



Kohrt receives Distinguished Alumnus Award

Clarke-Girolamo, Hanes and Trailer also honored

An international expert on geriatric physiology known for her efforts to make life better for the older generation has received the UWSP 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Wendy Kohrt, '77, Denver, Colo., received the honor on May 19, joined by her former UWSP volleyball and basketball teammates and coaches. Also honored were Alumni Service Award winner **Kathy Clarke-Girolamo**, '84, Mosinee, and two winners of the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award, **Robert Hanes**, '59, Baraboo, and Dan Trainer, Stevens Point, dean emeritus of the UWSP College of Natural Resources (CNR).

Kohrt is a professor of geriatric medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver and an adjunct professor in the Department of Integrated Physiology at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

She has received \$5.5 million in support of her ongoing research on the use of exercise by people over 65 to improve cardiovascular function and counteract bone loss and the effects of hormonal changes on the aging process.

"The exposure I had to exercise science and preventive medicine while I was at Point influenced the career path I now find myself on," said Kohrt, who went to teach in Merrill and then earned master's and doctorate degrees in exercise science at Arizona State University.

Kohrt also served a postdoctoral research fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine, where she also taught for many years before taking the position in Colorado.

The recipient of the 2003 University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Outstanding Research Faculty Award, she has presented lectures worldwide and has been published in prominent medical journals. Kohrt has also continued to support the UWSP Foundation and the UWSP Women's Athletic Fund.



Kathy Clarke-Girolamo



Robert Hanes



Dan Trainer

Clarke-Girolamo has volunteered with the UWSP Alumni Association since 1992 when husband, Tom Girolamo, '82, became a board member. She has helped with numerous alumni activities including Homecoming, Open House and the Adopt-



Former teammates and coaches joined Wendy Kohrt, '77 (seated in front), when she was honored in May with the 2007 UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award. From left, this included Nancy Page, former coach; Laurie Drewsen, '77, Madison; Dee Simon, '77, Kenosha; Sue Brogaard, '78, Onalaska; Rebecca Seevers, '81, Waukesha; Pat Wischmann, former coach; and Barbara Deichl, '75, Waukesha.

A-Highway program. She and Tom donated trees to UWSP and both help with the CNR Fall Migration and host alumni events at their home. An investigator for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Kathy is also involved in Town of Dewey government.

Hanes, former senior vice president of Robert W. Baird and Co., has served as a member of the UWSP Foundation Board and as interim director of the foundation. Accepting the Hansen award, he mentioned how he had Dr. Hansen for a professor and how he'd made an impact on his life. Hansen's daughter, Ann Buck, present at the award ceremony, was pleased to hear of the connection.

Hanes holds a master's degree from UW-Madison and was a teacher and administrator in Melrose and Antigo and an investment manager for Baird for 27 years. He has served as president of the D.C. Everest School District Board of Education and is a member of the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation. He and his wife, Patricia (Sroda) Hanes, '57, donated three defibrillator units to the Sauk County Sheriff's Department and led a drive to fund more units.

Trainer, a member of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation of Wisconsin's natural resources. The CNR building will be named for him in November (see page 7).

An international expert on animal diseases, Trainer worked on the veterinary faculty at UW-Madison before coming to UWSP. He has served the Wisconsin Natural Resource Board, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy and numerous other organizations. In the community he helped develop the Green Circle Trail and is a board member of the Plover River Alliance.

Dreyfus Center dedication set for October 12



Lee Sherman Dreyfus

As construction comes to an end this winter, several special events have been planned to mark the completion of the \$23.7 million Dreyfus University Center renovation at UWSP.

A ceremony to officially rename the center for UWSP's ninth president and first chancellor, Lee Sherman Dreyfus, a former governor of Wisconsin, will be held during Homecoming weekend on Friday, October 12, beginning at 1 p.m. in the newly renovated Laird Room on the center's second floor.

Members of the Dreyfus family will be present, as will special alumni guests, former Student Government Association presidents and Chancellor Linda Bunnell. Work will not be fully complete at this time, so use of the center will be limited. A public reception will follow at 2 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center Courtyard.

Construction is set to be complete in early December, followed by a "soft opening" of the Pointcard Office, Information and Ticket Center, University Store, and Text Rental.

A Grand Reopening Celebration will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the main entrance when the rest of the Dreyfus Center is operational and ready for the 2008 spring semester.

For the next six weeks through March 2, the celebration will continue with special events related to television themes. Reality Television week will incorporate ideas from "Extreme Makeover Home Edition." Educational Television Week will bring a lecture for Black History Month. Music Television Week will include a special concert, Entertainment Television Week will feature a formal ball, Sitcom Week will feature comedians and Game Show Week will feature students playing UWSP versions of game shows.

Other events, such as weekly movies in the new theater and contests in the University Bookstore, are also being planned. For the most up-to-date information, go to www.uwsp.edu/centers.

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UWSP Alumni Affairs



The UWSP Alumni Affairs Office staff includes, left to right, Jessi Eisenman, '08, student intern; Katie Carlson, assistant director; Julie Johnson, administrative assistant; Terri Taylor, director of major events; Joe Motacek, '10, student intern; and Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02, director.

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Dear fellow alumni,

After a whirlwind summer full of activities for the Alumni Affairs Office, it still comes as a surprise to realize that fall is just around the corner and soon we'll be welcoming back our students, or should I say, our future alumni.

The fact that our students are the future of the UWSP Alumni Association led to the founding of the Future Alumni Association (first called the Student Alumni Association) in 2001. Today, this student organization continues to grow to promote UWSP traditions and foster relationships between UWSP students and alumni.

The FAA's new president, Kelly Eisenman, a junior psychology major from Hollister, Wis., has been a member since her freshman year. Kelly has enjoyed connecting with alumni through volunteering at events such as First Nighters, reunions and Homecoming, and because of that, one of her goals this year is to increase membership.

The group hopes to offer a "Five under Twenty-Five Gathering," which would bring five recent graduates under the age of 25 to campus to meet with FAA members and other students to discuss their personal successes and setbacks since graduation. If you are interested in being one of those five, we would love to hear from you!

"It's great to hear all of the success stories of graduates and it's encouraging to know that they were once in the exact spot we are," says Eisenman. Hearing from alumni is also helpful because of the networking possibilities for students, she adds.

Kelly believes that being involved in FAA now will help make her a better alumna of UWSP, and she looks forward to being able to return to campus and talk to undergraduates or provide them with career opportunities.

Whether you are a student or alum, making connections through UWSP benefits you in any number of ways. As I think about the past six months, what comes to mind are the images I've seen of people meeting and laughing, finding out they knew someone in common, lived in the same hall or even met their significant other at UWSP. I have seen people engaged in deep conversations, full of pride, talking about UWSP and sharing stories across generations. Times may change but certain things will forever be the same at UWSP. The connection Pointers have with each other is, in my opinion, one of those timeless traditions and it is one that continues to amaze and humble me. Thank you for your dedication to UW-Stevens Point.

Sincerely,

Laura Gehrman Rottier

Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02

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My Favorite Pointer Memory

I have too many memories to mention, but the Undergraduate Research Symposium in both the College of Natural Resources and the College of Letters and Science are at the top of the list.

Sarah Orlofske, '06, Blacksburg, Va.

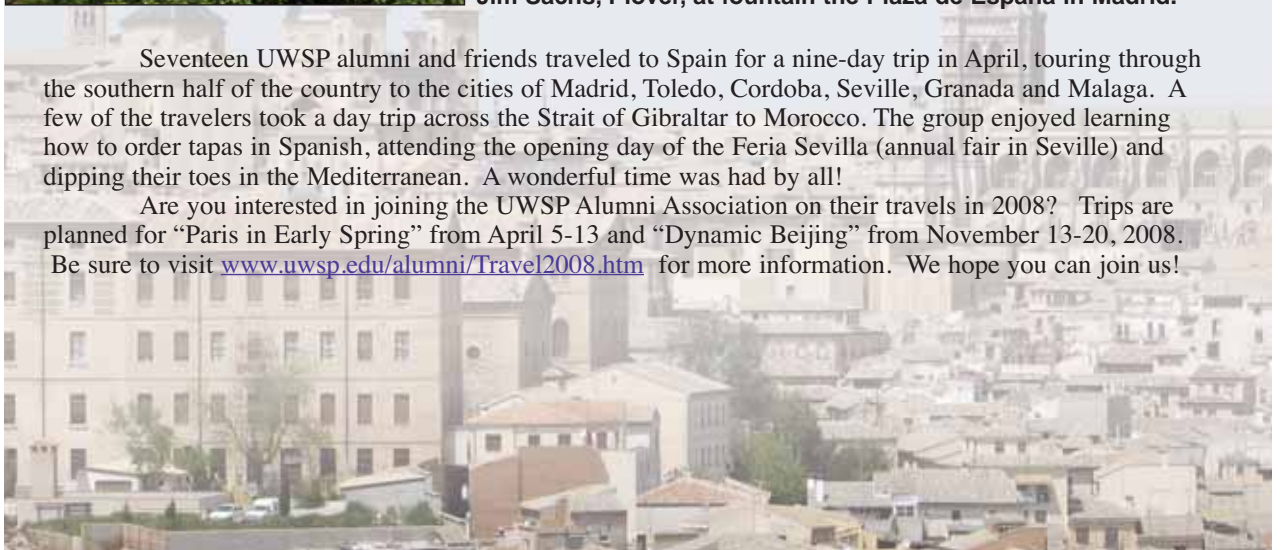
Pointers in Spain; Paris and Beijing next



At left, The Mezquita, a former mosque in Cordoba, Spain, and above, Gary Bushman, '74, and Judy Bushman, Stevens Point, and Sue and Jim Sachs, Plover, at fountain the Plaza de España in Madrid.

Seventeen UWSP alumni and friends traveled to Spain for a nine-day trip in April, touring through the southern half of the country to the cities of Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Granada and Malaga. A few of the travelers took a day trip across the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco. The group enjoyed learning how to order tapas in Spanish, attending the opening day of the Feria Sevilla (annual fair in Seville) and dipping their toes in the Mediterranean. A wonderful time was had by all!

Are you interested in joining the UWSP Alumni Association on their travels in 2008? Trips are planned for "Paris in Early Spring" from April 5-13 and "Dynamic Beijing" from November 13-20, 2008. Be sure to visit www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Travel2008.htm for more information. We hope you can join us!





Get ready for Homecoming 2007

Enjoy a weekend full of activities at UWSP this October as part of Homecoming 2007, Viva Las Vegas!

Return to campus the afternoon of Friday, October 12, for the Dreyfus University Center naming ceremony and get a sneak peak at the renovations. That evening, enjoy an All Greek Reunion on the front lawn of Old Main as well as the comedy of television and film star Bill Cosby in two shows at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

On Saturday, October 13, reunite with old friends and meet new ones at the parade and football game. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the annual All Campus Picnic, which offers something for everyone on the front lawn of Old Main. The picnic is also FREE!

Enter a drawing for one of four free Stevens Point hotel stays when you register for Homecoming activities online at www.uwsp.edu/alumni. For a complete list of times, reunions and ticket information, see the back page.

Alumni and students win prizes

A participant in a survey that ran in the last issue of *The Pointer Alumnus* has won a free hotel stay for Homecoming 2007, according to **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, director of Alumni Affairs.

Kurt Gerner, '77, Purcellville, Va., received the prize for his survey entry. "Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey," said Gehrman Rottier. "Another thank you goes out to those who have joined The Connecting Point. More than 2,200 alumni are now connecting with each other, updating their alumni record and registering online for alumni events."

In addition, **Ann Whipp**, '94, Stevens Point, won a 37-inch LCD television through a drawing for those who are Advantage Members through a Sentry Insurance promotion offered with the UWSP Alumni Association.

To join The Connecting Point and find the latest alumni news and information, go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni.



Ann Whipp, '94, Stevens Point, is pictured with the 37-inch LCD television she won through a Sentry Insurance promotion offered with the UWSP Alumni Association.

Tuition Raffle

This year's Alumni Association tuition raffle raised over \$21,600 for student scholarships and the Future Alumni Association while awarding two UWSP students with valuable prizes. Daniel Kerley, a sophomore social science major from West Allis, won a full year of tuition valued at more than \$5,500. Incoming freshman psychology major Elizabeth Sawchuk of Oconomowoc won a full year of the university meal plan valued at more than \$1,800.

SGA officers greet alumni

Dear UWSP alumni,

We, the Student Government Association, are excited for another school year here at UWSP. It is a great privilege to serve the student body and work to continue to make UWSP great. We would like to take this chance to share with you what we plan to accomplish this next school year.

With the recent proposals by the State Assembly, we feel that certain legislators are forgetting about the students they represent. The major objective this school year is for SGA to empower students by putting on programs and demonstrations to show students have a voice. We plan on having a week of student activism put on by the Student Government Association and other student organizations to promote different issues that are important to students, from tuition to the environment.

Another major objective is to educate students more about going into the real world and what they can do to make the transition to living off campus smoother. We plan on establishing programs to help students with their taxes, ease the hassle of finding a place to live, sublet, or even look for a roommate, and what to look for or expect when signing a lease.

Environmentally, we plan on continuing the great initiative the previous administrations have started by pushing for more green spaces and green energy on campus, promoting fair trade products, encouraging the use of public transportation and even establishing a bike rental program. Stevens Point has already been named the largest purchaser of renewable energy in the entire UW System and we plan to expand upon our goal of becoming energy independent.

Furthermore, we are working to provide a chance for students to have a voice on tenure decisions of professors. We are also looking to get more student art on campus and to provide students a say in what art to put on this campus from outside artists as well.

SGA has many notions on what to tackle, but we are constantly looking for more issues from the student body and you, the alumni. We encourage you to contact us with whatever concerns you may have.

Thank you for your time. Please contact us any time with any further comments or questions. We'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
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Adam Lehmann and Justin Glodowski

Favorite Pointer memories throughout Alumnus

In our last *Pointer Alumnus* issue, we asked for your favorite Pointer memory. Throughout this issue you will find some of the replies sent in by fellow alumni. Keep an eye out for the Pointer Paw and see if you share some of the same recollections as others across the generations.

Do you have a favorite Pointer memory? Please share it with the *Pointer Alumnus* for a future issue! Stories may be edited for content or space. Add them to the Connecting Point at www.uwsp.edu/alumni, or send by e-mail to alumni@uwsp.edu or mail to: UWSP Alumni Association, Room 208, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point WI 54481.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

It must have been in 1976 or 1977. Four of us Pointers, Glenn Hoffman, Randall Fochs, Russ Boland and myself, were living in a bargain priced sardine can basement apartment on Clark Street. One attribute of this apartment was occasional stopped up drains. We also had an InSinkErator (garbage disposal) that is the crux of the story.

We noticed that turning it on with the drains plugged would lead to the kitchen and bathroom sinks backing up. We devised a plan to use this energy against itself to blow out the clogged pipes. So, we made sure all the known sinks and outlets were plugged with towels in hopes it would cause the clog to dislodge when we turned on the InSinkErator.

When all preparations were completed we flipped the switch. As the InSinkErator growled and grumbled, we waited. It seemed to be working when Hoffman checked the bathroom – only to find gobs of spaghetti bubbling out of the shower drain. I mean it was nasty. After this we figured it would probably be a better idea to call the Roto-Rooter man.

Bryan Stanley, '77, Madison

Out of state discount offered for alumni families

The sons, daughters or grandchildren of UWSP alumni who would like to carry on the family legacy of attending UWSP are offered a special discount program for out-of-state tuition.

The Return to Wisconsin program, begun in 2004, offers a 25 percent discount off the regular non resident tuition rate to all qualifying UWSP undergraduate students who are the children or grandchildren of UWSP alumni. Graduates are defined as persons who have been awarded a baccalaureate, associate or graduate degree from UWSP.

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. This discount is available to a student who is enrolled either part time or full time and is renewable as long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the UWSP course catalog.

For purposes of this program, parents are defined as biological, adoptive, stepparents and /or legal guardians. Grandparents are limited to include biological or adoptive grandparents. The discount does not apply to special course fees, housing and food service plans, segregated fees or any other fees. Nor does the program offer preferential treatment with respect to admission to UWSP.

For more information about the Return to Wisconsin program, see www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2wi.htm. To speak with someone in the UWSP Admissions Office, call (715) 346-2441 or send e-mail to admiss@uwsp.edu.

Larry Beck

Larry Beck served as director of Facility Services for 17 years. A native of Rochester, Ind., he has two grown daughters who reside in Stevens Point and Jacksonville, Fla. Beck is staying in Stevens Point in retirement and enjoys travel, hiking, golf and biking.

Pamela Becker

Pamela Becker, '93, was an academic adviser, disability services accommodation specialist and coordinator of assistive technology while at UWSP. She and her husband, UWSP Political Science Professor Dennis Riley, live in Stevens Point. She is enjoying traveling, taking classes, hiking, biking and reading in retirement.

John Betinis

John Betinis shared his medical knowledge with students for 30 years. As associate director of University Health Services, he created and managed the quality assurance program, taught classes in medical self-care, anatomy and cholesterol control and chaired UWSP's Environmental Health and Safety Program for 19 years. John and his wife, Emily, reside in Polonia and have two daughters. His retirement plans include travel, developing his gardening skills, writing short stories and reading at least one book a month.

Catherine Dugan

Catherine Dugan, '79, master's '83 and '94, returned to her alma mater in 1997 as a lecturer in English and taught both freshman English and introductory women's studies classes. She served on the Women's Studies Advisory Committee, the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women and the Academic Staff Council. Previously she worked in public relations and taught at an area secondary school and at Mid-State Technical College. Though she found it bittersweet to leave UWSP, she and her partner, English Professor Emeritus Jim Missey, stayed in Stevens Point and continue to be involved in civic life. She writes a monthly column for the local newspaper that focuses on the preservation of Stevens Point neighborhoods.

Laura Felda-Marquardt



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Laura Felda-Marquardt began working for UW-Extension at UWSP in 1999, first as coordinator of the Adopt-A-Lake program then as a lake specialist in the invasive species and Clean Waters Program. Previously she was a medical technologist and a biology teacher at schools in the Milwaukee area. She especially enjoyed taking her students into natural environments and giving them their first experiences in outdoor skills and sports. At UWSP she continued as an educator, networking with the public on

water issues. She and her husband, Tom, reside in Rhinelander and enjoy outdoor sports and travel in retirement. She also helps with the Rhinelander Community Garden and is building and furnishing a cordwood retreat.

Gerald Gau

A native of California, Professor Emeritus Gerald Gau retired in January after 23 years of teaching computer information systems at UWSP and through UWSP Continuing Education. Prior to coming to UWSP, he taught in Wausau and Sheboygan and at Elizabethtown College and Pennsylvania State University.

James Gingles

Professor Jim Gingles spent 25 years of his 45-year career teaching students in health promotion and human development. His first job after college, working in public relations for a utility company, led him to service work as a youth and sports director. He later worked at a summer youth camp, which inspired him to pursue a career helping young people. He earned recognition for his efforts with a 1986 Outstanding Teaching Award. He referred to his August retirement as a kind of "liberation." Gingles and his wife, Anne, moved to a home on the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir. He plans to spend time at the Mead Wildlife Area.

Wesley Halverson



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Retired Professor Wes Halverson made a career out of watersheds education not only in Wisconsin, but also in Alaska and Texas, where he was a founding member of the Colorado River Watch Network of Texas. A believer in international education and the subsequent exchange of watershed problem solving programs, he was awarded the 1994 Conservation Leadership Award from the Nature Conservancy in Texas. Much of his excellent work on campus took place in the CNR's Global Environmental

Management Education Center. Halverson took students abroad to China, Russia, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Wes and his wife, Karen, reside in Stevens Point.

Pointer Alumnus

Virginia Helm



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Before coming to UWSP, Virginia was an administrator and professor at Indiana University Northwest and at Western Illinois University. She also taught English in Oak Park, Ill. She and her husband, Tom, now reside in Chicago, where they enjoy the city's many cultural and intellectual opportunities.

Eugene Johnson

Retired professor and analytical chemist Gene Johnson, a native of Georgia, joined the faculty in 1978. A recipient of the University Service Award in 1990, he served as associate dean of the College of Letters and Science, chair of the Faculty Senate, and chair of the Chemistry Department. A hands-on faculty member who believed in getting students active in the classroom and the laboratory, he purchased an inductively coupled plasma spectrometer for his students and the college with a prestigious National Science Foundation Instrument Laboratory Improvement Grant. He served as a member of the Hall of Fame committee. Previously, Johnson served in the armed forces and taught chemistry at Southern Oregon State College. He resides in Stevens Point with his wife, June.

Robert Kase



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Bob Kase, chair of the Music Department and professor of trumpet, made an impact on music education throughout his career. He first taught music at a middle school then continued to give music workshops while working as a professional musician, playing with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Frank Sinatra and Harry Connick, Jr. During his 21 years at UWSP, he has found it very rewarding to influence future music educators and work with world class colleagues. A self-professed trumpet junkie, Bob continues to perform locally and abroad, compose music and has released four solo CD's and hundreds of other recordings. He left UWSP to become the executive director of the Wisconsin School Music Association in Waunakee, where he continues to influence the next generation of musicians. He and his wife, Joyce, have two grown daughters.

Conrad Kelley



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Conrad Kelley retired last year after 29 years in Telecommunications. Conrad was honored several times for his video projects, including a UWSP foreign student recruitment video, one on the Home Economics centennial and another on the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas. He has been a member of the year of the International Television Association's state chapter and has received numerous other awards from the organization.

Sandra Madison

Sandra Madison, master's '86, joined the faculty in 1990. Much of her work engaged and encouraged women to enter computer fields of study. Madison was the recipient of a prestigious National Science Foundation award, which allowed her to design Project FOCAL, a set of summer computer camps for high school girls and for high school teachers from around the nation.

Robert Mosier



Robert Mosier

Bob Mosier focused on the well being of students after coming to UWSP in 1971 and held a joint appointment in the Department of Psychology and Student Affairs. He worked in the University Counseling Center and was Director of Residential Living. He wrote the Freshman Profile and was active in university housing associations for many years. Mosier co-coordinated UWSP's reaccreditation and strategic planning processes this summer. These days he is keeping

house for his wife, Mary Mosier, director of Career Services and the Student Academic Advising Center. They live in Plover and have two sons.

John Munson

International wellness expert and Ohio native John Munson came to UWSP in 1975 and was a leading force on wellness issues for the campus, as well as being a key player in the early years of the Wellness Institute. Munson focused on preventive medicine and helped the campus develop the first academic undergraduate health promotion/wellness program in the country. He also served as head of the School of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics (now HESA) and head of the School of Health Promotion and Health Development. Additionally he coached in wrestling, baseball, field hockey and UWSP's lacrosse team. Previously, he taught in the Ohio public school system, Springfield College, Plymouth State College and Florida International University. An avid hunter and fisher, he enjoys antiques, hiking and woodworking. He serves on many boards and resides in Stevens Point with his wife, Barbara.

Robert Rogers

A native of New Jersey, Professor Bob Rogers began sharing his forestry expertise at UWSP in 1984. In 2004 he was named associate dean for the College of Natural Resources. An avid hunter and fisherman, Rogers has been recognized for his research on oak trees and forests by both the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the University of Freiburg in Germany. An author of three books, he was appointed to the Governor's Council on Forestry in 2003. He resides in Stevens Point with his wife, Barbara.

Rick Rothman

A native son of Portage County, **Rick Rothman**, '68, retired in July. As UWSP's budget director, Rothman was one of the campus' most knowledgeable staff on all matters pertaining to the state budget. He was honored with awards from the colleges of Professional Studies and Natural Resources and served on the Faculty Senate. An avid bicyclist, fisher, paddler and hiker, and a fan of Trivia and local athletics, he resides in the Town of Hull with his wife, Sharon. They have two daughters.

Susan Slick

A native of Iowa, Professor Sue Slick taught education and was reading coordinator after joining the faculty in 1994. Her areas of expertise were teacher development, school reform, teaching reading and writing, and adolescent literature. She also taught in junior and senior high schools for many years. Her hobbies include reading, of course, as well as traveling and golf.

Dayle Upham



Dayle Upham

Dayle Upham joined the education faculty in 1996, an expert on teaching those with emotional difficulties. A recipient of the University Mentor Award, she was named outstanding teacher educator of the year and state adviser of the year by the Student Wisconsin Education Association. Previously she was an educational coordinator at the Institute on Emotional Disabilities at Keene State College and lead teacher at the Wreath School of New Hampshire.

Carole Van Horn

Carole Van Horn, a librarian at the James Albertson Learning Resource Center, worked at UWSP for 33 years. She helped implement and manage the library's automated system and enjoyed seeing the amazing changes in library technology. She retired in May and continues to garden on the hobby farm she shares with her husband, retired biology Professor Steven Van Horn. The couple enjoys travel, crafts and time with their two adult children.

Additional faculty and academic staff retirees include: Dale Bruni, Barbara Butler and Thomas Hurning.

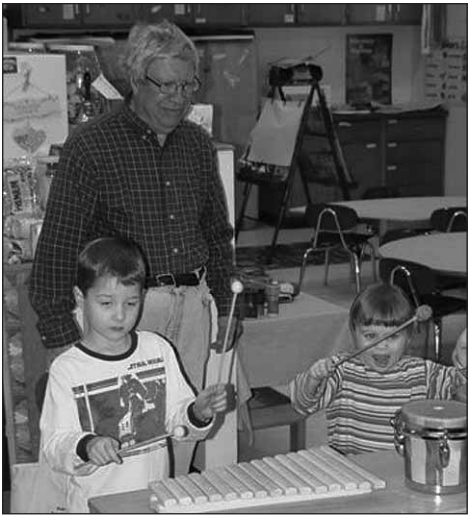
Classified staff retirees include: Roy Benavides, Julie Bodzislav, Marie Cincera, Carolee Cote, **Jackie DeKay**, '93, Cheryl Felckowski, Alice Harkness, **Carole Iwanski**, '83, **Thomas Jensen**, '84, Lucy Klesmith, Martina LaRosa, **Ed Marks**, '71, Armando Ramon, Rosella Reinwand, Richard Scipior, **Robert Simkins Jr.**, '90, Sharon Simonis, Carol Strasser, David Trzebiatowski and Terri Zabrowski.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

My most memorable event at UWSP was hearing my first lecture from Dan Trainer. I was a freshman at Stevens Point and his first lecture was on wildlife diseases. A topic that I thought would be dull and boring was fascinating. It was the only time that I ever attended the same lecture twice. Usually one lecture was enough!
Chad Hass, '90, Beaverton, Ore.

Larrick shares music with preschoolers



Retired Professor Geary Larrick looks on as children enjoy percussion instruments.

Retired Professor Geary Larrick has been performing for the preschool-age students at UWSP's Gesell Institute, located in the College of Professional Studies building, since his own son was there in the 70's. This past spring semester, Larrick performed three concerts for the children.

Using bongo drums, conga drums and a xylophone, he performed original pieces including one written by his daughter who was also once a Gesell student. He emphasizes the importance of reading music, hoping children will remember seeing him reading and playing at the same time. After the performances, the children are able to play with the instruments themselves.

"I love to do this sort of thing," says Larrick. "It's important for someone my age to play for a young audience like this. It allows me to impart what I know to them, as they are used to listening to music on the TV or radio. It's also rewarding for me too. It helps me to feel relevant and not 'over the hill,'" he adds.

"This is such a wonderful opportunity for young children to hear all types of music and have the experience of hands-on exploration of unique instruments," said Lorrie Richardson, the institute's director.

Kraft featured on Route 51 talk show



Wisconsin Public Radio hosted a live broadcast of its weekly "Route 51" regional talk radio show in the Founders Room of Old Main on April 26. Pictured from left is WPR's Glenn Moberg, Mike Carter, George Meyer and UWSP's George Kraft.

George Kraft, a professor of water resources, was featured on a panel of environmental and economic experts in a live radio show broadcast from UWSP by Wisconsin Public Radio.

The show, *Route 51*, featured a forum on Central Wisconsin watersheds and its importance to the economy and environment. In addition to Kraft, the panel included George Meyer, executive director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and former secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Mike Carter, executive director of the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers.

The show was broadcast in front of a live audience.

Bywaters' paintings installed at West Bend medical unit

Diane Canfield Bywaters, Stevens Point, a UWSP professor of art and design, created and installed three paintings for the entryway of a helicopter rescue medical unit in West Bend.

Bywaters was commissioned by the Department of Military Affairs Aviation Support Facility through the Wisconsin Percent for the Arts program. The three large oil paintings on canvas show aerial vistas of the West Bend area during spring, winter and fall.



Major Matthew Strub and UWSP Professor of Art and Design Diane Bywaters are pictured under two of the three paintings she created and installed at an Army helicopter rescue unit in West Bend.

Bywaters, who usually paints en plein air (on location), created the paintings from photographs she took during each season from a small airplane she hired to fly over the area.

"I'm always seeking painting adventures," said Bywaters, who last summer rafted the Grand Canyon as part of an en plein air painting expedition. "But taking the photos in winter from a two-seater airplane required that I stick my head out of the window. This was far more adventurous than I expected, and I was certainly glad to land that day."

The paintings were stitched, fitted with grommets and then stretched with rope onto two large stainless steel structures designed by Bywaters and fabricated by Metal Crafters Inc. in Stevens Point. The completed works resemble stretchers used by the helicopter rescue crew.

"The intention of my paintings was to give a visual sense of renewal to a very stressful medical rescue unit. The seasons represent the different stages of life," she said.

Thomas chosen to lead Natural Resources Board



Christine Thomas

Christine Thomas, master's '79, in January became the second woman in Wisconsin history to lead the state's Natural Resource Board.

Dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR) and a professor of natural resources at UWSP, Thomas will chair the board through May 1, 2009.

She says she is pleased to follow in the footsteps of her mentor, CNR Dean Emeritus Dan Trainer, who also chaired the Natural Resource Board.

In addition to her role as a university educator, Thomas developed "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman," a program that teaches women outdoor skills, and has received numerous awards for her educational and conservation pursuits, including Educator of the Year by Safari Club International and Woman of the Year by the American Sportfishing Association.

Dombeck receives honorary degree



Michael Dombeck

Michael Dombeck, '71, master's '74, Stevens Point, a UW System Fellow and professor of global conservation at UWSP, received an honorary degree from Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

Dombeck received the honor in May. Haverford awards four honorary degrees annually to those who have distinguished themselves in sciences, letters or the arts.

UWSP recognized him with the Distinguished Alumnus honor in 1997.

The former chief of the U.S. Forest Service and former director of the Bureau of Land Management, Dombeck has been a UWSP faculty member since 2001. A renowned conservationist, he has over 25 years experience in managing federal lands and resources. He has received the Lady Bird Johnson Conservation Award, Audubon Medal and Distinguished Executive Award for federal service. In addition to UWSP, he has degrees from the University of Minnesota and Iowa State University.

He and his wife, Patricia, reside near Stevens Point.

Faculty and staff honored for outstanding work

Outstanding faculty and staff members for the 2006-2007 academic year were honored at a reception and awards program in April at the Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard.

Selected for Excellence in Teaching were **Richard Geesey**, professor of forest recreation; **Lorri Nandrea**, associate professor of English; **Judie Pfiffner**, '74, master's '85, senior lecturer in health promotion and human development; **Justin Rueb**, professor of psychology; and **Steven Wright**, professor of chemistry.

Recognized with the University Scholar Award were **Jeana Magyar-Moe** '98, assistant professor of psychology, and **James Stokes**, professor of English. The University Service Award recipient was **Dan Dieterich**, professor of English.

Recipient of the Academic Staff Excellence Award was **Anne Hoffmann**, assistant director for health and wellness programs, and the Academic Staff Spirit of Community Service Award was given to **Mike Pagel**, '79, a career specialist and coordinator of new student orientation in career services.

Winner of the Classified Staff Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award was **Thomas Jensen**, '84, a physician's assistant in health services.

Nook named provost/vice chancellor



Mark Nook

A specialist in astronomy and astrophysics, who was dean of Undergraduate Studies at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) in Minnesota, is the new provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at UWSP.

Mark Nook succeeded retired Provost and Vice Chancellor Virginia Helm on July 16. Nook already has ties to campus, as his oldest daughter, **Mehgan (Nook) Clark** and her husband, **Matthew Clark**, Sauk Rapids, Minn., both graduated from UWSP in 2005. Nook and his wife of 27 years, Cheryl, also have two other children.

Nook holds a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Southwest Minnesota State University, a master's degree in astrophysics from Iowa State University, and a doctorate in astronomy from UW-Madison.

"I am thrilled to be returning to Wisconsin and working with one of their finest UW System four-year institutions," said Nook. "My goal is to help the students, faculty, and staff meet the growing academic challenges and opportunities of a modern 21st century campus. The storied history of UWSP is well known throughout the region and the nation, and I am excited and ready to work with the campus and greater community toward building on the campus' legacy."

"Dr. Nook has had an outstanding career as researcher, faculty member, and as an administrator. He was well received during his campus/community visit, receiving strong support universally from people across campus that had an opportunity to meet him. On behalf of the campus community we welcome him with open arms," said UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

While at SCSU, Nook chaired the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Science for five years before becoming dean of Undergraduate Studies. He was also the director of the campus observatory and planetarium and was a full professor. He also worked at the Space Astronomy Lab at UW-Madison and taught at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

A native of Holstein, Iowa, Nook enjoys camping, fishing and hunting and hopes to continue his science and astronomy education outreach to young people in Central Wisconsin.

Robinson named development officer at UWSP



C.J. Robinson

An alumnus and Wausau native has been named director of development for UWSP's College of Fine Arts and Communication.

C.J. Robinson, '04, a third generation Pointer, will identify, cultivate and secure resources for students, faculty and staff as well as work to expand financial support through scholarships, planned gifts and grants.

"I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with alumni and friends of the college and the university," he said. "With decreasing state funding, it's more important than ever that these groups continue and enhance their support of the important programs our college offers to ensure that students with a passion for arts and communication can study at this fine institution."

Robinson hopes to use his enthusiasm and experience to ensure all students had the same positive experience he had. Being an alumnus, he adds, "I understand the quality and commitment of the faculty and staff here."

Since his grandfather and both his parents are also UWSP alumni, "I bleed purple and gold," he jokes. While at UWSP, he served as vice president of the United Council of UW Students and was involved in many student political organizations and honor societies. After he graduated, he was elected to a two-year term as the Stevens Point 5th district alderman and was the youngest person to serve on the City Council.

Previously Robinson was director of development for the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County and owned SoundWave Entertainment.

Pointer Alumnus

Student news briefs

- Jakob Parris, Boulder Junction, an art and design major, won a Gold ADDY Award from the Fox River Ad Club for a work in the promotional packaging category.

- Adam Freihoefer, Baraboo, a 2002 UWSP graduate and current natural resources master's degree student, was named Best Student Presenter at the American Water Resources Association national conference in Baltimore this spring.

- Three Web and digital media students, Eliot Connors, Plain; Stephanie Haus, Spooner; and Garrett Bluma, Custer, redesigned the Web site of the Portage County Humane Society (www.hspcwi.org).

- Thirteen UWSP students repaired homes in rural eastern Kentucky as part of WorkFest 2007, a Christian Appalachian Project alternative spring break.

- Thirteen Association for Community Tasks students traveled to southwest Louisiana with the United Way Alternative Spring Break to help build homes for those affected by Hurricane Rita.

- Ten students traveled to Mexico from May 21 to June 11 as part of a School of Health Promotion and Human Development study abroad program and the "Simply Smiles" program. The students learned about social and health services in the area, lived with Mexican families and helped feed and house families and orphans in Oaxaca.

- Four art and design students were honored during the 23rd Annual Brass Ring Awards Graphic Design competition at Oklahoma Christian University. Andrea Mutsch, Twin Lakes, won first place for a trademark/logotype; Jakob Parris, Boulder Junction, won second place for a 3-D design; Kristin Joiner, Milton, won a merit award for a miscellaneous piece; and Emily Marti, Neillsville, won a merit award for a direct mail/brochure piece.

- Led by Political Science Professor Jianwei Wang, UWSP's Model UN chapter delegation of 28 students attended the annual National Model United Nations conference in New York City and won an honorable mention, UWSP's first Model UN award.

- As part of the "SeeRED" campaign on campus, UWSP students contributed \$5,000 for The Thailand Project to bring students from a Thailand school to UWSP for study this fall. Students were asked to each give \$5. At the end of the campaign, the total raised on campus and in the community was approximately \$12,000.

- Ryan Wrasse, Minocqua, was elected chairman of the Wisconsin Federation of College Republicans during its state convention in Stevens Point this spring. Ryan is the former president of the Republican Party of Oneida County.

- Kyle Curran, Mount Horeb, and Lauren Muhr, Neenah, both biology majors, won a \$500 Student Research Grant to fund a project that maps disease-resistant genes in soybeans.

- Jacob Brault, Fond du Lac, an art major, created a 20-foot steel sculpture for outside of the Albertson library. He is also working with Student Government to create a Student Art Selection Committee which will allow students to find permanent homes for their art on the UWSP campus.

- Alexander Richter, Hopkins, Minn., a senior mathematics major, won a \$5,000 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship to assist him in pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Indiana University.

- Aubrey Maccoux, Green Bay, and Lindsay Anderson, Westboro, each won \$1,000 Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants. Maccoux will study in Poland, Germany and Iceland during the European Studies Seminar and Anderson is studying in Great Britain.



Brent Rivard

- Brent Rivard, Gillett, (left) a senior biology major, is the ninth UWSP student to win the federally funded \$7,500 Barry M. Goldwater National Science Scholarship. Brent is researching plant physiology in order to isolate plant genes that make an organic product used for bio-fuel.

- Derek Prestly, Minnetonka, Minn., a senior musical theatre major, performed in *Angst: The New Teen Musical* at the New York Fringe Festival in August. The show, written by a teen as a satire of high school cliques and stereotypes, has been dubbed the antithesis of Disney's *High School Musical*.



Twelve students showcased their undergraduate research projects at the Wisconsin capitol as part of "Posters in the Rotunda" in April. Pictured at the event is State Representative Louis Molepske; students Christine Janssen, Sun Prairie, and Cara Riederer, Fond du Lac; and Assistant Professor Nisha Fernando and Professor Kathe Julin of the Division of Interior Architecture. A group of students, faculty and alumni met with legislators that day as well, discussing topics pertinent to UWSP. To get involved in legislative advocacy, call the Alumni Office at 715-346-3811.



Five master's degree students, Ginamaria Javurek, Eau Claire; Theresa Ford, Rosendale; Cortney Schaefer, Grand Island, Neb.; Yu Wang, Kunming, China; and Rainey Kreis, San Pedro, Calif., each won \$2,000 Gaylord Nelson Earth Day Fellowships from the Wilderness Society for contributing to conservation and environmental education.



My Favorite Pointer Memories

Spending more time at the Bratbarn and Pour House than I should have. Sitting on a speaker at Rudy's and "listening" to the Doors sing *Light My Fire* through my butt. Making a lot of friends in the dorms, having water fights on 2nd Pray and doing the Walrus in the flooded shower room. Getting food poisoning at the Allen Center and sharing eight toilets with 50 guys who were puking their guts out. Sheepshead games in the floor lounge and being so bad at it the guys would make me play my hand blind. Being so worked up over some issue that I can't even remember now that I started a petition drive and ended up in Chancellor Dreyfus' office. Being a freshman and having five 7:45 a.m. classes a week and a course on American Political Thought prior to 1865 taught by an avowed anarchist who managed to work Timothy Leary into at least one lecture a week. Then there was Kent State and demonstrations sweeping the college campuses including the Point campus. Being part of a university sponsored trip to the Soviet Union as a part of the Russian Studies group. 50 degree parties, floor parties and wing parties. Intramural football and my last final of my last semester!

Joe Phillips, '72, Omaha, Neb.

UWSP the top purchaser of renewable energy in UW System

After an additional purchase through Wisconsin Public Service’s NatureWise program, UWSP is using 16.4 percent renewable energy on campus. This amount is among the largest use of all UW campuses.

The NatureWise program, created in 2002, uses a blend of wind and biomass energy to generate electricity. UWSP’s purchases of this energy are being funded by the Student Government Association, Residential Living, Residence Hall Association and most recently, UWSP administration. The total use of renewable energy in the residence hall now stands at 33.2 percent.

Last September, UWSP was one of four state universities chosen by Governor Jim Doyle for an energy independence project that aims for energy independence through renewable energy sources and aggressive conservation efforts. In addition, UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell recently signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, pledging to commit UWSP to the pursuit of climate neutrality to avert the impacts of global warming.

“I’m pleased that UWSP is able to take further steps to become energy independent,” said Bunnell. “I’m also proud that our students have led this effort. They are truly examples of what it means to be a global citizen in a sustainable world.”



At a May press conference in the Founders Room of Old Main, (from left), Chancellor Linda Bunnell, Will Hexom, RHA president; Michael Zsido, assistant director of building services in Residential Living; Ross Cohen, SGA president; and Rick Socha, Wisconsin Public Service regional manager, were recognized for expanding UWSP’s partnership with Wisconsin Public Service’s NatureWise program.

Ward named head of University Relations and Communications



Stephen Ward

A Michigan native has returned to the Midwest as the new executive director and assistant to the chancellor for University Relations and Communications (URC) at UWSP.

Stephen Ward served as director of marketing and communications at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga., before coming to UWSP July 16. He succeeded interim URC

Director Todd Kuckkahn, Assistant to the Chancellor for Advancement and Executive Director of UWSP Foundation.

“It is an honor to be asked to serve UWSP – a gem among public universities,” said Ward. “This is a university with a bright future that will be built upon its rich history of service to the region and the state of Wisconsin, and I look forward to helping to tell its story.”

“We are all delighted to welcome someone with his experience and expertise to the university and our wonderful community,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

Ward will be the primary communication adviser to the chancellor and URC staff, as well as student employees and interns. He will also serve as the official spokesperson for the university and work to support both advancement and alumni relations.

His 22-year career includes work in journalism, public relations and integrated marketing communications in the fields of higher education, government, broadcasting, banking and teaching. He attended the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and earned a bachelor’s degree at Michigan State University and a master’s degree from The American University in Washington D.C.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have three daughters.

Trainer dedication highlight of CNR Fall Migration



The College of Natural Resources building will be named for Dean Emeritus Daniel Trainer during the annual Fall Migration, a fundraising dinner for the CNR.

The event will be held Saturday, November 3, beginning at 3 p.m. in the west lobby of the CNR, where UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell and UW System officials will be present to dedicate the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources Building.

“Through his leadership, Dan Trainer helped make the College of Natural Resources one of the largest of its kind in the nation,” said Bunnell. “By naming the CNR building after him, we recognize his legacy of conservation on our campus, in the community and in the state.”

Following the building dedication, the Fall Migration Dinner and Auction will be held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center with a social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entrée choices include chicken cordon bleu, almond walnut crusted red snapper, slow roasted prime rib or vegetarian Wellington.

Throughout the evening a silent auction, live auction and raffle will be held.

Tickets are \$60 per person and tables of eight are available. Proceeds from the event benefit the CNR Endowment.

For reservations or information, contact Tammy Hanson, (715) 346-4617, or thanson@uwsp.edu.

My Favorite Pointer Memory



During the course of obtaining a major in general conservation, one of the required areas of study was a class or two in conservation law enforcement.

This class met in Old Main, lower level, and a friend of mine and I sat nearest the door so that when the bell rang we could be out the door and have a smoke before our next class.

At the start of one of our class periods, while the professor was taking attendance, a man came in strangely dressed, wearing a red and black shirt, heavy hunting pants, big black boots and a black stocking hat on his head.

When he came into the room he pulled a small pistol from his pocket, leveled it and shot towards the professor. He fell and the man ran out of the room.

Witnessing this event, my friend and I, both Korean vets, ran out the door and down the hallway after him. We knocked him to the floor, with both of us on top of him. Luckily we did not break his arm or leg. It was at this point that we heard the professor yelling at us. It was all right, it was just part of the project of the day – criminal identification.

The professor told us he had forgotten he had a bunch of returning Korean veterans in his class.
Sherman Iverson, '59, Eau Claire

Frechette memorialized at UWSP



Visitors to the Albertson Learning Resource Center admire the George Catlin paintings on display at the Frechette memorial event.

Menominee artist James F. Frechette Jr. was memorialized at UWSP in April with the unveiling and dedication of 11 museum-quality reproductions of artist George Catlin’s Menominee portraits.

The paintings are on exhibit in the Albertson Learning Resource Center library on the east wall facing the Reference Desk.

“This is a wonderful way to both honor Frechette’s legacy, as well as augment our Menominee Clans collection with Catlin’s superb artistry,” said College of Letters and Science Dean Lance Grahn. “Both these exhibits offer our students a deeper historical appreciation of the Menominee Clans as well as a broader understanding of the tribe’s cherished history and lore here in Wisconsin.”

Frechette carved and painted thirty Menominee clan figures that are on permanent exhibit on the first floor lobby of the LRC. He died last October.

Catlin’s original paintings are currently housed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. A

renowned artist, Catlin painted many portraits of Menominee tribal members back in the 1830s. He visited more than 140 tribes and painted more than 600 portraits and scenes of American Indian life during the 19th century.

The dedication ceremony also included songs by Crooked Beak, a Menominee family drum group, traditional prayers and recorded Menominee flute music.

Dugout, fields improved



Improvements to the UWSP baseball field were completed this summer through \$54,000 in donations to The Dugout Project.

The infield was redone with a new soil base and new sod. The old dugouts were demolished, with roofs and benches sent to University Surplus to be sold. The new dugouts are 10 feet longer, six feet deeper and are safer than the old ones.

Pictured celebrating the completion of The Dugout Project fundraiser are Chuck Nason, Stevens Point; Stevie Pointer; Joan North, dean of the College of Professional Studies; **Rod Larson, '83, Mosinee;** **Rob Stroik, '87, Stevens Point;** and Craig Shuler, Stevens Point. The signed helmets were presented to donors to the project.

A second phase of this project is now being contemplated. For information, contact UWSP baseball coach Pat Bloom at (715) 346-4412.

Join us for the journey – hiking and biking abroad

Seven trips for cyclists and hikers of all levels are being offered in 2008 through the UWSP School of Health Promotion and Human Development in the College of Professional Studies.

UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours offer itineraries of 30 to 70 miles per day for cyclists and five to ten miles for hikers, designed so participants can bike or hike as little or as much as they wish.

Accommodations are typically at comfortable, charming 3-star hotels, often family run and characteristic of the area. Local cuisine is featured, as are cultural and historical sites such as castles, vineyards, open markets, architectural gems, and distinctive landscapes. On bike trips, a van is used to transport luggage. Buses or trains transport travelers from one locale to another on hiking trips. All ages are welcome (past participants have ranged in age from 18 to 84).

The schedule is as follows:

Mallorca, March 27- April 6 (bicycling) – Mild weather, excellent roads, spectacular scenery and outstanding accommodations are the highlights of our annual trip to Mallorca. This island in the Mediterranean is a cyclist’s paradise!

Sicily, May 23 – June 2 (hiking) – Explore Sicily’s rich history, its beautiful monuments and diverse landscapes. This cultural walking and low-impact hiking tour will feature stays in Taormina, Piazza Armerina, and Erice. We’ll visit Mount Etna and the *Valle dei Templi* (Valley of the [Greek] temples).

Italy (Tuscany), June 12 – 29 (bicycling) – Enjoy the sunflowers, villas and vineyards of this enchanting area of Italy. Features will include historic villages, Etruscan ruins, medieval fortress towns, winery visits, and an optional day hike to the Cinque Terre along the Mediterranean coast.

Germany (Bavaria), June 28 – July 13 (bicycling) – This area is one of the most biker-friendly places in Europe, with numerous quiet back roads and paved bike paths. The gently rolling terrain will suit recreational riders, but serious climbers will be glad to know the Alps are nearby and accessible. Highlights will include Linderhof, Hohenschwangau, Andechs and Oberammergau.

Austria, July 19 – August 2 (hiking) – Stunning mountain landscapes will amaze hikers and walkers of all abilities. Destinations will include Graz, Bad Gleichenberg, and Steiermark. A three-night stay in the historic and cultural center of Vienna will be a highlight at the end of the trip.

Ireland, September 11 – 25 (hiking) – The warmth and hospitality of the Irish people will complement an itinerary that features walks through beautiful verdant valleys, quaint villages, and rugged cliffhills. Features include the Wicklow Mountains National Park, Killarney, Ennis, the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren peninsula.

Argentina, November 17 – 30 (hiking and exploration) – This trip will feature urban hikes in Buenos Aires, tango dinner shows (maybe even dance lessons), architectural tours and traditional barbecues. Rent-a-bike tours will give us a unique perspective of the city. In addition, we’ll spend three days on the Argentina/Brazil

border at Iguazu Falls National Park. Walking tours to the falls feature an abundance of birds, fauna, and butterflies. We’ll also visit the World Heritage Site of Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay.

To learn more about the trips, visit the Web site at www.uwsp.edu/hphd/bikehike or e-mail bikehike@uwsp.edu.



2007-08 UWSP Events Calendar

events.uwsp.edu

*UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple

September

Fall semester begins
Tues., Sept. 4, 8 a.m.

Faculty artwork

Sept. 1-17
Reception, Mon., Sept. 17, 4-6 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

Stora Enso Tour

Wed., Sept 12
Details at www.uwsp.edu/alumni

Spud Bowl

Sat., Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

America at War: World War II Propaganda Posters

Sept. 23-Oct. 14
Reception: Mon., Sept. 24, 4-6 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

Performing Arts Series: Ladysmith Black Mambazo (below)

Tues., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater



Alumni Association trip to Ireland

Sept. 28-Oct. 6

October



Performing Arts Series: Stefon Harris, jazz vibraphonist (left)
Mon., Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theatre

2007 Homecoming Week

Oct. 8-13 (see back page)
Campus and community events

Theatre and Dance: *Lend Me a Tenor*

Oct. 12-14 & 18-21
Studio Theater, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Defining Light

Oct. 21-Nov. 21, posters, poems, video, photographs
Reception: Mon., Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

UWSP Alumni Board Meeting

Fri., Oct 12

UWSP Foundation Board meeting

Mon., Oct. 15

November

Theatre and Dance: *Urinetown-The Musical*

Nov. 2-4 and 7-10
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.

Family Day

Nov. 3
Residence halls and campus

December

2008 Juried Student Exhibition

Dec. 9-Feb. 2
Reception: Sun., Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

Dreyfus University Center soft opening

Approx. Mon., Dec. 10
Pointcard Office, Information and Ticket Center, University Store and Text Rental only

Performing Arts Series: Boston Brass

Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Theatre and Dance Dept.: *Afterimages*

Dec. 6-8
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

Fall commencement

Sat., Dec. 15, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Quandt Fieldhouse

January 2008

Winterim classes
Jan. 2-17

Spring semester begins

Jan. 22, 8 a.m.

Dreyfus University Center opening celebration

Jan., 22-March 2
Reopening ceremony, Tues., Jan. 22
For updates, see www.uwsp.edu/centers

Performing Arts Series: Preservation Hall Jazz

Thurs., Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

February 2008

Performing Arts Series: Wailin’ Jennys,

melodic trio (left)
Wed., Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Arts Bash 2007
Sat., Feb. 2, 7-10 p.m.
Noel Fine Arts Center

Theatre and Dance Dept.: *The Fifth of July*

Feb. 8-10 and 14-17
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Moving Stories

Feb. 8-March 2, video and projected narratives
Reception: Fri., Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

Theatre and Dance Dept.: *Julius Caesar*

Feb. 29-March 2 and March 6-8
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 29, 5:30 p.m.

March 2008

Juried Student Graphic Design Exhibit

March 9-April 6
Reception: Sun., March 9, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center
Performing Arts Series: Aquila Theatre’s

Catch 22

Thurs., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Performing Arts Series: Eroica Trio (below)

Sat., March 29, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater



Performing Arts Series: Read Gainsford,

pianist
Mon., March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Save the Date!

Wilderness Resort alumni special
May 30-31, 2008

\$109 a night for four, including waterparks
\$9 goes back to UWSP Alumni Association
Details at Calendar of Events,
www.uwsp.edu/alumni

Future Homecoming dates:

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009

Future 90 FM Trivia dates:

Trivia 39, April 11-13, 2008
Trivia 40, April 17-19, 2009

Events are subject to change.

For more information on alumni events, planning one in your area or to make reservations, go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni, call (715) 346-3811 or (877) 764-6801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu. For tickets, call the University Box Office at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or go to <https://tickets.uwsp.edu>. For information on the Carlsten Gallery, contact Caren Heft, (715) 346-4794 or go to www.uwsp.edu/art-design/galleries

Alumni greet old friends and make new ones

Milestone Reunion 2008 — Save the Date: June 20-22

Classes of 1998, 1983, and 1958 will be honored as they celebrate 10, 25 and 50 years of being Pointers with their friends in surrounding class years. To learn more or help plan your milestone reunion, call or e-mail the Alumni Office.

www.uwsp.edu/alumni/photo.htm



UWSP alumni and friends enjoyed the architecture and history of Chicago by boat on July 12, including, from left, **Peter Graening**, '04, Chicago, Ill.; **Elizabeth Zimmerman**, '00, Evanston, Ill.; and **Kevin Sorby**, '01, Oak Park, Ill.



Alumni and friends toured three Milwaukee breweries, the Milwaukee Ale House, Rock Bottom Brewery and Lakefront Brewery, by boat on July 14. Toasting the day are **James Rothamer**, '54, and Jan Rothamer, McFarland; **Jennifer Schulte**, '01, Milwaukee; and Carrie Krell.



Ray Stroik, '57, Stevens Point; **Jeremiah Farrell**, '57, Suamico; and **John Jones**, '61, Wausau, enjoyed a chat on the lawn in front of Old Main during the Milestone Reunion on June 22.



Patty Drier, '82, Stevens Point, led **Tim Glocke**, '97, and Katrina Glocke, Howards Grove, and **Jon Hansen**, '80, and **Donna Hansen**, '82, Hewitt, down a path along the Ice Age Trail on a Milestone Reunion weekend excursion on June 23.



Knutzen Hall male resident assistants from 1975-77 got together at UWSP in June for "NickFest," named in honor of their residence hall director during those years, Bob "Big Nick" Nicholson (pictured second from left). Residence hall reunions will be the focus of Homecoming 2008. For more, see page 15.



Julie Johnson of the Alumni Affairs office assists while **Jeff Wiersma**, '82, Fergus Falls, Minn., makes his way up the rock wall at UWSP's Health Enhancement Center during the Milestone Reunion Weekend on June 23.



Halverson carries on tradition as Stevens Point mayor

The nearly 30-year tradition of Stevens Point mayors who are alumni of UWSP continues with the election of **Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point, in April.

The owner of two men's clothing stores in Stevens Point, Halverson defeated city alderman Mike Wiza with 70 percent of the vote after twelve-year incumbent **Gary Wescott**, '74, Stevens Point, chose not to run again.

Prior to that, the late **Gilbert Halverson**, '42, (no relation to Andrew) served for 10 months in 1994-1995; the late **Scott Schultz**, '72, served from 1987-1994; **Raymond Bartkowiak**, '49, Stevens Point, was interim mayor in 1987; and **Mike Haberman**, '69, Stevens Point, was mayor from 1978-1987.

"I consider myself a natural cheerleader for UWSP," said Halverson, who serves on the UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors. "The mayor has to have the best interest of the city at heart. But I am an advocate for UWSP and understand what the purple and gold is all about. The university is truly an unbelievable community treasure for Stevens Point.

Born and raised in Stevens Point, Halverson feels privileged to serve in his hometown.

"I love the community. It's a great place to live and it's an honor to serve in my hometown. It's a very special feeling," he says.

"The best part of my job is knowing that the day-to-day efforts of City Hall and the Mayor's Office can change lives for the better. That responsibility lies in my hands and I don't take it lightly."

While he continues to own his businesses, he has left the day-to-day operations to his team of managers and employees because he dedicates all of his time to being mayor. It's more than being in the office or running city council meetings; a trip to a local grocery store often means running into constituents who have questions or suggestions.

"But then I really get to know what people want and how they feel," he says. "That's a great tool for me as a leader. I've got 25,000 bosses, and I work for them."

His training in politics first began at UWSP, where he majored in political science and public administration. He served four years in the Student Government Association and one year as its president and was active in the College Democrats and Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society.

"I thought I would be a public finance director or city manager," he said of his career goals. While he was at UWSP, he met his future wife, **Shana (Chase) Halverson**, '02, and both were Albertson Medallion Award winners. The couple now has a one-year old son, Alexander.

It was while he was attending graduate school at UW-Milwaukee that he realized he wanted to own his own business. Having worked at Parkinson's men's clothing store in downtown



Andrew Halverson

Stevens Point since he was 15 years old, men's clothing seemed to be the perfect fit. Halverson moved back to Stevens Point and in November 2002, opened Andrew's Ltd. Distinctive Men's Clothing on Highway 10 East, specializing in suits and dress clothing for men.

Halverson was honored for his business acumen twice in 2005 with Wisconsin's Young Entrepreneur of the Year and Portage County's Entrepreneur of the Year awards. In March 2006, he opened Andrew's Downtown, offering tuxedo rentals and casual wear in the former Parkinson's store where he got his own start.

The chance to run for mayor of Stevens Point came to Halverson in November 2006. "The opportunity chose me," he said. "Stevens Point is at a point in its history to pounce and develop aggressively. We needed a catalyst to push it forward and make it greater than it already is. I felt I had the mindset and enthusiasm for the job."

The most intense four and half months of his life followed that decision, he said. While campaigning was both physically and mentally challenging, the support of his family really helped, he says. Halverson was elected on April 3 in the city's first open race for mayor in 12 years, standing on the issues of downtown revitalization, a new justice center, preserving the environment and encouraging public transportation.

A lack of faith in the political process deters some from running for public office, he says, but "we have a duty to change that perception."

"If you work hard, you can get elected and have the chance to change things for the better. You can make a difference. Anything of magnitude starts with one person."

'07 Jessica Jacobs, '07, is a member of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Co. II.

Jason Quade, '07, Antigo, is the cultural affairs director for the Sokagon Chippewa in Mole Lake. "UWSP taught me to look at the world and make the most of it," says Jason.

'06 Lori Blakeway, '06, Mukwonago, is a line therapist for Beyond Boundaries of Autism. She is attending the University of Michigan for a master's in social work in the fall.

DeAnna Bublitz, '06, Apple Valley, Minn., will begin Ph.D. studies in molecular genetics and microbiology at New York State University, Stonybrook, in the fall.

Abby Gutowski, '06, Stevens Point, is a marketing communication specialist for AIG Travel Guard in Stevens Point. Shortly before graduating last December, she completed an internship at Munro and Forster Public Relations in London, England.

Kari Hackbarth, '06, Plover, was accepted for Madison Area Technical College's veterinarian technician program then plans to attend UW-Madison to become a veterinarian.

Jessica (Habeck) Heckel, master's '06, and Aaron Heckel, Plover, were married last October, sharing the day with UWSP alumni friends then honeymooning in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

RDell Johnson, '06, Poynette, is an early childhood teacher in the Madison school district.

Amy Koehler, '06, Bonduel, is working towards a master's degree in theology and youth ministry at St. Norbert College in De Pere. She is a youth minister at Sacred Heart Church in Shawano.

Emily Lain, '06, Amherst, is a songbird surveyor and plans on beginning work on her master's degree in fall 2008.

Maki Okumi, '06, Los Angeles, is an interior designer at R204DESIGN in Los Angeles, an international firm with additional offices in Tokyo and New Delhi.

Sarah Orlofske, '06, Blacksburg, Va., is a graduate student at Virginia Tech. In the spring she received the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. She is married to Robert Jadin, also a graduate student.

Liz (vanWieringen) Orlowski, '06, Plover, married Chad Orlowski, a train conductor, in June. She is a program coordinator for the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation in Stevens Point.

Roberta Popp, '06, Clear Lake, is a project coordinator for Farmer to Farmer, Inc., in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. She's also worked as an agriculture volunteer in Bolivia. In January 2008 she will begin a master's degree program in nutritional sciences at UW-Stout.

Ashley Schmitt, '06, Casco, will be in the cast of *A Fireside Christmas*, playing at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson from October 18 through December 23.

Megan Singer, '06, Kenosha, is a third grade teacher at a new elementary school in the Kenosha school district.

Heather Utecht, '06, Wisconsin Rapids, is a social worker with Wood County Social Services.


Derek Wagner, '06, Bradenton, Fla., is an aquatic biologist for Aquagenix, a lake and wetland management service.

'05 Amy Bergman, master's '05, Merrill, teaches at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Merrill and recently received the \$1,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship Award. Her school also received \$1,000. Her husband, Len, works for Peterbilt.

RoseAnn Ebben, '05, Phoenix, Ariz., is a project manager for Cawley Architects, Inc.

Brenna Hansen, '05, Plover, is a claim representative for Sentry Insurance. She is married to Michael Smith.

Shannon Johnson, '05, and her husband, **Blair Nelson**, '04, Cloquet, Minn., welcomed McKenna Helene in July 2005. Shannon is a child care provider and Blair is a claims associate for Uniprise in Duluth.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

What I remember most and appreciate the most was the personal times spent in conversation with various professors outside of class.

Sondra Jo (Gatling) (Wojcik) Holden, '82, Stevens Point

'05 Jonathan Long, '05, Tomahawk, is a land sales research specialist with Steigerwaldt Land Services in Tomahawk. Previously he was a park ranger/manager with Marathon County Parks and an aquatic biologist with Marine Biochemists. He and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters.



Laura Osnes, last attended '05, New York, N.Y., made her Broadway debut as Sandy in Grease when the show opened August 19 at the Brooks Atkinson Theater. Laura won the role on the nationally televised Grease: You're the One That I Want, which ran on NBC earlier this year. She was in Seussical and Fiddler on the Roof while at UWSP then served an apprenticeship with the Children's Theater Company. Just before she auditioned for the NBC show, she was playing Sandy in Grease at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre in Minnesota. Laura recently married Nathan Johnson.

"My training at Stevens Point was so valuable," she says. "I loved every second of it!" Unlike many schools she had considered, UWSP offered a well-rounded "triple threat" training program in acting, singing and dancing, she says. Osnes has met many fellow Pointers acting in New York, where her Broadway dreams have become reality. "You have to believe in yourself and take advantage of every opportunity," she advises.

'04 Samantha Fromm, '04, Stockbridge, Mass., is a draper for the Berkshire Theatre Festival.

Lindsey (Peret) Heinz, '04, Kaukauna, teaches at Westside Elementary in Kimberly and is the girls' tennis coach at Kimberly High School. She married **Jim Heinz**, '04, in 2006. Jim is a financial adviser for AXA Advisers in Green Bay.

Diana (Spargo) Riechers, '04, Salem, is a second grade teacher in the Salem school district. She and her husband, Wes, also a teacher, recently had a baby.

Andrew Schoeneck, '04, and **Katharine (Bade) Schoeneck**, '03, Lake Mills, were married last August. Andrew is an investigator with the Wisconsin State Bureau of Consumer Protections.

Tanya Simonis, '04, Monroe, La., is a doctoral student at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

'03 Mark, '03, and **Courtney (Kommers) Burger**, '04, Hatley, were married in July 2005. Mark is a network consultant with Wipfli in Wausau and Courtney is an early childhood special education teacher in the Antigo school district.

Megan King, '03, Whitewater, received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from UW-Madison in May. She is working with small animals at Whitewater Veterinary Hospital in Lake Whitewater.

Cindy Tesch, '03, Madison, is a graduate student in educational leadership and policy analysis in higher and continuing education at UW-Madison.

'02 John Amdahl, '02, Nashville, began his residency in emergency medicine this summer at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville after graduating from the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is married to Kristy.

Andrea Brown, '02, Green Bay, and her husband, Narcisco Hernandez, Jr., welcomed Maya Alessandra in April.

Nicholas Peterson, '02, Hartland, is one of 13 certified tree care safety professionals (CTSP) in the nation and the first in Wisconsin. He works for Wachtel Tree Science and Service, Inc. in Merton. As a CTSP, Nick helps reduce work-related injuries and fatalities and improve the safety of tree care workers. His wife, **Julie (Kroll) Peterson**, '02, is a wildlife technician with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Heather (Sturzl) Robillard, '02, Fort Collins, Ky., plays Cathy in *The Last Five Years* at the Carousel Dinner Theatre in Fort Collins, and is one of two people in this demanding show. She has appeared in other productions at this theatre.

'01 Jackie (Klish) Schmiedlin, '01, Shakopee, Minn., and her husband, Bill, welcomed their son, Charles, in February. For more about Charlie's heart defect and their family, see www.caringbridge.org/visit/charlieschmiedlin. Jackie is an account manager for Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling in Eagan and Bill is an industrial designer.

'00 John Gardner, '00, Bay View, received two 2007 Paragon Awards from the Southeastern Wisconsin chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. John is an account executive for Zeppos & Associates, Inc., a public relations firm in Milwaukee.

Rebecca (Fredrick) Rogge, '00, and **Matt Rogge**, '00, Birchwood, had their first child, Morgan Emily, in January.

Alumnus publishes highly acclaimed fantasy novel



Patrick Rothfuss

A few recent UWSP alumni might remember **Patrick Rothfuss**, '00, Stevens Point, as a longtime student at UWSP. After all, he spent nine years at the campus, changing his major several times before graduating with a major in English.

He might also be remembered for his satirical column in *The Pointer*, one he still writes today as an associate lecturer in English at his alma mater. Still there are a few other alumni who may have known him as their Freshman English teacher.

These days, more and more people are getting to know Pat as a published and critically acclaimed author. During seven of those nine years as a student, he was writing a story that would become a trilogy of fantasy books, the first of which has become his debut novel, *The Name of the Wind*.

Published in March to critical acclaim and a mention in the Amazon.com Significant Seven Editors' Pick list, it was announced in June as one of five nominees in the science fiction/fantasy category for the 2007 Quill Book Awards. The only televised literary awards program, this year's event may be seen on NBC on October 27.

The Name of the Wind begins the life story of the legendary magician Kvothe, (pronounced Quothe), the hero and villain of a thousand tales who is presumed dead and lives as the simple proprietor of the Waystone Inn under an assumed name. The 662-page novel was released through Daw/Penguin Group and is now in its third printing. It is available at bookstores nationwide as well as at Amazon.com.

"I love the world and the characters that I've created," said Rothfuss. "I love that people are getting the chance to meet them. I wanted to create a fantasy novel that didn't stick to the standard clichés of elves, goblins and evil sorcerers. My novel takes things in a different direction. It's a behind the scenes look into what it really means to be a hero."

Daw publisher Betsy Wollheim described the book as "the most brilliant first fantasy novel I have read in over thirty years as an editor," and a review by *Publishers Weekly* called Rothfuss "the fantasy world's new star."

Rothfuss has already completed all the books in the trilogy, which he finished two months before he graduated. In 2002, he returned to UWSP to teach after earning a master's degree at Washington State University. That same year, a portion of *The Name of the Wind* won first place in The Writers of the Future contest. The prize included attendance at a writer's workshop, where he was introduced to his agent and subsequently Wollheim.

The second novel is due in April 2008 and the third the following spring. Foreign rights to the first book have been sold in 12 countries, including Russia, Germany, France, the UK, Sweden and the Netherlands. Additionally, there are already plans in the works for versions of the trilogy to be adapted into films, games and graphic novels, says Rothfuss.

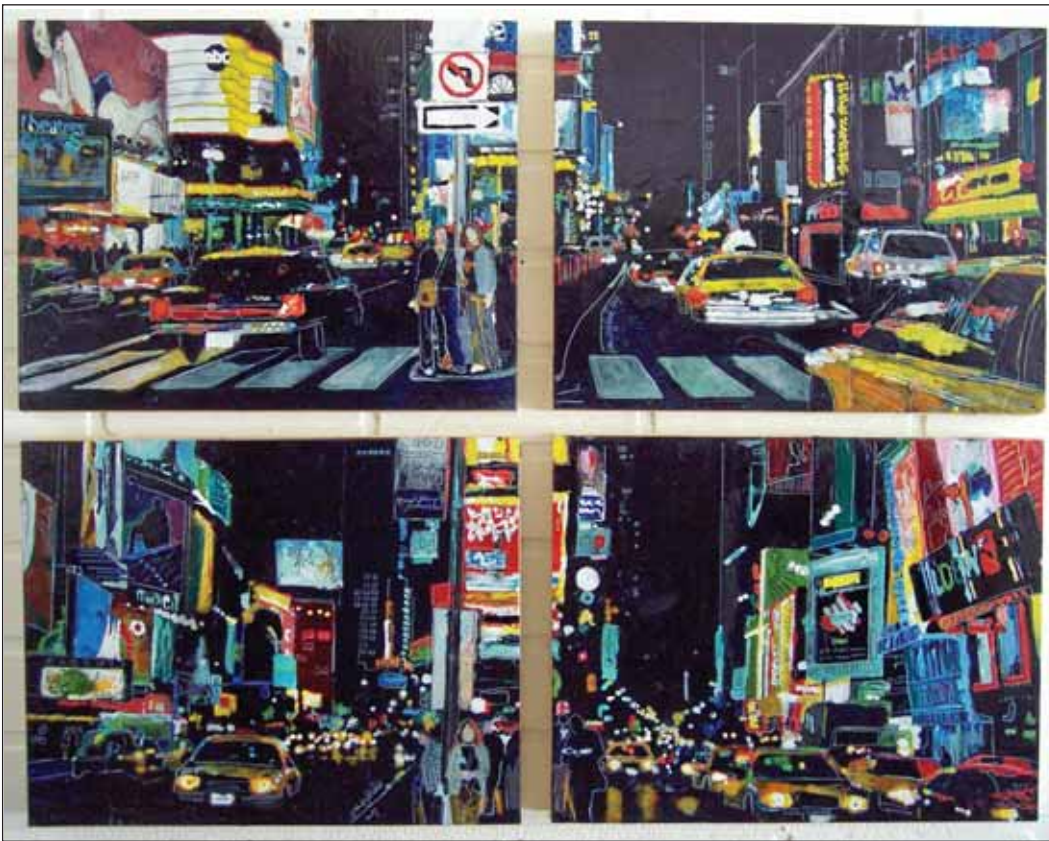
"I didn't know I even had a film agent until he called me on the phone," he said. "It's been exciting, but surreal."

His plans include more books after this trilogy, including an urban fairy tale and more novels set in the same world as *The Name of the Wind*.

"My world is bigger than this single story," he said. "There are places on the map yet to be explored. Characters that only make brief cameos in this trilogy will have larger roles in the works to come. Honestly, I think I could write stories in this world forever."

He also hopes to eventually teach a course on speculative fiction or creative writing.

Find out more about Rothfuss and *The Name of the Wind* at www.nameofthewind.com.



Jessie Fritsch, '06, Stevens Point, won Best of Show at UWSP's 2007 Festival of the Arts as a first-time exhibitor. One of her featured paintings was *Times Square*, pictured above. She specializes in the ancient painting method known as encaustic, which mixes heated beeswax with pigments. Since graduating from UWSP, Jessie has exhibited in shows across Wisconsin, winning several awards including Best in Show at the Marshfield Art Fair. She also works as a server at Michelle's Restaurant. For more about Jessie and examples of her work, go to www.jessiefritsch.com.



Kristine (Dionne) Kovacic, '98, Green Bay, hosted UWSP friends and their children at her home recently. Pictured, from left, are **Allison (Knott) Boguszewski**, '96, Oconomowoc, with Avery, Bennett and Breagha; **Michelle (Santy) Oitzinger**, '97, Appleton, with Elijah and Aubrey; Kristine with Nathan and Kayleigh; and in front, **Tina (Samz) Buelow**, '98, Greenfield, with Ethan. The women began their friendship began 14 years ago in Burroughs and Watson halls, and they schedule get-togethers often. "Could there be a future Pointer among us?" Kris asks.



Jessica (Brueggemann) Novitzke, '03, '05, and **Heath Novitzke**, '03, master's '07, Marshfield, were married in July 2006 and work in the Marshfield school district teaching physical education and coaching. The wedding party included many UWSP alumni. Pictured, left to right, is Dan Brueggemann; **Jared Trosper**, '02, Fond du Lac; **Tracy Florence**, '03, Waukesha; **Matt Sonnenfeld**, '03, Fond du Lac; Stacy Evenson; Jessica and Heath; **Mary Schultz**, '04, Green Bay; **RJ Horton**, '02, Tempe, Ariz.; **Stephanie (Suda) Gentry**, '02, Altoona; Andy Tikalsky; Jenny Daigle; **Tony Schmidt**, '04, Cincinnati, Ohio; and **Julie Rochford**, '03, Eden Prairie, Minn.



Tracy (Gorman) Kelly, '04, Oak Creek, married Brad Kelly in September 2006. Many alumni attended the wedding. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, is: **Lindsay Klopotic**, '05, Oneida; **Mary Hunter**, '05, Appleton; **Amanda Lehmann**, '05, Appleton; Jessica Parker; **Tracy Kelly**; **Jennifer Fornengo**, '04, Danbury; **Amy McGuire**, '05, Sheboygan; and **Jennifer McCorkel**, '05, The Colony, Texas. The back row, from left to right, includes: Marisa and Lee Kosta; **Nicole Symoniak**, '05, Racine; **Nina Ruwoldt**, '07, Appleton; **Troy Marsicek**, '04, Appleton; **Jeremy Kiekhaefer**, '05, Reedsville; **Neil Kwiatkowski**, '06, Black Creek; **Ethan Daane**, '06, Appleton; **Erica Opitz**, '05, Janesville; **Brad Emmel**, '05, The Colony, Texas; **Chris Bale**, '05, Janesville; and Tina Davenport. Tracy is an inside sales associate for National Business Furniture in Milwaukee and Brad works for Hilmot Engineering.



Grant Winslow, '89, and **Elona (Schoblocher) Winslow**, '91, De Pere, celebrated their 40th birthdays and 15th wedding anniversary on April 28. Many fellow Pointers attended the party, including: front row, left to right, **Dan Donovan**, '90, Green Bay; **H.J. Michels**, '88, Bloomington, Ill.; **Barry Gilbeck**, '98, Wautoma; **Chris Buhler**, last attended '87, DeForest; and **Matthew Cherek**, '00, Green Bay; back row, left to right, **Andy Utrie**, '89, Green Bay; **Grant**; **Mike Bohlen**, last attended '88 Bayside; **Mike Kornman**, '90, Webster; **Ruth (Dupuis) Musolf**, '89, Appleton; **Chris (Vandehei) Utrie**, last attended '89, Green Bay; **Trish (Jerge) Shult**, '89, Oconomowoc; **Lisa (Taipia) Kurth**, '87, Pewaukee; **Elona**; and Jenny Cherek, Green Bay. Not pictured but in attendance were **Jeff Kurowski**, '88, Green Bay; and **John Schoblocher**, '87, Tomahawk.

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'99 Matthew Loftness, '99, Tracy, Minn., is a conservation officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Redwood County. Previously he worked as a police officer in Tracy. "Being able to study the natural resources from the best instructors in the nation was very instrumental to me," he says.

Jennifer Regan Mitchell, '99, Tacoma, Wash., is a graduate student at Chapman University studying human resources. She has a son with her husband, Chris, who will soon return from an overseas tour with the U.S. Army.

Danielle Norheim, '99, Livermore, Calif., started her own interior design business and also works as an interior designer at DaVinci Marble in San Carlos, Calif. She will be married to TJ Tyler this year.

Matt Normann, '99, Sturgeon Bay, owns Normann Photo, providing professional wedding and portrait photography to northeastern Wisconsin (www.normannphoto.com).

Aaron Onsrud, '99, Beaver Dam, was elected to the Beaver Dam City Council as the 5th Ward alderperson in April. He works at the Internet help desk for Powercom in Beaver Dam.

Matthew Schreck, '99, Los Angeles, Calif., manages a Walgreens on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Katherine (Post) Willerth, '99, Racine, and her husband, Joseph, adopted Benjamin Teo from Vietnam this spring. Katie works for Allstate Financial.

'98 Mark, '98, and **Lisa (Rosin) Brzostowski**, '99, Oshkosh, were married in September 2005 and welcomed their daughter in July 2006. Lisa is a direct support provider sub for Clarity Care in Oshkosh and Mark is a systems engineer and database administrator for Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac.

Susan (Resch) Goyette, '98, Mauston, is a payroll and benefit coordinator for the Mauston school district. She and her husband, Shaun, a sheriff's deputy and emergency medical technician, have two children.

Charles Winegarden, '98, Menasha, is the assistant vice president for credit administration with Green Lake State Bank.

Heather (McPherson) Wolf, '98, Reedsburg, and her husband, Rich, had a daughter on Christmas Day 2006. Heather is an assistant park manager and ranger for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

'97 Fred Grabara, '97, Madison, drives a semi for Schneider National and has a daughter with his wife, Hannah.

Laura Mundschau, '97, Stevens Point, is a landscape designer and artist who owns and operates The Studios at Drei Katzen. Laura's oil paintings recall her experiences as a fire prevention technician for the Forest Service. Her works and landscaping services are available at www.drei-katzen.com.

'96 April Kedrowicz, '96, master's '98, Salt Lake City, Utah, earned a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Utah in 2003 and since that time has worked in the College of Engineering as director of the Center for Engineering Leadership.

'94 James Barrett, '94, Washington D.C., is the marketing and communications coordinator for the University of Maryland in College Park.

Justin Freier, '94, Neenah, married Angela Brown in Atlanta, Ga., on June 22.

Eric Lobner, '94, Fall River, is the wildlife program supervisor in the 11-county South Central Region of Wisconsin. He has worked for the Department of Natural Resources for 13 years. He and his wife, Christy, have two children.

Chad Pontow, '94, Rolling Meadows, Ill., and his wife, Jen, had their third child, Ally Elizabeth, in March. She joins siblings Jack and Meggan. Chad is a senior business application developer for PepsiAmericas in Schaumburg, Ill.

Jonathan Otto, '94, Pleasant View, Tenn., serves in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He has served in Iraq twice and expects to return

in the near future. His wife, **Laurie (Price) Otto**, '94, earned a bachelor's degree in social work and works for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. The couple has two children.

'93 Michael S. Taulman, '93, St. Paul, Minn., is an actor under the name of M. Scott in the Twin Cities. He has performed in several films for Shallow Creek Productions, including *It Came from Another World*, *The Monster of Phantom Lake* and *Cave Woman on Mars*. He appeared in the Buffalo Gal Productions show *Our Town* over the summer and also works as a massage therapist. He and his wife, Pam, have a son.

Ryan Yunkers, '93, North Mankato, Minn., and his wife, Molly, presented their son, Ethan, with a little brother, Connor, in February. Ryan is assistant director of Student Activities at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Dana (Aft) Zahorik, '93, Reedsville, completed a doctor of higher education leadership degree through Nova Southeastern University in December. She also earned a master's degree in counseling education from UW-Oshkosh in 1995. Dana is a counselor at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. She and her husband, Keith, have three children.

'92 Stephen Loehr, '92, Onalaska, is vice president of operations for Kwik Trip Inc. and is on the board of directors of Merchants Bank. He is also on the boards for Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Martin Luther College and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Onalaska. Previously he worked for Gateway Foods-Pennsylvania.

Jill (Freier) Quigley, '92, De Pere, is an administrative assistant and listing coordinator for Resource One Realty. Her husband, John, is a teacher.

'91 Mark Anderson, '91, Wauwatosa, is an investment adviser with Edward Jones, Inc. and helps coach disadvantaged youth in the Boys Club Crime Alternative program in Milwaukee. Mark and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters.

Lisa (Hackman) Messer, '91, Edgerton, is a registered dietician and her husband, **Jeff Messer**, '89, works for Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville. Lisa is organizing a reunion for residents of the Allen Quad (Roach, Hyer, Pray/Sims and Smith halls) during 1985-1988 as part of the 2007 Homecoming activities. For information, e-mail messer5@jvl.net.

Kathleen Theisen, '91, Danbury, Conn., is an opera singer, pianist and nationally certified music teacher with her own studio in Greenwich, Conn. She made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 2003 and frequently performs in Connecticut and New York City. Reach her at kathleen@kathleentheisen.com

Ken Van Mieghem, '91, Green Bay, was named the 2007 Wisconsin Correctional Teacher of the Year. Ken has taught at the Wisconsin Resource Center, a correctional facility in Winnebago that specializes in mental health treatment, for six years, and has developed art and drama classes that help inmates express themselves. Previously he taught in public schools for 10 years. He and his wife, Kim, have four children.

'90 Chad Haas, '90, Beaverton, Ore., founded Vault, a company offering luxury concepts and professional furnishings designed for the garage. The company has been featured in *Robb Report*, *Money Magazine* and *Forbes*. His wife, Kari, is a manager at Home Depot.

Erica Heath-Cox, '90, Keshena, is the community health outreach director and diabetes nurse educator for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center in Bowler. Erica is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican Indians.

'89 Jon Elmore, '89, Decatur, Ala., is a communications specialist for Morgan County 911. He ran the Boston Marathon in April and the Green Bay Marathon in May 2006. He and his wife, Kelly, have three daughters.

Fritz Hammer, '89, '98, Portage, has taught elementary grades in the Portage school district since 1989 and was the head girls' basketball coach last year. His wife, Susie, is also a teacher.

'89 Jim Marcoe, '89, Centreville, Va., is a project scientist for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency in Reston, Va. His wife, Darlene, works for the U.S. Treasury.

Deborah (Tauferner) Vaccarella, '89, Milwaukee, is a librarian in the Milwaukee public schools. She and her husband, Rob, have a son.

'88 Mohd Sokhini Abd Mutalib, last attended '88, Kajang Selangor, Malaysia, is a university lecturer in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

'87 Kelly Burton, '87, Madison, is the graduate student services coordinator at the UW-Madison College of Engineering. She adopted a baby boy from Guatemala in March.

Bill, '87, and **Karla Miller-Flynn**, '88, Appleton, own Frogg's Ice Cream in Sherwood. Karla is also a health teacher in the Kaukauna school district. See their Web site at www.froggsic.com.

'86 Greg Diekroeger, '86, master's '94, Stevens Point, won the Robert W. Busch Award in April at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Northern Plains Regional Conference. Assistant director of Campus Activities at UWSP, Greg has been involved with NACA for many years and chairs its board of directors.

Laura Gentile, '86, Washington D.C., is a communications director for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She'd like to hear from other graduates in the D.C. area at gentile.laura@epa.gov.

'85 Judy Holley, '85, Rock City, Ill., opened her own business, The Empty Attic, in 2005, offering unique and funky home décor. "It's a dream come true!" she says.

'84 Richard Formella, '84, Brunswick, Ga., is the chief procurement officer for the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He previously worked as national chief of construction contracting for the Federal Bureau of Prison's central office. "I learned to give back and pass on knowledge and experience to the next generation from CNR professors at UWSP," he says.



Chris Burgard, '84, Santa Clarita, Calif., researched, wrote and directed *Border*, a documentary about the United States/Mexico line and problems in both countries. The film, screened at UWSP in April, has been selected for film festivals in California, Wisconsin, Texas and Rhode

Island and nominated for best documentary by several. It has also attracted the attention of the U.S. Congress. A Wisconsin native, Chris has performed in rodeos and had a career as a dancer, actor, horse trainer and equestrian actor. He has written, produced, acted and directed in television and co-founded a program to introduce incarcerated and underprivileged juveniles to ranch life. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children.

'83 Sheldon Cohen, master's '83, Bali, Indonesia, is the senior policy coordinator for the Coral Triangle at The Nature Conservancy's Coral Triangle Center in Bali. He mobilizes political will and public funding for the protection of marine life in the area of Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Malaysia, East Timor and the Solomon Islands. He has worked for The Nature Conservancy for over nine years, most recently in Arlington, Va., as the director of policy for protected areas.

Elaine (Monson) Gies, '83, is a speech-language pathologist in the Park West school division in Birtle, Manitoba, Canada. She has a master's degree from UM-Duluth and has two children and two step-children with her late husband, Don. "Many people from UWSP had an impact on me and some are still my friends today," she says.

Cheryl (King) Kaczmarek, '83, Appleton, is vice president of marketing and business development for Citizens First Credit Union in Oshkosh.

Susan Rupert, '83, Cleveland, Ohio, is director of the Heart and Vascular Center at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland.

'82 Sondra Jo (Gatling) (Wojcik) Holden, '82, Stevens Point, and her husband, Darrell, have been involved in several Christian mission trips, including Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse Domestic Disaster Relief Project and missions to Ecuador. For more information or to help, contact them at sjoholdenstptwi@att.net.



Erin Davisson, '82, Suamico, addressed graduates, including her brother, Quentin, at UWSP's May commencement ceremony. Erin co-anchors the CBS Channel 5 news in Green Bay. She is married to Mike and is stepmother to two girls.



Kendall Kamke, '82, Oshkosh, a senior fisheries biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, was featured in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in April in a story about walleye surveying on the Wolf River. One of his assistants was **Cory Wienandt**, '99, Oshkosh, a DNR fisheries technician.

Kendall is married to **Chris (Young) Kamke**, '83.

'81 Lori Dehlinger, '81, Waupaca, is the executive director of the Portage County Business Council (PCBC). Previously she was the PCBC director of member relations, executive director of Northeast Land Trust and a manager for Add Inc. and Main Street Waupaca Inc.

Derylee (Lee) Hecimovich, '81, Palmer, Alaska, works for the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Thomas Morse, '81, Neenah, is a product manager in the paper industry. He is married to Janice.

'79 Thomas Albright, '79, Bloomington, Ind., would like to hear from his classmates from Dr. Moore's summer 1978 archaeological dig, and from anyone from the UWSP Gay Student Union in 78-79. Contact him through The Connecting Point, www.uwsp.edu/alumni.

Joseph Brown, '79, Austin, Texas, retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel and is now working for IBM's Supply Chain Management area as a managing consultant in Austin.

Terri (Lee) Wasmoe, '79, Omaha, Neb., is senior director for biological research for Schering-Plough Animal Health in Elkhorn, Neb. She was among five of the company's employees honored at the 2007 Tribute to Women and Industry Awards in New Brunswick, N.J. Wasmoe was recognized for research that has resulted in 70 new veterinary vaccines. She is married to Alan Wasmoe.

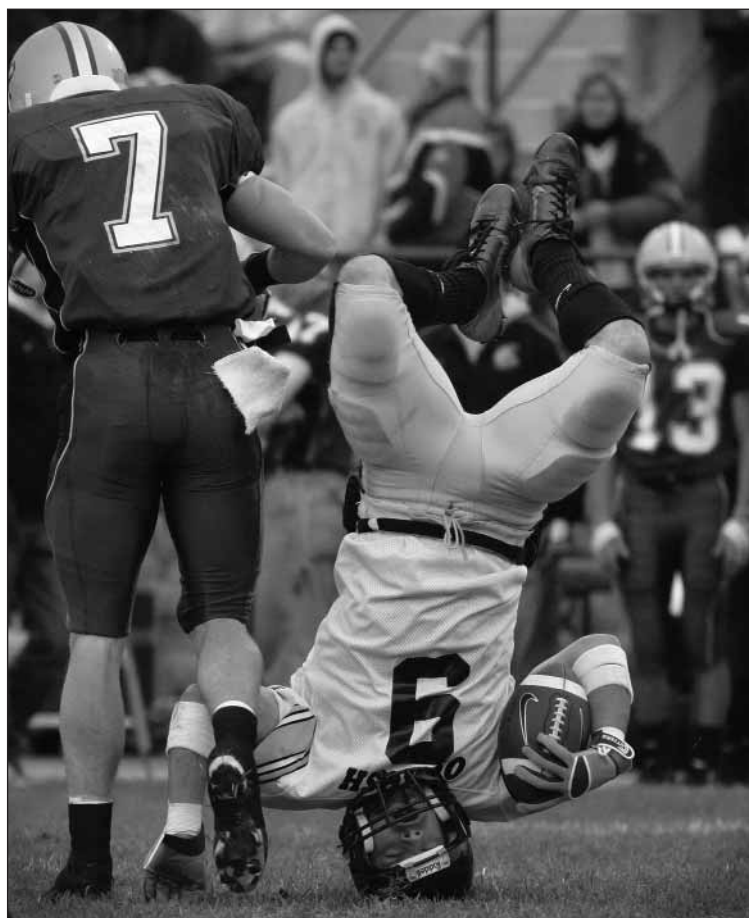
'78 Dan Buchholz, '78, Waukesha, has been the fire chief and administrator of the town of Waukesha Fire Department since 2000. Previously he was the city of Waukesha's park supervisor. In 2006 he won the Wisconsin State Firefighter of the Year award at the state conference. He is married to Carla.

Jon Hempel, '78, Morgantown, W.Va., is director of the National Geospatial Development Center for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He would love to hear from Pointer friends at jon.hempel@wv.usda.gov. He is married to Julie.

Glenn Westman, '78, Lindenhurst, Ill., is a principal wetland specialist with the Lake County, Ill., Stormwater Management Commission. He's also been a soil scientist in Colorado and Montana.

'76 Elizabeth "Betsy" Anderson, '76, San Mateo, Calif., has been a registered nurse in San Francisco for 19 years. She moved to California when she was 25 and worked as a park ranger for many years before getting her nursing degree. She encourages friends to drop her a line through The Connecting Point, www.uwsp.edu/alumni.

Bruce Wulff, '76, Brookfield, Ill., retired from AT&T in September 2006 after 30 years of service. He now enjoys trips to his cabin in Cable, Wis., and flea markets.



Tom Charlesworth, '87, Waupaca, won second place for *Ouch!*, a photo taken at a UWSP Pointer football game, in the monthly image competition of the University Photographers Association of America. Tom works in Web and Media Services at UWSP and is married to Laurie.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

I remember working at the IMC with Gail Allen. She is such a neat person. I also remember those REALLY cold days walking to class...brrrrrr.

Matthew Schreck, '99, Los Angeles, Calif.



Brian Day, '89, La Crosse, reports that the 20-year reunion of the founding of the BDGs, a university organization that held events at two College Avenue locations, was held in Stevens Point in May. Missing from the photo is longtime BDG president Phillip MJ Bailey. The group is still looking for LDG's and anyone else interested in future BDG events. Contact Brian at brianday99@hotmail.com.



Bill Torrey, '80, Loudon, Tenn., recently caught up with former members of The Doors, Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger.

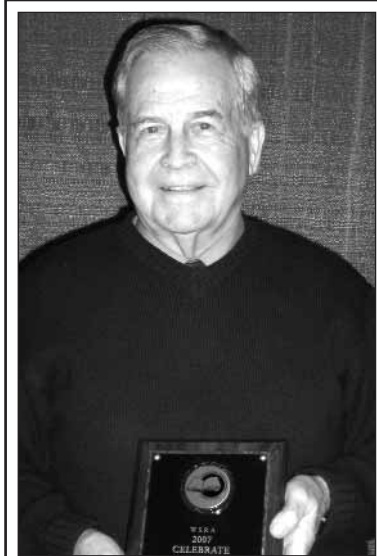
Rich Johannes, '70, Marshfield, retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service after more than 33 years as a soil scientist. He mapped more than 1 million acres in Montana, North Dakota and in 21 counties across the state of Wisconsin. "I did my part to preserve our natural resources and I am proud to say it all started at UW-Stevens Point," he says. His wife, **Helen (Rackow) Johannes**, '72, master's '95, is a lecturer at UW-Marshfield/Wood County.



A few USDA employees gathered in Medford last August to celebrate Rich's retirement. Those present included, front row, from left, **Bob Plawski**, '68, Medford; **Terry Kroll**, '76, Washburn; **Jesse Turk**, '97, Stevens Point; **Dave Hvizdak**, '76, Spooner; **Helen Johannes**; **Rich Johannes**; **Melissa Knipfel**, '92, Wausau; **Art Voigtlander**, '81, Juneau; and back row, from left, **Elbert Rackow**, Rich's father-in-law, '68, master's '70, Stevens Point; **Fred Simeth**, '73, Spooner; **Adam Abel**, '04, Medford; Steve Oberle, UWSP faculty; **Matt Zoschke**, '97, Medford; **Dave Omernik**, '69; **Tim Meyer**, '74, Eau Claire; and **Mike Koehler**, '73, Ladysmith.



Bob Wundrock, '72, Verona, retired in January after 31 years as an engineer and director with the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board in Madison, the parent organization of Wisconsin Public Television and Radio. Bob credits his experience as one of the original staff members of UWSP's WWSP 90FM as a major influence on his career. He has been married to his wife, Emily, for 36 years.



Boyd Simonson, '63, Waupaca, received the Celebrate Literacy Award in February at the Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention. Simonson retired this spring after 50 years in education, most recently serving as principal of the Waupaca Learning Center, an 800-student school. He established the United for Reading Success program with his local Rotary Club and partnered with the Waupaca Public Library in an after-school homework program.

James Woller, master's '73, was honored with a Bronze Star Medal in a ceremony at Old Main on the UWSP campus in March. The award was presented by Lt. Col. Scott Bolstad of UWSP's ROTC program. Woller served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 3rd Armor Division, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, and saw combat in the Hurtgen Forest and during the Battle of the Bulge. His train was attacked by German forces while he was being medically evacuated for cold weather injuries. Woller is now retired from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.



Photo by Thomas Kujawski of *The Stevens Point Journal*, used with permission

'75 Rick Raemisch, '75, Waunakee, is the secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, appointed by Governor Jim Doyle. Previously he was the department's deputy secretary and was an administrator of community corrections since 2003. He has 25 years of criminal justice experience, having served as an assistant district attorney for Dane County, U.S. attorney and four terms as an elected sheriff.

'74 Andrea (Hutchison) Beschta, '74, Kiel, retired at the end of the school year after more than 29 years of teaching in West Bend and Valders. She was selected for the 10th edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers* and is president of the Valders Education Association. She is married to Thomas Beschta.

Donald Dilges, '74, Milwaukee, retired in 2006 after 32 years with Briggs and Stratton. He and his partner, Richard Braatz, are active square dancers and Donald is a licensed caller. They enjoy travel and genealogy research.

Sandra (Herro) Saunders, '74, Wheaton, Ill., is a senior enrollment processor at the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago. The youngest of her three sons will attend UWSP as did her grandmother, brother and sister.

Bruce Schmidt, '74, Waukesha, is director of workplace giving for the United Way in Waukesha County.

Steven Stearns, '74, Alexandria, Va., is a historian with the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, and just completed a three-year project for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. He is married to Nancy.

'73 Ed Hass, '73, Ellsworth, was named the UW-River Falls College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science's 2007 Distinguished Agriculturist. Ed retired in November as a Pierce County UW-Extension resource agent. He is married to Kathy.

S. Jon Schmitz, '73, Hazelhurst, retired in January after 32 years with the Wisconsin government. His wife, **Caryl (Wagner) Schmitz**, '72, master's '94, plans to retire in June after more than 30 years as a speech pathologist in several school districts. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Stan Skutek, '73, master's '80, Elkins, W.V., is retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after a 27-year career in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Maine and West Virginia. He and his wife, Karen, a nurse, are planning to move back to Stevens Point.

'72 Kevin Ball, '72, Wauwatosa, retired in June after a 34-year career as a medical technologist at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Jean, have two grown daughters.

Allen Giencke, '72, Brooklyn Park, Minn., retired in January after more than 34 years as a soil scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He's a consultant and also enjoys outdoor sports. He and his wife, Ro, have two children.

Joe Phillips, '72, Omaha, Neb., is a manager of Disaster Services for the American Red Cross in Omaha. His partner, Tim Wilger, also works for the Red Cross.

'71 James Borchert, '71, Denver, Colo., is a soil data quality specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Lakewood, Colo.

Lee Hammen, '71, Kimberly, will retire at the end of the year after 30 years as a naturalist at 1000 Islands Environmental Center in Kaukauna. He has also taught hunter safety for 25 years, served as a Kimberly village trustee for 20 years and a Outagamie County supervisor for seven years. He is married to Mary Jo.

Jim Janke, '71, Lakeland, Minn., retired from UW-Extension in 2006 after 30 years as the community resource development agent for St. Croix County. He earned a master's degree from Kansas State University in 1976.

Claire (Schneck) Letourneaux, '71, Brillion, is a registered dietician for St. Paul Elder Care Services, Inc. in Kaukauna. She was recently certified as a specialist in gerontological nutrition. She and her husband, Steve, share nine children and 13 grandchildren with two more on the way.

John Schaetzel, '71, Germantown, retired in 2004 and now works part time as a licensed financial adviser at Christiansen Investments, Inc. in Mequon. He and his wife, Sheila, a retired teacher, have two grown sons.

Larry Willems, '71, and **Patricia (Ebersold) Willems**, '92, Rhinelander, met at UWSP and married in 1974. Larry worked as a conservation warden for 28 years, retiring in 2003. Pat completed her degree later then earned a master's degree at UW-Stout. She is a guidance counselor at Tomahawk Middle School. They have two daughters as well as a son who is a junior at UWSP.

'70 John Seefeld, '70, Van Meter, Iowa, is vice president of Jester Insurance Services in Des Moines, where he has worked since 1991. He previously worked for USF & G Insurance in Milwaukee, New York and Des Moines. John is the mayor of Van Meter and a director on the Van Meter School Board. He and his wife, Lesa, have three children.

'69 Eleanore (Danber) Dryer, '69, Duluth, Minn., will retire in September after 36 years with St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System, most recently as director of its Nutrition Services. "Dietetics has been a challenging, rewarding career," she says, "and my thanks goes out to UWSP!" Her husband, R. Craft Dryer, is an attorney.

Selma Troyanoski, '69, master's '73, Stevens Point, is a substitute teacher for the Stevens Point school district. She has and continues to be involved in a number of historic preservations committees, societies and boards on the local, state and national level. She's also worked at three academic libraries.

'68 Elbert Rackow, '68, master's '70, Stevens Point, is retired and has served as the president of the Stevens Point Area Retired Teachers Association since 1991. His wife, Hulda, is also retired.

'67 Thomas Frank, '67, Detroit Lakes, Minn., retired from the U.S. Army in 2004, serving 22 years in Germany, St. Paul, Minn., and Detroit Lakes. He now teaches science, health and physical education in the Detroit Lakes school district. He and his wife, Corrinne, have a son serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Karen Kline, '67, Santa Fe, N.M., is a writer and publishes a Web site, www.health-boundaries-bite.com, on the health, tax and homeowner issues with which she has been dealing.

'66 Marilyn (Becker) Peacock, '66, Granger, Ind., retired in 1999 after teaching kindergarten for 33 years in Wisconsin and Indiana. She is now an adjunct professor at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., and does literacy evaluations for Headstart. Her new neighbor is a Pointer, she says.

'65 Marcia (Anderson) Ziegler, '65, Avila Beach, Calif., retired from teaching in the Madison school district in 2006, where she taught reading recovery for 25 years. She and her husband, **William Ziegler**, '63, moved to California last fall.

'62 Ronald Laessig, '62, Madison, retired from UW-Madison where he was a professor of Population Health Sciences and Pathology. He also was director of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for nearly 40 years. Formerly he was chairman of the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee on In Vitro Diagnostic Products. He earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from UW-Madison and did his post doctoral work at Princeton University and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

'61 William Clark, '61, Pleasant Prairie, retired in 2005 after 44 years as a band director in Wisconsin and Illinois schools. He received a master's degree in music from Roosevelt University in Chicago in 1967 and was ordained as a Catholic deacon in 2003. His wife, Dorothy, is also retired.

Roger Precourt, '61, Valparaiso, Ind., has worked for New York Life Insurance Co. for 36 years. He recently donated his 26th gallon of blood for the

Red Cross, making him the third top donor in Porter County, Indiana. He and his wife of 39 years, Barbara, have two children and seven grandchildren.

'59 Jay Thurston, '59, Viroqua, retired as an elementary school principal in La Crosse in 1995. Since then he has devoted his time to canoe racing with his wife, Diana, fishing and writing outdoor stories. He published a book of poetry, *The Wild Flower*, in 2000, *Following in the Footsteps of Ernest Hemingway and 59 Additional Trout Fishing Stories* in 2005 and *Out of the Rainbow* in March through Savage Press. He plans one more long-distance canoe race down the Wisconsin River in 2008.

'49 Marjorie (Beaver) Heggstad, '49, Bloomington, Minn., is retired after 22 years of teaching and selling real estate in the Twin Cities, but remains a busy quilter. She is the past governor of the Minnesota Society of Mayflower descendents and earned a master's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1968. She and her late husband, Wayne, have three children and five grandchildren.

Reunite with residence hall friends

In June, **Les "Zeke" Johnson**, '77, Matthews, N.C., held a Stevens Point reunion of male resident assistants from Knutzen Hall from 1975 to 1977. During Homecoming 2007, **Lisa (Hackman) Messer**, '91, Edgerton, is heading a reunion for '85-'88 residents of Roach, Hyer, Pray/Sims and Smith halls and another Pray/Sims reunion will be held on Sept. 8.

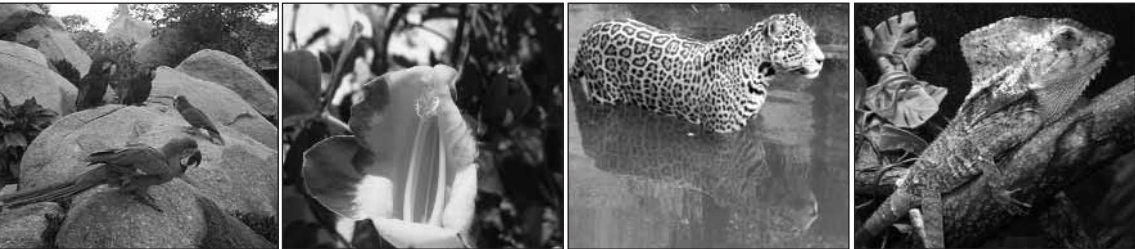
Are you interested in getting together with old friends from your residence hall days at UWSP? It's a great time to start planning a reunion, as UWSP's **2008 Homecoming** celebration will focus on bringing together residence hall groups for special reunion events. The UWSP Alumni Association can help you organize and publicize your gathering. Look for more information in the spring 2008 issue of the *Alumnus*!



Residents of the Allen Quad halls during 1985-1988 will reunite at Homecoming 2007 to remember the mud football game of 1986 (above) and memorable friends, such as Kevin Kumlien, '89, Roscoe, Ill., (right) and others pictured here. For information, e-mail Lisa at messer5@jvl.net.



Alumnus establishes nature preserve in South America



A UWSP alumnus is helping preserve the rain forests and endangered species of northeastern Bolivia and the Amazon basin.

John Wenger, '65, master's '78, a retired wildlife biologist from Anchorage, Alaska, organized and helped finance the purchase of a 3000-acre parcel of land in the tropical lowlands of northeast Bolivia, north of Noel Kempff National Park. The Estación Ecológica Rio San Martin (Rio San Martin River Ecological Station) is registered with the Bolivian government and soon will be included in a world database for nature preserves.

"I've always wanted to directly help an endangered species," says Wenger. "Others can help in our goal of preserving the land and the species there by donating to several environmental organizations, such as Armonia, www.armonia.org and FaunAgua, www.faunagua.org.

"This wouldn't have been possible had it not been for UWSP," he added. "I'd like to thank UWSP, especially the College of Natural Resources, for the superb formal education I received which led me to a fantastic career and rewarding life."

The preserve includes tropical hardwood forests, dry uplands, savanna and clear water rivers. Species include the giant river otter, freshwater pink dolphins, three species of felines including jaguars, nearly 300 bird species, howler monkeys and a multitude of insects, according to Wenger.

"The night sounds are amazing," he says.

The preserve has a caretaker, cabin, fruit trees and dugout canoes, he says, and visitors are welcome. "In time, groups interested in learning tropical ecology may arrange studies here," he says. He is currently developing plans to attract wild birders and other nature lovers.

After graduating from UWSP in 1965, Wenger joined the U.S. Navy and served in the underwater demolition team (now renamed the Navy SEALs). He served in combat in Vietnam and assisted with the recovery of the Apollo 12 astronauts before completing his tour of duty and moving to Alaska. Before he retired he had a 35-year career as a naturalist and wildlife biologist, working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and teaching natural history for the University of Alaska.

Although he resides in Alaska, Wenger visits Bolivia for extended periods to help manage the preserve, volunteer for environmental organizations such as FaunAgua and study Spanish. Once he is back home, he hopes to take a digital presentation on the road in Alaska and to the lower 48 states to share the natural history of Bolivia and the ecological station with nature lovers.

Wenger would like to hear from former classmates and instructors and anyone interested in his Bolivia project. Reach him via e-mail at gowild@ak.net or 3217 Doil Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507.



John Wenger poses by a sign identifying the Rio San Martin Ecological Station in northeastern Bolivia. Other photos above shows some of the 643 species of wildlife and birds found there.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

Being able to study natural resources from the best instructors in the nation was very instrumental to me. Treehaven is a place that is very memorable to me. The hands-on studies we did while attending Treehaven were second to none!
Matthew Loftness, '99, Tracy, Minn.

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2000s

David MacArthur, ’06, died November 18 at age 36.

Todd Giles, ’04, Dancy, died May 30 at age 32 due to a train/pedestrian accident. He worked with his father at Dave Giles Financial Services and previously for Aqua Finance.

Todd Jewell, ’03, Richland Center, died Feb. 18 at age 26. He worked for Cardinal Glass and was a coach with the Richland Center wrestling program.

Thomas “Artie” Williams, ’01, Plover, died May 3 at age 51. He attended UWSP then began his career at The Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson. He moved to New York City and worked for CBS and Garfield Industries and was a published author and playwright. In 1996 he returned to Stevens Point. He played in several community bands.

1990s

Dean Worden, ’96, Jacksonville, Ark., and formerly of Bancroft, died at age 40 on July 22 after being shot by an alleged assailant in a robbery attempt. He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a coach and was active in his church. He is survived by his wife, Tammera, and three children.

Daniel Radtke, ’92, Dillon, Colo., died Feb. 11 at age 37. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Keystone Resort in Colorado, was a licensed journeyman electrician and volunteer with the Keystone and Dillon fire departments. His wife, Sonia, and two sons survive.

Carla (Mason) Linscott, ’90, Stevens Point, died of cancer March 1 at age 41. She worked at Renaissance Learning until retiring due to poor health. Her husband, James, and three stepchildren survive.

1980s

Kim Russell, ’88, died October 31 at age 40.

Barbara (Maher) Samardich, ’86, Altoona, died July 24 at age 79. She was a social worker for 17 years and co-owned the Cornell Area Care Center until her retirement in 1997. She was also involved with Strum Nursing Home from 1999 to 2005 and was active in her church. She is survived by her husband, George, a son and three step children.

Richard “Rick” Boyle, ’83, Kaukauna, died of cancer on May 21 at age 47. He earned a paralegal degree and worked as a senior claims analyst for American Family Insurance. He is survived by his wife, Brenda, and two sons.

Bernard Somers, ’83, Louisville, Ky., formerly of Stevens Point, died May 14 at age 46. His wife, Regina, preceded him in death.

Richard Albrecht, ’82, Friendship, died Dec. 8, 2005. His wife, **Barbara Albrecht**, master’s ’79, Friendship, survives.

Michael King, ’81, Wausau, died of cancer on June 3 at age 51. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. For the past 25 years he has worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a forester in Langlade, Iron and Marathon counties. In 2002 Michael received the State of Wisconsin Forester of the Year Award. His wife, Theresa, survives.

Margaret (Zurawski) Konkle, ’80, Stevens Point, died of multiple sclerosis at age 66 on May 1. She worked for St. Stanilaus Parish, Acorn Equipment and UWSP Records and Registration. She received awards for designing Web sites for WebTV. Her two daughters survive.

1970s

Bernadette Mayek Stiebs, ’79, Waupaca, died Feb. 22 at age 70 from ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). She was a family living agent in Waupaca County, where she founded the Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild and worked to make the county’s recycling program a reality and maintain the River Ridge Trail. She is survived by her husband, Lyle, three daughters and two stepchildren.

Todd Eisele, ’78, Eden Prairie, Minn., died May 10 at age 50. He was president of The Wildlife Society while at UWSP. He coached his daughter’s youth hockey team, delivered meals during the holidays and received a commendation for rescuing a family from their burning home. He is survived by three children.

Jay Jensen, ’78, Port Washington, died of cancer on April 23 at age 52. He earned a master’s degree at UW-La Crosse and worked as a parks director in Maryland and Ohio and most recently in Port Washington. He was named the 2006 Park and Recreation Director of the Year by the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association. He was active in his community United Way, Lions Club and church. His wife, Christine, preceded him in death.

Stephen Stute, ’77, Cross Plains, died May 3 at age 51. He worked for Graber Products in Middleton.

Jeffrey Hembel, ’74, died Jan. 23 at age 55.

Susan (Shower) Heninger, ’74, Watertown, died March 13 at age 53. She was a piano teacher and performer and was active in her church and its music and mission programs. She is survived by her husband, **Tom Heninger**, ’73, and two sons.

Ruth (Kleinschmidt) Porrey, ’74, Stevens Point, died June 13 at age 54 after a long battle with cancer. She worked for UWSP for 32 years, in the Co-op Fishery Unit, Extended Services Division and accounting. She was made chief accountant in 1983 and controller in 1998. She was also active in her church. Her husband, Michael, and two children survive. A memorial has been established in her name with the American Suzuki Foundation in Stevens Point.

Douglas Spielman, ’74, Ladysmith, died of cancer on June 9 at age 56. He began his education career in Marion, Ind., then taught art and coached in Ladysmith for the Flambeau school district for 27 years. He earned a master’s degree in guidance counseling. His wife of 32 years, Cindy, and two children survive.

Verlon Petznick, ’73, died August 5, 2004.

Michael Schneider, ’73, Sun Prairie, died Jan. 19 at age 57. He worked at Sentry Foods, Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds and Wisconsin Public Service. His former wife, Connie, and three children survive.

Maurice Sparhawk, ’73, Stevens Point, died July 17 at age 62 after a lengthy illness. He was a long haul semi driver for over 40 years, the last 14 with Weather Shield Co. He was involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and was a member of the National Rifle Association. His wife, Patricia, and six children survive.

Berniece Hansen, ’72, Merrill, died April 10 at age 89. She and her late husband, Willis, farmed for many years then after his death she earned her bachelor’s degree. She taught in Clintonville and Merrill, earned a master’s degree at UWSP in 1982 and retired in 1990. She was also active in her church. Three children survive.

Sandra (Peterson) Volkmann, ’71, Westboro, died March 12 at age 63. She taught in the Eagle River area and then worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Central Wisconsin, serving as postmaster in Ogema until her retirement in 1996. She was involved in several community organizations. Her husband, Thomas, preceded her in death. Five children survive.

Arlene (Schoohs) Hallman, ’70, Waupaca, died of cancer March 15 at age 58. She and her husband, Arthur, farmed in Weyauwega. Arlene was director of the Manitowoc Milk Producers and Ellington Mutual Insurance. She was involved in several community groups. Her husband and six children survive.

John Oberbeck, ’70, Eau Claire, died May 18 at age 62. He served in the Army Reserve for six years and worked as an accountant and controller for Ansul Co. of Marinette and Johnson Plastics in Altoona. He operated his own business, Accounting Solutions, then

worked for Spectrum Industries of Chippewa Falls. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Diane, and two children.

1960s

Harry Jensen, ’68, Yucaipa, Calif., died March 18 at age 64. He earned a master’s degree at UW-Milwaukee then worked at Great Lakes Intertribal Council. He went on to work in local governments in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California. His wife of 34 years, Andrea, and two sons survive.

Darlene (Tanck) Philipp, ’68, died Jan. 17, 2006.

Marvin Suhr, ’68, Truman, Minn., died April 22 at age 63 after a decade with Alzheimer’s disease. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, winning several awards. He worked for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Wisconsin and Wyoming, retiring in 1997. His wife, **Joan (Newby)**, ’67, and a daughter survive.

Harold “Butch” La Chapelle, ’67, Wisconsin Rapids, died May 5 at age 61. He went to the University of Miami Law School and practiced law in Wisconsin Rapids. He was the Wood County District Attorney from 1972-1976. His wife, Rhonda, and four children survive.

Charles Marshall, ’67, died March 12.

Arlyn “Butch” West, ’65, Stevens Point, died Feb. 11 at age 64. He taught in Appleton, farmed in Plover then worked for Terra-Rain Irrigation. He began selling real estate in 1994 and established his own office in 2005. He also coached youth hockey and football. His wife, Susan, and two sons survive.

William Paul, ’64, Wausau, died May 13 at age 69. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a master’s degree at UW-Superior. He was a teacher, principal and administrator for the Wausau school district for 34 years and continued his work part time in retirement. He was president of two retired teachers’ organizations and active in Kiwanis. In 2006 he was honored with an award from the National Retired Teachers Association for establishing a project to rebuild a school library in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. His wife, June, and two daughters survive.

Mary Jane (Kranitz) Weber, ’64, died Sept. 9, 2006.

Alvin Klug, ’63, masters ’72, Wisconsin Rapids, died July 3 at age 67 after a struggle with multiple sclerosis and heart and kidney problems. He taught in Wausau for 33 years at Horace Mann Junior High and Northcentral Technical College, developing remedial reading programs and those for the hearing and visually impaired. He retired due to illness in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Marlene, five children and two stepchildren.

Dorothy (Dodge) Thusty, ’63, Rib Lake, died March 21 at age 94. She served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. She taught for 42 years in Taylor County schools and farmed with her husband, Ferdinand, who preceded her in death.

Helene “Tulla” (Pettersen) Clark, ’61, rural Tigerton, died June 28 at age 89. She taught in rural schools and for 38 years in Tigerton and Bowler. She also taught piano in her home and was a church organist for 76 years. She was active in community organizations. Her husband, Carlos, preceded her in death and three children survive.

Pearl (Plank) Weber, ’61, Wautoma, died Feb. 23 at age 96. She taught in Wautoma for 14 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, and a son. A daughter survives.

Delmar Westpahl, ’60, Grant Township, died April 11 at age 72. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a degree at the University of Minnesota. He worked at the Lutheran Children Friends Society and as a social worker in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He later helped with his family farm and was active in his church.

1950s

Theron Polivka, ’59, Clovis, Calif., is deceased.

Elizabeth (Weinmann) Jesko, ’58, Stevens Point, died June 2 at age 71. She worked at Dairy State Markets then Wisconsin Bell, and volunteered at her church. Her husband, Elmer, and a daughter survive. One daughter preceded her in death.

Robert Peterson, ’58, New London, died June 15 at age 72. He served in the U.S. Army and co-owned Don’s Supper Club in New London with his wife of 49 years, Sharon. She survives, as do four children.

Agnes Benn, ’57, King, is deceased.

Erma Krohn, ’57, Plainfield, is deceased.

John Loomis, ’57, died Jan. 17.

Harry “Jim” Walker III, ’57, Rochelle, Ill., died Jan. 26 at age 70. He worked for International Harvester then began Walker-Schork International in Rochelle. He later developed Hickory Ridge subdivision there. His wife, **Sharon Zentner Walker**, ’57, and three children survive.

Roland Cross, ’54, Stoughton, died Feb. 17 at age 81. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and earned a master’s degree from UW-Madison. He taught in Poynette, Arlington and for 38 years in Oregon, where he was a principal and assistant superintendent. He was active in his church and teacher organizations. His wife of 58 years, Carol, and three children survive.

In Memoriam ~ faculty and friends

Robert Paulson, '54, Rhinelander, died July 12 at age 74. He earned a master's degree at the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Army. He was an administrator for the State of Wisconsin in Wisconsin Rapids and Rhinelander. After retiring in 1990, he was a social worker for St. Mary's Hospital. He was a volunteer Little League coach. His wife, Gwen, and two sons survive.

Robert Bestul, '51, Viroqua, died Jan. 2 at age 77. He served in the U.S. Army then taught music and band in Almond and Viroqua. He earned a master's degree from Vander Cook College of Music in Chicago in 1957. He and his wife, Lola, who preceded him in death, enjoyed music and traveling in retirement. Three children survive.

Garth Spees, '51, Plainfield, died June 24 at age 82. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He began his teaching career in Viroqua and was a coach and lifeguard. He then taught, coached and was an audio-visual specialist in Oshkosh schools for 29 years and earned a master's degree at UW-Madison. He retired to Plainfield in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Maralou, and two sons. A daughter preceded him in death.

Robert Westenerger, '50, Park Ridge, died April 3 at age 79. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War then worked at Westenerger Drug Store, taught for four years in Scandinavia then returned to the family business. In 1980 he began working for the Portage County Human Services Office, retiring in 1993. His wife, Elizabeth, and three children survive.

Donald Guzman, '50, Rhinelander, died August 11, 2006. He was retired as a chemist at the Rhinelander Paper Company. His wife, **Patricia (Harrison) Guzman**, '51, survives.

1940s

Gerald Czarnezki, '49, died Jan. 5 at age 86. He was in the Civilian Conservation Corps, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired as a supervisor with the Milwaukee County Parks system. His wife, Eleanor, preceded him in death and three children survive.

Robert Fritsch, '49, Sun Prairie, died Jan. 27 at age 77. A retired colonel, he served in the U.S. Air Force and Wisconsin Air National Guard, attending several naval aviation schools after graduating from UWSP. He earned a master's degree from The George Washington University and taught and coached in De Forest and Sun Prairie. His three brothers, **Myron**, '34, **Ted**, '42, (a former Green Bay Packer) and **James**, '52, all deceased, were UWSP alumni. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, and four children.

Eileen (Knudson) Menzel, '49, Stevens Point, died May 21 at age 77. She worked as a secretary for the Greendale school district and was president of the Greendale League of Women Voters. Her husband, Bruce, and three daughters survive.

John Steeves, '49, Neenah, died June 2 at age 83. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and taught in Neenah and Hortonville. He was an active member of his church, volunteering in the jail ministry. He was featured in the book "American Profile-Hometown Heroes." His wife, Pauline, and 11 children survive. A son preceded him in death.

Irma Hardzinski, '48, Marshfield, died Oct. 20.

Gerald Baalrud, '47, Waukesha, died Feb. 5 at age 86. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He earned a master's degree at UW-Milwaukee then worked for the Waukesha school district as an elementary teacher and principal. His first wife, Phyllis, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, two daughters and two step-children.

LaVon Andrus, '45, Hudson, died April 12 at age 81. She taught in the Shawano area and farmed with her husband of 56 years, Leonard. He preceded her in death as did a daughter. She was active in the community and 4-H. Five children survive.

Laura (Simonis) Cisewski, '44, Rosholt, died April 7 at age 90. She taught in several country schools and in Rosholt. Her husband, Joseph, preceded her in death. Two children survive.

Anne (Zimmerman) Bell, '43, died May 6 at age 86. She earned a master's degree at Cardinal Stritch College. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Aloha (Walter) Shearier, '42, Appleton, died May 11 at age 87. She taught in Plainfield then moved with her family to Chicago, Appleton, Coos Bay, Ore., then back to Appleton. She had a lifelong interest in watercolor painting and was active in her church. She retired from a position with the state of Wisconsin in 1985. Her husband, Earl, preceded her in death. Two children survive.

Irene (Malek) Wanserski, '42, Rosholt, died March 8 at age 85. She taught in the town of Alban then worked at Sentry Insurance. She and her late husband, Dennis, enjoyed volunteering and travel in retirement. Four children survive.

Margaret (Becher) Fitzgerald, '41, Wausau, died May 1 at age 86. She taught English at Wausau schools and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. She and her late husband, Donald, operated Don Fitzgerald Tailors and Cleaning for nearly 40 years. In retirement she was a volunteer counselor and court bailiff. Five children survive.

Robert Bishop, '40, Seneca, S.C., died Dec. 30. He earned a master's degree at Indiana University and was a retired teacher. His wife, Norma, survives.

Zorka Malesevich Falk, '40, Mayville, died Feb. 23 at age 88 at her home. She taught English at Mayville High School for many years. After she retired she traveled frequently to Yugoslavia with her sister, **Violet Malesevich Bachhuber**, '36, Nelsonville, to visit relatives. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, and three children, including **Kathy Falk Anderlik**, last attended, '66, and **Margie Falk Keuler**, '71, Horicon. "She was always very proud to say she was a Pointer alumna," says Keuler.

Marjorie Warner, '40, Stevens Point, died April 15 at age 91. She received a master's degree from UW-Madison and was a librarian in Manitowoc and the head librarian at the Stevens Point public library. She was active in the Stevens Point community and UWSP Alumni Association.

1930s

Harvey Martini, '39, Marco Island, Fla., and formerly of Stevens Point, died April 11 at age 89. He taught high school chemistry then was a timekeeper for the Genoa Power Co. in La Crosse. Then he worked in insurance for more than 40 years, first with Hardware Mutual Insurance (Sentry Insurance) and the Hartford A&I Insurance Co. in New York, Ohio and Connecticut. During his career, he was recognized for insurance expertise in major disasters, including the Three Mile Island nuclear accident and Love Canal. He received numerous insurance awards and was involved in community organizations throughout his life. His wife, Betty, preceded him in death and four children survive. Memorials may be made to two family scholarships at UWSP (contact the UWSP Foundation at www.uwsp.edu/foundation).

Loretta (Grab) Arnold, '36, Rudolph, died April 21 at age 90. She taught in Milladore and Lindsey and farmed in Rudolph with her late husband, Louis, with whom she raised 12 children. Eleven survive.

Honor (Walch) (Testin) Brown, '35, Wausau, died Jan. 29 at age 93. She taught English and music in Iola, Bear Creek and Manawa and also taught private piano lessons. She was active in her Manawa church. Two husbands, Myron Testin and Gordon Brown, preceded her in death.

Stanley Roshak, '35, died March 3.

Ella (Yorton) Morse, '34, Sylvan Crossings, died March 19 at age 96. She taught in Plover then was a phone operator in Fond du Lac and Stevens Point until she retired. She volunteered in local schools and in church work. Her husband, Wayne, preceded her in death.

Helen (Hoffland) Woodford, '34, Madison, died of cancer April 9 at age 93. She taught home economics in Darien and was a talented seamstress. She and her late husband, John, lived in Beloit, Racine and Madison, and are survived by two children.

1920s

William Marsh, '28, Madison, died March 7 at age 87. He earned a master's degree at UW-Madison and taught in Friendship and Neenah. He then spent 36 years in Madison schools as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. He was involved in the Wisconsin Education Association and many community organizations. He earned the Silver Beaver Award for 25 years of service to the Boy Scouts and in 1949 was named "Father of the Year" by the Madison Chamber of Commerce. He was an expert horseman, enjoyed outdoor activities and sports and was an avid traveler. He founded Leaf Nutrient Inc. to help families in Mexico utilize alfalfa products. His wife of 60 years, Louise, and four children survive. A daughter preceded him in death.

Maycel Daye, '25, Louisville, Ky., died Feb. 2.

Charles Macomber, '24, is deceased.

Floy Salter, '23, Menomonee Falls, died July 15 at age 103.



Floy, who would have been 104 on July 26, was one of UWSP's oldest living alumni. A graduate of the home economics program, she later gave \$1,000 to the Home Economics Centennial Endowment fund to mark her 100th birthday. She grew up on a farm in Germantown and transferred from Carroll College to the State Normal School at Stevens Point at the advice of her cousin. After graduation, she helped at the family farm and worked at a bank in Menomonee Falls. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and was involved in the local historical society.

Faculty obituaries

Kameshwar Razdan



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Kameshwar Razdan, professor emeritus of physics, died March 2 at age 67.

A native of Kashmir, India, Razdan came to UWSP in 1967 with an expertise in solid state physics and advanced optics. He helped create a program in microelectronics and microcomputer systems and modernized the optics laboratory. He won the Vice Chancellor's Merit Award four times and also won the Chancellor's Merit Award. He held degrees from Jammu and Kashmir University and Saugor University, all in India.

He was involved in organizations for physics teachers. He had many hobbies and enjoyed hosting his grandchildren in Wisconsin during the summers. His wife, Raj, and two children survive.

Clifford Cone



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Clifford Cone, '61, Stevens Point, assistant professor emeritus of education and instructional resources, died July 9 at age 90.

Cone taught classes in the use of audiovisual equipment and photography for 17 years at UWSP before retiring in 1982. Previously he taught at high schools in Elroy and Adams-Friendship.

During the 30s, Cone was a traveling musician who played with Jack Teagarden and Louis Armstrong. He operated a dry cleaning business for 22 years then earned his degree at UWSP and a graduate degree at UW-Stout. His wife, **Norma (Foster) Cone**, '59, and two sons, preceded him in death. One son survives.

Eight to be inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

The 2007 UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be held as part of this year’s Homecoming weekend as eight alumni are inducted on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Inductees will enjoy the Pointer football game from the chancellor’s box at Goerke Field and will be introduced at halftime.

The individuals selected for Hall of Fame induction include **Jere Hamel**, ’96, Vesper, wrestling; **Karen Konopacki**, ’82, Anchorage, Alaska, field hockey; **Gary Kostuchowski**, ’97, masters, ’01, Stevens Point, baseball; **Scott Krueger**, ’75, Custer, sports broadcasting; **Kevin Parham**, ’91, Kenosha, swimming; **Eric Parker**, ’83, Waterford, track/cross country; **Mike Paynter**, ’98, Milwaukee, basketball; and **Craig Verhagen**, ’92, Wrightstown, football.

Hamel was a three-time All-American, two-time Greco-Roman All-American and two-time conference champion in wrestling. He also served as the team captain and scored over 100 victories. He is a timber buyer for Johnson Timber Corp. and coaches grade school wrestling in Vesper.

Konopacki played field hockey from 1979 to 1982 and was the team’s most valuable player for two years and team captain her senior year. She was first-team All-Conference for two years and played in the NCAA tournament for three years. After graduation she moved to Alaska and worked for the U.S. Forest Service. She then began a 23-year career with ARCO and now works as a financial analyst for ConocoPhillips in Anchorage. She is involved in Frisbee and basketball leagues and volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way and Alaska Ride for Life. She has hiked, backpacked, rafted, skied and kayaked throughout the Alaskan wilderness.

Kostuchowski was All-Conference and All-Regional during his baseball career at UWSP. In 1997 he was the most valuable player at the regional tournament and third team All-American. A Stevens Point native, he was a member of the 1989 Stevens Point Area Senior High School state championship team and was assistant coach and head coach of state championship Stevens Point American Legion teams. He teaches English as a second language at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, where he has coached volleyball, baseball and powder puff football and is the co-adviser of the Hmong American Student Organization. He and his wife, **Suzanne (Holzer) Kostuchowski**, ’95, have two daughters.

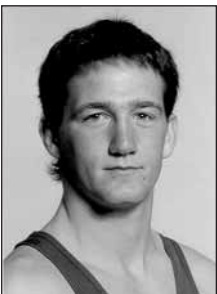
Krueger was sports director at WWSP 90FM radio and broadcast the university’s basketball, hockey and baseball games while at UWSP. After graduation he interned then worked at WFHR/WWRW in Wisconsin Rapids then moved to WSPT/WXYQ in Stevens Point, where he was a news and sports reporter and now is sports director. He broadcasts games for Stevens Point high schools and UWSP and in 1994 won the Athletics Director Award from UWSP. In 2002 he won the WIAC Butler Award. He has a stepson with his wife, Lisa.

Parham, a swimmer since he was 13 months old and a competitive swimmer since the age of 5, was a 17-time first team NAIA All-American and three-time honorable mention All-American while at UWSP. He was co-captain for two years. He placed in the top six in the 50 yard freestyle all four years at the national meet and placed in the top three twice. He was a member of the national second place team his senior year and left UWSP holding two individual and five relay records. Parham is a project manager for Discover Card. He and his wife, **Trenny (Schulz) Parham**, ’91, have three children.

Parker ranks fourth on both UWSP’s all-time indoor 600 meter and 800 meter lists. A three-time All-American in track, he is a member of the UWSP record holding 4x400 and 4x800 meter relay teams. He was a member of UWSP’s Drake Relays Champion 4x800 meter relay in 1983. A member of the Greater Milwaukee Track Club and So Cal Track Club, he was a Drake Relays Champion again in 2004 in the Masters 800 meter and has placed fourth, fifth and first at USA Track and Field Nationals in 2004 and 2006. Parker is a senior wetland scientist/principal at Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates Inc. in Milwaukee and is the assistant track and field and cross country coach at Waterford Union High School. He has also served in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, **Janet (Zwicke) Parker**, ’84, have two children.

Paynter was the conference’s Freshman of the Year in basketball in 1993 and during his career was a two-time first-team All-Conference and NCAA All-West District selection. He is among the all-time UWSP leaders in rebounds (fifth), free-throws (third), career blocked shots (second) and all-time scoring (tenth). He helped lead the Pointers to their first NCAA division III playoff in 1997. He currently lives in Milwaukee and works as a software developer.

Verhagen was the starting linebacker on the 1987 NAIA Division III National Championship football team. In 1990, he was the team captain and most valuable player and had 12 sacks. During his UWSP career, he had a 33-12-2 record, was on the first (twice) and second All-Conference teams, was an All-American and had 47 consecutive starts. In 1991 he was a player and coach for the Sweden Uppsala 86ers who were the Swedish Super Bowl Champions along with **Theo Blanco**, ’89, San Diego, Calif., another Hall of Fame inductee. Verhagen now works in the pharmaceutical industry in sales and training and coaches for high school football, youth football, soccer, basketball and baseball. He assists with strength training for Green Bay area hockey programs and is on the Wrightstown High School Football Field Fundraising Committee. He and his wife, **Tammy (Weichmann) Verhagen**, ’90, have 7-year-old twins.



Jere Hamel



Karen Konopacki



Gary Kostuchowski



Scott Krueger



Kevin Parham



Eric Parker



Mike Paynter



Craig Verhagen

Pointers ‘spring’ into action

Baseball

For the second straight year, UWSP used a dramatic run through the postseason to reach the Division III College World Series, resulting in the highest finish in school history with a third place performance at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton. The Pointers won their third straight WIAC tournament title and finished 34-17 overall.

Junior Jordan Zimmermann, Auburndale, was named the Most Outstanding Player of the World Series after pitching a one-hit shutout against Emory (Ga.) in a 2-0 opening game win. He was also eight-for-13 at the plate in the four tournament games. The Pointers beat Carthage (Wis.) 12-8 and then lost to eventual champion Kean (N.J.) 7-4 and Emory 18-7 for their third place finish.

UWSP hosted the NCAA regional tournament for the second straight year and won three straight games when facing elimination. They scored five runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat Ripon (Wis.) 11-10 and then ousted St. Thomas (Minn.) 6-3 and UW-Oshkosh 6-0 to qualify for the World Series.

Softball

UWSP achieved the highest single-season winning percentage in school history and reached the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time since 2001, finishing with a 33-10 overall record.

The Pointers were nationally ranked much of the season and finished the year ranked 21st in the country. UWSP beat Wartburg (Iowa) 8-2 in its regional opener before falling to St. Thomas (Minn.) 6-2 and Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) 5-3 in nine innings.

Senior pitcher Stephanie Anderson, Milwaukee, set a single-season school record with 160 strikeouts, while junior shortstop Laura Van Abel, Kaukauna, totaled single-season marks with 65 hits and 103 total bases.

Women’s golf

It was an historic year for the Pointers, who qualified individuals for the NCAA Division III championships for the first time in school history. UWSP finished the year ranked eighth in the country and head coach Matt Interbartolo was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Senior Susie Lewis, Crystal Lake, Ill., finished 35th at the national meet and posted an 81.4 average in 27 rounds. Lewis was a three-time all-conference selection and won the individual titles at the UW-Oshkosh and Elmhurst invitationals. Freshman Jessica Urban, Hartland, was 45th at the national meet and totaled an 83.2 average for the season.

Track and field

Senior Kyle Steiner, Grafton, set a school record with 7,111 points in the decathlon, but finished second in the event as the UWSP men’s team placed 23rd at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships. Senior Mitch Ellis, Three Lakes, added a fourth place finish in the high jump at six feet, eight inches.

The UWSP women’s relays had a record-setting spring as Andrea Irvine, Green Bay, Angela Steffens, Cottage Grove, Kathleen Folbrecht, Jefferson, and Laura Simonis, Rosholt, placed eighth nationally in the 1600-meter relay with a school-record time of 3:50.14. The Pointers’ 400-meter relay of Irvine, Simonis, Elizabeth Caine, Stevens Point, and Danielle Kinderman, Appleton, also had a school-record time of 48.24 seconds.

Beth Richter, Green Bay, was an All-American in both the indoor and outdoor long jumps, leaping 19 feet to place third at outdoor nationals.

Student signed by Washington Nationals



Jordan Zimmermann

A UWSP student has signed a minor league contract with the Washington Nationals. Jordan Zimmerman, Auburndale, was the third pick of the second round and 67th choice overall in the recent Major League Baseball draft by the Washington Nationals. A junior, Zimmerman will forgo his senior season at UWSP to play in the minor leagues. He was assigned to the Vermont Lake Monsters of the New York-Penn League, the Nationals’ Class A short season squad in Winooski, Vt. Zimmerman became the highest major league baseball draft choice in UWSP history and he was the first player chosen from the state of Wisconsin. During the 2007 season, he was named Most Outstanding Player at the NCAA Division III World Series, where the Pointers placed third. He also had 90 strikeouts and 18 walks and was the team’s leading hitter with a .385 batting average and seven home runs.

Alumnus named to football hall of fame

Jerry Griffin, ’75, Reedsburg, was one of 22 individuals inducted into the Wisconsin Football Hall of Fame this spring.

Griffin played football under Coaches Pat O’Halloran and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Monty Charles. He went on to teach and coach at Seneca and Elkhart Lake, and has been football coach and a physical education teacher at Reedsburg since 1983. He led his team to five conference championships and was District Coach of the Year three times. He earned a master’s degree at UW-Platteville in 1988. Griffin retired from teaching in the spring.

He and his wife, Barb, have been married for 25 years and have two children.

Three honored as Academic All-Americans

Another successful season on and off the playing field resulted in three UWSP student-athletes earning Academic All-American honors.

Women's swimmer Beth Bard, Alexandria, Minn., men's track and field athlete Kyle Steiner, Grafton, and women's hockey player Amy Statz, Wisconsin Rapids were all honored by ESPN The Magazine.

The squad includes all NCAA Division II, Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) athletes from across the country. The Academic All-American team in each sport includes 15 members and is selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Bard was a first-team selection and owns a 4.00 grade point average in biology. She was a member of four first-team All-American relays and three honorable mention All-American relays. She is a member of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) record holding 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Steiner, a second-team selection, carries a 3.79 grade point average while majoring in biology. Steiner placed second at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships in the decathlon with a school-record score. He also set a conference record in the heptathlon and was named the conference's indoor field Athlete of the Meet for the second straight year.

Statz was a third-team pick and carries a 3.66 grade point average in athletic training. She owns the most wins of any goaltender in NCAA Division III history with a 68-19-11 career record and was a first-team All-American by U.S. College Hockey Online after leading the Pointers to their second straight third place finish at the Division III Frozen Four.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

When I think of my college experience, my time as an exec board member of StWEA sticks out most in my mind. We attended many conferences on educational issues and I was even able to travel to Washington D. C. for a national conference. All the lessons I learned in and out of the classroom have shaped me to become the teacher that I am today.

Diana (Spargo) Richards, '04, Salem

Ninnemann new women's hockey coach



Ann Ninnemann

After leading the UWSP women's hockey team to its second straight NCAA Division III Frozen Four appearance, the team's alumna interim coach has been named its full-time head coach.

Ann Ninnemann, '06, Plover, led the 2006-07 team to a 20-7-2 overall record and a third place finish at the Frozen Four. She is also the assistant coach for the Pointer softball team.

"I'm definitely excited to be back," she said. "The first year exceeded my expectations, but the whole transition phase was easier than I thought it would be. I learned every day this past season and I'm ready to continue leading this program."

"Ann is the perfect choice to maintain the high level of success our women's hockey program has established," said UWSP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien.

Ninnemann was UWSP's first women's hockey All-American in 2001-02 and was captain the Pointers for three straight seasons from 2002-05. She totaled 55 goals and 69 assists for 124 points while never missing a game and ranking second all-time in goals and points.

She was assistant coach for the 2005-06 national third place team before accepting the interim position in August.

UWSP ranks highly in Director's Cup

UWSP again ranked highly in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Director's Cup standings, a measure of the nation's top athletics programs.

UWSP placed 13th overall, having sent qualified teams or athletes to NCAA Division III tournament competition in 12 of its 20 varsity sports. The award, presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, is based on points accumulated in NCAA tournament competition. UWSP has now placed in the top 25 for 10 straight years. The standings include all 441 Division III schools.

The Pointers' top performances were third place finishes in baseball and women's hockey. The men's basketball team advanced to the Sweet 16 and the softball team won its opening game at the NCAA regional. In addition, the men's swimming and diving team was 12th nationally, while the women's swimming and diving and men's indoor track and field teams were 17th. The wrestling team was 20th nationally and the men's outdoor track and field team was 23rd. UWSP also received points for qualifying athletes in women's indoor and outdoor track and field. The Pointers had athletes qualify for the women's golf championships for the first time, but it did not accrue points for the Director's Cup.

Nichol named men's hockey coach



Wil Nichol

After a national search, a UWSP alumnus who worked four blocks from campus was named the head coach of the Pointer men's hockey team.

Wil Nichol, '98, Stevens Point, is the fourth coach in the team's 26-year history. For the last two years he has coached the Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH) boys' hockey team and has a total of nine years of coaching experience.

A defenseman for the UWSP hockey team from 1994-98, Nichol is a member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 1998 national runner-up men's hockey team.

"It's a huge honor. To coach at your alma mater, a team that you bled for, a university that you love and a community that you consider home, I don't know how to put that into words," said Nichol.

"Based on Wil's coaching experiences, his passion for Pointer hockey, this university and the Stevens Point community in general, he was a natural choice," said UWSP Athletics

Director Frank O'Brien.

Nichol replaces Joe Baldarotta, who served 16 years as head coach and 21 years on the coaching staff, earning a career record of 265-171-38 and a NCAA Division III national championship in 1993.

While at SPASH, Nichol led the team to two WIAA state tournament appearances and a 46-3 record in two seasons. The Panthers became the first team to complete an undefeated Wisconsin Valley Conference season, which they did two years in a row with 16-0 records in league play.

While at UWSP, Nichol captained the NCAA Division III runner-up Pointer hockey team in 1998. He also won the Chancellor's Leadership Award and Athletic Department's Citizenship Award and was a volunteer with the Lincoln Hills Poetry Project.

He was a student assistant coach at UWSP while completing his English degree in 1998-99, then was a graduate assistant coach at Miami University in Ohio while completing a master's degree in physical education, health and sports studies.

He was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Chicago Steel of the U.S. Hockey League then head coach and general manager for the IMG Academy Midget AAA team in Bradenton, Fla. He then returned to Chicago as the head coach and general manager of the Steel for two seasons, during which he was the only rookie coach in USHL history to be league coach of the year after taking the team to the only regular season Eastern Conference title in franchise history. Nichol has also served as head and assistant coach for several USA Hockey festivals and assisted with numerous hockey camps.

Alumnus, student take part in world champion football

A senior student and a UWSP alumnus helped the United States win the gold medal at the World Football Championships held in July in Kawasaki, Japan.

Cody Childs, Poynette, was a running back and **Clayt Birmingham, '97, Overland Park, Kan.**, was a linebacker coach for the team, which earned a 23-20 double overtime victory against the two-time defending champion Japan.

Childs caught one pass for six yards in the championship game but did not play in the second half after suffering a minor injury. Earlier in the championships, he scored three touchdowns in games against Korea and Germany. Childs was one of nine Division III players chosen for the 45-man squad and one of three WIAC players.

During the 2006 season, Childs was a first-team All-WIAC selection and led the league in all-purpose yards. He made the UWSP record books for the third-highest amount of rushing yards for a single season, the second highest career touchdowns and fourth-highest career receptions. He is a general studies major.

Birmingham was recently hired as the defensive coordinator at UW-Stout. While at UWSP, he was a two-time WIAC All-Conference defensive back for the Pointers and the team captain. After graduating, he was a defensive back coach at UWSP then a wide receiver coach at Northern Michigan University while he earned a master's degree. He has also served as the defensive coordinator at Emporia State in Kansas and as defense secondary coach at Western Michigan.



Clayt Birmingham, '97, and senior Cody Childs hold up the gold medals they earned as part of the U.S. Team at the World Football Championships held in Japan in July.

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Friday, Oct. 12

Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
Debot 073, 10 a.m.

Dreyfus Naming Dedication Activities

Naming Ceremony, Dreyfus UC Laird Room, 1 p.m.
Reception, Noel Fine Arts Center Courtyard, 2 p.m.

The Truth About Climate Change: What it Means to You
Jenny Baeseman, '98, lecturer, Al Gore's The Climate Project.
Noel Fine Arts Center, room 221, 3:30 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega Meeting

SentryWorld Sports Plate, 6 p.m.
For more information, contact Mark Kramer at mskramer1@charter.net or (715) 341-4051.

TKE Board of Advisers Meeting

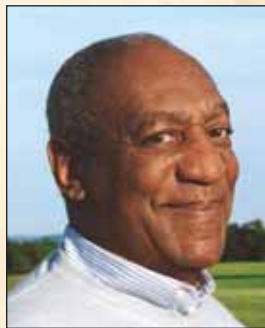
1632 Main St., (the TKE house) 7 p.m.

TKE Alumni Social

Archies Bar and Grill, 9 p.m.

All Greek Social

Front lawn of Old Main, 7-9 p.m.
Join Greeks from all organizations, students and alumni for this All Greek Social under the tent on the front lawn of Old Main!
The UWSP Alumni Association will award one prize to the Greek organization that gathers the most alumni and students under the tent on Friday night. The winning organization will get to send one of their members to the Mid American Greek Council Association conference courtesy of the UWSP Alumni Association. **How many can you gather?**



Bill Cosby

Comedian Bill Cosby

Quandt Fieldhouse, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.
For tickets, call the University Box Office at (715) 346-4100

Saturday, Oct. 13

Coffee with Alumni and Friends

Berg Lobby, 9 a.m.

Homecoming Parade

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

Sigma Tau Gamma Alumni Association meeting
CPS 210, 10 a.m.

All Campus Picnic

Front lawn of Old Main, 11 a.m.
FREE! Free will donations will be accepted under the tent for those wishing to give in support of the Alumni Association's efforts.
The official reunion area on campus. Inflatables, face painting, and other family activities! Meet your friends under the tent!
The following organizations will be under the tent: UWSP Future Alumni Association, UWSP Alumni Association, UWSP Foundation, Dreyfus University Center, University Book Store, Residential Living, College of Natural Resources, College of Fine Arts and Communication, College of Letters and Science and Public Relations Student Society of America.

Hansen Society Reception

Nelson Hall Great Room, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

Alumni Swim Meet

Health Enhancement Center pool, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

TKE Annual Alumni Meeting

Middletown Grill (Rhody's) 11:30 a.m.

Nelson Hall Historical Recognition Dedication
Front of Nelson Hall, 11:30 a.m.



UWSP Paper Machine Tour

Watch how paper is made,
Science Building, TBA

TKE Cookout

1632 Main Street (the TKE house) 1 p.m.

All Campus Tour

12 p.m. (noon)
Meet by the flagpoles on the front lawn of Old Main to take a guided tour through campus to see what has changed since your last visit.

Homecoming Football Game

Goerke Field, 1 p.m.
Come cheer on the Pointers as they host the UW-Stout Blue Devils. The Class of 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will also be announced during half time.

Allen Quad Reunion

Partners Pub, 1 p.m.
Residents of Hyer, Roach, Smith or Pray-Sims from 1985-1988 will meet. Bring photo albums, residence hall memorabilia, wing-function apparel. If you can't attend, send Lisa an e-mail message and address to pass on at the reunion. Contact Lisa (Hackman) Messer, Roach Hall, messer5@jvlnet.com; Lori McCadden, Roach Hall, mccaddenl@ssd.k12.wi.us; or Mary Secord, Sims Hall, jennie55@aol.com.

Point Brewery Tour

2617 Water St., 3:30 p.m.
\$3 per person. Join alumni and friends for a personalized tour of the Stevens Point Brewery complete with a gift in honor of the Stevens Point Brewery's 150th anniversary! Wear your Homeroom nametag for a special discount between 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Call 1-800-369-4911 to reserve your spot now! Tours also available at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

General Information

University Store Hours

Fri. Oct. 12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
The University Center Store is located at 200 Division Street

Archives - 5th Floor LRC

Look at yearbooks and peruse old Pointers!
Fri. Oct. 12, 7:45 a.m.-12 p.m., 1:15-4:30 p.m.

Schmeeckle Nature Reserve

Visitors Center open, self-guided tours
Fri. Oct. 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Natural History Museum and Gift Store Hours

Fri. Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Student Activities

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Food Drive

Nelson Hall Porch,
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Teams will be awarded points for the most nonperishable food items donated.

King & Queen Pageant

The Faux-Core, CAC,
7 p.m.
King & Queen candidates will compete in a variety of contests to win the crowns.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Talent Night

The Faux-Core, CAC,
7 p.m.
Annual talent competition

Casino Night and

Poker Tournament
DeBot Center, 9 p.m.
Win prizes and points.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Tug-O-War

Allen Center Field,
noon

Car Push

Portage Court (south of the Specht Forum/Sundial), 3 p.m.



My Favorite Pointer Memory

The events I remember most are Homecoming weekend and Rusty's Backwater Bash.

Jason Quade, '07, Antigo