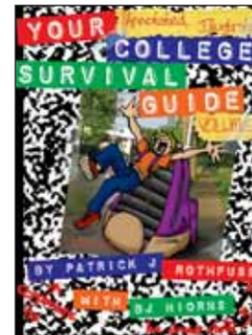
A speech professor and administrator at UWSP from 1941 until 1981, Isaacson worked with then university president Lee Sherman Dreyfus to create International Programs in 1969. In 2001 she received the Medal of the 600th Anniversary of the Krakow Academy Re-founding from Jagiellonian University in Poland, which recognized her for establishing the first cooperative post-World War II program between American and Polish universities. She died in April, 2004, at age 92.

Another portion of Isaacson's estate will also be used for general student scholarships.

IPSE was created through the UWSP Foundation about eight years ago by a group of faculty who realized UWSP had great international programs, says Wolensky, and that should continue even with the rise in costs of traveling and studying abroad.

To date, 12 named scholarships are part of the endowment. For more information in IPSE or to make a donation for international education, contact Wolensky at bwolensk@uwsp.edu or 715-346-2708.

Rothfuss published by Cornerstone Press



Cornerstone Press, the student-run publishing company at UWSP, recently published a book by an alumnus.

Your Annotated, Illustrated College Survival Guide Vol. 1, an anthology by Pat Rothfuss, '00, Stevens Point, was published during the 2005 fall semester. Featuring illustrations by BJ Hiorns, the book contains a collection of Rothfuss' columns printed in The Pointer campus newspaper before and since he graduated. Rothfuss is now an associate lecturer in the UWSP English Department.

The guide features comical advice in response to anonymous UWSP student questions. It is available for purchase at the University Book Store for \$16.95.

Cornerstone also published *Casper Sikorski Remembers*, a collection of letters to the Stevens Point Journal by a

Stevens Point native. The manuscript was assembled by students in the class and later sold by the Portage County Historical Society. All copies have been sold.

Cornerstone Press is staffed by students enrolled in English Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing course (English 349). Students are responsible for the entire process of selecting, editing, publishing and marketing a book. Profits from the sales of the books go to fund future publications.

"There are few classes like this in the entire nation," Dieterich says. "It's an undergraduate class that demands a great deal from each student. They often comment that it's more like a job than a class. When students leave the class, they bring with them the proof that they've actually accomplished something: the book that they themselves have selected, edited, designed, published, marketed and sold."

"I'm always impressed by how much they (the students) can get done in such a short time," he added, "as well as how seriously they devote themselves to their publishing duties."

Computer game created through collaboration

French Professor Marcia Parker, Communication Professor Leslie Midkiff DeBauche and art student Ryan Dorshorst worked together to create a computer game in which French culture students go back in time to 1930s Paris.

"Jouer A Paris" allows students in the French Film and Culture course to role play as a filmmaker, visiting historically accurate figures and settings of the time. The professors are presenting the project at a communication arts colloquium at UW-Madison this spring and hope to offer it to players outside of the class.

Brown, students working to save Plover River

Professor Bryant Browne of the College of Natural Resources is working with some of his students and recent graduates on a one-year study of the Plover River in Portage County. After beginning the work in August, they found that the river was drying up, and began working with local, regional and state officials to find a solution to slow the process. Using a well system installed at various depths, students are monitoring the river flow and testing water samples for various chemicals.

Hendel honored for photography

Grace Hendel, a retired professor of dietetics, was recognized for her photography with the addition of her poster, "Silos of Wisconsin," to a collection of art in the College of Professional Studies Teaching and Learning Library. After she retired in 1995, Hendel traveled across the state taking photos of various Wisconsin barn silos in order to raise money for Project Milk, operated by the Diocese of La Crosse to provide powdered milk to an orphanage in Peru. She has sold 2,500 copies of the posters, with proceeds going to Project Milk.



Hendel was joined by dietetics students at the installation of her poster in the CPS building.

Emeritus professor blends biology and mathematics

Charles Long, emeritus professor of biology, served as honorary chairman of the World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society Conference in Miami in January. He presented two papers at the conference which use mathematics to explain the shape and function of mammal red blood cells. His research assistants included faculty members Mark Treuden of mathematics, Sol Sepsenwol of biology and Michael Veum of physics and astronomy.

GEM receives \$1 million grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has funded the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center at UWSP with a \$1 million grant in 2006, bringing the total amount of federal and private money for the program to more than \$10 million.

The bulk of the U.S.D.A. grant will go towards studying sustainability practices of indigenous people, says GEM director Victor Phillips.

Formed in 2000, GEM provides several sustainability programs in Wisconsin and around the world, partnering with several Wisconsin Native American groups including the Menominee, Oneida and Ojibwe (Chippewa) nations as well as people in Asia, Central America and Africa. UWSP College of Natural Resources students participate in several GEM-run projects, including those in Medford and Washburn, Waupaca and Ashland counties.

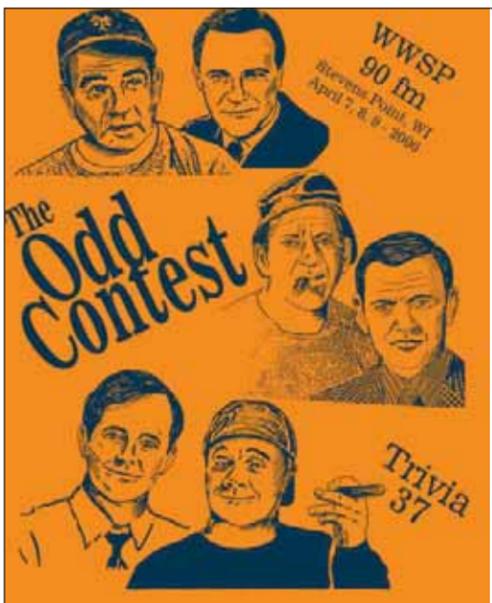
Suzuki center named for Aber

Margery Aber, a woman who brought music to the lives of many Stevens Point area children, was honored on October 1, 2005, with the dedication of the Aber Suzuki Center on the first floor of the new Noel Fine Arts Center.

The founder of the Suzuki program at UWSP, Aber is credited for making the campus nationally known for Suzuki talent education and for creating the American Suzuki Institute held each summer at UWSP. With the move of the Suzuki Center from 2101 Main Street to inside the NFAC, it was the perfect time to recognize Aber's legacy, said Dee Martz, director of the American Suzuki Institute.

Those in attendance included former and current Suzuki students, Suzuki faculty members and Suzuki administrators from around the nation. All who attended received a copy of Aber's book, *Hip! Hip! Hooray! Thirty Years With the American Suzuki Institute*, published just days before her death in 2001.

Trivia: Contest gets a little more "Odd"



"Trivia 37: The Odd Contest" has been picked as the theme of the 2006 trivia weekend, broadcast Friday through Sunday, April 7-9, on the UWSP campus radio station, WWSP 90FM.

The annual competition, hailed as the largest in the world, is being named in honor of those involved in various film, television and Broadway productions of "The Odd Couple," especially Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Tony Randall, who died in recent years.

"And come on," says Jim "the Oz" Oliva, trivia organizer since 1979, "nearly 13,000 people sitting around for a weekend, eating, stinking, not sleeping, answering ridiculous questions... now that truly is ODD."

The 54-hour contest officially begins on Friday when the first question is read at 6 p.m. Eight questions are read each hour and teams have the length of two songs to call in with their answers. Team standings are read twice during the weekend. Teams can also participate in the Trivia Parade through campus on Friday at 4 p.m.

Registration is \$30 and must be completed in advance at the 90FM studios between Monday, April 3, and 6 p.m. on Friday, April 7. Trivia merchandise will be for sale and the Alumni Association will offer a kick-off picnic on April 13 for \$3 from 1-5 p.m. outside of the Dreyfus University Center near the 90FM studios.

Now a Stevens Point institution, Trivia began in 1969 when 16 teams wrote questions for each other to answer. In 1970 the event was broadcast on 90FM and met with great public support. Today, the contest has grown to include nearly 500 teams responding to more than 450 questions over the course of the weekend. It has even been recognized by Chase's Calendar as the largest of its kind in the world. It draws people to Central Wisconsin from as far away as Europe and has attracted the attention of *USA Today*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and the quiz show Jeopardy.

For complete rules, a listing of teams and registration information visit the 90FM Web site at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/ and click on "Trivia."

Retirements

Susan Gunderson



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Susan Gunderson, '95, an academic staff outreach manager for UWSP Continuing Education, retired last July. She worked at UWSP for 21 years, the last 12 in Continuing Education where she was honored for her creation of the Pulp and Paper Educational Resources (PAPER) Academy certification program as well as the Management Certificate for Manufacturers. She also worked in the Graduate Office, College of Letters and Science and Division of Business and Economics while earning her bachelor's degree at UWSP.

In the community she was involved in several leadership programs and created SalesNet, a club for Central Wisconsin sales managers and business owners.

Her husband, Don, also retired, serves as director of the UWSP Paper Science Foundation. The couple now spends time with their five children and six grandchildren as well as enjoying outdoor activities, volunteering and travel.

Marvin Lang



Marvin Lang

Marvin Lang, a chemistry professor for 42 years and a Eugene Katz Distinguished Letters and Science faculty member, retired in January. Prior to coming to UWSP, he taught chemistry to members of the armed forces for UW-Extension. He also served as a visiting professor at Iowa State University and UW-Madison.

Since 1980, Lang has shared his enjoyment of chemistry with the public demonstrations, workshops and talks with his colleagues, including more than 600 programs and 500 lectures throughout the United States and Europe. He gave 30-60 presentations a year, including some at Disney World, Disneyland and for members of Congress. A longtime member of the American Chemical Society, he served on the board of directors and was twice honored by the group.

He has traveled extensively to Scandinavia to give presentations and was elected to lifetime membership in the Finnish Chemical Society. His retirement plans include genealogy projects, chemical stamp collecting, demonstrations, lectures and research. He and his wife, Louise, will also spend time with their three sons and ten grandchildren.

Meryl Lee Nelson



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Meryl Lee (Hoeft) Nelson, '72, an academic staff administrative specialist in the Foreign Student Office and coordinator of English as a Second Language (ESL) summer programs, retired from UWSP in February.

Since she began working at UWSP in 1991, Nelson has created ESL Web sites and promotional materials, brought the Japanese Student Services Organization Scholarship to UWSP, introduced first generation and foreign students to campus and helped them with their English skills. She earned an ESL minor for teacher certification in 1999.

Previously she was an English teacher in Tigerton and Pulaski, then she and her husband, Stewart Nelson, '72, moved back to Stevens Point in 1977. She then worked for the Point Area Bus Co-op, Wolohan Lumber Company and as a teacher for homebound students. She also owned and operated a window treatment business.

An avid traveler, Nelson has visited more than nine countries and is planning a trip to France this summer. She and her husband will continue to host a Japanese student as they have each summer since 1991.

Faculty use dogs for healing, helping and research

Five faculty members have literally gone to the dogs for helping, healing and research.

Biology Professor Terese Barta and English Professor Dan Dieterich own therapy dogs which they take into libraries, hospitals and care centers. Psychology Professor Mark Plonsky trains service dogs for Paws with a Cause and teaches a popular course on canine behavior. Now they've also come together with Associate Professor of Biology Isabelle Girard and Associate Professor of Communication Karlene Ferrante to collaborate on a project which assesses the effects of dogs on student learning at UWSP. With studies beginning this spring, the professors surmise that having dogs present in classrooms will reduce student stress levels during exams and speeches.



Terese Barta with her registered therapy dog, Remy.

Surplus partnership benefits UWSP and school district

UWSP and the Stevens Point School District are working together to save money and resources through a surplus property agreement.

Initiated last fall by Fred Hopfensperger, Surplus Property Office manager at UWSP, the agreement allows the office to sell or dispose of surplus items from the school such as furniture and computing equipment. This saves the district costs in time, storage, transportation and personnel, keeps the items out of a landfill and earns the district a higher profit for items sold.



The surplus property agreement became official in October when it was signed by UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell and school district superintendent Bette Lang, a 1972 alumna (for more on Lang, see page 10).

"This is a win-win situation," said Bunnell. "I am pleased that UWSP can cooperate with the school district in a program that not only is good for the environment but offers advantages for both parties."

During the first two months of the agreement, the school district saved \$10,000 in fees for disposal of computer parts and earned more than \$2,000 from the sales of surplus goods. UWSP benefits by having more goods to sell, thereby attracting and keeping more customers.

"This is really a great opportunity for us to work together since we are both funded by taxes," says Hopfensperger. "This is also a way for the campus to work with our community on a broader scale."

Since October, the surplus office has initiated similar agreements with Portage County and Mid-State Technical College. Located at 601 Division St., Stevens Point, the Surplus Property Office opens for public sales on Fridays from 1-5 p.m.

'With the Grain' residency brings international artists to UWSP

In a unique opportunity, five international environmental artists from around the world came together at UWSP last fall as part of the "With the Grain: An Environmental Arts Residency," one of the 2005-06 Signature Events to mark the opening of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

The artists, Tim Curtis from Miami, Fla., Johann Feilacher of Austria; Francois Lelong of France; Urs-P. Twellmann of Switzerland; and Thomas Radeloff of Germany, lived and worked in the Stevens Point community for three weeks, constructing works of art from natural materials at the Boston School Forest, Schmeekle Reserve, alongside the Wisconsin River, Iverson Park and UWSP's field station, the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction. Many of the environmental artworks were permanently installed in these locations.

"It's a rare thing to be able to bring five international artists together to work on something of this scale," said John Smith, associate professor of art and design at UWSP. "It was an outstanding opportunity for UWSP students, the community and Stevens Point schools."

After working with the artists, UWSP students responded with documentation and their own artworks in an exhibit at the Carlsten Gallery from Dec. 4-Jan. 29. Original works by the artists, including a wood sphere created by Twellmann and a wood sculpture by Lelong that had floated on Sunset Lake, were included in the exhibit as were many photographs and a slideshow of the students working with the artists.

"With the Grain" was sponsored through Sentry Insurance Foundation's "Invitation to the Arts" as well as the Wisconsin Arts Board, Stevens Point Arts Council, UWSP, and the city and school district of Stevens Point. More about this project may be found at www.withthegrain.us.



Brown designs center for Mead Wildlife Area

Thomas Brown, an associate lecturer in interior architecture, designed the new Mead Wildlife Area Department of Natural Resources' Education and Visitor Center in Milladore, which was dedicated in October. The building has five renewable energy systems, including wind, solar photovoltaic, geothermal, a solar hot water and a biomass masonry heater, and used environmentally friendly building materials. The area is used by school groups and the public for wildlife viewing, education and outdoor activities.

June conference targets sustainability

Jared Diamond, a scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, and Robert F. Kennedy, an environmental activist and best-selling author, will be featured speakers at the 4th International Conference on Environmental Management for Sustainable Universities at UWSP June 26-30.

Hosted by the Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM), the conference is expected to draw 200 participants from the United States and abroad for discussions on how campuses and communities can work together for a sustainable future. Previous conferences have been held in Mexico, South Africa and Sweden. This year's theme is "Transforming Ideas into Action: Building Sustainable Communities Beyond University Campuses."

Diamond is currently a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1998 for his book *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Civilizations*.

Kennedy, known for his staunch defense of the environment, serves as the senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance. He is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic.

For more information, see www.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM/EMSU/Home.htm.

Stolzer helps with Holocaust exhibit



Rob Stolzer

Rob Stolzer, professor and chair of art and design, helped create an exhibit for the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. "Cartoonists Against the Holocaust," a series of panels featuring cartoon art from the 30s and 40s that tried to alert the American public about the European Jewish plight, was presented at the institute's 2004 conference, "Teaching and

Learning about America's Response to the Holocaust." It was also on display at the Museum of Cartoon and Comic Book Art in Manhattan last fall, where hundreds of New York City high school students viewed the exhibit to learn more about the Holocaust. Interested in comic book art since he was a child, Stolzer is a frequent speaker on cartoons and graphic novels in a historical context.

Stokes receives National Endowment

James Stokes, professor of English, received a \$40,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to complete *Traditional Drama, Music and Custom in Early Suffolk*, a collection of works in the English county of Suffolk up to the year 1642. This is the third book in his Records of Early English Drama series, the other being *The Dramatic Records of Somerset* and *The Dramatic Records of Lincolnshire*.

Dreyfus University Center to undergo remodeling project



Come fall 2007, UWSP's "living room" is going to look very different.

With a \$23.7 million remodeling project beginning in May, the Lee Sherman Dreyfus University Center will close its doors for one academic year and two summers while the work is being completed, reopening in fall 2007.

Financed through student fees, the project will include a visually pleasing and updated glass, stone and brick façade, two-story concourse with retail and lounge spaces, small theatre, larger Laird Room and additional refurbishments. (For a complete list of new UC features, see side bar.)

"Students will hopefully notice that although the building is similar, it will look, feel and operate like new," says Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, UC director, of the new building.

"We want people to feel at home here since we are the 'living room' of UWSP," she added. "The renovated building will be a nice centerpiece for the campus."

The decision to close the building during construction was made by UWSP administrators and student representatives from the UC Policy and Advisory Committee and Student Government Association.

According to Ketchum-Ciftci, the decision is saving \$1.5 million and four months of construction. During a phased project, space would have been severely limited and offices would constantly be shuffled to different areas.

Approved by the State Building Commission last fall, this large-scale remodeling has been in the works since 1996 and is the third phase of UC renovations. The first was the addition of an elevator adjacent to the Basement Brewhaus in 1999 and the second was the remodeling of the lower level Student Involvement and Employment, Campus Activities and Recreation and student organization offices in 2000.

While planning for the project, members of the UC Policy and Advisory Committee came up with a list of wants including a bowling alley. That proved to be too expensive said Ketchum-Ciftci, but other ideas are being met by the project.

The architectural firms on the project, Perkins and Will of Chicago and SDS of Eau Claire, are known for their sustainability efforts, says Ketchum-Ciftci, and will be using recycled materials and taking environmental issues into account when

addressing heating and cooling system needs in the building. Perkins and Will was the firm that designed Old Main over 110 years ago.

For more information about the remodeling project, answers to frequently asked questions, architectural drawings and floor plans, go to www.uwsp.edu/centers/construction.



Drawings of proposed renovation.

The completed Dreyfus UC remodeling project will offer:

- An expanded and welcoming west entrance area and a more prominent, inviting and cohesive facade
- An open two-story front corridor offering various small retail and student organization space
- Site improvements including entry plazas, new landscaping, a revised parking lot and loading dock and additional storage for the receiving area
- An atrium dining addition on the south side
- Renovated dining serving and seating area
- Expanded computer lab
- Remodeled kitchen space for less crowding, more efficient food production, cooking display capabilities and better space layout for delivery systems
- Laird Room expansion from 575 seats to 800 seats
- A small 175-200 person multi purpose sloped floor theatre
- A fire suppression system
- Upgraded electrical and mechanical systems
- Review of passenger and freight elevators, roofing and associated systems for functionality, with appropriate action taken

Where did they go?

Many of the services normally housed in the Dreyfus UC began moving to new locations in January and will return to the UC when it reopens in the fall of 2007.

Delzell Hall is the new home of Conference and Reservations and the Student Government Association.

Nelson Hall is the new base of operations for Student Involvement and Employment, student organization offices, Campus Activities and Recreation, Entertainment Productions, Campus Ushers, Multicultural Resource Center, Program Services and University Centers administration.

The former County Market building at 200 Division Street is the new home of the University Store, Text Rental, University Box Office, Point Card Office and University Centers cashier. A grand opening of the University Store's new location will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 24-25.

DeBot Center is the new location of University Dining Services.

The Learning Resource Center/University Library will house the Campus Information Center.

The Residence Hall Association will be located at 601 Division Street.

DeBot Center gets a facelift

UWSP students, faculty and staff are now dining in style thanks to upgrades to the Elizabeth Pfiffner DeBot Residence Center over the summer of 2005.

The remodeling created three new themed dining areas to offer students more choices as well as updated décor and more personal service. DeBot Center had not been remodeled in 14 years, says Carl Rasmussen, campus planner. Student dining fees paid for the renovations.

The east wing is now the UWSP Dining Room, the main food service area which offers an emphasis on home-style cooking, cooking displays and staff interaction with students.

The south wing has become the Northwoods Dining Room, featuring made to order burgers, fries and grilled foods as well as furnishings and décor that reflect the feeling of a Northwoods lodge.

The north wing is the Italian Dining Room, featuring Italian cuisine such as pizza and a pasta bar. The décor is that of an Italian restaurant.

The project also included kitchen renovations, televisions, sound systems, murals and movable partitions. A grand opening celebration was held in September featuring a ribbon cutting, tours, dining, karaoke and prize drawings.



Schimpff is a fourth generation ‘Candy Man’

For the past 114 years, a candy shop in downtown Jeffersonville, Ind., has contained an amazing assortment of hard candy drops, chocolates and a variety of other sugary delights as well as turn-of-the-century equipment that transports customers back to the good old days of homemade candy making.

UWSP alumnus **Warren Schimpff**, '65, did not want to see that come to an end. So in 1990, he became the fifth member of his family to run Schimpff's Confectionery since his great-grandfather, Gustav Schimpff, Sr., opened up shop in the spring of 1891.

Still in the original building, the old-time candy shop is complete with a soda fountain, shelves of gleaming glass candy jars and a pressed tin ceiling. The shop specializes in local favorites like hard candy fish and Modjeskas, a caramel covered marshmallow named for 19th century actress Madam Helena Modjeska. Though Warren helped at the candy shop several times in his youth, he never planned on being the "Candy Man" himself.

Warren was raised on the north side of Chicago. "My father wasn't really involved in the business, but over holidays we would go down to visit and help," he says.

He attended W.H. Taft High School where he met his future wife, Jill Wagner. While she attended Chicago Teachers College, Warren studied at Wright Junior College. In the fall of 1962, he enrolled in the Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point.

During his time in what he calls "the Land of the Golden Sands," Warren lived in Delzell Hall, even serving one year as a "wing-buck," or what is now called a community advisor. He also jumped at the chance to be a student lecturer in the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, a new fixture on the growing campus. Having been an Eagle Scout, Warren became an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity. His three years in Stevens Point were filled with science and daily letters exchanged with Jill.

"I also remember playing sheephead for hours after dinner," Warren adds.

He graduated in the spring of 1965 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the newly renamed Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point. He went on to earn a master's degree in public health and a Ph.D. in environmental health from the University of Michigan. On May 13, 1967, Jill and Warren were married in Chicago. In 1973 they moved to Stockholm, Sweden, so Warren could pursue post-doctoral work.

A year and a half later, Warren and Jill returned to the United States and began searching for jobs. While they sent out resumes and waited for responses, they worked in the candy shop with Warren's Aunt Catherine and his cousin, Sonny. After nine months they moved to Claremont, Calif., where Warren had taken a job with the Metro Water District of Southern California, a utility company that imports supplementary water to Los Angeles.

Though he left the family candy shop behind, Warren brought his love for candy making to California. The Schimpffs began collecting antique candy-making machinery and set up a make-shift confectionery in their garage. Warren worked days testing water and spent the evenings and weekends honing his skills at the confectionery arts. During their 25 years in California, the couple helped a variety of non-profit groups make candy to sell as fundraisers.

In 1990, after the deaths of Sonny in 1988 and Catherine in 1989, Warren and Jill bought Schimpff's Confectionery from Catherine's estate and began to run the business from their home in California.

"I just couldn't stand to see the business die in its 99th year," Warren says.

For nearly a decade, Warren traveled to Jeffersonville 12 to 15 times a year to check on the shop and crank out batches of specialty candies. Finally in October of 2000, Warren and Jill retired from their jobs in California and moved to Indiana to run the candy shop full time.

For the Schimpffs, it has been a labor of love. When they first took over the business they closed for a short time to remodel and restore the building. When they reopened the oldest retail business in Jeffersonville, they did it for their family and for the town, Warren said.



Warren and Jill Schimpff

"There are a lot of memories here of candy, sodas and first dates."

Warren and Jill also purchased and remodeled the building next door to the original confectionery. The space now houses a candy museum filled with their collection of candy memorabilia and areas for candy-making demonstrations. The business employs 12-15 people and produces about 8,000 pounds of the Schimpff's signature red hots every year with what Warren refers to as "a prime example of 1920's technology."

On February 14, Schimpff's Confectionery appeared on the History Channel program "Modern Marvels." The episode focused on candy making and used footage taken at Schimpff's to demonstrate the history of the process of making sweets. The show compared the small mom and pop store to candy giants like Hershey and Jelly Belly.

"I've never worked so hard in my life...and I'm supposed to be retired," says Warren with a little laugh. "But hopefully people will remember Schimpff's Confectionery and the people who kept it going."

For more information about Schimpff's Confectionery, visit www.schimpffs.com/.



Sonny and Catherine behind the counter at Schimpff's Confectionery



Display cases at Schimpff's Confectionery

Back to the Point: Educator returns as head of school district

Editors Note: "Back to the Point" is a new feature in the Pointer Alumnus which features UWSP alumni that have returned to Stevens Point after taking an absence from the area surrounding their alma mater. If you have suggestions for someone (or yourself!) to feature here, please let us know at alumni@uwsp.edu.



Bette Lang

For **Bette Lang**, '72, education brought her to Stevens Point the first time and education has brought her back.

Though she took a roundabout route to the northern, eastern and southern part of the state, Lang returned to Stevens Point in August 2005 as the superintendent of the Stevens Point School District. The Wisconsin Rapids native took the job as a chance to "come close to home," she says.

After earning her bachelor's degree in physical education from UWSP, Lang left the area to pursue other opportunities. During her years away, she received both her master's and specialist's degrees in educational administration from UW-Superior. She also went on to earn a Ph.D. in educational administration from Marquette University and worked in several school districts including Rhineland, Sheboygan and Beloit.

As superintendent, Lang serves as the head of local public education programs and

is charged with the task of implementing the policies established by the school board. Lang described her job in simplified terms as being the "principal of the principals." She added, "My job is making certain that our students are learning and growing."

Since being hired, Lang has spent her time reacquainting herself with the Stevens Point area. After working in five other school districts, she knows that serving a community requires knowledge of that community. Now Lang is preparing to balance the 2006-07 budget and getting ready for the future.

She says she is proud to give back to the community near where she grew up and where some of her family still resides. For Lang, fond memories of the years she spent in Stevens Point from 1968 to 1972 revolve around the people in the community and she is pleased to be a member of that group once again.

She has been honored to reconnect with Marjorie Spring and Alice Clawson, both emerita professors of physical education who taught at UWSP while Lang was a student.

Upon returning, Lang was pleased to see the growth and rebirth in both the community and the campus. "It's obvious that this community values education from kindergarten to the university level," Lang said of changes to the community since 1972.

So what has changed since her departure in the 70s? "Everything," Lang responds jokingly, "... except maybe the street names, but even some of those are different."

Alumnae share their hurricane stories

When devastating hurricanes struck the Gulf coast region last year, Americans responded with donations of money and supplies as well as their thoughts and prayers. UWSP alumni affected by the disasters also responded in their own personal ways.

Bringing food, normalcy, to a devastated city and its relief workers

On the morning of Sunday, August 28, right after the approaching Hurricane Katrina was declared a category five storm, **Shawn McBride**, '73, New Orleans, La., the CEO and President of Chef Paul Prudomme's Magic Seasoning Blends, joined her husband, John, a vice president with the company, Prudomme and other Seasoning Blends staff members left their city and their businesses in a caravan on the north and southbound highways that were taking thousands north, away from New Orleans.

"It was a strange experience," she says of evacuating. Prudomme's former doctor had offered them his hunting camp in Pine Bluff, Ark., where they arrived at 3 a.m. on Monday after hours in bumper to bumper traffic. After

setting up operations at the camp, and began trying to communicate with employees, taking calls from the media and planning their return to New Orleans. They purchased six trailers, generators, fuel, linens, a washer and dryer, food, water and other necessities.

"It was just as if we needed to start over," Shawn said. "We anticipated we would need a lot and we were right on target."

Upon returning to the city 10 days later, no businesses were open.

"When we came back to New Orleans, it was eerie," she said. "Roads were impassable and many areas were filled with water. There were no cars, no people. It was a shock. We had not seen the real damage on TV. Until you saw it yourself you could not imagine it."

Finding Chef Paul's French Quarter restaurant, K-Paul's, with minor damages but unable to open, they set up operations at their seasoning plant in nearby Harahan. The McBride's home near the airport suffered flood damages and have kept them out until this month. They ended up staying at the plant for awhile, returning home only to clean up what they could.

"Whole communities are gone," says Shawn. "There are no schools, hospitals or banks."

"The most immediate need seemed to be feeding people so they could do their jobs," she said. "The rescue workers, members of the military and volunteers were sleeping in tents and trailers and were eating MRE's."

To meet their needs, Chef Paul created the "Chefs Cook for Katrina" Fund to

provide food, supplies and paper goods to those helping with Katrina relief efforts. Equipment from the restaurant was moved to tents behind the seasoning company, where food was prepared for delivery or pick up. They had meats and vegetables delivered from Baton Rouge to give people the fresh foods and warm meals they had been missing. Thousands of meals have been served so far, and cookbooks and spices have been distributed as well.

"Comfort food took on a whole new meaning," said McBride. "Chef Paul is the kind of person that sees food that way and he wanted to do it right. It lifted people's spirits to see him right there with them."

With so many employees losing everything, funds were also started for both Magic Seasoning and K-Paul's staff. In Shawn's hometown of New London, her sister Tambi Prey led a donation drive for food, medical goods and cleaning supplies which was sent to New Orleans in a semi trailer just as Hurricane Rita was heading their way.

K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen restaurant reopened Oct. 18 and the Seasoning Blends plant is operating at about 90 percent, she said.

"Everyone has employment issues," she said. The business district is up and running but stores are so short of people that it restricts business hours.

"What we need right now are tourists. The hotels and restaurants are open. We need people to come back to New Orleans."

To donate to the Chef's Cook for Katrina Fund or the funds for Prudomme's staff, see www.chefpaul.com.

Students, faculty rally for Hurricane Katrina relief

Since the devastating hurricanes hit the Gulf coast last summer, UWSP students and faculty have raised awareness and funds for its victims. Students have raised more than \$1,500 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund through residence hall and student organization fundraisers, auctions and sales. School supplies were also collected for distribution to Gulf coast students. On Sept. 14, a rally was held on campus featuring opportunities to help the American Red Cross, the sharing of experiences by those who had family in the New Orleans area and performances by musical groups.

Helping victims in Houston

Abby Heller, '98, Houston, Texas, wrote her former teacher, Professor Dan Dieterich of the English Department, about her experiences with relocated victims of Hurricane Katrina last fall as Houston became a central hub for the displaced.

"I have never seen devastation in this way, this closely," she writes. "It is absolutely heartbreaking to listen to their stories..."

She continues that during one trip to a local store she found a woman without any money begging the store manager for new clothes and personal needs. "As I walked around I watched survivors in a daze picking up toothbrushes, wash cloths, underwear, assorted necessities of life. They seemed unconscious of what they were doing. It was more watching people on auto-pilot doing what they had to do to survive." Community members also emptied the shelves, she added, buying items to donate to local shelters.

After spending several hours volunteering at the American Red Cross to take phone calls from survivors, Abby heard even more of the same kinds of stories - parents wanting to get their children in school but not having the resources for it, patients who have missed their chemotherapy treatments, people looking for family members, shelter, food and clothes.

"I admire these survivors for keeping their wits about them. For keeping their faith and hope alive," Abby wrote. "I can't imagine losing all of my possessions, my livelihood and my

family all at one time. They are patient and grateful even for a phone number or just someone to say, 'I wish you all the luck. Call us again tomorrow.'

I am relieved to know that those I know and love are safe. I am relieved to know that my new home in Houston is doing all they can to help and that I am a part of it."

Alumni form Chicago theatre company

Six theatre alumni now living in Chicago combined their talents in February to create the Rubicon Theatre Project, which has produced one show and is staging another this spring.

Alumni **Kassi Dallmann**, '02; **Josh Johnson**, '03; **Scott Allen Luke**, '04; **Bridget Schultz**, '03; **Micah Rademacher**, '01; and **Jeromy Spraker**, '02, will stage *Brain Children* at the Studio Theatre of the Apollo Theatre on North Lincoln Avenue from March 23 through April 22. They also produced *Only You* at the Apollo Studio last September and October.

While continuing to work day jobs, which vary from theatre management and sales to massage therapist, the company hopes to present "original and published theatrical literature that challenges audiences to think" as well as eventually teach acting and theater workshops and classes.

"We felt like we all had many different talents, so why not put those forces together to create something?" says Luke. To set themselves apart within the diverse Chicago theatre scene, they decided to focus on language oriented plays that were relationship based and actor driven.

Brain Children, an original play by New York City playwright Liza Lentini, explores the politics of gifted education from a student perspective. Dallmann will direct the show, Rademacher is the executive producer and Luke is the sound designer, with Johnson and Spraker taking acting roles.

According to Luke, the hardest parts of taking on their first show, *Only You*, were the business and marketing aspects. Thankfully, they had friends at the Apollo Theatre who helped them book the space. Schultz, a graphic designer, created posters and postcards for distribution. Since they are still working on obtaining tax exempt status, they raised over \$4,000 for the show through a letter-writing campaign to friends, family and co-workers. Company members paid for their own costumes and ticket sales helped pay the rental fees.

On the artistic side, Johnson became the director and roles were filled by company members and another alumnus, **Dan Jessup**, '00, Appleton.

"Through the process we all began to realize our strengths for the future," Luke said.

Having their UWSP background in common helped the company, he said. "Due to our training at Point, it was easy for us to work together. We're all passionate about our work but we're open minded about it and able to be honest with each other because we've worked together before."

"All the professionalism we learned from our professors has carried over to our professional careers," he added.

The company's advice for new graduates is to keep an open mind, says Luke, because theatre is constantly changing. "Learn as much as possible from your professors," he adds. "They've been where we are and they know first hand what they are teaching."

For more information, see www.rubicontheatreproject.org.



Performing in *Only You*, from left, are Micah Radmacher and Scott Allen Luke, members of the Rubicon Theatre Company.

UWSP Class Notes

2000's

John Larson, '05, Washington D.C. and formerly of New London, works for Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl, whom he interned for last fall.

Michael Gehrman, '05, Appleton, is a graphic designer with Coalesce Marketing and Design Inc., Appleton. Previously he was a creative project coordinator at Lindsay, Stone & Briggs advertising agency, Madison. Michael is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Artists.

Kati Koster, '05, Kaukauna, is a customer service representative for Humana Insurance. She recently began classes in the MBA/marketing program through the University of Phoenix.

Lisa Lietz, '05, Lodi, is a teacher for the Sauk Prairie school district.

Marika Loftman-Davis, '05, Chicago, is a dancer with the Chicago Bulls dance team, the Luvabulls. She is touring nationally and internationally with the National Basketball Association.

Angie (Bellamy) Miller, '05, Medford, is a foster care coordinator and social worker for the Price County Human Services Department. Her husband is Scott Miller.

Theresa Janke Oestreicher, '05, Watertown, is a music teacher at St. Henry and St. Bernard Catholic grade schools. She and her husband, Christopher Oestreicher, were married in July, with many UWSP alumni performing at and attending the wedding. "I loved UWSP! It really felt like home for the five years I attended," says Theresa. "I

continually recommend and answer questions about the university in hopes that perspective students will have the same wonderful experience I had."

Gina (Meronek) Rutzen, '05, Wausau, is a social worker and service facilitator for North Central Health Care.

Carrie Sicard, '05, Stevens Point, is an accountant with Sentry Insurance.

Travis Stearns, '05, Appleton, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network with the Blevons Group, Appleton.

Melanie Wick, '05, is attending graduate school at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, where she was awarded an assistantship.

Matt Brault, '04, Coleman, is a software developer for Shreiber Foods, Inc., Green Bay.

Amy Ecklund, '04, Stevens Point, is a member of Americorps.

Matthew Embertson, '04, Stevens Point, is an Internet application technician for Skyward Inc.

Ian Grasshoff, '04, Stevens Point, is a geographic information specialist for Waupaca County. He and **Lisa (Brownie) Grasshoff**, '04, were married on August 6. Lisa is a training specialist for Community Industries, Stevens Point.

Jessie Johnson, '04, Watertown, is a chemistry teacher for the Watertown school district.

Mark Kroger, '04, Milwaukee, is a systems specialist with Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee.

Kevin Mytko, '04, Crystal, Minn., was certified as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture. He works for Top-Notch Tree Care, Plymouth, Minn.

Mike Nechuta, '04, Hayward, teaches for the Hayward school district. His wife, **Kelly (Meyer) Nechuta**, '04, is the Soils, Sanitation and Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) secretary for the Sawyer County Zoning Department.

Todd Orlowski, '04, Grafton, is a crop consultant for Hilltop Agronomics.

Wesley Rufenacht, '04, Finland, Minn., is a field forester with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is married to Lori Kroll. He asks friends to call at (218) 353-7422 or e-mail wesmail@mail.com.

Megan Sanders, '04, Fitchburg, is an associate graphic designer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Madison.

Elizabeth Van Lysal, '04, Hales Corners, is a program outreach coordinator for University Housing at UW-Milwaukee. Over the summer she relocated from Washington, D.C.

Lindsey Zietlow, '04, Schofield, is a claims processor for Wausau Benefits. She will be married to Christopher Doman in March.

Carrie Lande, '03, Minneapolis; **Clair Suilmann**, '01, Minneapolis; **Melissa Huber**, '99, New Richmond, and **Stephanie (Bremer) Campbell**, '98, Hudson, choreographed works for *Dances, Chances and Circumstances* at The Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, in

August. Melissa and Stephanie teach dance at the center.

Dana Howe, '03, Eugene, Ore., is marketing director for 5th Street Public Market.

Andrea (Rocque) Millan, '03, Minocqua, is a clinical dietician for Howard Young Health Care, Woodruff. She served a dietetic internship at Keene State College in Keene, N.H., then completed the exam for registered dietitians. She is married to Stan Millan.

Tressa (Jordan) Poirier, '03, Tomah, is a receptionist and debt consolidation specialist at Affordable Mortgage.

Leigh Ruddy, '03, Tacoma, Wash., is a fundraising assistant at the Working Waterfront Maritime Museum, Tacoma. She says she's met two fellow alums while living in Washington during the past year.

Robyn Wilkinson, '03, Washington D.C., is a public relations and marketing intern for the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Washington D.C. She formerly worked with the Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington, Ky.

Nicole (Montgomery) Dhein, '02, Mosinee, is a copywriter and co-host of the morning show at WDEZ. "90FM had the biggest impact on my life," she says, crediting her experience as news director and station manager for the skills she uses today. Her husband is Joshua Dhein.

Elizabeth England-Burdick, '02, Duluth, Minn., is a new member of the American National Ballet company, Duluth. She is married to Bret Burdick.



Molly Holm

Molly Holm, '02, New York City, has founded Open Floor Dance, a non-profit organization that promotes cultural

diversity through dance to New York City elementary school children. She's also worked on dance outreach programs in Milwaukee and New Jersey. Molly has taught dance for 12 years, currently at Dance Innovations, Chatham, N.J. In addition to studying at UWSP, she trained in England and Ireland. She is a dance critic for Theaterscene.net.

Valerie (Livingston) Hudson, '02, Florence, S.C., married Lee Hudson in August, 2004, and moved to South Carolina where she is currently working on a master's degree in applied psychology at Francis Marion University. Friends may contact her at loopy_ji@yahoo.com.

Sarah Mack, '02, Wolfeboro, N.H., is a mathematics teacher. She says, "I moved to the east coast and love it here...but I always think about the great education I had back home."

Stephen Ryskoski, '02, Howard, is a supervisor for Schenck Business Solutions, Green Bay. He is a member of the WICPA and AICPA.

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Ryan Gustafson, '05, Buffalo, Minn., served an environmental internship last fall in the Phayao Province of Northern Thailand through World Endeavors. His month there was spent with a village family and at Phu Sang National Park and Wianglo Wildlife Sanctuary. He helped plant trees, rebuild dams, learned about their natural resource management and made recommendations on the environmental and urban forestry needs of the area. "This was one of the best experiences of my life," says Ryan. "I got to see and learn so many things, it was amazing." He is currently working for an urban forestry company in Buffalo.



First Lt. Jared Nagel, '04, Plover, is a platoon leader with the Wisconsin Army National Guard 2-127th Infantry regiment based in Kuwait on the Iraqi border. He and fellow soldiers at Camp Navistar worked with their family and friends to collect school supplies for elementary school children in the neighboring town of Safwan, Iraq. Helping with the collection in Stevens Point were students at Bannach School, Ben Franklin Junior High and Stevens Point Area Senior High School as well as members of the Stevens Point Rugby Football Club and Stevens Point Women's Rugby Club at UWSP which coordinated the event. Collection boxes were also set at three Stevens Point area Copps stores. A total of 1,146 pounds was boxed and shipped. UWSP's Vets 550 Club collected \$200 to help with the shipping of these boxes at their 50th reunion celebration during Homecoming.

Kristen Brickl, '01, Boulder, Colo., is pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology at Naropa University and plans to graduate in 2007.

Brandon Hummel, '01, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a manager for Wells Fargo Financial, Burnsville. He was named manager of the year for the Minnesota and North Dakota district.

Jimmy Ingman, '01, Bemidji, Minn., is the assistant women's hockey coach and events manager at Bemidji State University. His time at UWSP guided his career to working at a college, he says.

Chad Thomack, '01, Milwaukee, is an environmental educator at the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee's Riverside Park.

Camille Tubbs, '01, New Haven, Conn., is a reference librarian and professor of legal research at Yale Law School. She graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2004 and earned a master in law librarianship from the University of Washington School of Law in 2005. Last summer she served an internship at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Darin Beschta, '00, Iola, is a Second Lieutenant in the 264th Engineer Group of the Wisconsin Army National Guard of Chippewa Falls. In 2004 he spent two months in Kuwait then was stationed at Forward Operating Base Speicher, near Tikrit, Iraq, for eight months. A science teacher at Iola-Scandinavia Middle School, he is currently pursuing a master's degree.



John Gardner

John Gardner, '00, Shorewood, is an account executive for Zeppos & Associates, Inc., a public relations firm in Milwaukee. Previously he was public relations manager for a national non-profit health care organization represented by Executive Director, Inc.

Elizabeth (Kallis) Reynolds, '00, Gainesville, Fla., is a resident lighting designer, master electrician and adjunct professor at Santa Fe Community College. Her husband, **Owen Reynolds**, '97, is a technical director at the college. They were married in 2004. Owen continues to support the UWSP Scuba Diving Club and both consider their former theatre professors as "mentors and friends."

1990's

Sheri (Buchholz) Birchler, '99, Lodi, is a senior account executive for United Parcel Service, Madison. Previously she worked at Covance Labs. She and her husband, Jeremy Birchler, were married in 2002.

Jennifer Seymour, '99, Eagleville, Pa., is a principal scientist with GlaxoSmithKline, King of Prussia, Pa.



Allison Plute

Allison Plute, '99, Fountain, Colo., is a naturalist with El Paso County Parks. Last August she participated in a study

of wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior, sponsored by Singing for Change and the Earthwatch Institute. With other volunteers, she backpacked off trail two to ten miles a day on the longest predator-prey study in existence, she says. Previously Allison has worked as an educator at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs and as a backcountry camp counselor and wildlife guide in Alaska. She can be reached at allisonplute@elpasoco.com.

Donald Harley, '98, Greenfield, is a medical technologist at Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee. In September he married Rebecca Miller.

Lori Hoppa, '98, Oshkosh, is a career trainer and coordinator at the UW Oshkosh Center for Career Development and Employability Training in the youth programs division. She is a case manager for at risk youth ages 12-22 who are enrolled in Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs. She earned a master's degree in education from UW-Oshkosh in 2005.

Marie (Johnson) Hornickel, '98, Denver, Colo., is the director of special events for the Office of Alumni Relations at the University of Denver. She was married to Kyle Hornickel in August. Previously she worked at UW-River Falls and earned a master's degree in counseling and student personnel from Minnesota State University-Mankato in 2003.

Andrew Moscinski, '98, Appleton, is a teacher for the Appleton school district. He is married to **Whitney (Dunnett) Moscinski**, '99, who is a stay-at-home mom to their daughter.

Susan Ermer, '97, Stevens Point, is program coordinator for the Global

Environmental Teachings program of the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at UWSP. She is leading the Wisconsin-Puerto Rico Environmental Exchange, a three-year project that began in 2004 in which K-12 environmental education teachers from the U.S. and Puerto Rico visit each others' countries to share expertise and classroom experiences.

Jason Kiehna, '97, Howard, is certified public accountant and a supervisor for Schenck Business Solutions, Green Bay. He specializes in providing accounting and audit services to the automotive industry and is a member of the Wisconsin Auto and Truck Dealers Association.

Kimberly (Hintz) Madrid, '97, Chicago, Ill., is director of annual giving at the Lincoln Park Zoo. Previously she worked at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. In her free time she trains for triathlons and marathons - she completed the 2005 Madison Ironman triathlon last September and will run in the Boston Marathon in April. Her husband is Martin Madrid.



Aaron Felske, '00, Las Vegas, Nev., center, served a four-day residency at UWSP in October, teaching choreography from the Broadway shows "Fosse" and "Moving Out" as well as from Celine Dion's "A New Day..." show at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. As a member of the 50-member cast of "A New Day..." Felske performs five days a week in front of crowds of over 4,000 people. Of Felske's residency, Dance Department Chair Joan Karlen said, "He's teaching more than just choreography and technique. He's teaching them how to be genuine and generous in rehearsal, how to work honestly and how not to give up." Felske spent nine months rehearsing in Lalouviere, Belgium, for the Celine Dion show. Prior to that, he performed in "Fosse" on Broadway for four months and in the "Fosse" touring show for a year and a half.



Track and field team alumni who are now coaching at the college level gathered together at the NCAA III National Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at

Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. From left, **Matt (Freddy) Hayes**, '01, head cross country coach and assistant track coach at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.; **Dan Schwamberger**, '01, assistant track and cross country coach at UW-Platteville; UWSP Track and Field and Cross Country Coach Rick Witt; **Mike Warta**, '99, head track and field coach at Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa; **Chad Robran**, '96, assistant track coach at St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minn.; and **Brett Witt**, '98, head track and field and cross country coach at Carthage College, Kenosha.



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1990'S Continued

Michelle (Polebitski) Rector, '97, is a career advisor at UW-Oshkosh. She married David Rector in June. She says, "I have always looked back fondly to my times at UWSP. They were some of the best times in my life. The memories are priceless."

Laura Routh, '97, Lawrence, Kansas, inspects waste generators, landfills and illegal dump sites for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She also serves on the Lawrence Resource Conservation and Recycling Advisory Board. She is married to Mike Hajdu. "Great School! Great Education! Great Faculty! Great Classmates! If I win the lottery I'll definitely will my fortune to UWSP," she says.

Lisa Tomko, '97, West Bend, owns Blue Iris Graphics and recently celebrated five years of business. She relocated from LaCrosse to West Bend last fall and now employs two part-time artists and serves the greater Milwaukee area.

Karl Olsen, '96, Louisville, Ky., is a bassist with the Louisville Orchestra. He credits his UWSP training as a great start for his career. He has taught at Indiana University-Southeast, The Bowling Green String Academy and at his own private teaching studio. He is married to Allison Olsen.

Travis Stroessenreuther, '95, New York, N.Y., is an actor with two theatre companies, Theatre Lila, directed by **Jessica Lanius**, '97, and Hooray for Everything, an improvisational comedy troupe that recently performed at Caroline's on Broadway in New York and had their short film screened at the Beverly Hills Film Festival. He also works as a New York City tour guide. Travis is married to Julianna Mitchell.



Christopher Fischer, '95, masters '98, Appleton, is a firefighter with the City of Appleton and has been reappointed by Gov. Jim Doyle as a representative on the state's Public Health Council. He was also appointed to the state's Emergency Preparedness Committee as the representative to the state's fire, EMS, police, nursing and allied health professionals. He has served as coordinator for the North-East Wisconsin Level A Hazardous Materials Response Team and is a member of the Fox Valley Regional Trauma Advisory and Medical Control Committees and the Fox Valley Critical Incident Management Team. He is recognized by FEMA as an Urban Search and Rescue technician with specialties in rope rescue and confined space entry. He is an educator, librarian and coordinator for ThedaCare in Appleton. In 2000, he began work in the veterinary science Ph.D. program at UW-Madison and has published his research on infectious disease. He also coaches the UW-Oshkosh women's rugby football team.

Christopher Thoms, '95, Galesburg, Ill., is a visiting assistant professor in environmental studies at Knox College. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment in 2004. His wife, **Ann-Marie Finan**, '98, is a Ph.D. candidate at Iowa State University in Ames.

Richard Waldvogel, '95, Longmont, Colo., co-founded Givezilla Nonprofit Technologies, which partners with Amazon.com to help nonprofit organizations retain up to 10 percent of product sales made on their Web sites. The company, which has 25 clients in

Colorado and one in Pennsylvania, also plans to assist with Web site design and email for nonprofits. Richard was inspired to create the company after losing a friend to breast cancer.



David Kunze, '94, Stevens Point, is president of Booking Builder Technologies, a New York-based travel technologies agency. His office will be headquartered in Stevens Point. Previously David was vice president of sales and industry automation for Travel Guard International. He and his wife, Tracey Kunze, have two daughters.

Lisa (Deaver) Anderson, '94, masters '05, Niagara, is a special education teacher for the Florence school district. She and her husband, **Mark Anderson**, '93, have three children.

Connie Kolita, '94, Cincinnati, Ohio, is project manager in public affairs at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

Patti Krebs, '94, Lakewood, Wash., is an education graduate student at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and is a self-employed licensed massage practitioner. She also teaches theatre classes through the Tacoma Little Theatre Young Performer Institute, is involved in theatre in the Puget Sound area as a director, choreographer and performer, and works as a choreographer for area school musicals.

Jill (Seehaver) Timm, '94, Iola, is a physical therapist and licensed athletic trainer at St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point. She and her husband, Aaron Timm, have one son.

Sean Marsan, '93, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a budget analyst for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Fort Snelling. His wife, **Kristen (Fosdal) Marsan**, '94, is a homemaker.

Glenn Proudfoot, '93, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., earned a Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries sciences at Texas A&M University in May. His wife is Jennifer Walter.



Tamara (Butts) Moore, '92, Colorado Springs, was UWSP's December commencement speaker. Interim dean of students at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Moore has worked at UCCS since 1998. She also works as a motivational speaker and is a member of several educational and professional organizations. Previously she was a business consultant in the Colorado Springs area. She and her husband, Kirk Moore, have one son.

Nancy (Kortenkamp) Mikel, '92, Madison, recently relocated to Wisconsin from Houston, Texas, and is a clinical audiologist at UW Hospital and serves as head of the Pediatric Cochlear Implant Department. She has run many marathons and is now training for her first "Ironman" event. Nancy has three sons with her husband, Matt Mikel.



Kristin Hoffman, '92, Hartford, Conn., was named in *New York and Hartford* magazines' 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* as one of the best immigration lawyers in the New York region as well as one of the best lawyers in America. As the proprietor of the Law Offices of Kristin Hoffman LLC, she exclusively practices federal immigration law. Her pro bono work in representing immigrant victims of domestic violence has been recognized by the Connecticut Bar Association. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and currently serves as the vice chair of the Connecticut chapter. She earned her juris doctorate from the University of Connecticut School Of Law in 1998.

Jan Piltz, '92, Plover, administrates Portage County's Healthy Beginnings program, which offers educational programming for first time parents. Previously she was a home visitor and staff mentor for the UW-Extension program. She has three children and one granddaughter.

Nelson Pasha, '92, Mosinee, is a customer service supervisor for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, Wausau. He's served 14 years on the Mosinee School Board, three years on the CESA 9 Board of Control and 15 years on the Mosinee Board of Zoning Appeals. He continues to earn several professional designations and has been admitted to Cardinal Stritch University to pursue a master's degree in management.

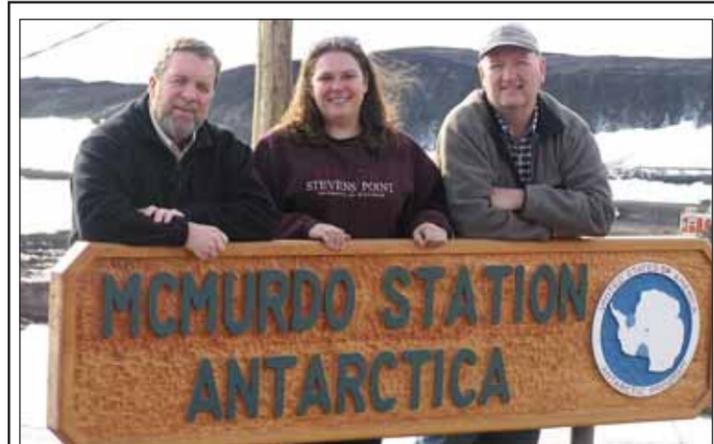
Kristin Gjerdet, '91, West Allis, is an associate professor of art at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. This year her work has been featured at the University of Northern Colorado-Greeley, Quad Cities International Airport Gallery in Moline, Ill., and the 18th Annual Northern National Art Competition in Rhinelander. Last fall she organized an exhibit at WLC featuring works created by herself, her students and UWSP Art Professor Diane Bywaters during a 2004 trip to the rainforests of Costa Rica. She can be reached at kristin_gjerdet@wlc.edu.

Jeffrey Barth, '90, is a restaurant business manager for the Department of Defense/Army and Air Force Exchange Service, stationed at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo, Japan. He earned a master's degree in 2002 from the University of Phoenix and lived in New York City and Germany before transferring to Japan. He and his wife, Laura (Zimmerman) Barth, a Stevens Point native, recently climbed to the 3,776 meter summit of Mt. Fuji. "The lesson of the mountain was all about perseverance and indomitable spirit," says Jeffrey. "Nothing is impossible to a willing mind." He adds, "My experience at UWSP taught me that nothing of value in life comes without hard work, perseverance and dedication."

Denise Domack, '90, Apple Valley, Minn., owns, directs and teaches at the Metro Academy of Dance Education, Apple Valley. **Carrie Lande**, '03, Minneapolis, is the assistant director and an instructor, and **Gretchen Talbot**, '03, Richfield, and **Erica Ruegamer**, last attended '04, Minneapolis, also instruct. The four alumnae work outside of the academy as well. Denise and Carrie worked together to establish the academy, now in its second year of being the only dance education center in Minnesota to incorporate dance history, injury prevention and wellness into dance classes for ages 3 to adult. Denise says they hope to expand into acting and vocals as well. They use video clips of dance styles from UWSP in their classes. "We always refer back to our schooling, our professors and what we learned at UWSP," Denise says. "It's amazing to me that the four of us (alumnae) share the same heart in dance. That stems from UWSP and I think that is why we are so successful."

Attention Phi Sigs! Save the date!

Phi Sigs will gather at the Country Springs Hotel in Stevens Point during Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 21, to celebrate the fraternity's 75 years at UWSP. For more information and updates, see <http://www.phisigsinpoint.org> or contact Jeff Zabel, '69, Stevens Point, at 715-344-8394 or jjzabel@charter.net.



Jenny Baeseman, '98, Princeton, N.J., recently took her third research trip to Antarctica, "the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent on earth." She arrived on Nov. 24, set up camp at the shores of the permanently ice-covered Lake Fryxell in the McMurdo Dry Valleys and collected bacteria for study and DNA extraction. Her work included getting bacteria samples from the Von Gerrard Stream and Canada Glacier, which she is now analyzing back in the states. She reports that some days were really warm at 38 degrees Fahrenheit, while others were very cold at minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit with 25 mile an hour winds. Even so, she loves the continent, and says "I am hooked on the ice."

While there, Jenny met two fellow Pointers also conducting research, **Mike Madigan**, '75, of the Department of Microbiology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and **Philip Brauer**, '77, of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., (pictured with her, above.) Once they all got together, she says, "naturally we had to go for a few beers and chat about how great Point was and the fun we had there."

Jenny left Antarctica Feb. 7 and returned to Princeton University Feb. 20 "after a few days defrosting in beautiful New Zealand," she said. In August, Jenny will finish her National Science Foundation microbial biology postdoctoral fellowship in Princeton's Geoscience Department then begin a faculty position. She hopes to follow up on her research and return to Antarctica many times during her career.



The first annual reunion of friends from Third Floor East Hyer Hall from 1983 to 1985 was held last September at the home of **Tom Templin**, '97, West Allis. Pictured are, from left, **Jeff Bilitz**, '87, Fond du Lac; **Mark Schroeder**, '87, Superior; **Chris Utrie**, '89, Madison; **Templin**; and **Bill Ehlenbeck**, '87, Beaver Dam. The friends are looking for more of their floor mates from the third floor of Hyer Hall as well as those from Third Floor East Neale Hall (where they moved when Neale became co-ed) to join them for another reunion, possibly on August 26 near Oconomowoc. If you lived on those floors between 1983 and 1985, please contact Ehlenbeck at behlenbeck@hotmail.com.



Nancy Turyk

Nancy Turyk, '90, masters '00, Amherst, recently received the UWSP Academic Staff Spirit of Community Service

Award. A water resource scientist with the Center for Watershed Science and Education, she is on the Portage County Groundwater Advisory Committee and the Town of Lanark's Plan Commission. She has worked on behalf of Portage County lakes and the Friends of Tomorrow-Waupaca River and serves on the state's North Central Conservancy Trust Properties Committee. Her partner, **Randy Slagg**, '91, works for the Portage County Land Conservation Department.

1980's

Susan Spencer, '89, is performing as a standby for the role of Jo in a national tour of *Little Women* starring Maureen McGovern. She performed the role during a stop at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton in February. The show, also starring her husband, Andrew Varela, runs through August. Susan and Andrew have one son.

Douglas Moore, '89 masters, earned the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Four Star Award for *Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs, Part II*, which he co-produced, and *Sedimentary and Vein Agates*. The programs also won first and second place respectively from the Midwest Federation (MWF) of Mineralogical and Geological Societies and are available on DVD or CD to MWF members. Moore is a photographer for University Relations and Communications at UWSP. He and his wife, Susan Moore, have two sons.

Liane (Rice) Shulfer, '89, Plover, manages Shulfer Sprinklers and Landscaping with her husband, Chris Shulfer. Married for 14 years, they have worked together for 12 years and have three children.

Thomas Dailing, last attended '87, won first place in the American Gem Trade Association annual Spectrum Awards for evening wear. The pink tourmaline diamond pendant won over 142 entries. It has won three other awards, including Best in the Midwest. Dailing operates Thomas Dailing Professional Designs at Lee Ayers Jewelers, Stevens Point.

Helene (Dickas) Blowers, '86, Charlotte, N.C., is the technology director for the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County library system. She authored *Weaving a Library Web: A Guide to Developing Children's Web Sites* in May. She is married to David Blowers.

What's New?

Let your UWSP friends know what you're up to by using the Keep in Touch form on page 13.

Timothy White, '86, Barrington, Ill., is president and owner of Fundamental Records and Wildwood Consulting, Chicago.



Lisa Greyhill, '85, Clarendon Hills, Ill., owns Adventure Travelers Society, Chicago. She and her husband, Kevin Greyhill, were married last July.

Steve Fischer, '84, Kansas City, Mo., is a water quality program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Kansas City district. He recently served as American Fisheries Society division president. Previously he worked as a fisheries research biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation.



Mary (Bulzak) Feldt

Mary (Bulzak) Feldt, '84, master's '96, Almond, was named the 2006 Wisconsin Elementary Teacher of the Year. In January she attended the National Teacher of the Year competition in Dallas, Texas, and shared items from UWSP in a "What's Great about Wisconsin" goody bag for all the other state representatives. Mary is an elementary physical education teacher for the Waupaca school district. She strives to instill in her students a healthy attitude about exercise and self worth, she says, as well as an enjoyment of movement and play. She also has combined environmental education and physical activity through an Enviro-Camp. Prior to her teaching career she was a director of the Portage County Teen Program at the Stevens Point YMCA. Her husband, **Dale Feldt**, '84, is a mathematics teacher and department coordinator at Waupaca High School as well as an advisor of the National Honor Society, Math Team and Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD). They have two sons.



In the last *Alumnus* we featured three members of a group of 1938 and 1939 alumnae who had gathered with friends in the fall of 2004, as they do each year. When they met again in September of 2005, this time all seven remaining members of the group posed for a photo. Joked Harriet Hotved Torkelson, Merrill, "Not one of the six white haired ladies has blue hair. We're all REALLY white." Pictured in the back row from the left are Joyce Sullivan Benson, Berlin; Marjorie Pipe Johnson, Waupaca; Vivian Haack Kramer, Abbotsford; Jeanne Kohl Mielke, Abbotsford; and Torkelson. The front row includes Kathryn Ciula Witkowski, Stevens Point, and Elsie Schuettpelz Radl, Oshkosh.

Kevin Delorey, '83, Lake Mills, a partner in the law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, has been named a Wisconsin Super Lawyer by *Law and Politics* magazine, honoring those with a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievements.

Paul Vandermeer, '83, Gahanna, Ohio, is an environmental specialist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus. "I always felt like I learned a great deal during my summer field experience at Clam Lake. I have used the education I received at Point to facilitate my career," he says. He is married to Sarah Vandermeer.

Bryan Wallner, '83, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is president and chief operating officer of the Imperial Parking Canada Corporation (Impark), through which he initiated the donation of 10 "Donation Station" machines to collect funds for parks in the Greater Vancouver Regional District. He is co-chairman of the Canadian Parking Association-Pacific Chapter, a member of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International and a board member of the Greater Vancouver Parks Board Foundation.



Colleen (Ulrich) Jones, last attended '82, Lake Mary, Fla., is president and owner of her own accounting firm, C. Ray Accounting. She married Eric Jones in Las Vegas in 2003. She has one daughter.

Marta (Palen) DeMerath, '82, Belleville, Ill., is a music teacher and junior high band director for the Grant School District, Fairview Heights, Ill. She and her husband, Paul DeMerath, have two children and enjoy showing their Samoyeds in Midwestern dog shows.

Richard Lodholz, '82, Tomahawk, is a professional forester/consultant for the Wisconsin DNR and co-owns Lodholz North Star Acres, Inc.,

Tomahawk, a whole sale nursery business, with his father. With four greenhouses, they grow and sell about 1 million trees a year nationwide, including Christmas trees. He and his wife, Debbie, have four children.

Matthew Groshek, '82, Indianapolis, returned to UWSP as a visiting graphic design artist and juror in January. He has a master's degree from UW-Milwaukee and received a National Endowment for the Arts grant for his sculpture in 1990. He is the principal for Education Design Link, a public scholar for the Herron School of Art and Design and a designer for Norwest Corporation Museum Studies faculty at Purdue University.



Jeff "Bo" Ellis

Jeff "Bo" Ellis, '81, Pewaukee, is United Airlines' chief pilot in Los Angeles, Calif., managing 750 pilots based at LAX. He also flies international routes as a 747-400 captain. Bo learned to fly at Stevens Point Municipal Airport while a UWSP student, and has worked for United for over 20 years. He, his wife, Mindy Ellis, and their four children, will soon relocate to Southern California. A cross country and track athlete at UWSP, Bo was inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

Rick Adamski, '80, Seymour, and his wife, Valerie Dantoin, received the Honorary Recognition Award from UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in October. The couple was recognized for their commitment to sustainable agriculture, education and outreach. They operate Full Circle Farm, which has been in Adamski's family since 1898 and was named Shawano County's Conservation Farm of the Year in 1998. Rick also serves on the Pulaski school district board as both vice president and president.

Brian Marotz, '80, Kalispell, Mont., has been a fisheries conservation manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the past 20 years, working in hydropower mitigation in the Flathead and Kootenai watersheds. He studied marine biology in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico and earned a master's degree at Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge. He and his wife, Julie Marotz, have two children.

1970's

Tom Gapinske, '79, Minneapolis, Minn., is a senior client manager for the Great Plains Region of Kleinfelder, Inc. As a member of the firm's Environmental Program Committee, he develops, enhances and expands Kleinfelder's environmental practice. Gapinske completed graduate coursework in hydrogeology from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and earned an MBA from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He is on the board of directors of the Freshwater Society.

Dan Vrakas, '79, Hartland, was elected as Waukesha County Executive in a special election in October, and resigned as a state representative of the 33rd Assembly District. Prior to being a legislator he was a restaurant owner. He has been active on the boards of several organizations, including the American Cancer Society and has been honored for his legislative work. He has two daughters.

Peter Konrath, '78, Milwaukee, is a third grade teacher in West Bend. He has established a scholarship fund for gay and lesbian students in memory of his partner of 15 years, who passed away in 2004. Donations may be sent to: The Ricardo Correa Scholarship Fund, US Bank, 2165 W. Washington St., West Bend, WI 53095.

Jerry "Louie" Bourbonnais, '77, St. Paul, Minn., is a senior review appraiser for the U.S. Dept. of the Interior National Business Center at Fort Snelling. He is married to Lenora Bourbonnais.

Robert Simeone, '77, Land O' Lakes, was presented with the Bolivian Sustainable Forestry Award by Bolivian President Eduardo Rodriguez Veltze in Santa Cruz in November. President of Sylvania Forestry LLC, Robert has dedicated his career to conservation of South American tropical forests since his days in the Peace Corps. He and his wife, Terry Simeone, have helped Peruvian Amazon communities establish forestry cooperatives to encourage sustainable forestry management alternatives. He began working with timber producers in Bolivia in 1990.

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Attention Stevens Point Rugby Football Club Alumni:

Members of the team are trying to locate any and all ruggers that played for the Stevens Point Rugby Football Club from the club's inception to the present for a 30th year reunion, set for the weekend of Sept. 30. Please send your name, nickname, street address, city, state, zip and e-mail address to Floyd "Chappy" Serns, 1017 Williams St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 344-8191 or ibchappy@tznnet.com.

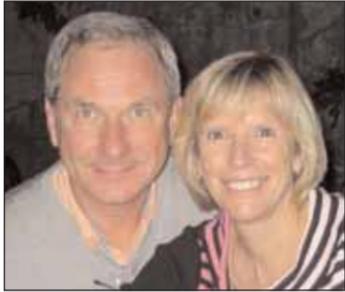
From the 60s to the 90s, the UWSP International Folk Dancers (IFD) involved hundreds of students, often staging a half dozen or more performances each year that incorporated dances and costumes from more than a dozen countries including Poland, Romania, Russia and Israel.

Organized by dance faculty members Frank and Linda Hatch in the late 60s, the group held annual dance concerts in Stevens Point for the next 20 years. The IFD was an active ambassador for the university, performing at high school assemblies, retirement homes and various community events throughout the state.

IFD alumni are planning a reunion for next year. While a date has not been set, organizers are asking past members to send their contact information to **Al Schuette**, '78, Chilton, at Allen.Schuette@charter.net. Reunion details will be sent out when plans are finalized.

1990's Continued

Donna Behn, '76, Janesville, is the director of Instructional Services for the Janesville school district.



Ellen (Zwieg) Kleinschmidt, '75, Ruskin, Fla., an elementary music specialist for 17 years, was recently honored as Hillsborough County's 2005-06 Teacher of the Year. She was selected from over 14,000 teachers in the county. Her husband, **Kevin Kleinschmidt**, '75, is a sales representative for PANGO Sales in Tampa. The couple has two sons and may be contacted at LNLittleSmith@yahoo.com.

Michael Koch, '75, Coweta, Okla., is an investigator with the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board and has written a book, *The Kimes Gang* (Authorhouse, 2005). Michael formerly worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. and for the Department of Corrections in Oklahoma.

Georgette (Petrotta) Jeppesen, '73, Rancho Cordova, Calif., is associate editor for Solano Magazine in Fairfield, Calif. She is also a senior writer for the magazine, which celebrates life in the Napa, Solano and Yolo counties of Northern California, and is a frequent contributor to several other regional publications.

Sandra (Herro) Saunders, '73, Carol Stream, Ill., is a senior enrollment processor in admissions at the Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago. She has raised three sons and formerly worked at Kendall College in Evanston.



John Wollner, '73, is director of corporate relations for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Appleton. He has worked for Thrivent (formerly Aid Association for Lutherans) for 32 years in both Appleton and the Twin Cities. He has been involved in several community organizations in both communities and currently is a board member of the UW Oshkosh Foundation and Fox Cities Alliance for Education. He also serves on the education task force of the Wisconsin Foundation for Independent Colleges. He earned a masters degree in business administration from UW-Oshkosh.

Linda (Hertig) Schmidt, '71, is a program assistant for the College of Letters and Science at UWSP. Her husband, **Kenneth Schmidt**, '70, is president of Chase Bank in Stevens Point and Antigo. "We loved the whole campus experience so much we stayed for 40 years," says Linda. "UWSP is still affecting my life, thank goodness."

1960's

Mary Zabolio McGrath, '69, Burnsville, Minn., has had a second book published last year by Rowman Education, *Teachers in Transition: Growing Forward through Retirement*, which discusses the journey of educators with emphasis on enhancing their abilities and professional lives.

1950's

Mary (Braatz) Gardner, '59, St. Paul, Minn., had her fourth novel, *Salvation Run*, published by University Press of Mississippi last fall. She teaches novel writing at The Loft in Minneapolis and is on the board of the District 8 Planning Council.

Marvin "Bwana" Elliott, '56, retired as a detective/sergeant of the Vilas County Sheriff's Department in 1984 after 21 years of service. Born and raised in Eagle River, he was involved in many area sports activities, founding the Headwater Little League in 1957 and served as a fishing guide for 46 years. After 25 years of refereeing hockey in Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada, he was inducted into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1991 he was named the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. He and his wife, Alice Elliott, retired to Cape Coral, Fla. He'd loved to hear from old college buddies at bwana@cyberstreet.com

In Memoriam ~ UWSP alumni

2000s

Phillip Beese, '04, Merrill, died August 21 at age 25. He was to start teaching fifth grade in Merrill in the fall.

Marie (Jacobson) Kees, '04, Schofield, died Dec. 14 at age 32 as the result of an automobile accident. She was a special education teacher at Marion Elementary School. Her husband, Chad, survives.

Steve Klos, '00, New Hope, Minn., formerly of Wausau, died Dec. 13 at age 27 as a result of an accident at home. He was a loan officer with the State Bank of Long Lake. Active with Boy Scouts, he achieved the rank of Life Scout, and enjoyed fishing, woodwork and carpentry.

1990s

Susan Haines-Lewis, '96, Marshfield, died Jan. 9, 2005, at age 49. She and her husband, Richard, served in the Peace Corps in Kenya, Africa, from 1979 to 1981. She held various positions as a secretary and administrative assistant and most recently worked for Figi's of Marshfield. A son survives.

David Hinz, '93, South Burlington, Vt., and formerly of Merrill, died Nov. 21 at age 39 following a 10-year battle with cancer. He worked for Seventh Generation, an environmental company, where he was an outspoken advocate for the environment and social justice. He also worked as a tour escort for choirs traveling in Europe. David was an avid hiker, cyclist and animal lover.

Carey (Gretzinger) Brisson, last attended '90, Sturgeon Bay and formerly Stevens Point, died Nov. 25 at age 55 after a lengthy illness. She served as a job placement office secretary at UW-Green Bay. She also volunteered with the Portage County Humane Society and United Way. Survivors include her husband, Michael, and three children

1980s

Amy Beth Somers Olson, last attended '89, Appleton, died August 22 at age 39 after an extended illness.

Arlene (Scott) Rutkowski, '88, Rosholt, died Nov. 13 at age 76. She was a teacher at Our Lady of Good Hope in Milwaukee and then for the Rosholt school district until her retirement in 1990. She enjoyed travel, gardening and crafts. Survivors include her husband, Charles, and two daughters.

Jeffrey Flynn, '87, Green Bay, died on Jan. 6, 2005, at age 44 following a battle with brain cancer. He and his wife, Lynn, owned and operated a Cost Cutters in Michigan. He worked in chemical sales for the paper industry and was a real estate agent for Loon Lake Realty. An avid runner, he qualified for the Boston Marathon twice. Lynn and three daughters survive.

Timothy Anderson, '86, DeSoto, Ill, died Feb. 19, 2005, at home at age 45. He was the co-owner of TL Anderson Sunfish Farm, the first certified organic fish farm, providing bass and bluegill fishing. He was an advocate for preserving natural resources and water and appeared in fishing magazines and television shows. He also was a landscape artist who converted a 1840s barn in Jackson County into a sculpture-like structure. His wife, Valorie, and a daughter survive.

Dyan Lea Kurtzweil-Lopez, '86, Stevens Point, died August 15 at age 53. She worked for UWSP, Graham-Lane Music and most recently Central Wisconsin Credit Union until the time of her illness. A daughter survives.

Kristin (Wohlbiel) Winebrenner, '83, Glendale and formerly of Stevens Point, died July 1 at age 44. Her husband, Scott, and three sons survive.

Jeffrey Fryer, '83, Stoughton, died April 5 at age 45 after battling a long illness. He was a city of Eau

Claire police officer for five years then served the Madison Police Department until retiring in 2002 due to illness. He also served on the department's Emergency Response Team and Honor Guard. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and a son.

Richard Albrecht, '82, Friendship, died Dec. 8 at age 54. He was a police officer for the city of Adams prior to coming to UWSP. He then taught in the Adams-Friendship school district for more than 20 years. He enjoyed outdoor sports and was a member of the Wisconsin Education Association. His wife, **Barbara (Safeblade) Albrecht**, masters '79, Friendship, survives.

Stephen Matula, '82, Boulder Junction, died August 19 at age 47 as the result of a stroke. A forestry technician at Trout Lake in Boulder Junction, he also served in that role in Mercer, Mellen and Brule. An employee of the Department of Natural Resources since 1984, he has served as a mechanic on the Northern Highland-American Legion and at Peninsula State Park. Stephen was known as a highly skilled wood craftsman, enjoyed outdoor sports and had a passion for wildland firefighting. His wife, Colleen, and a daughter survive.

Julie (Adams) McDonald, last attended '82, Elkhorn, died Nov. 15 at age 41. She worked at Salon 67 for the past 10 years. Survivors include her husband, Mark, and their six children.

Jeffrey Sipola, '81, Randolph, died as the result of an automobile accident July 28 at age 47. He was a general manager for Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee for many years and was last employed as a manager at the Randolph Piggly Wiggly. Jeffrey participated in many marathons, including those in Boston and New York, and others for cancer fundraising. He is survived by two daughters.

Candace Wambolt, '80, Bowler, died of ovarian cancer at her home on April 13.

1970s

Robert Faust, '78, Merrill, died October 28 at home at age 59 after a long battle with cancer. Before coming to UWSP he served in the U.S. Navy. Later he earned an associate's degree at Midstate Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. He worked in the lumber business in Oshkosh then lived and worked in Stevens Point. After moving to Merrill, he worked as a detailer at ITC Trucking then at Ace Hardware. He spoke about drug and alcohol abuse prevention to classes at Merrill High School and was an avid sports fan. His wife, Carol, and seven children survive.

Douglas Greenhalgh, '77, Chippewa Falls, died Oct. 16 at age 48 as the result of a bus accident. Doug was the director of the Chippewa Falls High School band, which was returning from winning third place in a state competition in Whitewater at the time of the accident. Of his former student, UWSP Music Professor Paul Doebler said, "Doug was one of those students who you knew would become a terrific band director. He built the Chippewa Falls Senior High band into a very successful program." He also was a tremendous percussionist, he adds. An avid motorcyclist, Doug belonged to the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. His wife, Therese, and their granddaughter, Morgan, also died in the accident. He is survived by three daughters.

Cheryl Sampson, '77, Madison, died Nov. 18 at age 55. She was employed as an operator and supervisor at A.T.T. for more than 20 years. She loved to read, travel, knit and crochet.

Thomas Phillip, last attended '76, Hull, died Nov. 7 at age 47. He worked in general merchandise sales for Roundy's. Survivors include one daughter.

Donna Fraley Giessel, '74, Brick, N.J. and formerly of Crandon, died Nov. 19 at age 54. She was a teacher in Sheboygan and Lake Geneva

before retiring to raise her family. Survivors include her husband, **James Giessel**, '74, Brick, and two children.

Kai Jacobsen, last attended '74, Hazelhurst, died Nov. 18 at age 50. He was employed by the United States Post Office in Merrill and served as a substitute in area post offices. He is survived by his wife, Susan.

Elizabeth M. (Witt) Wilkes, '74, San Antonio, Texas, died Sept. 24. She was the program director of the Deaf Education and Hearing Science Program at the University of Texas. Prior to joining the university community she served as the speech pathology director at the Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children. Internationally known in deaf education, she created four tools to help professionals work with hearing impaired. In 2002 she won the Alexander Graham Bell Professional of the Year Award. She was also an avid bird watcher and member of the American Audubon Society.

Samuel Allison, '72, Sheboygan Falls, died August 20 at age 57. He worked in building material sales and construction. A former Marine and Vietnam veteran, Samuel was a member of the local VFW post. He was an active member of his church and a Cub Scout leader and loved the outdoors and woodworking. Survivors include his wife, Susan, and two children.

Hazel (Ward) Berkman, '71, Fort Atkinson and formerly Wausau, died August 31 at age 90. She taught in one-room schools in Pleasant View, Red Granite and the town of Maine. She earned a master's degree as a reading specialist and was a second grade teacher in Wausau. She was active in two women's clubs and volunteered for Wausau Hospital and the Meals-on-Wheels program. Her husband, Elgis, preceded her in death. Three children survive.

Bruce Klocke, '71, Rib Mountain, died July 18 at age 56. He was an agent for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for 20 years until becoming disabled from multiple sclerosis in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Deborah.

1960s

Mary Jane Chmiel Garvey, '69, Appleton, died Dec. 4 at age 58. She was a kindergarten teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Appleton for 35 years. After her retirement she volunteered in the Appleton and Three Lakes school districts. Her husband, Joseph, survives.

Allen Seilheimer, '68, Rusk, died Nov. 23 at age 59 due to complications from chemotherapy. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and was a commercial beekeeper out of New Auburn, with operations in Wisconsin, Texas, Florida and California. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and two sons.

Rev. Dale Kelm, '67, Ripon, died April 7 at age 60. He earned a master's of divinity from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill., in 1971 and served the United Methodist Ministry in several Wisconsin churches.

Dorothy (Komanec) Schmitt, '67, Holcombe, died Oct. 22 at age 67. Her 40-year teaching career began in a one-room schoolhouse in Perkins and continued in schools in Hannibal, Lublin and Holcombe. She retired in 1997. She was very active in community organizations in Holcombe and played in a band with her husband, Delmar. He survives, as do two daughters.

Lucille (Sorenson) Talcott, '66, Colby, died July 25 at age 86. She farmed with her husband, Arvid, then taught in rural schools, Loyal and Spencer. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and other civic groups. Arvid preceded her in death. Two sons survive, including **Darrel Talcott**, '64, and his wife, **Dixie Talcott**, '64, both of West Salem.

Waltraud (Kroner) Tefpenhardt, '66, Montreal, Canada, died Jan. 26 at age 85. She earned a master's degree and Ph.D. at UW-Madison and taught at UWSP, UW-Madison and the University of Toronto. She retired from UW-Madison in 1992 then visited family in Mexico, Canada and Germany. Her husband, Joseph, preceded her in death, and two daughters survive.

William Bastian, '65, Lake Hallie, died July 24 at age 75. He served as a student pastor in Methodist churches while attending UWSP, UW-Whitewater and the Garrett Theological Seminary. He maintained apartments for elderly and low income families for 25 years in Nashville, Tenn., then moved to Chippewa Falls in 1991 and retired in 2000. He also sang in barbershop quartet and church choirs and donated over eight gallons of blood in his lifetime. His wife of 55 years, Clara, and three children survive.

Frances (Wright) Zeitelhack, '65, Tomahawk, died March 15, 2005, at age 92. She taught for over 50 years in one room schools near Tripoli and in Tomahawk, retiring in 1977. Her husband, Leon, and a daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by three children.

Hope (Martin) Moreland, '65, Fort Atkinson, died August 19 at age 80. She was a flight attendant for American Airlines then, after attending UWSP, taught home economics at Wittenberg High School and retired in 1985. She lived in Milwaukee, Albuquerque, N.M., then Fort Atkinson after her husband, Robert, died. A daughter also preceded her in death. One son survives.

Bernard "Bernie" Giles, '64, Madison, died Nov. 24 at age 65. After earning a master's degree at UW-Superior, Giles taught business courses at Urban Junior High and North High School for 33 years. He retired from teaching for one year then began training as an agent with Horace Mann Insurance Company. Shortly thereafter he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and retired. He enjoyed professional and outdoor sports and his family. Survivors include his wife, Sue, and four children, including **Christopher Giles**, '05, Elkhart Lake.

Robert Marks, '63, Kenosha, died June 1 at age 64 after a long battle with kidney and heart problems. He earned a master's degree from Carthage College in 1981 then taught in Buffalo Grove, Ill., and Waukegan, Ill., until his retirement in 1993. His wife, Ruth, and two children survive.

Myrtle (Anderson) Wrensch, '61, Stratford, died Nov. 25 at age 89. She was a teacher in the Wood and Marathon county schools for 34 years. After the death of her husband, Paul, in 1969, she continued to own and operate the North Side Easy Way Laundromat in Marshfield and the East Side Easy Way Laundromat in Wisconsin Rapids until her retirement from teaching in 1981. Survivors include two children.

Leona (Polar) Belott, '60, Oshkosh, died August 18 at age 103. She taught in schools in the Langlade and Marion area, retiring in 1968. She spent winters in Arizona, where she also lived for 13 years. She was a member of the Stevens Point Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include two children.

1950s

Joyce (Jensen) Zieher, '59, Pittsville, died July 25 at age 75. Over a 38-year teaching career she taught at City Point School and at Pittsville, where she was the district librarian. Among her passions were her students, reading, writing, crafts, baking, holidays and time with her grandsons. Her husband of 51 years, Ronald, and a daughter survive.

Illa (Cutler) Ironside, '59, Wisconsin Rapids, died April 3 at age 94. During her 37 years of teaching, she taught in multiple grades at various schools, taught and served as principal at Arpin, Two Mile and Cranmoor schools then taught at Biron Elementary for 23 years before retiring in 1976. She was a member of several community and professional organizations. Her husband, Frank, preceded her in death. Her son, **Larry Ironside**, '67, his wife, **Sandra Ironside**, masters '97, and son, **Leonard Ironside**, '69, all of Wisconsin Rapids, survive.

Curtiss Judd, '59, Wisconsin Dells, died August 23 at age 71. He was a driver's license inspector and later took over the family business, the C. Judd Tree Farm. He won many motorcycle hill climbing competitions in his youth, helped to create a Wisconsin chapter of the Foundation of North American Wild Sheep and loved hunting all types of wild game.

Jere Rasmussen, '59, Madison, died August 23 at age 68. Survivors include two children.

Kenneth Salzwedel, last attended '57, Whitewater, died on May 14 after a two-year struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He taught in the Psychology Department at UW-Whitewater for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the

Korean Conflict then earned a master's degree at the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. at UW-Madison. He was an avid and competitive tennis player all his life. His wife, **Kay (Guell) Salzwedel**, '56, Whitewater, and three children survive.

Virginia (Wensel) Voelkner, '56, Duluth, Minn., died Dec. 15 at age 69. She is survived by her husband, **Rudolph Voelkner**, '56, Duluth.

Ruth (Fieting) Diekroeger, '54, Howard, died August 26 at age 74. An interior decorator in the Green Bay area for many years, she was a member of the Green Bay chapter of the UWSP Alumni Association and the Red Hatters and was a gardener in her condo association. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. A son, **Greg Diekroeger**, '86, survives.

Dejon (Rothman) Streck, '53, Kenosha, died April 6 at age 74. She was a kindergarten teacher in Kenosha for 20 years. Her husband, Yale, and three children survive.

Gordon Fairbert, '52, Fredonia, died at home on July 12 at age 75. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps then completed a master's degree at UW-Milwaukee. He was a supervisor, principal, teacher and curriculum coordinator for the Fredonia school district then was the curriculum coordinator, director of instruction and deputy superintendent of the Port Washington-Saukville school district. He also served on the Northern Ozaukee school board and scholarship foundation and the Board of Regents of Concordia College. He was active in his church and many civic groups. His wife, **Betty (Kusserow) Fairbert**, '54, Fredonia, and three children survive.

Richard Ellingson, '51, Billings, Mont., died of a heart attack at age 75 on Jan. 16, 2005. He worked for Farmer's Insurance for 39 years in North Dakota, Idaho and Montana. After retiring in 1993, he spent summers maintaining a farm in the Town of New Hope. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. His wife, **Marilyn (Knope) Ellingson**, '52, Billings, and four children survive.

Gerald Kitzrow, Sr., '51, Wausau, died Oct. 16 at age 76. He served as an elementary school teacher and principal in the Wausau Public School District for 39 years. Gerald played the organ and accordion in various local musical ensembles, and enjoyed trout fishing and carpentry. His wife, Shirley, preceded him in death. Survivors include three children.

Fred LaLeike, '51, West Bend, died Oct. 19 at age 78. He served in the U.S. Army before graduating from UWSP, then taught history and Spanish in Harvard, Ill., West Bend, Lodi and Weyauwega. He earned a master's degree in Hispanic studies at the Universidad Veracruzana in Xalapa, Mexico, in 1965. After retiring in 1989, he traveled to Central and South America, Spain, and Portugal with his wife, **Helen (Offerdahl) LaLeike**, '51, West Bend. She survives, as do their two children.

Mabel (Marschner) Laskowski, '51, Wisconsin Rapids, died March 27, at age 80. She taught in one-room schools in Pittsville until 1954, then worked in Weyerhaeuser and Target in Marshfield until 2002. Her husband, Lester, preceded her in death. A son, **Larry Laskowski**, '76, and his wife, **Sandra (Kropidowski) Laskowski**, '75, both of Stevens Point, and a daughter survive.

1940s

John Judd, '49, Bancroft, died April 4 at age 77. He taught math at Phillips High School before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He returned to teaching in Phillips, taught at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, then earned an industrial engineering degree and worked for Owens Illinois. In 1959 he returned to Bancroft and worked for his father at the Bancroft State Bank, becoming its president in 1971. He also owned Judd Insurance Agency and Judd Realty and was active in his church and local civic groups. His wife, Jean Ann, and three daughters survive.

Frederick Schwiertske, '47, Mount Horeb, died Jan. 12, 2005, at age 84. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II then after college taught at high schools in Dorchester and Mount Horeb until his retirement in 1982. He was an active member of his church. His first wife, Jean, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, and four children.

"Ruth" Betty (Ruff) Zei, '47, Stevens Point, died Nov. 21 at age 80. She earned a master's degree in counseling from UW-Milwaukee, then taught high school in Desoto, Cedar Grove and Janesville. She retired from teaching, moved to Stevens Point then was a mission worker in India for a year. She was active in her church, Stevens Point Christian Women's Club and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two children.

Robert Schunk, '46, Rhinelander, died Nov. 10 at age 83. Robert earned a master's degree from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. from Boston University. He served as a high school counselor, state supervisor of guidance counselors, a placement director at UW-Stout and director of student services for North Central Technical College in Wausau and Northland Pines School District, and retired in 1984. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the American Legion, Phi Delta Kappa and UWSP's Treehaven Board of Directors. Survivors include his wife, Alice.

Edna (Clark) Eller, '44, Wheat Ridge, Colo., died April 9.

Marie (Wipperfurth) Meyer, '44, Shawano, died Jan. 6, 2005, at age 82. She taught in Theinsville, Tomahawk and Stevens Point, then retired to Shawano. She is survived by her husband, **Ted Meyer**, '39, Shawano, and eight children, including **Timothy Meyer**, '85, Sarasota, Fla.

Ludmilla (Gruny) Mallak, '43, Melbourne, Fla., died on Dec. 24, 2004, at age 82. She taught in Marathon County schools and was an active member of her church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, and is survived by four children.

Lt. Col. L.N. Van Dyke, '41, Madison, died Sept. 20 of West Nile Virus at age 88. He taught and coached at Waupaca High School prior to serving in Germany and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. He married Nancy Steiner, '41, who survives, and both taught at Waupaca until moving to Madison to pursue master's degrees. He was an assistant football coach at UW-Madison until 1972, during which time the Badgers went to three Rose Bowls. He then became director of Grant Aid for UW athletes and was honored as Badger of the Year by the National "W" Club in 1994. In retirement he and Nancy went on mission trips to aid Appalachian families.

Leonard Ropella, '41, Madison, died Dec. 19 at age 84 after a long illness. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and in the Naval Reserves. He was the director of research for Weyerhaeuser Corporation and U.S. Champion Paper Corporation for more than 20 years. His wife of 61 years, **Kay (Metcalf) Ropella**, '41, Madison, and nine children survive.

Evelyn (Hillert) Burroughs, '41, Appleton, died October 15 at age 87 following a long illness. She taught high school English in Cadott, Owen, Marshfield and Appleton from 1955 to 1974. Her husband, Jack, preceded her in death.

James Stoltenberg, '41, '48, Town of New Hope, died Nov. 2 at age 83. A lifelong educator and conservationist, he was one of eight students of Fred Schmeeckle to earn a conservation education major in 1948 at UWSP. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught in Merrill, where he was the first principal of Merrill Junior High School. After earning a master's degree from UW-Madison, he taught at Franklin School in Racine then was the director of the Wisconsin Improvement Program at UW-Madison. He then returned to Merrill, where he was superintendent of schools while earning a Ph.D. at UW-Madison. In 1970, he became dean of the College of Education at UW-Platteville. He received numerous education awards throughout his life and the Wisconsin Education Association established one in his name. After he retired in 1985, he and his wife, Dorothy, moved to the family farm in New Hope, where he was active in the Central Wisconsin community, including the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) Advisory Board. Jim was honored with the UWSP Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996. Preceded in death by two daughters, he is survived by Dorothy and one daughter.

1930s

William Theisen, '37, Loyal, died August 7 at age 89. He served in the armed forces during World War II, earned a master's degree from Southern Illinois University then taught math and music in Spencer, Cornell, Weyauwega and Menasha. He worked in the Theisen Brothers Hardware business for 20 years before returning to teaching at Loyal High School until his retirement in 1981. He also taught English as a second language to immigrants and was actively involved in his church, interfaith fellowship, the American Legion and local government. He was a coach, piano tuner, choir director, writer and handyman. Survivors include his wife of nearly 64 years, Ethelyn, and seven children.

Emily Davies, '35, La Crosse, died August 5 in West Salem at age 97. She taught in Wautoma for three years, earned a master's degree in sociology from UW-Madison then worked for the state as an unemployment claims specialist in Wisconsin Rapids, Oshkosh and La Crosse before retiring in 1973. She was active in her church and a retired educator's association.

Margaret (Richards) Crosby, '32, Lake San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Stevens Point, died Jan. 4, 2005, at age 94. She assisted her husband, Lloyd, who preceded her in death, in the operation of the Crosby Funeral Home in Stevens Point until their retirement in 1971. A son, **David Crosby**, '64, Denver, Colo., survives.

Fifty years ago at UWSP: Remembering the football glory of 1955



The class of 1956 will celebrate its 50th year reunion this October with a two-day event at UWSP. According to the 1955-56 *Iris*, those who attended Central State College fifty years ago studied under the leadership of President William Hansen, had ice cream sodas at Westenerger's and were in the cast or audience of that year's production of "The Glass Menagerie." They also must have cheered loud and long for the 1955 football team, which won the conference championship and became the only undefeated, untied team in UWSP history.

The following article about that team, written by Matt Otte, was published in the Nov. 4, 2005, edition of the Portage County Gazette and is being reprinted with his permission. Otte retired from the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) in 1992 and was sports editor of the Stevens Point Journal from late 1951 to mid-1957. He authored the book "More Than A Game," a history of the WIAA from 1896 to 1996.

How can an undefeated, untied record – the only one in University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point history – leave that football team not totally elated?

The 1955 edition of the Central State College (CSC) Pointer gridiron heroes can answer that question without blinking an eye.

Coach John Roberts' team did everything it could on the field 50 years ago – eight straight wins and a conference championship – only to battle politics for a month and lose the opportunity to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day 1956.

First, let's review the season which ended a half-century ago on this weekend, Saturday, Nov. 5. It was a season with a record not equaled before, not equaled since in more than 100 years of the sport at the Stevens Point institution.

Technically, one might claim that it was equaled one other time. The 1897 team also was unbeaten, untied, but it played only two games. Four times in Pointer history have teams gone unbeaten but tied – 1900 (two wins), 1928 (five wins), 1933 (six wins) and 1958 (seven wins).

Roberts was in his fourth year as Central State College (CSC) coach in 1955. And he was happy to have a couple of former stars – particularly Norbert "Nubbs" Miller and also Bob Bostad – back on the team after two-year hitches in the armed forces.

The season began at Houghton, Mich., where Michigan Tech was defeated 18-6. Miller gained 79 yards, John Smith 70 and Russ Stimac 65, all via rushing. But it was a 52-yard pass play – Jerry Vance to Terry Pease – in the fourth quarter that settled the issue after a 6-6 halftime deadlock.

Platteville, a perennial thorn, came here for the home opener. The Pioneers had defeated CSC during Roberts' years three times, dealing Point its only loss in 1952. This time it was CSC's turn to win, but only after another fierce battle.

After three scoreless quarters, the Pioneers blocked an end zone punt, and recovered it for a touchdown. The visitors missed the extra point, but a little later had the Pointers nailed back again to the one-yard line.

With 10:56 to play, CSC began a 99-yard march. Miller had runs for 25 and 24 yards. Ted Ludeman had three runs totaling 23 yards, and Stimac went seven yards for the TD. Ken Roloff kicked the point for a 7-6 win. The Pointers were threatening again in the last four minutes, a 41-yard run by Bob Marko finishing the game on the Platteville 14.

Point had a 17-5 first-down advantage, gained 207 yards to 112 for Platteville and compiled a 74-42 edge in offensive plays. Miller rushed for 156 yards, Marko had 70. The defense was superb, led by John Boyne, George Roman, Carl Jurgella, Bostad and Roloff. The same names plus George DePuy and Butch Sorenson were strong on offense.

Things were going all right, but Roberts wasn't totally satisfied with the offense. A week later Roloff made his debut at quarterback, a position he had never played. He completed five of six passes (one of 19 yards to Bostad for a touchdown) as Point defeated Superior 25-6. Miller gained 137 yards on 20 carries and scored a touchdown. Smith ran for two scores.

A wild offensive contest at Milwaukee was next. The Pointers trailed 20-14 at half-time but won 35-27, scoring the first three possessions of the second half. Roloff completed eight of 10 passes for two TDs. Miller rushed for 186 yards.

It was homecoming a week later with Whitewater. Again, CSC tailed at the half, this time 18-6. Roman highlighted a furious comeback after the intermission with an interception and fumble recovery. Jurgella, Jack Crook and Pease also played tough defense.

A 37-yard pass play, Roloff to Marko, set up the tie-breaking touchdown with 3:17 to play. Roloff ran 71 yards on a keeper as time ran out. Miller had 186 yards again. The Pointers gained 434 yards in their 31-18 win.

Next was an easy 31-6 victory at Oshkosh. Miller doubled the century mark with 201 yards rushing and scored twice. Cited on defense were Crook, Roman, Jurgella, Sorenson, Pease, Bostad, Dave Hurlbut, Jerry Scheel and Boyne.

The final conference game was in the mud and snow at Eau Claire where the Pointers put on an incredible, awesome display. They won 13-0 to win an undisputed title. Those same linemen cited at Oshkosh held Eau Claire to no first downs and just

19 yards gained. Point piled up 283 yards and had a 66-28 advantage in offensive plays. Miller gained 155 yards and scored both TDs and the extra point.

There was one game left, a non conference affair at home with St. Norbert's. The Pointers fell in a 9-0 hole in the first quarter, then scored 26 points in the second period. They got 19 more in the final quarter. Miller only rushed for 62 yards but caught four passes for 103 more. Smith rushed for 85.

Miller was the nation's leading small-college ground gainer with 1,158 yards. He led the conference in scoring with 56 points, and his season total was 62. Stimac scored 42 points. He and Smith each rushed for 318 yards. Roloff passed for 438 yards, 129 to Miller. Bostad caught 10 passes for 128 yards.

Miller was the team's Most Valuable Player, and Roloff and Hurlbut honorary co-captains. Those three plus Roman and Crook were All-Conference selections. Roloff was All-Conference that year at quarterback, the previous year as end. Crook's selection was his third straight. Miller and Crook also made honorable mention on the Little All-American team.

Roberts gave letters to 23 players, including seniors Boyne, Crook, Hurlbut, Miller, Pease, Roloff, Scheel and Sorenson; juniors Bostad, George Roman and Vance; sophomores Tom Brockley, Jack Charlesworth, Phil Cole, Jim Fleig, Jurgella, Ludeman, Fran Roman, Al Shuda and Stimac; and freshmen DePuy, Marko and Sorenson.

Now, to the "rest of the story."

The Nov. 7 issue of the *Stevens Point Daily Journal* stated that Central State had been informed of Tangerine Bowl interest if the Pointers defeated St. Norbert's (on Nov. 5). That disclosure set off nearly a month of anticipation for Roberts and his team. The Nov. 12 Journal mentioned "no word yet," and on Nov. 15 came a list of eight teams in the running.

The Journal carried a story on Nov. 22 stating Roberts had been informed the previous day his team "ranks in the top half among a half-dozen" in consideration. The others were Centre (Ky.), Juniata (Pa.), Missouri Valley, Tampa (Fla.) and Middle Tennessee.

About that same time a story reported about "outside pressure" being exerted on Tangerine Bowl officials for an all-Florida game involving "big schools." That pressure likely delayed a decision, but it didn't succeed.

The Journal carried a story on Nov. 26 announcing Juniata would be the "host team," and a radio report out of Orlando at the same time stated Stevens Point "might be picked as the other team."

Understandably, hopes were high on the campus after that report. But on Nov. 29 the Journal ran a story with the headline "No Tangerines for CSC." Missouri Valley – despite a loss on its record and seven previous bowl trips – was selected as "the other team."

Finally, the Pointers' season was over.

Not that anyone around here really cared, but Juniata and Missouri Valley battled to a 6-6 tie in the Tangerine Bowl on New Year's Day, 1956

Class of 1956 to celebrate 50 years in October

Members of the graduating class of 1956 will gather for a 50-year reunion on Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14, not in June as in previous years.

The festivities will include a welcome lunch, campus tour, reception, dinner theatre or dutch treat dinner on Friday and a breakfast social, ceremony, reminiscing, brunch and photos on Saturday. Look for more details in the fall edition of *The Pointer Alumnus*.

Participation Sought for Oral History Project

Preserving memories and stories of campus, like this one about the football season of 1955, is as important as preserving and maintaining historic buildings. The UWSP/Central Wisconsin Oral History Project, an endeavor undertaken by UWSP's Center for the Small City, is collecting stories and remembrances as part of the historical record. For example, interviews of John Regnier, a retiree of Sentry Insurance who witnessed first hand the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp and General Eisenhower's response to it, are being transcribed for posterity.

In collaboration with the UWSP Historical Preservation Committee, the Central Wisconsin Oral History Project is looking to interview persons who lived in Nelson Hall when it was a residence hall. If you have memories to share, please contact Professor Robert Wolensky at the UWSP Department of Sociology, Collins Classroom Center, Steven Point, WI 54481, (715) 346-2708 or e-mail rwolensk@uwsp.edu.

Pointer Athletics

Fall Wrap Up

The 2005 fall season resulted in another satisfactory year for Pointer athletes. The women's cross country team placed 10th at the NCAA Division III championships as seniors Jenna Mitchler, Kaukauna, and Teresa Stanley, Whitewater, both earned All-American honors. The women's soccer team achieved its 18th straight winning season with an 8-7-1 record, marking the fifth-longest current streak in Division III.

The football team played one of the nation's strongest schedules and concluded the year with victories in its final two games to finish 4-6 overall. The volleyball team had a big win over Elite Eight participant New York University and finished 16-19 overall. The women's golf team placed just two strokes out of second place at the conference meet and finished fourth, while the men's cross country team was fifth in the league and women's tennis placed sixth.

Winter Wrap Up

Having plenty of new faces didn't slow down UWSP's basketball and hockey success, while veterans provided plenty of leadership to keep the wrestling and swimming and diving teams at the top of the conference. The 2005-06 winter season provided plenty of excitement for UWSP student-athletes and fans, as every sport is now challenging for a conference championship.

Men's basketball

The two-time defending national champion men's basketball team featured a new look with only one returning starter and three players who saw significant playing time during the championship runs. However, the Pointers didn't miss a beat, returning to the top of the league standings behind veteran leadership of seniors Brian Bauer, Auburndale, and Matt Bouche, Dane. In addition to resting atop the league standings, the Pointers also spent the season as the top free throw shooting team in all of college basketball.

Women's basketball

A youthful women's basketball team got off to a slow start in conference play, but heated up in January to battle for its third straight conference championship. The Pointers won the Pointer Tipoff Classic title and then posted several big late-season wins to join the league title chase. Senior Cassandra Schultz, Hartford, surpassed the 1,000 career point mark during the season.

Women's hockey

After losing seven seniors from its back-to-back national tournament teams, the women's hockey team had a smooth transition with plenty of new faces in 2005-06. The Pointers are becoming a familiar sight in the top 10 of the national rankings. The team spent the second half of the season at the top of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association rankings while chasing their second straight title.



UWSP women's hockey forward Kim Lunneborg, Richfield, Minn., goes for the goal. The women's hockey team is currently at the top of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and is highly ranked in national standings.



Tara Schmitt at the NCAA awards ceremony.

Alumna named NCAA Woman of the Year

Tara Schmitt, '05, Brookfield, a former UWSP athlete in basketball, soccer and track and field, was honored Oct. 29 in Indianapolis as the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Woman of the Year for the state of Wisconsin.

The award honors female student-athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics and community leadership. Schmitt is the second Pointer to win the honor since former UWSP swimmer **Becca Uphoff**, '00, Eagan, Minn., did so in 2000.

While at UWSP, Schmitt earned a 3.85 grade point average while earning nine varsity letters. She compiled a combined 167-31-6 record during her basketball and soccer career. In addition, Schmitt was active in community organizations and was president of the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for two years.

A Brookfield native, Schmitt is now teaching physical education in the Brookfield school district and is the assistant varsity volleyball coach and junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Brookfield East High School.

Men's hockey

The top four scorers and regular goaltender were all newcomers for the men's hockey team, but it didn't stop the Pointers from competing near the top of the NCHA standings all season. UW-Stevens Point had several big wins, including a sweep of UW-Superior and victories over highly ranked St. Norbert and St. Thomas.

Wrestling

The wrestling team spent the entire season in the national rankings behind three nationally ranked individuals. Seniors Joel Burdick, Racine, at 141 pounds and Al Stacilauskas, Escanaba, Mich., at 174 pounds were both among the best in the country at their weight classes, while junior Mike Hayes, Beaver Dam, was one of the nation's top-ranked heavyweights and pinned the top-ranked wrestler in the country from Wartburg.

Swimming and Diving

A group of 18 seniors led to a bounty of success in the pool as the swimming and diving teams both had tremendous seasons. The men extended their conference dual meet winning streak to 47 straight victories and the women knocked off defending league champion UW-La Crosse. The women's 200-yard freestyle relay team posted the nation's fastest regular season time, while senior Alex Anderson, La Crosse, had the country's second-fastest men's 100-yard breaststroke performance during the regular season.

Pointer sports hotline and Web site

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2006 Events Calendar

APRIL

Department of Music Recitals and Concerts

All events will be held in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC) at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Opera performance**, Saturday, April 1
- Fry Street String Quartet guest recital**, Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m.
- Paul Doebler faculty recital**, Monday, April 3
- Mathew Buchman/David Hastings faculty recital**, Monday, April 10
- Gary Moss/Michael Keller faculty recital**, Wednesday, April 12
- Nancy Boston guest piano recital**, Thursday, April 13
- Composers Concert**, Monday, April 17
- Flute Choir**, Monday, April 24
- Lab Jazz Ensemble**, Tuesday, April 25
- Symphony Orchestra**, Wednesday, April 26
- Wind Ensemble**, Thursday, April 27
- Soiree Musicale**, Friday, April 28
- Campus Band**, Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m.

The Art of Woodland Tribes of Wisconsin

Exhibit runs through Sunday, April 9
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

AIRO Pow Wow

Saturday, April 1, 1-10 p.m.
Berg Gymnasium, Health Enhancement Center

Performing Arts Series: Sam Bush, bluegrass mandolin

Thursday, April 6,
7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater



Sam Bush

Trivia 37: "The Odd Contest"

Friday, April 7-Sunday, April 9
90FM, WWSP

Department of Theatre and Dance: "Danstage 2006"

April 7-9 and 13-15
First Nighters, Friday, April 7
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC

Centertainment: George Winston concert

Tuesday, April 11,
7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

UWSP Juried Student Exhibition

April 16-30, reception
Sunday, April 23, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

Performing Arts Series: Fine Arts Quartet

Thursday, April 20,
7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Signature Residency-Arthur Kopit, playwright,

April 17-May 23
"Meeting Mr. Kopit: a reception and talk"
Saturday, April 22
Lecture Hall, NFAC

Portage County Cultural Festival

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Stevens Point Area Senior High School

UWSP Community Open House

Sunday, April 23
Campuswide (See page 5)

UWSP Festival of the Arts

Sunday, April 23
NFAC

Letters and Science Research Symposium

Saturday, April 29
Science Building

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop

April 29-30
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome/index.htm>



MAY

Department of Music Recitals and Concerts

All events will be held in Michelsen Hall, NFAC, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Mostly Percussion Ensemble**, Monday, May 1
- Concert Band**, Tuesday, May 2
- Jazz Ensemble**, Wednesday, May 3
- String Chamber Orchestra and Suzuki Chamber Orchestra**, Friday, May 5
- Combined Choirs Concert**, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m.
- Jazz Combo**, Sunday, May 7

Signature Residency-Arthur Kopit, playwright

"Workshop of a Play in Progress"
May 5-7 and 11-13
Studio Theatre, NFAC

2005 BFA Exhibition

May 7-18, reception Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC.

Signature Residency-Arthur Kopit, playwright

"New Works in Progress: Readings of New Student Plays"
Monday, May 8
Lecture Hall, NFAC

Spring Commencement

Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Specht Forum/Sundial (weather permitting)

UWSP Department of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition

May 26-September 1, reception TBA
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

Summer Session

Three-week session, May 30-June 16

JUNE

Walk Wisconsin

Saturday, June 3
Stevens Point
www.walkwisconsin.com

UWSP Foundation Board meeting

Monday, June 5

Special Olympics Summer Games

Opening Ceremony,
Thursday, June 8
Games, June 9-10
www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

Summer Session

Eight-week session, June 19-August 11
www.uwsp.edu/summersession

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps

June-August, youth summer camps
June-July, family camps
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes



JULY

31st Annual National Wellness Conference

"The Power of Supportive Relationships"
July 15-20
UWSP Campus
www.nationalwellness.org

2006 American Suzuki Institute, session one

July 30-August 4
campuswide
www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute

AUGUST

2006 American Suzuki Institute, session two

August 6-11
campuswide
www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute

SEPTEMBER

Fall semester begins

Wednesday, September 6

OCTOBER

UWSP Foundation Board meeting

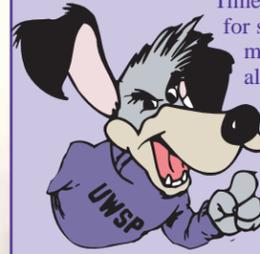
Monday, Oct. 23

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

ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Times and locations are yet to be announced for some events. For information or to make a reservation for these or other alumni events, please call 715-346-3811 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.



APRIL

Alumni Trivia kick-off
Monday, April 3, 1-5 p.m.

Dreyfus University Center lawn

Connecting with Chancellor Linda Bunnell

Wednesday, April 5, Green Bay Raddison, 7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, Appleton Raddison, 7-8:30 p.m.

Alumni Italy trip information session

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Founders Room, Old Main

Alumni Association board meeting

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.
UWSP campus

Chicago Zoo Day

Saturday, April 29
Lincoln Park Zoo

Alumni Association Austria trip

April 29-May 7
Kitzbuhel, Austria

MAY

Alumni Association Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Alumni Room, UC

JUNE

UW System reunion at Miller Park

Milwaukee Brewers vs. Cleveland Indians
Saturday, June 17, 4 p.m. tailgate, 6 p.m. game
Miller Park, Milwaukee

Future Alumni Association Highway Clean-up

Wednesday, June 21
Stevens Point

Welcome to Our City Event: Timber Rattlers Game

Friday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.
Admission is \$20 and parking is \$3. Cost includes box seats and a tailgate picnic reception in the covered picnic pavilion, with brats, burgers, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, chips, and two free beverages. The game starts at 8:05 p.m. against the KC Cougars. There also will be fireworks during the game. RSVP before June 1.

Wisconsin Woodchucks tailgate and game

Woodchucks vs. the Mankato Moon Dogs
Tuesday, June 27, 4 p.m. tailgate, 6:30 p.m. game
Athletic Park stadium, 324 E. Wausau Ave., Wausau

JULY

Welcome to Our City Event: Heritage Hills State Park

Monday, July 10
Mini-tram tour and "Music on the Green"

Alumni Association Canada fishing trip

July 9-14
Wiley Point Wilderness Lodge
Sioux Narrows, Ontario, Canada

Welcome to Our City Event: Lake Mendota

Tuesday, July 25
Tour of Lake Mendota on the Betty Lou Cruise Ship

AUGUST

Reception at the Titledown Brewery

Thursday, August 3
Titledown Brewery, 200 Dousman St., Green Bay

Point Brewery tour

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Tour the brewery and sample brewery products in the Hospitality Room, \$5 per person payable at the door. Limited to first 60 alumni. RSVP by August 21.
Point Brewery, 2617 Water St., Stevens Point

SEPTEMBER

Alumni Association Treasures of Italy trip

Sept. 14-22
Chianciano and Fiuggi, Italy

OCTOBER

Class of 1956 50th Reunion

Oct. 13-14
UWSP campus

Alumni Association board meeting

Friday, Oct. 20
UWSP campus

Homecoming 2006

Saturday, Oct. 21
UWSP campus

Future Homecoming Dates

2007 - Oct. 13
2008 - Oct. 11