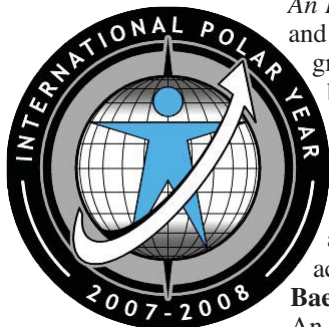




## Baeseman joins Gore's climate change education team



*An Inconvenient Truth*, a documentary about global warming and the crusade of former Vice President Al Gore, has grossed over \$20 million, won two Academy Awards and brought the issue of global warming into America's living rooms.

To bring the message of *An Inconvenient Truth* to more people, Gore has created The Climate Project and chosen 1,000 people from all walks of life to spread awareness and challenge people and governments to take action against the effects of global warming. **Jenny Baeseman**, '98, Kent, Ohio, is one of those chosen few.

An assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Kent State University, and a UWSP Alumni Association Board member, Baeseman has studied firsthand how climate is changing. She has taken three research trips to Antarctica and has been working with other scientists on the International Polar Year (IPY), a large scientific program focused on the Arctic and the Antarctic that was launched in Paris in March and continues until March 2009. She heard about The Climate Project through her IPY colleagues, applied with 5,000 others and was notified of her selection in December.

"I got my own personal Christmas present from Al Gore," she said.

Baeseman spent three days in Nashville, Tenn., in January, training with Gore, scientists and public speaking experts on how to present an effective slide show about climate change, talk about scientific concepts and answer questions. Among the 1,000 are scientists, authors, celebrities, filmmakers, meteorologists, teachers and even a few priests and ministers, she said. The volunteers are to make at least 10 presentations this year to those who have not seen *An Inconvenient Truth* or who want to learn more about the threat of climate change.

"Our main goal is to educate," Baeseman said. "There are many things we can do to slow global warming, from using fluorescent light bulbs to hanging your clothes outside instead of using a dryer."

Baeseman has already made several presentations, the first in February at a meeting of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and another at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Sanibel, Fla. One of

her UWSP classmates, **Toni (Daddato) Westland**, '98, Fort Myers, Fla., works there and hosted her visit. She hopes to come to UWSP in the future.

Baeseman is also involved in the Decade of Environmental Decisions project, [www.decadeofed.org](http://www.decadeofed.org), which will be launched with IPY in March. The site encourages people to make environmental decisions that add up to significant global change.

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Jenny Baeseman met former Vice President Al Gore during a training session for The Climate Project in January. UWSP is also making efforts to affect climate change as one of the UW System's green campuses. For more, see the *Energy Independence* article on page 7.

## Alumni to celebrate milestone reunions this summer

The UWSP graduating classes of 1957, 1982 and 1997 have a lot to celebrate this year.

These classes will together mark their milestone 50th, 25th and 10th college reunions respectively in a two-day event at the UWSP campus on Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23.



Volunteers from each class began meeting in late 2006 to plan their respective reunions. Those taking part in the Milestone Committees are: top row, **Barry Meister**, '82; **Ray Oswald**, '97; **David Bruha**, '82; and **Patty Arnold**, '82; bottom row, **Patty Dreier**, '82; **Carolyn Woods**, '82; **Rob Mancke**, '97; and **Ray Stroik**, '57.

"Milestone Reunion Weekend is about connecting alumni to campus and to each other, across generations. There will be activities for individual classes and segments of classes as well as time for all alumni to meet each other and share common Pointer experiences. The weekend will culminate in the Milestone Awards dinner on Saturday which will honor all three classes," said **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, director of Alumni Affairs.

"This is the first year we are trying a combined reunion, and of course the Dreyfus University Center is under construction, so we're hoping for a good turnout and good weather."

Campus tours start off the weekend on Friday, offered at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the flagpoles in front of Old Main. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a picnic lunch will be served on the front lawn of Old Main.

After lunch, two "Alumni College" workshops will be held. From 1-1:45 p.m., "Genealogy" will be held in University Library 310, led by Ruth Steffen. From 2-2:45 p.m., Professors Emeriti Donald Showalter and Marvin Lang will lead "Chemistry Can Be Fun."

City tours will be offered at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. a study abroad reunion will be held and at 6 p.m. a milestone social will be held, both events taking place at the Holiday Inn.

On Saturday, a 50th reunion brunch will be held along with a display of archived materials at the Food for Thought Café located on the first floor of the Albertson Learning Center. A picnic lunch will be held on the front lawn of Old Main at noon. At 1 p.m. a side trip to the Ice Age Trail for a rugged hike will be offered, leaving by bus at the corner of Fremont and Main Street.

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The Alumni Affairs staff, pictured in the Founders Room in Old Main, includes, left to right, **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, director; Katie Carlson, assistant director; Terri Taylor, director of major events and Kyle Dilley (seated), '09, student intern. Not pictured are Julie Johnson, administrative assistant; and student interns Julie LaClair, '07; Renee Carter, '09 and Brianna Nelson, '09.

## Alumni Affairs welcomes new staff



Julie Johnson

Julie Johnson, a former coach at UWSP, is the new administrative assistant in Alumni Affairs. In addition to supporting office staff, answering phones and greeting visitors, Johnson maintains an alumni database, adding address changes and updates sent in by alumni. “I look forward to meeting more UWSP alumni through campus events and reunions,” she said. Johnson first came to UWSP in 1994 as the university’s head volleyball coach. After four years and two children, she continued in the assistant role for three seasons. Since that time she has raised three children, Jesse, Taylor and Gabby. With the youngest in kindergarten, she decided to return to work outside the home. She holds a degree in sport and exercise science from the University of Minnesota. Her husband, Johnny Johnson, is the UWSP wrestling head coach and formerly served as assistant wrestling coach and state coach of the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation. The Johnsons reside in Plover.

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## What is your favorite Pointer memory?

College is the time in our lives that we learn and grow into the adults we are to become. As such, college is also the time we create lasting memories and lifelong friendships. What is your favorite memory from UWSP? Getting an A on an extremely tough assignment? Attending a play or sporting event with friends to cheer on the team or appreciate the artistic talents of your friends? Joining a group or club that helped you learn about yourself while helping others? Perhaps you met your future spouse on campus. I know I did. My favorite memory by far is running through the sprinklers kitty corner to Schmeeckle on one of our first dates (and yes, it was a little cold)! Whatever your favorite memory may be, we encourage you to keep in touch with the friends in those memories and with UWSP so that we can share your stories with all of your Pointer family. We asked a few of our current students what their favorite memory of UWSP is so far...perhaps you can relate to their stories!

“My freshman year here, the men’s basketball team, the women’s basketball team, and us (women’s hockey team), were all at our respective Final Four National Tournaments at the same time. I believe it was the first time in history that had happened. I thought that was pretty cool, and really good for our sports program. The men’s basketball team won the championship (their first of two in a row), women’s basketball got fourth place, and we got second place.”  
—Julie LaClair, '07

“I love to spend my free time in summer walking through Schmeeckle and hanging out on the beach. Summer is my favorite season in Stevens Point because there are so many great outdoor adventures to take advantage of. Lake Emily and Sunset are awesome places to hang out and picnic, and the water is always a perfect temperature. Summer is my favorite season, but even when school is in session, there are always fun things to do. I really like to attend random student organization meetings...you always learn something new, and they usually have free food!”  
—Aaron Mullins, '07

If you would like to share one of your favorite Pointer memories, don’t be shy. You can do so by logging on to the Connecting Point at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) or by e-mailing or writing the Alumni Affairs Office. A selection of these favorite memories will be featured in the fall issue of the Pointer Alumnus.

With warm thoughts and memories,

*Laura Gehrman Rottier*

Laura Gehrman Rottier,'02

## Alumni Association Board of Directors



Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered for a meeting at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction last October. Pictured are, from left to right in the back row: **Grant Winslow**, '89, DePere; **Mary Ann Nigbor**, '67, Stevens Point; **Shannon Loecher**, '93, Minneapolis, Minn. (president); **Mary Wescott**, '75, Stevens Point (vice president); **Michael Kornmann**, '90, Webster; **Tamara Butts Moore**, '92, Colorado Springs, Colo.; **David Bruha**, '82, Wisconsin Rapids; **Tom Klismith**, '80, Plover; **Gordon Faust**, '58, Waunakee; **Scott Thomas**, '88, Jacksonville, Fla.; and **Tom Girolamo**, '82, Mosinee (past president). From left in the front row is Terri Taylor, Alumni Affairs; **Joanne Loeffler** '88, Seymour; **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, Alumni Affairs; **Patricia Curry**, '58, Wisconsin Rapids; and **Allen Barrows**, '48, Stevens Point. Board members not pictured include **Patrick Braatz**, '84, Beaverton, Ore. (president elect); **Jenny Baeseman**, '98, Kent, Ohio; **Erich Bacher**, '92, Denver, Colo.; **Bruce Bay**, '65, St. Louis, Mo.; **Jeffrey Buhrandt**, '00, Madison; **Jean Ann Day**, '92, Stevens Point; **Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point; **Melissa Hardin**, '87, Madison; **Betty Jenkins**, '63, Stevens Point; **John Jokela**, '89, Schofield; **Carol Lagerquist**, '66, Green Bay; **David Marie**, '79 & '81, Plover; **Judith Miller**, '86, Wausau; **Patty Noel**, '70, Stevens Point; **Ray Oswald**, '97, Milwaukee (member at large); **Cindy Polzin**, '01, Madison (member at large); **Elaine Schumacher**, '74, Ormund Beach, Fla.; and student representatives Gina Neuville, '08 (Future Alumni Association president); Ross Cohen, '07 (Student Government Association president).

## Distinguished Alumnus nominees sought

The Alumni Affairs Office is continually seeking nominees for its annual Distinguished Alumnus Award. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was created in 1969 as part of UWSP’s 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration, when awards for distinguished achievement and university service were presented to seven outstanding Pointer alumni, including former university president William C. Hansen and renowned faculty members Elizabeth Pfiffner Debot, Norman Knutzen and May Roach. Only 89 of more than 70,000 alumni have been granted the “distinguished” designation. The names of these alumni may be found at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Distinguished\\_Alumnus.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Distinguished_Alumnus.htm). If you would like to nominate someone for this special honor, you may stop by the Alumni Office or see the link for nominations at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).



# Alumni winners announced

Among the benefits of being an alumnus of UWSP are the regular prize drawings offered to those who stay in touch with the UWSP Alumni Association and take advantage of alumni programs.

**Nick Wohlt**, '70, Weyauwega, won two Midwest Airlines tickets and 50,000 InterContinental Priority Club Points by entering a drawing for those who had become Advantage members through a Sentry Insurance promotion offered with the UWSP Alumni Association. (For more information, see the Benefis Section at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).) The club points are the equivalent of two nights in a Holiday Inn or Crowne Plaza hotel. Nick plans on using the tickets for a trip to Orlando.

**Jim Wanserski**, '72, Wausau, won United flight miles in another Sentry Insurance drawing. (For more on Jim, see Class Notes, page 13.)

The winners of the Homecoming 2006 hotel stay giveaway include **William Helt**, '96, Sun Prairie; **Jan Jaworski**, '84, Milwaukee; **Joey Robinson**, '98, Northfield, Minn.; and **Fay Rusch**, '87, Sheboygan Falls. These winners qualified for the drawing by registering online for Homecoming activities at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).



Nick Wohlt



Jan Jaworski



Fay Rusch

# Alumni trip to Ireland set for fall

This fall, enjoy a trip to Ireland, where legends live large, luminous lakes spread out over green hills and valleys, lush wood slopes run into breathtaking sandy white beaches and castles are as common as pubs.

The UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation is sponsoring a seven-day trip to Ireland Friday, Sept. 28, through Saturday, October 6, with travel in the southern part of the country including Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney, Blarney, Glendalough, Waterford and Kinsale. Excursions include the Dingle Peninsula, Muckcross House and Gardens, Blarney Castle, a tour of Dublin, the Waterford Crystal Factory and the ancient monastery at Glendalough.

The trip includes round trip airfare, four nights in Killarney and three nights in Kilkenny in first-class accommodations, a full Irish breakfast daily, transfers, deluxe motor coach transportation with an experienced Irish guide, luggage handling, taxes and an experienced hospitality representative for \$2,049 per person.



An informational meeting on this trip will be held Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Founders Room of UWSP's Old Main. A brochure is available at [www.gonext.com/uwsp/irelanddf07.html](http://www.gonext.com/uwsp/irelanddf07.html).

# Braatz new Alumni Association president



Patrick Braatz

vice president of the organization.

"It is my hope that during the next two years the Alumni Board will be able to put into place outreach programs that will allow our alums to reconnect with the UWSP, giving them an opportunity to see how much UWSP has grown and developed into a highly respected well rounded higher educational institution," said Braatz.

A fourth-generation Schofield native, Braatz majored in business administration at UWSP with a minors in economics and personnel relations. One of his favorite memories of UWSP took place after his graduation ceremony at a reception for students, their families and College of Letters and Science faculty. His dad struck up a conversation with one of his toughest professors and it turned out that they both shared a passion for trout fishing.

"The professor was acting like a kid in a candy store, talking to my dad," he recalls. "I still wasn't sure how I'd done in the class so all I could think of at the time was if I'd only known that this guy had liked trout fishing so much, I could have hooked him up with my dad at the start of the semester!"

Braatz's path after graduation led into the health care regulatory field rather than business. "If you asked me when I graduated that I would be in Portland, Ore., doing what I do, I would have thought you were on something controlled by the U.S. Government," he jokes.

But he loves his job, he says, and working with the dental community both in Oregon and in the country to make sure that those licensed to provide dental care do so within the regulatory guidelines.

His advice to new graduates? Don't be afraid to try new things.

"My education background was a good step to where I am today, but it's not where I thought that I was heading. I had to be willing to take a chance and accept some level of risk and simply just make the decision and move forward. I've never looked back or regretted those decisions in all the places and positions my life has taken me."

The president-elect of the Alumni Association, **Patrick Braatz**, '84, Beaverton, Ore., is enjoying the view these days.

Not only does he look forward to beginning his two-year term as head of the UWSP Alumni Association this fall, he enjoys his job as executive director of the Oregon Board of Dentistry as well as the impressive scenery beyond the windows of his downtown Portland office.

"I look out my window and see a view of Mount St. Helens as it's continuing to blow off steam," he says. "When I look to my right I have a magnificent view of the snow-covered Mount Hood. It's just awesome."

Braatz became a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1986 at the request of former Alumni Affairs Director Karen Engelhard, '59, Stevens Point. "The opportunity to work with her was something I could not pass up." He also has served as

# Get to the Point...The Connecting Point

If you have not had the chance to log on and join *The Connecting Point* at [www.uwsp.alumni](http://www.uwsp.alumni), there is no time like the present! This free online community of UWSP alumni has already seen nearly 1,700 members log in and update their information. "Our goal is to reach 2,000 by the end of June," says **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, director of Alumni Affairs. "Hopefully we can even surpass that."

Through *The Connecting Point* and other avenues, the Alumni Affairs Office has received almost 9,000 e-mail addresses, which makes for easier and up-to-date communication with alumni.

At *The Connecting Point*, you can access and search an online directory of alumni, create a list of favorite contacts and find a list of upcoming alumni events.

If you have news to share, you can add it to the *Points of Contact* section, which offers the categories of Career, Birth and Adoption, Marriage and Commitments, Education, Catching Up, In Memoriam and General. By accessing your Pointer Homepage, you can update your profile, view your contacts and view recent alumni updates and new memberships. You may also sign up for a permanent e-mail address which never changes and affiliates you with UWSP. All messages are then forwarded to an e-mail address you provide and change as needed. This can be a benefit for those applying for jobs or moving often.

"*The Connecting Point* keeps our alumni connected to each other and to our alma mater," said Gehrman Rottier.

# Scott Schultz golf outing, August 13

With a reputation for good fun, good food and good fellowship, the sixth annual Scott Schultz Memorial Golf Outing will be held Monday, August 13.

The event generates income for several scholarships given in honor of Schultz, a 1971 alumnus who served as Student Government Association president and was the mayor of Stevens Point for eight years. Schultz later worked in the UWSP Foundation and was executive director of the Community Foundation of Portage County when he died suddenly at age 51. The scholarships acknowledge incoming students who, like Scott, have provided outstanding service and leadership to their school and community.

"Scott did so much for the university and the community during his life, it is appropriate that we honor his memory and his contributions with these scholarships," said John Jury, a committee member and longtime colleague.

"What do you get for winning? Well, that's a different story," says **Brant Bergeron**, '85, Plover, past Alumni Affairs director and committee member. "There is a competitive element for the good golfers, but there are also some 'different' challenges that make it fun for all ability levels. Scott would have loved the companionship this event creates."

The golf outing offers men's, women's and mixed gender competitions with hole prizes and surprises for all. This year, the event will be held at the Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola, between Stevens Point and the location of many Schultz family members. Alumni and community members are encouraged to get their four person teams together and register with the Alumni Affairs Office (715) 346-3811.



More than 20 foursomes participated in the 2006 Schultz golf outing, including the group of **Jim LaMar**, '73, Stevens Point; **Brian Milkowski**, Mosinee; **Buck Bergeron**, Coleman; and **Brant Bergeron**, '85, Plover



## Foundation Board welcomes new members



Pamela Blenker-Jewell



Karen Cooper



David Helbach



James Mendyke



Scott Thomas

The UWSP Foundation Board of Directors added five new members last fall.

**Pamela Blenker-Jewell**, last attended '77, Amherst; **Karen Cooper**, '83, Stevens Point; **David Helbach**, '72, Verona; **James Mendyke**, Stevens Point; and **Scott Thomas**, '88, Jacksonville, Fla., have begun three year terms as board members.

Re-elected as board officers were **E. John Buzza**, Stevens Point, president; **Robert Spoerl**, '82, Stevens Point, vice president; **Karen Engelhard**, '59, Stevens Point, secretary; and **Keith Kulas**, '87, Marshfield, treasurer.

"This coming year, the Foundation will focus its efforts to communicate the educational experience of UWSP to the wider community of our alumni and potential students throughout the Midwest," said Buzza.

"Our Board of Directors consists of alumni, academics, business leaders and university friends," he continued. "They represent UWSP to the communities in which they live and work, advocate university projects and causes and identify and encourage potential donors to invest in UWSP."

Blenker-Jewell has been a member of the Golden Sands Home Builders Association since 1984 and has been named the association's Builder of the Year. She has been named an Outstanding Alumnus by UWSP's Division of Interior Architecture.

Cooper is a board member of Hospice of Portage County and the Bishop's Education Endowment Fund and a member of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher. She volunteers for Operation Bootstrap, Hospice of Portage County and St. Michael's Hospital.

Helbach is director of public affairs for Alliant Energy Corporation and served as a state senator from 1992-1995 and as a state representative from 1978 to 1983. He was named a UWSP Distinguished Alumnus in 1994.

Mendyke is a senior consumer products specialist with Sentry Insurance and holds a degree from Ripon College. He is a member of

the YMCA Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Portage County, Portage County Business Council, Leadership Portage County Alumni Association and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Thomas has held various positions with research and development at Vistakon/Johnson & Johnson for the past 17 years. He earned a master's degree at Webster University and is a member of the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors and city of Jacksonville's Health Facilities Authority. Thomas and his wife, Donna, established the UWSP Don Maki Scholarship for international education. He is also a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## UWSP Foundation gifts made easily online

Make a donation to the UWSP Foundation easily and securely with a Web site giving form at [www.uwsp.edu/foundation/givingform.shtm](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation/givingform.shtm).

Donations may be made by check or credit card. Donors may direct the funds to a specific program such as the college of their choice, The Thailand Project, Alumni Association or wherever the need is the greatest.

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## Specht's estate funds scholarships

The estate of Ellen and Raymond Specht, former faculty members at UWSP, has established scholarships to assist students studying English and cartography at UWSP.

Endowments in the amounts of \$75,000 each for the Ellen Specht English Department Scholarship and the Raymond E. and Ellen Specht Scholarship in Cartography have been created through the UWSP Foundation. Both scholarships will be awarded annually to outstanding students in each major, with recipients selected by faculty within the English and geography and geology departments in the College of Letters and Science.

"It was a longtime wish of both Ellen and Ray that their estate be used to endow scholarships at the university," said Carol Sekerka, a family friend who is representing their estate. "UWSP always meant so much to them." Ellen previously donated a large number of books, historical papers and photos to the UWSP Archives in 2004.

The endowments were established in the will of Ellen Specht, who died last February at age 88. She worked at UWSP between 1951 and 1970 as a lecturer in the English department and as a librarian, and also assisted with university publicity and editing. Emeritus Geography Professor Raymond Specht, who died in 1995, came to campus in 1947 and served as a teacher, coach and administrator before retiring in 1982. As the campus planner from 1966 to 1981, during the campus' largest growth period, he was responsible for the development and construction of more than \$100 million in new buildings. The Specht Memorial Forum/Sundial was named in his honor in 1986.

## Students enjoy working on Annual Campaign for Point



Kyt Burton

By Kyt Burton

When I came to UWSP in 2003, I was fresh out of high school, with an optimistic outlook and an empty bank account. Although my parents — amazing people that they are — pay my tuition, there are a lot of other things a college student needs: books, a decent computer, pizza. . . I needed a job.

I found an ad for Phonathon Callers on UWSP's student employment Web site. Talking to alumni and raising money for my school seemed like a natural fit for me, so I applied. Halfway through my first semester at UWSP, I started working on the Annual Campaign for Point.

I soon found that my job was a lot of work; it's hard to call people you've never met. It's even harder to convince them to give money, no matter how good the cause. Some nights I heard the beeping of hundreds of answering machines, and not a single human voice. But I wasn't about to give up. I knew the importance of the calls I was making. The alumni whose pledges I collected over the phone provided scholarships, reference materials, and other important resources to UWSP students.

Working on the Annual Campaign meant more to me than just a part-time job. My parents always urged me to make the world a better place, and I was making a positive impact here at UWSP. I loved talking with alumni about what they'd done in college and where they'd gone since. I loved raising money for my school. I loved being a Phonathon Caller!

In 2005, I became a student manager for the Phonathon. I miss talking with alumni, but I love working with other students who are eager to help our school!

As a Phonathon student manager, I've learned a lot about what the UWSP Foundation does. Our goal is to improve education here at UWSP through private support, which means that our success depends on our alumni. This year we're trying to raise a half-million dollars for UWSP students. I know that's a lot of money, but if each alum gave just ten dollars (and I know some will give more), we'll meet our goal. In the first semester alone, we received over \$350,000 in pledges. If these pledges are all returned, we'll have raised 70 percent of our goal already!

I'm really proud of the things I've learned and the work I've done here at UWSP! When I graduate in May, I won't just have a degree in psychology, I'll also take with me all the experiences I've had while working on the Annual Campaign for Point. And although I'll be leaving the Phonathon, I know that it'll be in good hands with the excellent team of student managers and Phonathon callers I've had the privilege of working with this semester. In order to better introduce the UWSP Phonathon team, I've collected info about a few of our student callers in the profiles below.

### Get to know our student callers ...



**Name:** Abby Schneller  
**Class of:** May 2008  
**Majors:** history, broadfield social science and secondary education

**Minor:** Spanish  
**Hometown:** Prairie du Sac  
**Phonathon experience:**

Calling since September '06; "Best New Caller" for fall semester '06  
**Reasons for coming to UWSP:** "I loved the campus, and UWSP has a great education program!"

**Favorite class:** American Women's History with Professor Theresa Kaminski

**Best things about working on our Phonathon:** "Having interesting phone calls with alumni, the great co-workers, and the snacks, of course!"

**Favorite Phonathon story:** "Once I called a lady in Arkansas. As it turns out, she knew my whole family! Even though I had no idea who she was, she told me stories about my dad and cousins!"



**Name:** Casie Roesler  
**Class of:** May 2007  
**Majors:** biology and pre-physical therapy  
**Minor:** psychology

**Hometown:** Shiocton  
**Phonathon experience:** Calling since February '05; "2006 Caller of the Year"

**Best memories in the making:** "Fun times hanging out in the dorms and down on the square!"

**Favorite courses:** Exercise Physiology, Kinesiology, and Abnormal Psychology

**The impact of the Annual Campaign for Point:** Received the Edgar Pierson Biology Award, a scholarship made possible through alumni donations to The Annual Campaign.

**Best things about working on our Phonathon:** "The fun atmosphere and free snacks!"



**Name:** Laura Verhagen  
**Class of:** December 2007  
**Majors:** English education  
**Minor:** English as a second language

**Hometown:** Kaukauna  
**Phonathon experience:**

Calling since September '04; "Top Caller" for spring semester '05  
**Most important lesson learned in college (so far):**

"Hard work really does pay off in the long run. Being a full-time student and working my way through college can sometimes be a challenge, but I know that the education I am receiving here will help my future."

**Best things about working on our Phonathon:** "The people who work for the Foundation are really great and love what they do! It's amazing to see how everyone here works so hard to improve the university. By working for the Annual Campaign, I can give back to UWSP as well. I find that really rewarding."



# Provost Helm to retire in July



Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Virginia Helm will retire from UWSP in July, having served as head of Academic Affairs and in a one-year term as interim chancellor since coming to the university in 2002.

Helm made the announcement during her State of Academic Affairs address January 24. With her husband, Tom, retired, Helm felt the time was right. “This is something I have looked forward to for a long time,” she said, “even while enjoying a long and active career in higher education.”

“UWSP is a very special institution filled with faculty and staff who are capable, caring and dedicated to our wonderful students and to the institution,” she said. “I feel privileged to have spent five years in this university and town.”

Chancellor Linda Bunnell said she “will miss Helm both professionally and personally,” adding, “Virginia has a good sense of the culture here and is extremely positive about the campus. She kept UWSP moving forward while she served as interim chancellor, and gave me great support as chancellor.”

The search process for Helm’s replacement has already begun.

Helm was interim chancellor during the 2003-04 academic year, serving as the first female leader of the campus in its 109-year history. While she was vice chancellor, faculty development opportunities increased and she initiated the University Evening program in which noted faculty present a public lecture or performance. Online courses and participation in Winterim session doubled, new programs in Web and digital media development and health sciences were created and a partnership was formed with UW-Madison to provide a doctoral program in audiology.

This spring, she is spearheading the university’s reaccreditation activity and strategic planning initiative. She is also active in several community and education organizations.

Before coming to UWSP, Helm was executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Ind. She also spent 25 years as a professor and administrator at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. Helm was a high school English teacher for five years before working in higher education.

Helm plans to retire to Chicago, where she and Tom have a residence. “Just being there provides opportunities to do the things we so enjoy,” she said, “such as concerts, plays, walks by Lake Michigan and in Lincoln Park, browsing in bookstores, reading, working out to keep the flab at bay . . . nothing very demanding.”

“Eventually I look forward to becoming involved in some kind of outreach through a church or agency,” she added. “Chicago offers lots of opportunities along that line too.”

# Dreyfus University Center project moving forward, naming ceremony set

The Dreyfus University Center remodeling project continues on schedule, according to Susan Crotteau, center assistant director, even as the snow falls on campus.

As students, faculty, staff and community members look forward to the fall completion, a naming ceremony date has been set for Friday, October 12, at 1 p.m. Members of the Dreyfus family are scheduled to attend the event, which will be open to the public. The building will not yet be open at that time, but those attending will get a brief sneak peak inside.

“We’re so proud to add Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus’ name to the UWSP University Center, as students were at the center of the governor’s leadership during his time here,” said Todd Kuckkahn, director of the UWSP Foundation. “This event will not only celebrate his many contributions to our university, but to our state.”

“This is truly a center for our students, as this is a student funded project,” said Crotteau, who, over the past months, has spent many hours in a hard hat, giving tours of the construction area to various student and staff groups and working with the contractors. Construction is expected to be done at the end of October, but it will take several months for all the departments to relocate back into the building.

A series of grand opening celebration events is being planned for the first part of the spring semester 2008.

As the Alumnus went to press, the new two-story atrium was enclosed as was the new larger Laird Room, which now holds 225 more people. Also taking shape is the sloped floor theatre on the southwest corner, adjacent to the Communication Arts Center.

A larger dining area, featuring various food stations and both booth and table seating, a brick-oven pizza parlor and one consolidated checkout area, has been created in the area previously occupied by the Pointer Express, Wooden Spoon, Taco Bell and Encore Room. Much of the existing wall surfaces in this area, such as the brick in the old Encore Room, have been retained, Crotteau said, to give alumni visitors a sense of recognition and to mix the old and the new.

Per students’ request, she said, numerous lounge areas have been added throughout the building for informal studying and meetings. The project has focused on students and their needs out of the classroom, she said.



While construction continues on the Dreyfus University Center, the campus and alumni can look forward to a Friday, October 12th, naming ceremony that will honor UWSP’s past president and chancellor, Lee Sherman Dreyfus.

# UWSP among top universities again

UWSP continues to rate highly among the top public universities in the Midwest, according to the *U.S. News and World Report*.

The 2007 ratings released in August named UWSP seventh in the top tier of Midwestern public master’s degree-granting institutions. UWSP ranked sixth in 2006.

UWSP was found to have 93 percent of its undergraduate classes taught by regular faculty, which is the highest in the UW System. UWSP also had one of the highest graduation rates among the UW comprehensive universities.

*U.S. News and World Report* uses several indicators of academic excellence to rate campuses, including academic reputation as assessed by peers, retention, faculty resources, students, financial resources, graduation rates and alumni giving. Schools are organized by mission and region.

# UWSP makes a big economic impact

UWSP contributes \$378 million to the Central Wisconsin region annually, according to a report issued by Dennis Winters of NorthStar Economics, Inc., a private economic consulting and research firm in Madison.

Released in early January, the 37-page report also states: UWSP’s nearly 9,000 students spend almost \$78 million in the region each year; the university is responsible for nearly 5,700 jobs in the region and nearly 6,400 jobs statewide; and UWSP students contribute almost 46,000 volunteer hours and \$2.7 million worth of time to local community services.

“UWSP is part of the very fabric of the community and greater region,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. “Its students and workforce are vital to the communities and businesses of all of Central Wisconsin. We’re here to stay and we will do our part to meet the needs of the region and the state.”

“We hope that the support of the private and public sector throughout the region will encourage Governor Doyle to continue his investment in UWSP in his upcoming budget,” Bunnell added.

# Documentary filmmaker to give lecture

Ken Burns, a renowned documentary filmmaker and historian, will give a presentation at Sentry Theatre on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., as part of Sentry Insurance’s Invitation to the Arts program in conjunction with UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication.



Ken Burns

Tickets are available at the University Box Office, (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378, for \$10 a person. All proceeds will benefit fine arts programs in Stevens Point high schools.

During his presentation, Burns will highlight his many past productions and divulge information about his upcoming projects. One of his highly anticipated works, *The War*, a seven-part series about World War II, will debut on public television in September.

Burns has more than 30 years of filmmaking experience, with many of his films bringing history to life. His repertoire includes the Academy Award nominated *Brooklyn Bridge* and the Emmy Award winners *The Civil War*, *Baseball* and *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*. One of his techniques, the use of embedding still photographs in motion pictures through panning and fading, was named The Ken Burns Effect and is a staple in documentary filmmaking.

“More Americans get their history from Ken Burns than any other source,” says historian Stephen Ambrose.



## Faculty briefs

- ✎ **Master Sgt. Michael Butcher**, military science, retired from active duty military in October after 23 years of service. Currently the senior military instructor at UWSP, Butcher served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, where his battalion was awarded the Presidential Valorous Unit Citation and he won the Bronze Star. He began teaching at UWSP in November 2003.
- ✎ **Diane Bywaters**, art and design, was commissioned by Wisconsin Percent for Art to create three paintings for the West Bend National Guard, a helicopter medical rescue unit. The 22 by 80 inch oil paintings will feature aerial images of the West Bend area in summer, fall and winter framed within stainless steel structures reminiscent of medical stretchers. The works will be installed in 2007.
- ✎ **Robert Kase**, chair of the Music Department, was honored with the first Prometheus Award in Music for Outstanding Alumni of the University of Minnesota-Duluth. A professor at UWSP since 1986, he was recognized for demonstrating passion and humanity as a trumpet educator and performer.
- ✎ **Joan North**, dean of the College of Professional Studies, won the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award from Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership. As a founding member of WWHEL, North has supported the advancement of women and minorities in higher education throughout her career. She has served UWSP since 1985.
- ✎ **Don Showalter**, professor emeritus of chemistry, received the Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach from the American Chemical Society. He was recognized for improving public appreciation for chemistry through his many demonstrations and involvement in the PBS series “The World of Chemistry.” He retired last spring after 23 years at UWSP.
- ✎ **Christine Thomas**, master’s ’79, dean of the College of Natural Resources, was named a distinguished alumna at Central Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in biology in 1972. She also received CMU’s 2006 College of Science and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award.
- ✎ **Mark Tolstedt**, communication, was elected the national president of the Broadcast Education Association. He has been on the group’s board of directors for three years and is currently its treasurer-secretary. He will serve as vice president in 2007 and as president in 2008.
- ✎ **Charles Rochester Young**, music, was a Wisconsin Teaching Scholar for the 2005-06 academic year. As a result, he completed a project on the study of improvisation through foreign language teaching and learning models. His strategies were implemented into a music theory course with positive results.

## Shopping spree leads to donation



A special promotion at Rainbow Casino resulted in the donation of \$5,388.09 for a Department of Business and Economics scholarship at UWSP.

As winners of a Super Shopping Spree Contest at the casino, UWSP psychology student Chris Burger and Shirley and Lyle Krause had eight minutes to race around the Wisconsin Rapids Wal-Mart and collect as much merchandise as possible. The group managed \$5,388.09 worth, and that amount was equaled by Rainbow Casino for the scholarship.

Pictured above is Gary Mullins, chair of the Department of Business and Economics, Lyle Krause, and Rainbow Casino managers Myra Westphal and Darren Brinegar. Brinegar and Westphal created the project as a way to help area business students.

## CPS to offer health science major

A new UWSP major in health sciences within the College of Professional Studies (CPS) has been approved by the UW System Board of Regents.

The major will prepare students for admission into graduate programs in health sciences, physical therapy and occupational therapy or for entry-level positions in health-related industries such as pharmaceutical sales, insurance, information systems management, pre physical therapy and pre-occupational therapy. The major will be housed in the CPS Department of Health Sciences, formerly the Clinical Laboratory Science Department.

“We developed this program in response to a regional need for health care workers following the expansion of three major health provider networks in Central Wisconsin and to meet student demand for additional options within the health care field at the baccalaureate level,” said Joan North, dean of CPS.

UWSP has requested state funding for 50 majors per year, two and half full-time faculty members and a half-time program associate for this new major.

“The new major reflects our intent to connect to the future by providing new programs that meet the needs of major economic drivers in our region,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

For more information, see the Health Science Department Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/hlthsci](http://www.uwsp.edu/hlthsci).

## Ross Amphitheater dedicated at Schmeeckle Reserve



Nancy Ross spoke at the dedication of the Ross Amphitheater on Oct. 7.

A new amphitheater built in honor of a UWSP alumnus and his wife, both supporters of the university, has become an additional outdoor gathering place at Schmeeckle Reserve on campus.

Dedicated on October 7, the John and Nancy Ross Amphitheater is located across from the UWSP soccer fields and just east of the rappelling tower. The path leading to it is marked by a trademark cedar sign and an engraved stone honoring the Rosses, and is lit at night by solar-powered trail lights. Natural landscaping around the amphitheater compliments tiered stone seating around a stage with the forest as a backdrop.

The spot pays tribute to the contributions of the couple, who are members of the UWSP Foundation William C. Hansen Society for giving more than \$25,000 in lifetime commitments to UWSP. **John Ross**, ’58, a former board member and

president of the UWSP Foundation, passed away Feb. 28, 2006.

Schmeeckle Reserve Director Ron Zimmerman thinks the amphitheater is a great natural middle ground for groups of students to congregate. A former Indiana University professor, John Ross shared many evenings at that campus with his own students around a campfire ring that they constructed, Zimmerman said, adding, “I did not know this when I proposed the idea of honoring John and Nancy with an amphitheater.”

The location “is conveniently near the dorms but buffered from traffic noises,” he said. “It is inviting for small to medium-sized groups to enjoy each others’ company around a campfire setting.”

Among those speaking at the dedication were Zimmerman, Christine Thomas, dean of the College of Natural Resources, and John Buzza of the UWSP Foundation Board. Almost fifty people attended to enjoy the new space and honor Ross’ memory.

Born and raised in Stevens Point, Ross graduated from P.J. Jacobs High School then received a degree in conservation education from UWSP under the guidance of Fred Schmeeckle in 1958. He completed advanced studies in accounting at the American Institute of Banking and worked as a National Park Service ranger, and received his master’s degree in recreation and park administration at Indiana University.

Ross developed and taught many courses at Indiana University for 29 years, retiring in 1998. A member of the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board, he established the Ross-Schmeeckle Endowment with his wife, Nancy, for support of the reserve.

## Trivia 38: Trivia Returns

“Trivia 38: Trivia Returns” has been picked as the theme of the 2007 trivia weekend, broadcast Friday through Sunday, April 20-22, on the UWSP campus radio station, WWSP 90FM.

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

Registration is \$30 per team and must be completed in advance at the 90FM studios between Monday, April 16, and 6 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Trivia merchandise will be on sale at the studios.

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

The documentary Triviatown, filmed during the 2004 Trivia weekend, debuted in 2006 and won Best Film at the Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison and Best Documentary at the Westchester (New York) Film Festival. Directed by Brit McAdams and Patrick Cady, it was screened at the Central Wisconsin Film Festival in Stevens Point in November 2006, at which time it was proclaimed “The Official Movie of Stevens Point.”

For complete rules, a listing of teams and registration information visit the 90FM Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp) and click on “Main Events.”





## UWSP selected for energy independence project

In a ceremony at the Noel Fine Arts Center in September, Governor James Doyle named UWSP as one of four state universities selected for an energy independence project that will target renewable energy options and aggressive conservation efforts. The pilot program aims to make their campuses completely energy independent within the next five years.

Selection was based on leadership support, existing participation in a green power program and existing air permit fuel options. Also chosen were UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls.

"We are honored to be among the chosen campuses to help lead the state toward energy independence," said Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

UWSP already has a number of energy conservation efforts in place, including participation in Wisconsin Public Services NatureWise alternative fuel program, solar water heating systems in three residence halls, rain gardens, a green roof on the library, use of energy conservation elements in new building projects and campuswide sustainability practices.



UWSP Student Government Association Vice President Rhea Owens (left) and President Ross Cohen (right) met with Governor James Doyle while he was on campus promoting his Energy Independence Project.

## UWSP co-sponsoring walking marathon

UWSP is working with other community and statewide health providers and promoters to sponsor the third annual Walk Wisconsin walking marathon on Saturday, June 2, which encourages Wisconsinites to take more responsibility for their own health. A free Kid's Walk Wisconsin with shorter distances will take place the evening of Friday, June 1.

In the first two years of the event, over 2,800 participants have walked more than 36,000 miles on the scenic trails in and around Stevens Point. In this third year, committee members have set 25,000 miles as a goal. In addition to the 26.2 mile marathon, a 13.1 mile half marathon and 6.5 mile quarter marathon are also offered.

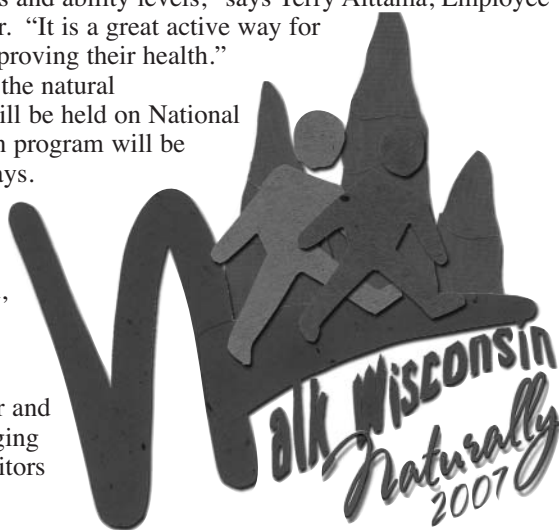
Organizers believe that in training for a distance walk, participants will become positively addicted to this simple, inexpensive and extremely beneficial form of exercise.

"Walking is an exercise that can be enjoyed by most ages and ability levels," says Terry Aittama, Employee Wellness coordinator at UWSP and organizing team member. "It is a great active way for families and friends to spend quality time together while improving their health."

The 2007 event, "Walk Wisconsin...Naturally," features the natural environment of our state, and not coincidentally, the walk will be held on National Trail Day. Students from UWSP's Environmental Education program will be called upon to create some educational fun along the pathways.

The walk is not a race, but a challenge intended to encourage a healthy lifetime habit. All participants will receive a sports pack, water bottle, event shirt, numerous nutrition stations, a finish medallion, a finish line picnic and, of course, good old-fashioned Stevens Point hospitality the entire day. For more information or registration forms, call (715) 342-2969 or go to [www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com).

This is a great way for alumni and friends to get together and see wellness lessons in action, says Aittama. For group lodging opportunities, contact the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau at (715) 344-2556.



## Alumna and professor published by Cornerstone Press

A book about travels to distant lands and a book about the lands close by were published this fall by Cornerstone Press, the student-run publishing company at UWSP.

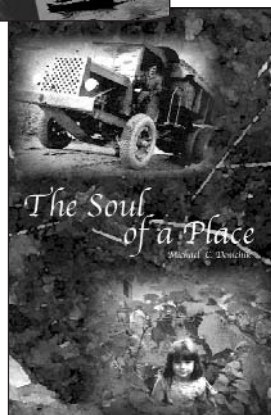
*Miss Adventures*, a book by alumna **Lisa Greyhill**, '85, Clarendon Hills, Ill., and *The Soul of a Place*, by UWSP Associate Professor of Forestry Michael Demchik, are now available for purchase in Stevens Point at the University Store at 200 Division St., Book Finders and Book World as well as online at [www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone](http://www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone). Worzalla Publishing of Stevens Point donated the printing and binding of the books.

*Miss Adventures* is a collection of stories based on Greyhill's experiences as the founder of the Adventure Travelers Society in Hinsdale, Ill. Using vivid descriptions, she allows readers to escape to exotic lands such as Chile and Mongolia, where, during both business-related and personal trips, Greyhill has found herself in extraordinary situations, such as eating frogs in the midst of extreme hunger in the jungles of the Amazon.

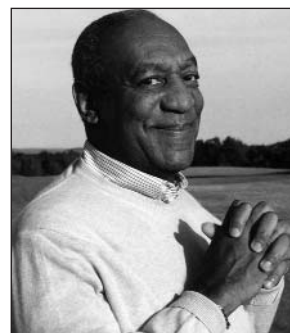
"This book is a collection of humorous short stories based on some real life adventures 'gone sideways'," said Greyhill.

Inspired by his love for the environment and culture, Demchik has written poems and observations in *The Soul of a Place* that compare Central Wisconsin to his native West Virginia. Prior to coming to UWSP in 2004, Demchik was an associate professor extension educator with the University of Minnesota, serving as the state specialist for farm forestry. He earned a doctorate in forest resources at Pennsylvania State University in 1998.

Cornerstone Press is made up of students of English Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing class, offered each fall to give students hands-on experience in the publishing field. The students worked as a team to select and edit the two manuscripts as well as print and sell the books, with profits supporting future Cornerstone Press publications. Dieterich acts as chief executive officer, overseeing the publication.



## Bill Cosby to perform at UWSP



Bill Cosby

Comedian Bill Cosby will perform two shows at UWSP on Friday, October 12, during Homecoming weekend.

Shows will be held at the Quandt Fieldhouse on campus at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets for both shows will go on sale on Monday, April 23. Reserved seating prices are \$41, \$37, \$33 and \$31, based on location. A \$2

service charge will be added to each ticket.

After April 23, tickets will be available at the University Box Office at 200 Division Street in Stevens Point, by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or going online to [tickets.uwsp.edu](http://tickets.uwsp.edu). Visa, Mastercard or Discover is accepted.

The show is sponsored by Centertainment Productions, the student-run production company on campus.

## Alumnus named L&S development officer



Mark Williams

**Mark Williams**, '88, Iola, was named director of development for the UWSP College of Letters and Science.

In this role, Williams will cultivate prospects for gifts to the college as well as enhance the work of the college through fundraising and communications.

"The motto of Letters and Science is 'enriching student success,'" says Williams. "I plan

on contributing to that."

"Mark understands that fundraising is not so much about just collecting dollars but instead is truly about making a positive difference in the lives of our students and our faculty," said Lance Grahn, dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Previously, Williams was the group publisher for F+W Publications in Iola. Returning to his alma mater has been a positive experience, he says. Among the many technological improvements and new faces in faculty and staff, he noted one important aspect has not changed in the 20 years since he graduated.

"The campus community is still the same," he said. "And that's great."

## Manzke named executive assistant



Robert Manzke

**Robert Manzke**, '97, Plover, was named the executive assistant to Chancellor Linda Bunnell at UWSP.

Formerly the leadership and employment development coordinator for the UWSP Student Involvement and Employment Office for six years, Manzke also served as the adviser of the Association for Community Tasks organization.

He has worked on several campus committees, including accreditation, Open House, University and Chancellor Leadership Awards and the American Democracy Project.

In the community, Manzke has served as an adjunct faculty member at Mid-State Technical College. He is active with the Greater Portage County Rotary Club, United Way Volunteer Center Advisory Board, Leadership Portage County, Portage County Job Center Advisory Board and Wesley Foundation.

Before joining the UWSP administration in 2000, he held academic positions at Silver Lake College, Western Wisconsin Technical College, UW-La Crosse and Winona State University. He earned a master's degree from UW-La Crosse in 1999. His wife, **Amanda (White) Manzke**, '96, is a school psychologist for the Wisconsin Rapids school district. They have two sons.



## Student briefs

- UWSP's Student Government Association** registered over 1,500 students to vote in the November 7 election. Based on student population, UWSP had the highest ratio of student registrants in the UW System due to campus sponsored events held throughout the school year, such as a "Rock the Vote" concert held this fall and classroom visits.
- Two students, **Lucas Vold** of Colfax and **Jesse Sebero** of Porterfield, were recognized at the National Game of Logging collegiate competition held at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio, in October. Vold placed second in the event, receiving a \$500 scholarship, and Sebero was honored with fourth place in the competition.
- Lester Dillard**, a master's candidate in the College of Natural Resources, placed first in student oral presentations at the 13th annual conference of The Wildlife Society held in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Students **Bethany Blicharz** of Three Lakes and **Matthew Schuler** of Stevens Point were awarded the prestigious Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Award scholarship for pursuing careers in wildlife and conservation while demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. Each student received \$2,000 and a plaque to commemorate their achievements along with a one-year membership in the Elk Foundation.
- Abby Gutowski** of Suamico, a communication student and member of the Lambda Phi Eta Communication Honor Society, won the 2006 Public Relations Society of America \$1,000 Scholarship from the Madison chapter.
- Three art and design May graduates, **Kristin Madson** of Valders, **Samantha Olson** of Waupaca and **Lindsey Wollan** of River Falls, received honorable mention awards for their poster designs at the SIGGRAPH-SPACE 2006 national juried student competition. Their work will be displayed internationally for the next year as a part of the SIGGRAPH Education Committee.
- Eight music students were honored during the **Wisconsin chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing** annual student competition in November. Jeffrey Bakken of Stevens Point won first place and John Becker of Green Bay won third place in the senior men's division, and Michael Knaapen of De Pere placed third in the sophomore men's finals. The following students were selected for the semifinals: Luke Adsit of Plover, Shelly Bitner of Wausau, Danielle Kinderman of Appleton, Sara Suchy of Elkhorn and Megan Younkle of New Franken.
- Sixteen student members of **UWSP's Student Society of Agriculture and Wildlife Society** teamed up with interns and instructors at Treehaven, a UWSP field station in Tomahawk, to install nesting platforms to attract osprey pairs to the Treehaven property. The osprey population is in a sharp decline due to past nest disturbances and pesticide use. The platforms will provide the necessary nesting locations for ospreys who return to the area in the spring.
- Students from the **Public Relations Student Society of America**, along with Chancellor Linda Bunnell, launched a public information campaign to encourage the campus community to clean up after themselves. A logo featuring Stevie Pointer and the slogan "Don't Be a Dirty Dawg" is being displayed around campus in hopes of raising the awareness of proper disposal of trash and recyclable items on campus grounds.



## Students transforming Leopold trees

Faculty and students of the College of Natural Resources Paper Science and Engineering Department transformed trees from the Aldo Leopold Memorial Reserve near Baraboo from pulp to paper to create a limited edition run of Leopold's seminal work, *A Sand County Almanac*.

The pulp from the trees was converted into approximately 2,000 pounds of paper on November 21 for a limited (1,000 copies) run of Leopold's Almanac. Spectra Printing Corporation of Stevens Point converted the paper into books on behalf of the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

"This is a wonderful educational opportunity for our students," said John Lazar, lab manager for UWSP's paper machine, in November. "We are honored to take part in this paper conversion as this campus is well versed on the legacy of Leopold and what he and his family mean to forestry and conservation."

Pointer Alumnus

## Thailand Project bringing four students to UWSP

Four graduates from the Developmental Education Program for Daughters and Communities (DEPDC) in Mae Sai, Thailand, will attend UWSP in the fall of 2007.

These students, who have no citizenship and are considered illegal aliens in every country, will come to UWSP through the "Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid" program, part of the campus' multifaceted Thailand Project, a partnership between the DEPDC and UWSP.

Created by UWSP art student Joseph Quinnell, The Thailand Project aims to create hope through education for Thailand children attending the DEPDC, a school founded and operated by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sompop Jantraka to rescue children from the country's sex industry and exploitive child labor situations.

For the past two years in a row, students have visited the DEPDC during winter break through UWSP's International Programs, teaching the fine arts and painting murals at the school.

With the Thai students coming to UWSP this fall, they will be able to pursue a college education then return to Thailand to build what Quinnell calls "the next generation of educated warriors against sex trafficking."

Quinnell, his two project assistants, Katie Hopkins and Jolene Dalebroux, and other supporters of The Thailand Project are now working to raise enough money to support all four students during their first year. Donations to the project, which will cover tuition, room,

board and general living expenses, may be sent to the UWSP Foundation. All donations will be tax deductible. Checks are payable to: The Thailand Project, 101B Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point WI 54481.

For more information, go to [www.thethailandproject.com](http://www.thethailandproject.com).



Dance major Kathryn Sankivitz, Neenah, leads a DEPDC class in modern dance during a visit in January 2007.

## Student's ad wins Super Bowl spot



Katie Crabb

An advertising contest, a few million dollars, a Chevrolet HHR and a group of half-naked men have made UWSP transfer student Katie Crabb an advertising guru.

As the winner of a nationwide Chevrolet advertising competition for college students, the Eagle native designed a 30-second commercial for the company's new line of crossover cars. The ad, featuring an HHR swarmed by men hoping to touch and wash it with their own clothing to the shock of the women inside, was aired during the Super Bowl on Feb. 4. These commercials cost an average of \$2.6 million.

Crabb was attending UW-Milwaukee last fall when she entered the competition as an assignment in a journalism class. More than 800 teams of students entered the contest from 230 schools and five teams were selected as finalists. Crabb was the youngest finalist and the only solo competitor. The finalists made

an all-expense paid trip to Detroit in October to learn about advertising, the cars and present the ads to both Chevrolet and advertising executives for a final decision.

The ad, which will run all year, was chosen for its uniqueness and appeal to all ages. Crabb designed the commercial to appeal especially to women and to be funny, she said. Until she was revealed as the winner on television the Friday night before the Super Bowl, only a few knew she had won, including her family and a few of her new professors at UWSP.

Crabb was able to take an active role in the filming of the commercial in New York City in December before she began classes at UWSP in January. She was also in Miami for the Super Bowl and her commercial's debut. This summer, as part of her prize, she'll intern for the Campbell-Ewald advertising firm, which handles Chevrolet's advertising. She was also offered a full-time job at the firm after graduation.

In the meantime, she'll continue her studies in English education and theatre at UWSP.

"My life has definitely taken an unexpected turn," she said. "I am so excited to see what doors have been opened for me, especially when it comes to the world of film. I've always wanted to get into film, so this might be the kindling I needed to start that fire."

## Student entrepreneur owns business



Zach Vruwink

By Stephen Kaiser

Most UWSP students wait until they've graduated before they open a business.

Not Zach Vruwink, a freshman political science major at UWSP. He has owned and operated his own business, Zach's Computers, in downtown Wisconsin Rapids since he was a high school freshman in 2002.

Vruwink first started working on computers in his parents' basement, servicing and selling custom-built computers to family and friends. When he realized that he could turn a profit with his skills, Zach's Computers was born.

With the support of his parents and his association with Junior Achievement, Vruwink started with \$500 in working capital for rent, utilities and inventory for his first month. In July 2003 he rented a building through Consolidated Papers at an affordable and flexible price and payment plan.

In his first six months of business, he recorded about \$75,000 in net sales, although he is quick to admit that after rent, utilities and finance charges, there wasn't much left in terms of profit. He established a large customer base due to his emphasis of on-site personalized service, during and after each sale. The company experienced a sales growth of about 20 percent in four years. His inventory multiplied and he added two employees, all the while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average through high school.

These days, with a customer base of over 1,000 and sales of over \$200,000 for 2006, Vruwink has been

accomplishing more than he expected.

"When I started Zach's Computers, I was looking at it as a side project that I could have as a summer job," Vruwink said. "There was very little risk involved, so I decided to have some fun with it."

Vruwink is taking the transition between high school and college life in stride. In addition to running Zach's Computers, he has a full-time load of credits and is working a few hours each week doing Web design for UWSP Career Services. He also plans on pursuing a position with the Student Government Association. After graduating he wants to try his hand in law or politics.

His aunt, Wisconsin State Representative Amy Sue Vruwink, has been a constant source of inspiration for him. He's keeping his options open as far as his business, and may expand and sell half of his ownership if it continues to grow at its current pace.

His achievements have not gone unnoticed. Last May he received the 2006 Wisconsin Area Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Milwaukee, where he met many Wisconsin business owners, such as Culvers' CEO Craig Culver. In June Vruwink traveled to Chicago to receive the Lake Michigan Area award, attending a formal event where he and three other Young Entrepreneurs received \$1,000. Ernst & Young created the award to encourage the next generation of business leaders, and Vruwink is still in disbelief to find himself among them. However, he knows that his success wasn't handed to him on a silver platter.

"I started from scratch. It wasn't like opening a franchise," Vruwink said. "It was, and still is, a constant process of trial and error, balancing employee needs and customer needs. Running your own business is definitely not a spectator sport."



# UWSP grad completes season as a trainer with the Packers

By Stephen Kaiser

While **Thomas Krahn**, '06, Brillion, isn't launching 50-yard touchdown passes or drawing up the playbook, his recent work with the Green Bay Packers held an equally important role in leading them to victory.

Krahn just finished a season as a licensed athletic trainer with the Packers, ensuring that each player under his wing was stretched, taped and ready to perform. Working with some of Wisconsin's most adored athletes like Brett Favre, Donald Driver and Ahman Green for an entire season gave Krahn a mix of emotions in regards to the profession.

"At first I was kind of star-struck, as I'm sure anyone would be," Krahn said. "Working with the players that we grew up watching has definitely been a blast."

Krahn had completed an internship with the Cleveland Browns at their seven-week training camp previous to his employment with the Green Bay Packers. He valued the experience, but considered working for his home team to be both more enjoyable and beneficial from a personal and professional standpoint.

"The players from the Packers introduced themselves when I joined the staff, and they were very down-to-earth because they knew we were there for them," Krahn said. "Green Bay also uses new rehab techniques in the field and pushed towards continuing education in the profession."

Life on the road was an exciting element of the job for Krahn, who traveled with the team all around the United States. There were no long waits at airport security, they flew first class and had four roomy coaches waiting for them at their destination along with a police escort. Then there was the food.

"There was food everywhere," Krahn said. "It seemed like we were always eating."

Being on the road was fun and interesting, but it wasn't always a pleasant experience. This attitude has been documented by many coaches and players throughout the history of the sport, says Krahn, as it puts a strain on many aspects of your personal life. That is reason enough to make people second guess themselves



Krahn on the job with Packer players and coaches at Lambeau Field.

when entering the profession.

"Working in the NFL the last two years has sort of turned me away," he said. "The time demands, the ability to balance all those hours being on the road while trying to raise a family, it takes a special person to handle that."

Deciding this may not be the life for him, Krahn put in an application at UW-Madison to attend graduate school and was recently accepted. He will be attending during the summer of 2007 to start his doctorate degree in physical therapy. After obtaining his master's, he hopes to come on as physical therapist for a Division III college like UWSP or to start his own sports medicine clinic.

As far as where he sees the Packers next season, Krahn was very optimistic.

"The start of this past season was rocky, but it was fun seeing the young players mature, blend and work with each other," Krahn said. "We kind of got on a roll, and hopefully it will carry over into next season. If I were to make a prediction, I'd say that the Packers go 11-5 and make it to the playoffs."

Though he isn't coming back for a second season with the Packers, Krahn looks back at his experience and feels an excitement that he hadn't felt while on the job.

"With the season now over, it makes you think how surreal everything is," he said. "It makes you really soak it all in and cherish everything that you have in front of you."

# Grapa reflects on her walk across America

These days, looking back at her eight and a half months of hiking over varied terrain, **Robin (Laatsch) Grapa**, '01, Oshkosh, finds it surreal that she walked across America.

"I still can't believe we did it," she said. She and her mom, Patty Laatsch, reached their goal at the Point Reyes National Seashore at the Pacific Ocean on Friday, October 27, after 266 days on foot following the path of the American Discovery Trail (ADT). In the process they raised more than \$119,000 for the Aplastic Anemia and Mmyelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation (AA&MDSIF).

Recalling those days, what she remembers most (other than the constant aching in her feet) is meeting so many wonderful people along the way as well as facing some scary and tough moments. There was the night wolves visited their tent and other times they faced freezing weather or being out of water under a blazing sun. "I remember those times because we made it

through them."

It changed the way both her and her mom think about their country.

"It really strengthened our faith in humanity," she said. "Everyone was so helpful, people gave us warm meals and places to stay. We found that people are giving and want to trust their neighbors. It was beautiful to see that across the country."

On the last day of the hike, Grapa and Laatsch had only a quarter mile to the beach where they were met by family and friends and representatives of the ADT and AA&MDSIF. While they had decided they would dip their toes in the Atlantic, both women jumped into the water instead.

"Finishing was strange for both of us," Grapa said. "I'd been thinking about that day all along the trail, but it seemed just like another day of hiking, it was a bit anticlimactic. We were glad everyone came and it was wonderful to be done, but it's true what they say, 'Life is a journey, not a destination.' Our hike was all about the journey."

Returning to 'regular life' was easy at first. Grapa and her husband, Adam, moved to Oshkosh and, after taking November off, she returned to her job as a graphic designer at 4imprint feeling like she'd handled the transition well.

"About two weeks later I began feeling hyper and restless," she said. "It was like I was having symptoms of seasonal depression. After being outdoors 24/7, I was back to work in an office setting." To handle these symptoms, Grapa opened her car window and began taking more walks outdoors. Her mom also had the same feelings and was relieved when being outdoors helped her as well.

Additionally, Grapa said it took two weeks before their feet felt

normal again. "I'd been looking forward to the day when my feet didn't hurt. That took longer than we thought."

Her mom saw a physical therapist and both did exercises to help the muscles in their feet return to normal. Both have also noticed their feet are longer and wider, and some shoes are tighter than they used to be.

After spending so much time together, it was also hard for mother and daughter to be apart. "We missed each other a lot," said Grapa. The two continue to work together to raise money for AA&MDSIF and will hold their third annual fundraising walk between resorts in the Phillips area on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Grapa has begun making presentations to talk about her battle with aplastic anemia, the hike and the importance of blood donation, which helped save her life. She looks forward to giving this talk at UWSP the evening of Monday, April 23, at the College of Professional Studies as part of a two-day blood drive sponsored by the Department of Health Sciences.

"I hope to encourage people to donate blood and be added to the bone marrow registry. You can make such an impact by doing something so simple," she said. "I also want to encourage people to live their dreams, to get out there and do what they love."

Grapa and Laatsch's hike was first profiled in the fall 2006 issue of *The Alumnus*. For more information, see [www.ourhike.com](http://www.ourhike.com).



Robin Grapa (right) and her mom, Patty Laatsch, were presented with a plaque by the American Discovery Trail after completing the trail at the Point Reyes National Seashore on Friday, Oct. 27.

**Grapa and Laatsch's hike, by the numbers:**

- Total miles hiked: 4,613.9
- Total days: 267
- Average miles hiked/day: 18.9
- Longest day: 30.4 miles
- Pairs of shoes worn out: 9
- States hiked across: 13
- Liters of water consumed (estimated): 801
- Steps taken (estimated): 10,846,000
- Money raised: \$119,000
- Close animal encounters: wolves, bears, scorpion, rattlesnake, coyotes, fox, bulls

**Save the Date:** Grapa will make a presentation at UWSP on the evening of Monday, April 23.



# Alumni use Internet for business opportunities

## Keep fit...by surfing the Internet



James Young

By Stephen Kaiser

Most people don't see the Internet as a tool for getting or keeping fit. For **James Young**, '98, Neenah, the Internet is an integral part of his business as a personal trainer.

Young discovered a love for sharing his expertise in health, wellness, strength and conditioning while working as a fitness director at a private health club in Neenah for eight years. This sparked an interest in finding

new ways to keep people interested in staying on track with their fitness plan.

In 2001, he started Jimmy Fitness LLC and a Web site, [www.jimmyfitness.com](http://www.jimmyfitness.com), for online personal training. The site offers comprehensive information on strength training, cardiovascular workouts, nutrition, flexibility and mental toughness. Those looking for more extensive professional advice can sign up to have Young create personalized exercise programs and a nutrition plan as their personal online trainer.

In 2003, Young developed a software program called Gym-E-Trainer, which consists of interactive videos of real people performing a large array of exercises. Another Web site, [www.jfitinc.com](http://www.jfitinc.com), supports the Gym-E-Trainer line, which includes video kiosks for use at a gym or fitness center as well as a DVD At Home Exercise Guide. The software is especially geared for 24-hour fitness centers and corporate wellness centers where personal trainers might not always be available.

"What influenced me to develop the Gym-E-Trainer software was people continuously asking me for fitness information when I was not available due to training or other activities," Young said. "I needed a way to give them a relatively quick answer to their questions without having to be there 24/7."

This is not a replacement for working with a real trainer, said Young, but rather a means to assist people when they need it in a way that is easy to follow. "Personal training is more than just showing people exercises," he added, "it's about motivation, personal contact, and getting to know what makes a person click, and ultimately achieve their goals."

"People have been very pleased because they now have something to go to everyday and stay motivated," Young said. "New information can be uploaded at any time from the staff at the fitness center, which gives the program a unique quality that others lack."

## Couple create online 'For Sale' signs



Mikhail Salienko

By Kirsten Olsen

**Mikhail**, '01, and **Karen Salienko**, '00, Plover, who first met in Burroughs Hall during their sophomore year at UWSP, wanted to give back to the Central Wisconsin community after moving back into the area of their alma mater.

Mikhail, who has a full-time job as an underwriter for Sentry Insurance, had previously worked as an estate title examiner and for a Madison real estate company. So the couple created an online business that helps Central Wisconsin homeowners sell their residential or commercial real estate without a broker or realtor.

For Sale By Owner Central Wisconsin, at [www.fsbocentralwisconsin.com](http://www.fsbocentralwisconsin.com), provides a listing of properties for sale by owner including photos, descriptions, directions and seller contact

information.

"The reason why the business is Internet based is simply because of convenience," says Mikhail. "Some people notice a For Sale sign in the front yard and don't feel comfortable calling the property owner and asking them a million questions." The Internet provides sellers with the tools needed to reach out to as many potential buyers as possible, he added.

With two children of their own, the Salienkos decided to donate a portion of their listing fee to a school or charitable organization of the customer's choice. They also have funded a full-year sponsorship of the Mosinee Youth Hockey program and ran a contest in which UWSP students were asked to design their company's logo, "so that students had an opportunity to showcase their creative skills and build their art portfolio," said Mikhail. He hopes to offer other projects and sponsorships that involved UWSP and the local community.

"Real estate is only an outlet for me to give back to the community that has given me so much support throughout my college years," said Mikhail, who felt welcomed by both community residents and faculty and administration at UWSP as a foreign student. "I will be forever thankful for what I learned at UWSP. All my communication classes provided me with the knowledge to set up a business and run it effectively with minimal starting investment."

Mikhail also hopes to provide discounts to new UWSP faculty relocating to Central Wisconsin and to include the offerings of local real estate-related companies, such as construction, electrical, plumbing, painting and landscaping, on the site.

## Baeseman continued



Jenny Baeseman

"People think this is a political issue, but it's real, scientific fact," said Baeseman. Climate change has been an important issue to her since her days at UWSP, she says, when not much was known about it. As she completed doctoral work at the University of Colorado and postdoctoral research at Princeton University, she learned more.

"Global warming doesn't mean everything will get hot," she said. "The average earth temperature will rise but microclimates will change everywhere. The Midwest could get wetter, Europe could get colder." While the melting of floating ice in the Arctic won't affect sea levels, she said, the melting of land-based ice, such as in Greenland and Antarctica, could cause sea levels to rise 20 feet or more.

Many of the people that Baeseman met at The Climate Project training session know of UWSP and its environmental education program. She herself credits her UWSP interdisciplinary education for helping her look at the whole picture. "I learned about soil, water, wildlife and forestry and how they are integral to each other." She also credits Professor Bryant Browne for teaching her to think critically, problem solve, work independently and for opportunities to do science while learning it.

For more information, see [www.theclimateproject.org](http://www.theclimateproject.org) and [www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org). To contact Baeseman for speaking engagements, e-mail her at [jbaesema@kent.edu](mailto:jbaesema@kent.edu).

## Milestone reunions continued

Sports team reunions will be held from 2:15-3:15 p.m., including the 1957 wrestling reunion, 1982 basketball reunion, 1982 softball reunion and 1982 hockey reunion. Locations will be announced at a later date.

Saturday evening's activities will take place at the Holiday Inn. Events include a Treehaven/European studies seminar/Clam Lake reunion at 5 p.m., separate socials for the 10th, 25th and 50th reunion groups at 6 p.m., and a Milestone Award dinner at 7 p.m.

A scavenger hunt will take place during the two-day event, with cards available at all registration tables, the 50th Reunion brunch and both picnics. The Scavenger hunt may be played alone or with a team. Everyone will get their own card and chance to win prizes for completing the hunt.

"We hope you enjoy visiting some of your old haunts and maybe discovering some new ones through this game," said Gehrman Rottier.

The weekend registration fee is \$30 per adult or \$15 for children ages 9-16. Children under age 8 are free. Those who would like to stay on campus may do so for an additional \$25. Register online at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni).

For those seeking lodging off campus, the Alumni Association has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., at the rate of \$89 per double, per night. Call the Holiday Inn at (715) 344-0200 before May 20 to make reservations.

**2007 UWSP Alumni Association Milestone Reunion**

## A Walk Down Memory Lane

Those attending a milestone reunion at UWSP this June will have a lot of reminiscing to do. But aside from events like this, sometimes all it takes to find a fellow Pointer is to strike up a conversation.

Emeritus UWSP Professor Gerald Chappell, School of Communicative Disorders, was visiting his mother-in-law in Bethany Nursing Home, part of the Shadow Woods retirement village where he resides in Waupaca, when he ran into resident **Melba Waag Nelson**, '43. They started talking and found they had a few interests in common, primarily UWSP and its former President William Hansen. Chappell had written a history of Hansen, who was president of the university when Nelson graduated. Through interviews, the two compiled "A Walk Down Memory Lane," a collection of Nelson's memories of UWSP in the 30s and 40s.

Nelson told Chappell that her family moved to Stevens Point so she and her sister could attend Stevens Point State Teachers College, where she majored in mathematics and minored in English and geography. She was active in the Grammar Round Table, the Girls' Glee Club, Sigma Zeta and the Lutheran Student Association. Her 37-year teaching career was spent in Pittsville, Rice Lake, Appleton, Black River Falls, Eau Claire and Wausau. She was a member of the 1943 50th Reunion Committee in 1993. Now in her 80s, she remains active by giving music lessons and leading Bible studies.

"She has a tremendous memory," said Chappell. "Getting to know about her career, it occurred to me that she is the epitome of what this university was created for – teacher training. She invites all graduates, especially those of the 40s, to take a 62-year hike down memory lane with her."

The following excerpt is one of Nelson's recollections from *A Walk Down Memory Lane*. For more, see [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/walk](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/walk).

"Alfred J. Herrick, who was principal of the Training School and also visited our practice teaching, was responsible for teacher placement. In 1944, he placed me in the Pittsville High School where I had to help out and take on the men teachers' program due to their being called up to war. I had to teach general math, algebra, geometry, pre-flight aeronautics, sophomore English, junior English, senior English and agriculture, all these with a study hall behind each class. By the time I got to bed each evening it was well into the morning, sometimes 3 a.m. In spite of it all, I gained 11 pounds that year. I saw Professor Herrick one day in the following summer and after hearing the numbers of preparations I had made he said, 'I'll get you a job with fewer preparations.'"



# Class Notes

## 2000's

**Ashley Atkinson**, '06, Wittenberg, is a science teacher in the D.C. Everest school district.

**Frances (Malovrh) Casey**, '06, Two Harbors, Minn., is a forester with the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources.

**Patricia (Crooks) Kordus**, '06 master's, Weston, is a teacher in the Wausau school district.

**Regina LaRochelle**, '06, Wausau, is an administrative assistant for S & A Advertising and a lifestyle coach at the YMCA.

**Ernest Luedke**, '06 master's, Rothschild, is a teacher in the D.C. Everest school district.

**Amanda Pfeffer**, '06, Greenwood, Ind., is a student in the master's program for clinical psychology at the University of Indianapolis Graduate School.

**Michelle Pliska**, '06, St. Paul, Minn., is the executive assistant to the president and CEO of Megabien Entertainment in St. Paul. The company publishes, produces and distributes audio and video products worldwide. Her first work-related trip took her to Los Angeles to film an interview with rock artist Joe Cocker, and future trips include Europe, Jamaica, Russia, China and Africa.

**Brian Schiltz**, '06, Tomahawk, is a technology teacher in the Tomahawk school district.

**Travis Sutton**, '06, Marshfield, is an optician at Marshfield Clinic.

**Rose Uitenbroek**, '06, Holmen, is a homestore construction designer with Ashley Furniture.

**Suzette Wolosek**, '06, Plover, is an actuarial technician with Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point.

**Mazie Maichoua Moua**, '06, Wausau, was named a "Woman of Color" honoree by the UW System Women's Studies Consortium and Office of Diversity and Development. Active in the Hmong community, she is a member of the Tapestry Theater Educators, an anchor for Hmong Television in Wausau, radio host for Hmong language programming and the producer of the documentary film, "Hmong Women in Higher Education: Searching for a Future." She is currently student teaching in the Wausau school district.

**Sayaka Sato**, '06, Normal, Ill., is a graduate teaching assistant at Illinois State University in Normal where she is pursuing a master's degree.

**Lindsay Demske**, '05, Kenosha, is an orchestra teacher in the Libertyville, Ill., school district.

**Leanne (Ferry) Lee**, '05, Sun Prairie, married Bumsoon Lee in September and is expecting a baby in June. The Lees are moving to Japan for Bumsoon's naval career.



270 non profit financial institutions. Previously he worked in a Milwaukee-based advertising agency.

**Jenny (Schepp) Trzebiatowski**, '05, and **Mike Trzebiatowski**, '01, Plover, were married last May. Both work at Sentry Insurance, Jenny as a claim representative and Mike as a programmer/analyst.

**Marisol Mayorga**, '05 master's, Cartago, Costa Rica, moved back to her home country in February 2006, and she and her husband, Jon Kohl, welcomed a son, Dion Kohl. This past February she began a position as an environmental education faculty member with the University of Costa Rica.

**Amanda Nechuta**, '05, Stevens Point, is a radio operator coordinator with Protective Services and a graduate student in education at UWSP.

**Amanda Telischak**, '05, Chicago, teaches yoga and creative movement at Bubbles Academy arts school. She has performed with Chicago Dance Crash and with Weave Sound Painting Orchestra, a multidisciplinary group of musicians, dancers and actors.

**Monica Stark**, '05, Madison, is an assistant scientist with PPD in Middleton.

**Rebecca (Holz) Biernasz**, '04, Little Chute, married Wesley Biernasz in Milwaukee last August. The wedding was attended by several UWSP alumni, including members of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and Phi Sigma Chi fraternity. The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World.



**Amanda (Hoppe) Bieri**, '04, and **Craig Bieri**, '05, Wausau, were married in July, with many members of the Stevens Point men's and women's Rugby Club members in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas.

**Chad Helminak**, '05, Pewaukee, is a public relations assistant for the Wisconsin Credit Union League in Pewaukee, which represents more than

**Cynthia Atchison**, '04, Stevens Point, is a transportation underwriting technician for Sentry Insurance. She and **Allan Flatoff**, '02, Stevens Point, will be married in Stevens Point in May 2007. Allan works as a program analyst at Sentry Insurance.

**Jessica Buhr**, '04, Hatley, is a second grade teacher in the Wausau school district. She and her husband, Dick, welcomed their son, Wyatt Dixon, on Dick's birthday in June.

**Jennifer (Steinhauer) Fleener**, '04, and **Jason Fleener**, '05, Portage, were married in September. Jennifer teaches Spanish at Westfield High School and was selected for *Who's Who Among Americas Teachers* as a second-year teacher in 2005. She will lead a second group of students to Costa Rica this summer and is pursuing a master's degree in education at Viterbo University. Jason is a wildlife technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the state game farm adjacent to MacKenzie Environmental Center in Poynette.

**Ryan Green**, '04, Cazenovia, teaches English in Seoul, South Korea.

**Melissa Krenz**, '04, Gilbert, Ariz., is a sixth grade teacher in Chandler. Previously she taught fifth grade in Bullhead City, Ariz. She says a Point friend visited and enjoyed the sun so much that he moved to the Phoenix area as well.

**Miranda (Homan) Shanks**, '04, Portage, teaches English and is the pool director for the Portage school district. Her husband, **Douglas Shanks**, '05, Portage, is a customer service representative at M & I Bank in Madison.

**Christopher Uitz**, '04, Milwaukee, is a school program specialist for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Next August he will chaperone an ecology course for high school eco-scholars through Belize and Beyond, a partnership between WE Energies and the zoological society. The group will spend a week in Belize learning about different conservation programs and tropical forest ecology. "This will be an amazing experience," he writes, "and I owe it in part to my background as a Pointer in the CNR." Friends are encouraged to keep in touch at [das\\_uitz@yahoo.com](mailto:das_uitz@yahoo.com).

**Lindsay (Stillman) Vander Heiden**, '04, Greenleaf, is a fitness professional for Thrivent Financial in Appleton. She is married to Robert Vander Heiden.

**Daniel Hetzer**, '04, and **Jessica Schleis**, '05, Janesville, will be married in October. Daniel works for Parts Unlimited as a graphic designer and Jessica is a financial representative for AIG in Madison.

**Elise Haupt**, '03, St. Paul, Minn., was accepted into the dual degree Master's of Public Health/Physicians Assistant program at George Washington University in D.C., and will begin in August.



Photo courtesy of Cumberland Times-News

**Kristine Hopfensperger**, '99, Frostburg, Md., received the inaugural President's Graduate Fellowship at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, where she is pursuing a doctorate and studying wetland plants in the Dyke Marsh Preserve along the Potomac River near Washington D.C. She earned a master's degree in environmental science from Washington State University.



**Michael Zach**, '97, Stevens Point, returned to his alma mater last fall as an assistant professor of chemistry. Previously, while working at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, Mike co-discovered the world's fastest nanostructured hydrogen sensor, cited among the 100 most technologically significant products added to the marketplace for 2006. His UWSP appointment allows him to continue his research into hydrogen sensor development with UWSP undergraduates as a guest faculty researcher at Argonne National Laboratory. He earned master's and doctoral degrees from University of California-Irvine and is married to Karen Jones-Zach.



**Tony Janisch**, '93, Frankfort, Ill., married Tara Wisniewski in June in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., while the couple was midway through a 2,175 walk of the Appalachian Trail. Their six-and-a-half month journey began March 28 in Springer Mountain, Ga., and ended October 8 in Mt. Katahdin, Maine. Along the trail, they ran into a 2000 forestry alumnus named John but didn't catch his last name. When they got home, Tony read about Robin Grapa's walk across America in the fall 2006 Pointer Alumnus. "I can't top that," he said, "but I can feel her aches and pains!"





Forestry alumni gathered in Munising, Mich., in September to celebrate the wedding of **Brenda (Goodwin) Rebitzke**, '98, and Eric Rebitzke, Eagle, Colo. Those pictured include **Pete Yliniemi**, '96, Osage, Minn.; **Bill Mayer**, '96, Dubois, Wyo.; **Jennifer (Kranig) Buss**, '98, Green Bay; **Lori Karau**, '98, Cook, Minn.; **Heather (McPherson) Wolf**, '98, Reedsburg; and Brenda Rebitzke.



Pointer friends gathered in Charlotte, N.C., for Justin Ratike's 30th birthday. Pictured left to right are **Chris Nichols**, '98, Charlotte, N.C.; **Jeremy Ratike**, '02, Milwaukee; **Mark Evans**, '96, Appleton; **Tina Bertotto**, '98, Wauwatosa; **Justin Ratike**, '98, Charlotte, N.C.; **Shane Dornfeld**, '97, Stevens Point; **Mark Little**, '99, Waupaca; **Brian Thill**, '97, Charleston, S.C.; **Shanna Tingley**, '98, Phoenix, Ariz.; **Patrick Bertram**, '00, Oshkosh; and **Jason Brunner**, '98, Milwaukee.



**Jessica (Johnson) Yung**, '97, St. Paul, Minn., and her husband, Andy, have a son, Quentin, and are expecting another child this spring. Jessica is a childbirth educator at Health East Hospitals.



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**Patricia Ludeman**, '86, Jefferson, a family living educator with UW-Extension, received the organization's Academic Staff Council Award for Excellence in June and the UW-Extension Career Award in September. She has worked for UW-Extension for 18 years in both Rock and Dane County. She earned a master's degree in community nutrition from Minnesota State University-Mankato in 1987. Ludeman received the UW-Extension Career Award from UW Colleges and Extension Chancellor David Wilson, above.

## 2000's Continued

**Lindsay (Kalow) Mielzarek**, '03, Stillwater, Minn., married Anthony Mielzarek in September. Many of their UWSP friends attended. Lindsay's sister, current UWSP student Afton Kalow, was the maid of honor.

**Renee (DeBroux) Zimmerman**, '03, Pleasant Prairie, received the \$2,500 Mead Witter Foundation Scholarship Award as a first-year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She is considering a career in pediatric emergency medicine, surgery or gynecology. She is married to Jeremy Zimmerman.

**Heidi (Alstad) Funk**, '02, Milwaukee, and her husband, Jesse, welcomed Addison Mae in December. Heidi is an interior designer for Quorum Architects.

**Brent Bellinger**, '02, West Palm Beach, Fla., is a post-doctoral researcher for the University of Florida and is affiliated with the South Florida Water Management District as part of the Everglades Restoration Project. He earned a Ph.D. at Michigan Tech University.

**Kara Kleinschmidt**, '02, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is a soil scientist for the U.S. Forest Service.

**Tanti Lina**, '01, Philadelphia, Pa., opened [www.papertini.com](http://www.papertini.com), a flower arrangement, invitation design and wedding decoration business, in July.



**Khara Lintel-Plicanic**, '00, (above) Lincoln, Neb., married Emir Plicanic in July and the couple honeymooned in Japan. Khara owns Kabloom Studios ([www.kabloomstudios.com](http://www.kabloomstudios.com)), which she operates out of her home.

**Matt Bremser**, '00, Largo, Fla., is a marketing underwriter for Amerisure Mutual Insurance in St. Petersburg. He is married to Erin.

**Maggie Wise**, '00, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, recently moved to pursue her music and theatre career. She is currently performing in various venues with her new original album, *It's Not That Easy*, and works at McSherry, Patton and Toumert Law office.



**Jennifer Anderson Richmond**, '00, Marshfield (center), married Dennis Richmond in August on the shores of Sunset Lake in her hometown of Eagle River. Alumnae in attendance included her friends **Michele (Skibba) Haas**, '90, Wisconsin Rapids (left), and **Julie (Baraniak) Theisen**, '88, Antigo (right).

## 1990's

**Gunnar Bruning**, '99, Crofton, Md., a member of the U.S. Navy Band, performed the final solo of *Taps* for the funeral of former president Gerald Ford on Jan. 3. Bruning said, "It's exhilarating in one aspect because you're very close to Vice President Cheney, the Ford family and President Carter. You feel like you're really part of something big and important. We've been watching the Ford family grieve the last week, and it feels more personal to me. The magnitude of it was the real difference." (Excerpted with permission from the *Stevens Point Journal*)

**Emily Adler**, '99, Minneapolis, Minn., is a graphic designer for LifeSource in St. Paul, which helps promote organ donation through events and education. "Working to directly or indirectly help real people is exactly what life's about and what I've been working towards," she says.

**Heather (Gutzman) Herro**, '99, Irvine, Calif., was married to Eric Herro in Madison in August, 2005. Many UWSP alumni attended the wedding and the couple honeymooned in Belize.

**Krys (Bronk) Wallace**, '99, Richland, Wash., married James Wallace in July. Krys is a step-mother to three girls.

**Kar-Keat Chong**, '98, Minneapolis, Minn., is a designer for 20 Below Studio in Minneapolis. The firm recently won the 2006 International Interior Design Association FAB Awards Best of Show for one of Kar-Keat's designs. His work has won honors from the American Institute of Architects Minneapolis Chapter and Solutia International, was featured in *Architecture Minnesota* magazine last November and will be featured in the May issue of *Interior Design* magazine.

**Benjamin Douglas**, '98, Bloomington, Ill., works for State Farm Insurance. He's played Trivia for the last ten years as a member of the Particle Truckers team. He's also discovered that both a teammate on his volleyball team and another on his Ultimate Frisbee team are UWSP alumni.

**Jennifer (Hilton) Tranter**, '98, Delevan, and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of Addison Rose in November.



**Daniel Johnson**, '97, Stevens Point, is a geographic information systems technician for Marathon County in

Wausau. Previously he worked at a private firm in Waukesha and for Madison Gas and Electric. He would like to hear from friends who were in Watson Hall in 1992-93, Burroughs and Steiner Halls in 1993-94 and South Hall in 1995-96.

**Heather Kaiser-Hahn**, '97, Sugar Land, Texas, is a school psychologist for the Texas City school district. She and her husband, Todd, welcomed Alexander Josef in August.

**Mark Mehn**, '97, Laramie, Wyo., is an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He earned a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 2003.



**Andrew Brei**, '96, Lafayette, Ind., and his wife, Kim, welcomed Mia Katherine in September, and she joins big sister, Ella (above). Andrew is completing a master's degree at Purdue University then the couple will move to Austin, Texas, this summer, where he hopes to teach philosophy.



**Capt. Aaron Haase**, '96, Colorado Springs, Colo., and his wife **Hope (Klinger)**, '99, welcomed Aspen Hope (above) on Dec. 31. The couple will use their surprise tax deduction to start their future Pointer's college fund, says Aaron, an attorney at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

**Alana (Boos) Carroll**, '95, Northfield, Ill., and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Conor Scheaalan in April 2006. He joins siblings Kelsey and Declan. Alana is a paralegal with Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago.



**Katie (Schoenenberger) Aschenbach**, '95, master's '97, Lawrence, Kan., received the 56th Legacy Award from the Lawrence Education Association and Kansas University Credit Union for her work as a speech and language pathologist in the Lawrence school district since 1997. She is pictured center, (above) with representatives of LEA and KUCU. Her husband, **Todd Aschenbach**, '94, is a post-doctoral research associate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Kansas-Lawrence, where he earned a master's degree and PhD.

**Michelle (Stini) Theisen**, '95, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a volunteer manager for Arc Greater Twin Cities, a Minneapolis organization that serves those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. She is married to David Theisen.

**Teresa Galvin**, '94, Sparks, Nev., and Roger Pflieger welcomed their daughter, Isabella Raelyn in October. She joins big brother, Aidan.

**Tom Kobza**, '94, Baraboo, is a computer technician for the Portage school district. He would like to hear from December 1994 graduates, especially those who studied abroad in London with George Seyfarth in May 1994. E-mail him at [kobzat@portage.k12.wi.us](mailto:kobzat@portage.k12.wi.us).

**Todd Wohlt**, '94, Appleton, has a piece in the permanent collection of bird art at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau. "Little Green Bee-eaters" is a wood carving in which a branch full of birds emerge from bubinga and basswood.



**Tim Klunder**, '93, Rhinelander, a full-time artist, exhibited works in the Marshfield Clinic's New Vision Gallery juried show, "Wisconsin Badger Biennial," in January.

**Dan Retzki**, '93, Kaukauna, is the athletic director at West Bend West High School. He previously worked as director of co-curriculars in Kaukauna and earned a master's degree at UW-La Crosse and a principal's license from Marian College. He also co-owns Graffiti's Sports Bar in downtown Stevens Point. His wife, **Nikki (Zabel)**, '96, is a certified diabetes educator and consultant for Medtronic MiniMed. They have two children.

**Jeremy Schabow**, '93, Hartland, his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Nina, welcomed Jenna Michaela in August.

**Pam (Gifford) Puntney**, '92, Lodi, married Glenn Puntney in February. She previously resided in Fort Worth, Texas, and worked for Texhoma Land Consultants. Prior to that, she worked in health promotion for Baylor All Saints and Huguley Memorial Hospitals.

**Guy Adkins**, '91, Chicago, Ill., stars as Oscar Lindquist in the National Broadway Tour of *Sweet Charity* opposite actress Molly Ringwald as Charity Valentine. The tour began in September and will stop in Milwaukee in July. A Chippewa Falls native, Guy has performed in many shows in Chicago and won several theatrical awards.

## 1980's

**Peter Jorgenson**, last attended '88, Bradenton, Fla., owns Tranquillescapes, Inc., a landscape design company. He says he is forever grateful to UWSP for a life-changing semester in Europe in 1987.



**Erik Wild**, '87, Almond, received the Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award at UWSP, where he is an associate

professor of biology. He earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kansas and has studied frogs in the Amazon Basin of Peru. He also teaches at the UW System Pigeon Lake Field Station near Drummond.

**Mike Bie**, '86, Verona, had his latest book, *It Happened in Wisconsin*, published this winter by Globe Pequot Press. In it he highlights 30 true stories about famous and infamous events in the Badger state. Another book, *Classic Wisconsin Weekends*, published by Trail Books in 2002, is available at Amazon.com. Mike maintains a steady freelance writing career for various publications and also does public relations work. He may be reached through [www.classicwisconsin.com](http://www.classicwisconsin.com).

**Laura Gentile**, '86, Washington D.C., is the communications director at the U.S. EPA in Washington. She recently moved there after 15 years in the San Francisco Bay area. She is interested in meeting Point graduates in the D.C. area. E-mail her at [gentile.laura@epa.gov](mailto:gentile.laura@epa.gov).

**Gina (Lopez) Colon**, '85, Woodland Hills, Calif., owns Gina's Spanish Studio in Los Angeles, a tutoring company for elementary children. She home-schools her two children and teaches group fitness and religious classes.

**David Geissler**, '85, Chaska, Minn., a sales executive with Proctor & Gamble, was honored as a member of the 2006 William Proctor Sales Mastery Program. David has held various positions with the company since 1985. A 1994 inductee to the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, he and his wife, Leslie, have two children.

**Grant Huber**, '83, Madison, is a special assistant for communications and external relations for the UW System. Previously he worked for Wisconsin State Senators Mark Miller and Judith Robson and other Wisconsin legislators. He earned a master's degree in public policy and administration at UW-Madison's La Follette School of Public Affairs and is married to Jolene.

**Melanie (Breitenbach) Jacob**, '83, Detroit, owns Nutrition Therapy, LLC in metro Detroit. As a registered dietitian and adolescent specialist, she provides nutritional counseling on eating disorders, weight management and sports nutrition. She is also president-elect of the Nutrition Entrepreneurs of Michigan. Previously she worked at Children's Hospital in Boston, researching bone health and scoliosis.

**Mary (Tadych) (Kurth) Murray**, '83, Mazomanie, has written over 30 books for educational and Christian publishers since 1990, when she decided to work at home after having children. She currently writes activity guides for children and families for Scholastic At Home and has also written a few picture books. Previously she taught kindergarten in Wisconsin Heights for 14 years and earned a master's degree from Silverlake College. She is married to William Murray.

**Patricia Koppa**, '82, Manitowoc, would like to hear from former Neale Hall residents, especially those from third floor east between spring 1980 and spring 1982. Contact her through The Connecting Point online at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni). Patti is a court commissioner and register in probate for Manitowoc County.

**Jim Kutzke**, '81, Madison, works for Studio Gear in Madison.



**Jon Stika**, '80, Dickinson, N.D., was designated as a 2006 Fellow of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the organization's second most

prestigious award. An agronomist and soil quality instructor for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in North Dakota, Jon has been active with the SWCS since he was a UWSP student and served as president of the North Dakota chapter.

**Michele O'Connell**, '80, Arvada, Colo., is a USDA Forest Service group leader for Land Special Uses in the Rocky Mountain Region, based in Denver. She is married to David Sorensen.

## 1970's



**Christine Thomas**, master's '79, Plover, received the 2006 College of Science and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award from Central

Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree. The dean of the College of Natural Resources at UWSP, she is vice chair of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and is a member of the Sporting Conservation Advisory Council. She is an emeritus member of the board of directors of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, past vice chair of the board of director of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and in 1999 was named among the "Twenty Most Influential Conservationists in Wisconsin in the 20th Century" by the *Wisconsin Outdoor Journal*. She is active in issues related to women in natural resources and created Becoming An Outdoors-Woman, which teaches women outdoor skills.

**Peter Konrath**, '78, Milwaukee, competed in the Gay Games held in Chicago last July. He won a bronze medal within his age group for the 5,000 meter run. He was one of more than 10,000 athletes from around the world competing in 50 sporting events. Peter also raised more than \$1,600 for the Ric Correa Scholarship fund during Ric Fest II. Konrath is a teacher in the West Bend school district.

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**Spencer Prokop**, '78, Dallas, Texas, writes for the American version of the animated series *Trinity Blood*, shown on the Cartoon Network's Adult Swim Saturdays. Spencer has also written for the animated series *Kodocha* and *Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad* and is currently working on *Solty Rei*, all with Funimation Productions.

**Kevin Frailey**, '77, Holt, Mich., is manager of outreach and education for the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. Previously he was conservation education supervisor with the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game for four years. He is working with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to develop the North American Conservation Education Strategy.

**Dean Martens**, '77, McCall, Idaho, a soil scientist at Payette National Forest in McCall, has two daughters with his wife, Debra. He's worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 29 years, 26 of those in Idaho. After serving one term as McCall's mayor and one term on the city council, he knows of five other Pointer alumni in his small town of 2,500. He is looking for interest in an Idaho or Pacific Northwest alumni gathering.



A few members of the 1985 football cheerleading squad got together this fall, including, left to right, **Tina Durocher-Murphy**, '87, Grayslake, Ill.; **Sherri (Thompson) Terpstra**, '87, Stevens Point; **Teresa (Keenan) Krueger**, '88, Fond du Lac; and **Christine (Wanta) Geissler**, '86, Chippewa Falls.



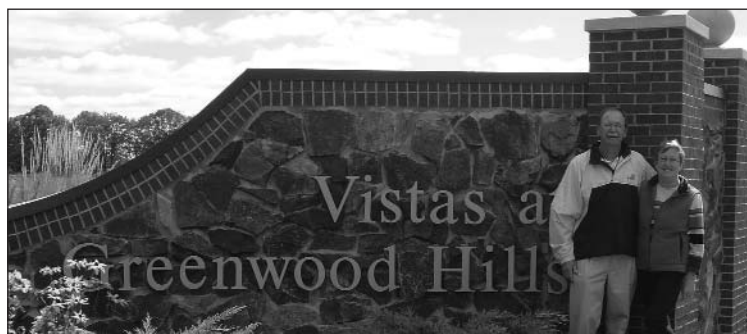
**Steve Janiszewski**, '85, Sublimity, Ore., was featured in billboard and television advertisements for Oregon State Parks and The Oregon Lottery, promoting how lottery funds support the parks and salmon habitat restoration programs. Steve was photographed and filmed in front of South Falls at Silver Falls State Park, where he is district manager. He also manages operations at Detroit Lake State Park and is married to Nicole.



**Jim Rooni**, '84, Austin, Texas, (center) was honored as 2006 Texas Arborist of the Year at the 20th Annual Texas Tree Conference in October. Jim joined the Texas Forest Service in 1997 and currently serves as chief regional forester. He also serves several forest advisory boards and committees and is chair of the Texas Society of American Forester's Hill Country Chapter. He is married to Kate.

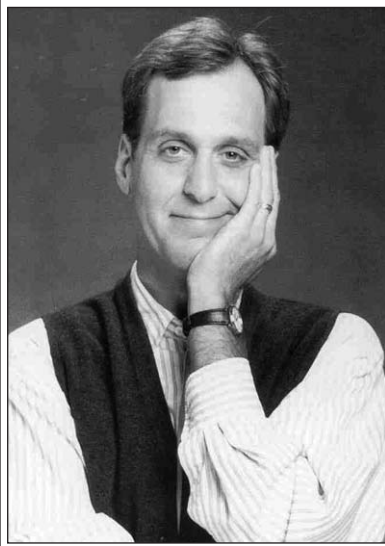


**Kurt Gerner**, '77, Purcellville, Va., is assistant director for engineering with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service in Washington D.C. Previously he worked for the Department of the Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and the DOI Office of Facilities Construction and Management. He holds a master's degree from Utah State University.



**Jim Wanserski**, '72, Wausau, and his wife, Linda, are the developers of Vistas at Greenwood Hills, an 82-acre single-family and condominium development adjacent to Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau.





**Tim Bedore**, '78, Minneapolis, Minn., received a standing ovation as the 2006 Winter Commencement speaker at UWSP in December. A nationally known comedian and radio commentator, Tim performs in comedy clubs and for corporate and charity events and has appeared on Comedy Central. His radio commentary, *Vague But True*, is heard regularly on public radio's Marketplace program and on the Bob and Tom Radio Show, syndicated in 145 markets. He and his wife, Karen, have one daughter. For more about Tim, see [www.vaguebuttrue.com](http://www.vaguebuttrue.com).

## 1970'S Continued



**Douglas Glasenapp**, '76, Milwaukee, received the 2006 Wisconsin Outstanding Biology Teacher Award from the

National Association of Biology Teachers. He has taught biology and photography at Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School since 1980, also serving as the chair of the Science Department, Medical Science Club adviser and head wrestling coach. He started the IB Environmental Systems program at the school.

**Neil Babik**, '75, Hancock, is a regional soil scientist for the Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service. Over the past 30 years he has worked as a soil scientist for the Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri and Utah. "I owe much of my career success, not only to my experiences at UWSP, but also to continued association with fellow alumni over the years," he says.

**Linda (Lobenstein) Lane**, '72, Stoughton, is a nursing home administrator for Meriter Retirement Services in Madison.

**Robert Wundrock**, '72, Verona, received a master's degree in media technology from UW-Stout in 1981.



**Leo Thomasgard**, '71, '91 masters, Port Edwards, retired in June after teaching eighth grade geography in Nekoosa for 34 years. His

wife, Sue, also retired, so the couple took a trip to New England in October to enjoy the fall colors, lighthouses and antique shops. Leo plans to remain active in Scouting, teaching driver's education, reading and biking. The couple also plan visits to see their children in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Colorado.

**Louis Austin**, '71, Highlands Ranch, Colo., regional director of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board's Denver region, was honored with an RRB Award for Excellence in honor of his outstanding contributions to the agency.

**Bill Meissner**, '70, St. Cloud, Minn., published his sixth book, *The Road to Cosmos: The Faces of an American Town*, a collection of short stories chronicling the unique characters of small town USA, through University of Notre Dame Press in November. Bill is director of creative writing at St. Cloud State University. In addition to his books, he's written for more than 200 journals, magazines and anthologies and has won numerous writing awards. He and his wife, **Christine (Vogt) Meissner**, '70, have one son.

## 1960'S



**William McMillen**, '69, Perrysburg, Ohio, is vice president for governmental relations at the University of Toledo/Medical University of Ohio, where he

has worked since 1982. He previously was a faculty member and administrator at Bowling Green University and earned a master's degree at Ohio University in 1976. He and his wife, Barbara, have two sons.

**Mary Zabolio McGrath**, '69, Burnsville, Minn., has co-authored *The Teachers Reflective Calendar and Planning Journal* with Corwin Press and *Surviving Internal Policies Within the School* with Rowman Education.

**Daniel Perkins**, '67, Eau Claire, retired from UW-Eau Claire this fall after 38 years as a university professor. He taught at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, The State University of Iowa at Iowa City, and Iowa State University at Ames in addition to Eau Claire. He says he hopes he's instilled the same insight in his students as his professors did at UWSP.

**Dawn (Hoffman) Westphal**, last attended '62, Marion, retired in 2004 after just over 20 years as dietary manager of a nursing home.

## 1940'S

**Althea (Boorman) Ockerman**, '49, Levittown, Pa., is retired after teaching English as a second language at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul, where she took master's classes. She has won several awards for her short stories and poetry and has been active in the Federated Women's Club of Pennsylvania. Her husband passed away in March 2006.

## Attention Delta Zetas SAVE THE DATE!

Delta Zeta sorority sisters will gather for a reunion in Door County July 20-22. Don't miss it! For more information, contact **Kathie Jung Vavra**, '72, at (920) 743-6255 or [kjjrv@yahoo.com](mailto:kjjrv@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Where are they now?

Back in the 70s and 80s, the Bermuda Triangle Band performed at UWSP dozens of times and were artists in residence for two summers. Now the members of that band, Roger and Wendy Penney, are hoping to rekindle the friendships they made at UWSP during those years. The couple welcome entries to their guest-book at [www.bermudatriangleband.net](http://www.bermudatriangleband.net), where visitors will find news, music clips, information about the band's history, photos and contact information.



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- Neil Babik, '75

## BACK TO THE POINT: Editor takes a new angle on UWSP

**Editor's Note:** *Back to the Point* is a series of articles on alumni who have chosen to live and work in Stevens Point after graduating from UWSP.



Lisa Nellesen-Lara

**Lisa Nellesen-Lara**, '97, has lived in the Stevens Point area most of her life. Even so, these days she sees the community and its university campus in a whole new way – as a parent and as the managing editor of its daily newspaper, the *Stevens Point Journal*.

A native of Rosholt, she grew up reading the paper for which she now works.

"Since I was in kindergarten I never wanted to be anything but an investigative reporter," Nellesen-Lara says of her journalistic ambitions. "I even went so far as to spy on my brothers and write reports for my parents."

She enrolled at UW-Oshkosh to study journalism, but she only stayed two years before returning to Central Wisconsin. She finished her last two years at UWSP, graduating in 1997.

"I had a son and I realized I wanted him to grow up in Stevens Point," she says of her return. "I knew that this was the type of community where he'd be safe yet challenged."

Just before completing her degree, Nellesen-Lara was contacted by the *Stevens Point Journal* for a full-time reporting job upon the recommendation of her communication professor, Pete Kelly. Her beat was writing about the university from which she had just graduated as well as the city's public schools.

"It was a little intimidating," she says. "I'd been working

toward this goal since I was five and here I was, working at the paper I'd read since I was little. The bar was set higher for me because I knew all the people who were reading it. They were my teachers and professors!" she laughs.

After five years as an education reporter, Nellesen-Lara was promoted to city editor of the *Marshfield News-Herald*. To keep her son in the same schools, she continued to live in Stevens Point but spent much of her time in Marshfield to become acquainted with the community.

"It was a chance for me to spread my wings and gain new skills," she says. Two years later she was back at the *Journal* as managing editor. "I had become more confident and comfortable and I was ready to try new things."

Her experiences as a reporter and editor have given her a different view of the university. These days, she says she feels connected to the entire campus, not just the Communication Division where she studied journalism.

"I didn't realize that the university was such a part of the community while I was a student," she says. "Now I see how many opportunities this area has because of it - theatre, lectures, festivals, continuing education. Stevens Point would not be the community it is without the university."

The people of Stevens Point are open, inviting, and ready to share their skills and help because of the example the university has set for sharing and educating, she added.

"I feel bad for all of the alumni who have not come back and don't see all that their university has to offer," she says.



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2000s

**David MacArthur**, master’s ’06, Spencer, died of natural causes while hunting on Nov. 18 at age 36. He held a degree from UW-La Crosse, where he was an assistant basketball coach. He also coached men’s basketball at UW-Marshfield/Wood County then taught physical education, coached boys’ basketball and was the activities director for the Colby school district. In 2006 he was named the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-star Assistant Coach. He is survived by his wife, Carla, and a daughter. A memorial scholarship will be established.

**Amy (Fleury) Savage**, master’s ’04, Rhinelander, died July 21 at age 41 as a result of a boating accident. She taught first grade at Pelican School in Rhinelander. She is survived by her husband, Michael, and a daughter.

1990s

**Erika (Braford) Hall**, ’97, Ames, Iowa, died October 31 at age 35. She received her master’s degree from Iowa State University, where she taught English. She is survived by two daughters.

1980s

**Mark Glaeser**, ’89, Brillion, died June 5 after a 19-year battle with cancer. He worked as a telecom manager for Ariens Corp. in Brillion and is survived by his wife, **Cheryl (Dutrane) Glaeser**, ’88, and two children.

**Kim (Osness) Russell**, ’88, Merrill, died October 31 at age 40. She was a receptionist for the Lincoln County Department of Social Services. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and two children at home.

**Mary (Brill) Fortune**, ’86, Fond du Lac, died Dec. 25, at age 60. An active volunteer in the community, she is survived by her husband, **Michael**, ’67, and two sons.

**Grace (Filter) Pierson**, ’82, died Feb. 5, 2005, at age 94. She taught in Sheboygan and Janesville. Her husband, UWSP Professor Emeritus of biology Edgar Pierson, and a son preceded her in death. Another son, **John Pierson**, ’66, Milwaukee, survives.

1970s

**Julie (Christensen) Dahle**, ’79, died Oct. 15 at age 49 after a seven-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Eric.

**Katherine (Peterson) Adams**, ’77, died July 28 at age 82. She taught in Mount Horeb then in Taylor, Dane, Marathon and Clark counties. A son, daughter and stepdaughter survive.

**Lawrence Hicks**, ’75, Green Bay, died at age 53 on Nov. 8 after a long-term illness. He was an environmental consultant for Donohue & Associates of Sheboygan then president of Geoscience, Inc. in Minneapolis. A daughter survives.

**William Fiala**, ’73, Bruce, died August 1 at age 59. He was retired after 36 years as a soil scientist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. His wife, Wendy, and three children survive.

**Wayne Bartels**, ’72, Portage, died at age 56 on Oct. 22 as the result of a woodcutting accident. He earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison then taught in Monroe. He began teaching English at Portage Junior High School in 1977 and became principal in 1988. In 1994 he was honored as Wisconsin Principal of the Year. He planned to retire in June 2007. He is survived by his wife, **Beverly (Burmeister)**, ’72, and two daughters. A memorial scholarship fund has been established.

**Arthur Seboe**, ’72, Plover, died Sept. 16 at age 57. He worked at United Parcel Service in Stevens Point for 33 years, receiving the Circle of Honor Award for 25 years of safe driving and retiring in 2003. He enjoyed bowhunting and fishing. His wife, Lynn, and three children survive.

**Claudia (Litzau) Trzebiatowski**, ’71, died Nov. 25 at age 57. She was a volunteer with 4-H, Girl Scouts, the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and the YMCA. She is survived by her husband, Jack, and two children.

1960s

**Herbert Post**, ’69, died Nov. 7 at age 76. He was a forest ranger and conservation warden in Spring Green and Park Falls and retired as a fire control dispatcher in 1990. He was active in his church and with the Boy Scouts, and is survived by his wife, **Dona (Dahm)**, ’53, and four children.

**Peter Vosz**, ’69, Mosinee, died Dec. 23 at age 59. He taught social studies in Stevens Point for 35 years, as well as coached football and basketball at the junior high school. Since his retirement in 2002, he continued to substitute teach. His wife, Ann, and two children survive.

**Allen Gallenberg**, ’67, Antigo, died August 19 at age 60. He graduated from the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in 1968 and was a funeral director for Bradley and Petson/Kraemer funeral homes. He was active in the Antigo business, civic and arts community. His daughter survives.

**Evelyn (Krieg) Rathke**, ’67, New London, died June 30 at age 91. She taught in Lincoln County, Merrill, Bloomer and Oconto. After her husband, **Wilburt Rathke**, ’33, died she earned a bachelor’s degree and taught in Stevens Point until she retired in 1980. She was active in several civic and professional groups. Evelyn is survived by her daughter, **Gail (Rathke) Zoppa**, ’70, and granddaughter, **Amanda Zoppa**, ’05, both of New London.

**Bette (Pladson) Klinger**, ’66, Schofield, died Oct. 19 at age 86. She taught elementary school for 25 years, mostly in Merrill. She was a founding member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was active in her church. Her husband, Morris, preceded her in death. Two daughters survive.

**Lucille (Mau) Clifton**, ’62, formerly of Stratford, died Oct. 25 at age 94. She taught in Brandon, Minn., and taught special education in Stratford and Marshfield. After retiring in 1975, she joined the Service for America volunteers for three years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken, and five children.

1950s

**Leland Bartsch**, ’57, Plover, died August 29 at age 74. After serving in the U.S. Marines, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees then taught in the Stevens Point schools for 32 years. He co-founded the Plover-Whiting Youth Baseball organization and coached teams for 16 years. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and four children.

**Harold Schumacher**, ’55, Marathon, died Dec. 27 at age 74. He earned a master’s degree at UW-Superior then taught in Iola-Scandinavia and Colby. He retired from the former North Central Technical Institute in Wausau, where he was head of the mathematics department. He also raised ginseng for 40 years and was active in the Marathon community. His wife, Mary Ellen, and five children survive.

**James Curry**, ’53, Prairie du Sac, died July 5 at age 77. He worked in payroll at Badger Army Ammunition plant and helped start the Mueller Chemical Company. His wife of 50 years, Gloria, and three daughters survive.

**Roger Graham**, ’52, died Nov. 20 at age 74. He worked as an insurance agent, car salesman, advertising salesman and in numerous other jobs. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and six children.

**Harriet (Marking) Carrier**, ’51, Edgerton, died August 4 at age 80. She taught fifth grade and music in Edgerton, where she was very active in her church and community. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and is survived by two daughters.

**Mary (Geenen) Fox**, ’51, Beloit, died July 19 at age 85. She taught in Cicero, Black Creek, Bowler, Merrill, Janesville and Beloit, retiring in 1985. She was active in her church. Her husband, Joseph, and twin daughters survive.

**Rudolph Horn**, ’51, formerly of Stevens Point, died July 12 in Omaha, Neb., at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, earning the Silver and Bronze Stars. He earned a master’s degree from UW-Madison. He taught in Medford and Rockford, Ill., then retired from Sentry Insurance in 1983 as assistant vice president of Loss Control. He was a volunteer Host Parent at UWSP. His wife of 55 years, **Elvira (Lindow)**, ’46, preceded him in death in 2001. One son survives.

**Douglas Graham**, ’50, Joliet, Ill., died June 5. He served in the U.S. Army and earned graduate degrees at UW-Madison and Eastern New Mexico University. He taught in Osceola and Mauston then was a science teacher, administrator and planetarium director at Joliet Junior College. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and four sons.

**Wayne Hager**, ’50, Plover, died July 8 at age 84. He served in the U.S. Army, earning several European battle ribbons and medals. Later he earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison then taught in West Allis and Milwaukee before moving to Plover. His first wife, Helen, preceded him in death. His wife, Susan, and six children survive.

1940s

**Evelyn (Markwardt) Lea**, ’48, Plover, died Jan. 18 at age 80. She taught at McDill School in Whiting for many years. In retirement, she and her husband, **Keith Lea**, ’47, director emer-

itus of UWSP Technical Services, wintered in Kerrville, Texas, and traveled extensively. She was an active volunteer in the community. Her husband and two children survive. A UWSP education scholarship fund will be established in her name.

**Mary (Butter) Aulik**, ’43, New Glarus, died July 14 at age 84. She taught in Stratford, Mukwonago and Oshkosh. She and her husband, Bob, who survives, owned several businesses. Two sons also survive.

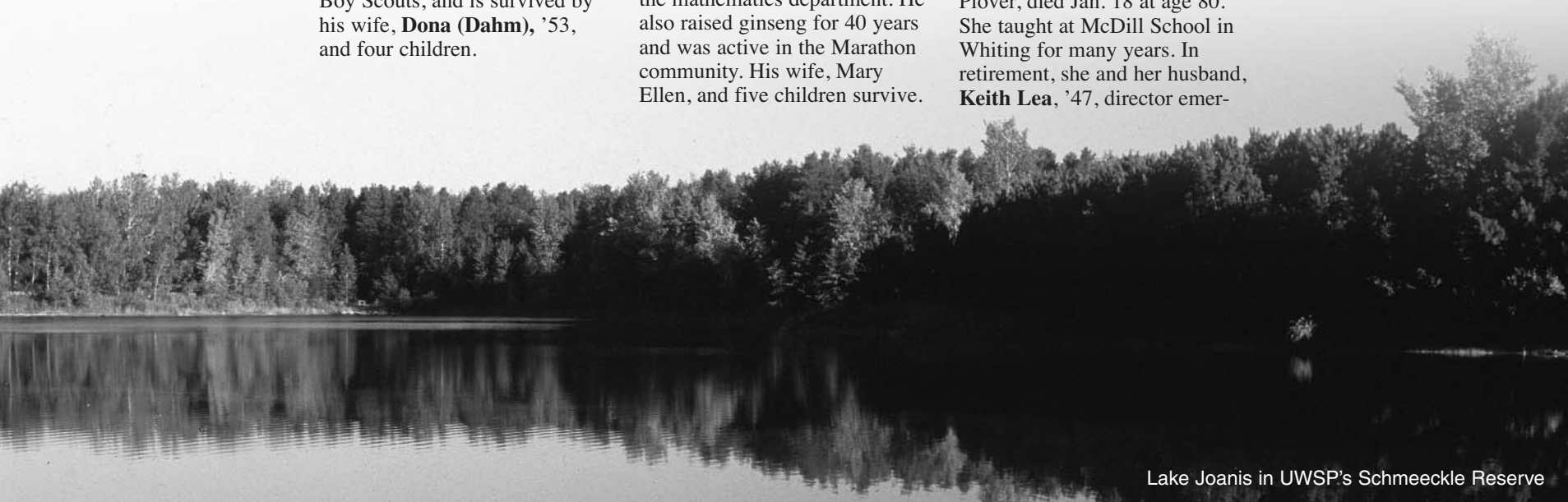
**Arthur Stapel**, ’40, Wausau, died Jan. 4 at age 88. He worked for Wausau Insurance for 38 years in Milwaukee and Wausau, retiring in 1983 as vice president of personnel. In retirement he lived on Lake Kaubashine in Hazelhurst and in Wausau. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Leota (Brandt)**, ’41, and three children.

1930s

**Bernard Cunningham**, ’35, Wausau, died August 12 at age 92. After earning a master’s degree at UW-Madison, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a teacher and administrator for 40 years, the last 31 years with the Wausau school district. He belonged to several professional and community organizations and received the National Community Services Award from the American Association of Retired Persons. His wife of 63 years, **Alberta (Syth)**, ’38, and two daughters survive.

**Fern Werner**, ’34, Oshkosh, died Nov. 29 at age 93. She taught for 50 years, the last 32 in Merrill. A volunteer at the Grand Opera House for 16 years, she was honored for her work in 2003. She was also selected among Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and was a member of many professional educational organizations.

**Dorothy (Krause) Wiesman**, ’31, died March 10, 2006, at age 93. She taught at Balsam School in the town of Cleveland then after her marriage was a librarian at the Stratford Library. She was also active in her church. Her husband, Clifford, preceded her in death and three children survive, including **Glen Wiesman**, ’69, Schaumburg, Ill., and **Theone (Wiesman) Neumann**, ’78, Marshfield.



Lake Joanis in UWSP’s Schmееckle Reserve



### Robert Coppinger

Robert Coppinger, Stevens Point, a retired associate professor of anthropology, died Jan. 24 at age 66. He came to UWSP in 1970 and taught anthropology and evolution courses. He retired in 1995.

### Carol Huettig



Carol Huettig

Carol Huettig, Rosholt, a specialist in adapted education, a former professor and swimming and diving coach at UWSP from 1981 to 1989, died Oct. 9 at age 56.

Huettig was recognized around the world for her contributions to adapted physical education. She was one of the originators of the campus special needs physical education program and was instrumental in coordinating the Wisconsin Special Olympics summer games in Stevens Point. Huettig was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Coach of the Year in 1982-83 and 1984-85 and won the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.

She also taught at Carthage College, Texas Woman's University and in Dallas public schools. She held degrees from Carthage College, Illinois State University and Texas Woman's University. Memorials may be sent to the Carol Huettig Memorial Scholarship through the UWSP Foundation.

### Russell Lundquist

Russell Lundquist, Stevens Point, retired associate director of UWSP Admissions, died Sept. 7 at age 77.

Lundquist began working as an admissions counselor at UWSP in 1968 and was promoted to associate director in 1981. He retired in 1990. Previously he was a business education teacher and guidance counselor at P.J. Jacobs High School in Stevens Point. He served the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning two medals.

He was also active in Stevens Point government, serving on the Portage County Board of Supervisors for a total of 15 years. An avid golfer, he was a 40-year member of the Stevens Point Country Club and served on its board of directors. His wife, Marjorie, and three children survive. A UWSP scholarship has been established in his name at the UWSP Foundation.

### John "Jack" Messing



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A professor emeritus of mathematics and computing, John "Jack" Messing, Custer, died Nov. 16 at age 78.

After coming to UWSP in 1971, he directed the Upward Bound program, then in 1985 he became coordinator of mathematics instruction. Before he retired in 1990, he presented a paper on human rights as the sole American representative on a United Nations committee that met in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss the role of higher education in reducing racism.

Previously he served in the Army Air Corps as an aerial photographer and was a coach, math and science teacher in Dakota, Ill., Sheboygan Falls and Minocqua, where he became a specialist in developing programs for Native Americans. He also was a cartoonist and commercial fisherman before he

began teaching. Messing was a commuter pilot and fishing guide in Northern Wisconsin for 30 years. He is survived by three sons.

### C. Susan Riley

Carolyn Susan Riley, Plover, a senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, died of cancer August 16 at age 59.

Riley came to UWSP in 1978 and taught mathematics for 35 years until her retirement in May 2006. She was a member of the Wisconsin Nicaraguan Partners and a Youth in College presenter. She volunteered for the Tomorrow Trail, Operation Bootstrap, cancer support groups at St. Michael's and the American Cancer Society. She is survived by her husband, Michael, and one son.

### Gladys Williams Thomson

A former English faculty assistant and semester abroad adviser, Gladys Williams Thomson, New Glarus, died Oct. 2 at age 97.

Thomson was influential in starting UWSP's semester abroad program and advised trips to London, Malaysia and Formosa. She taught English at UWSP from 1968 to 1972, then was a volunteer at St. Michael's Hospital, host parent for international students, reader for the blind and member of the UWSP Women and League of Women Voters.

Thomson Hall was named for her husband, John, a UW System regent and Sentry Insurance executive. He preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons.

### Roy Van Dreser

Roy Van Dreser, an emeritus professor of instructional resources, died Jan. 4 at age 77 in Ruskin, Fla.

He came to UWSP in 1966 as a specialist in educational media/audiovisual services. A pioneer of the development of educational television on campus, he helped build the university's first TV studio and was the first chairman of the department of Instructional Learning Resources. He retired in 1991.

Van Dreser served the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught in Medinah, Ill., then at Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Ill. He was active in the U.S. Sail and Power Squadron, Samoset Council of Boy Scouts, Lions Club and Ten County Library Board. His wife, Donna, and three children survive.

Memorials may be sent to the Van Dreser Family Scholarship at UWSP through the UWSP Foundation.

## ***FRIENDS of UWSP***

### Hiram Anderson

A longtime supporter of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) and one of the founders of the UWSP Foundation, Hiram Anderson, Stevens Point, died Nov. 20 at age 86.

Anderson was instrumental in developing CWES through the donation of land and cultivation of the partnership between the Boy Scouts and UWSP in order to use the property at Sunset Lake. He was a member of the CWES Board of Trustees and a cabin on the site bears his name. He also taught classes at UWSP.

An attorney in Stevens Point since 1946, Anderson retired as a senior partner of Anderson, O'Brien, Bertz, Skrenes and Golla in 1987. He served on the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Floy, and three children.

### James Frechette Jr.

James Frechette Jr., Rhinelander, a Native American artist whose carvings are part of a permanent display in the Albertson Learning Resource Center, died October 7 at age 76.

After retiring from the Indian Health Service, Jim pursued a second career as an artist and carver of traditional Native American figures, receiving national recognition for his work. His collection of Menomoneie Clan figure carvings is displayed in the UWSP library adjacent to the Natural History Museum. In 2005, he was presented with the Laird National Leadership in Art Award. His wife, Joan, preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons.



James Frechette Jr.

## *Pauline Isaacson died in 2004.*



This year she will send two students to study abroad and change their lives forever.

**D**r. Pauline Isaacson taught history and speech when she first came to UWSP in 1946, and was the first chairman of the speech department when it was organized in 1958. She also founded UWSP's International Program in 1969. Pauline retired from UWSP in 1981 and died at age 92. In her will, she left a portion of her estate to the UWSP Foundation, which was used, in part, to establish the Pauline Isaacson International Scholarship. Thanks to Pauline, today's students are able to take advantage of the invaluable learning experience that study in a foreign country can provide.

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# UWSP Sports Rundown

## Fall sports teams show promise

The fall season featured another quality year from the Pointer football and women’s soccer teams and significantly improved performances in volleyball and women’s golf. The cross country and women’s tennis teams also fielded young squads that showed promise for upcoming seasons.

### Football

In football, the Pointers won their last four games by a total of 10 points to finish 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the conference. UWSP played three opponents ranked in the top 10 nationally among its first five games. Senior running back Cody Childs, Poynette, participated in the Aztec Bowl Division III All-Star game in Aguascalientes, Mexico, in December and finished fifth in school history in career rushing yards.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team had its best record since 1995 and hosted a postseason match for the first time since 1998 by finishing in fourth place in the conference. Senior Lori Marten, Pittsville, finished as the school’s career leader in games played and digs, while junior Shelly Maus, Green Bay, was an honorable mention All-American selection.

### Women’s soccer

The women’s soccer team posted its 19th straight winning season and featured one of the nation’s most potent scoring tandems. Sophomore Kaylee Weise, Brookfield, scored 20 goals and sophomore Amanda Prawat, Oregon, tallied 18 goals to finish as the league’s top two scorers.

### Golf

The women’s golf team spent the entire season nationally ranked and was as high as eighth after winning its first ever multi-school tournaments at UW-Oshkosh and Elmhurst College. Senior Susie Lewis, Crystal Lake, Ill., won individual titles at both events. The Pointers placed fourth at the WIAC meet and are in contention for their first NCAA tournament berth this spring.

### Cross Country

In cross country, the men’s team was nationally ranked for most of the season, but was hampered by injuries late in the year and finished fourth at the conference meet and eighth at regionals to miss out on an NCAA berth. The women’s team featured three sophomores and two freshmen among its top six runners and improved steadily throughout the year, placing 13th of 37 teams at the regional meet.

### Tennis

The women’s tennis team had no seniors among its regular lineup and finished 2-9 overall. The Pointers beat UW-Oshkosh at mid-season for their first conference dual meet victory since 2002.

## Athletes named to regional teams

Two UWSP basketball athletes were named to the 2007 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Five College Division basketball teams. Nathalie Lechault was named to the women’s basketball second team. A senior center from Chavannes de Bogis, Switzerland, Lechault attended the International School of Geneva. She is majoring is biology (pre-med) and holds a 3.98 grade point average. Steve Hicklin was named to the men’s basketball third team. A junior guard from Sussex, he attended Hamilton High School. He is majoring in broadfield social sciences and maintains a 3.46 grade point average.

The team is comprised of all National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) student athletes from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. The selected is chosen by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

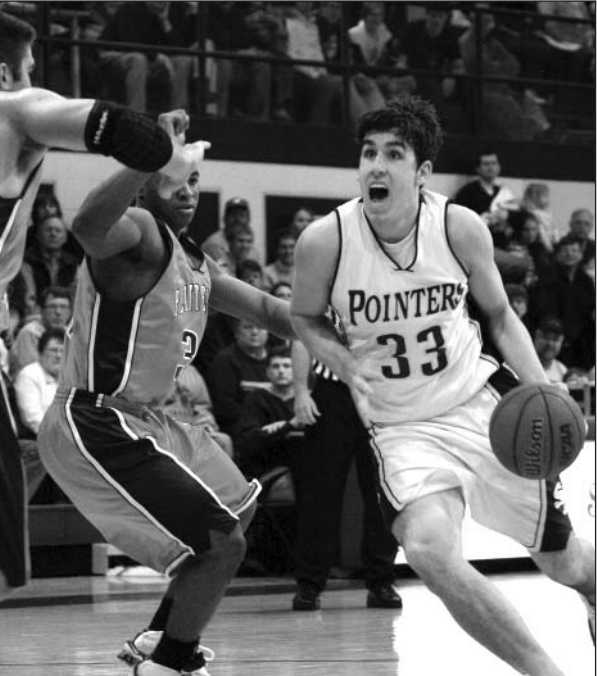
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## Pointers rank nationally this winter

It’s been another stirring winter on the hardwood, ice and mats as well as in the pool as each of the UWSP winter sports teams spent much of the 2006-07 in the national rankings.

### Men’s basketball

The men’s basketball team won its first nine conference games and spent four weeks at number one in the country during mid-season while achieving its best conference start since 1932-33. Senior Jon Krull, Marshall, surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career and the Pointers spent nearly the entire year as the nation’s top free throw shooting team for the second straight season. The excitement on the floor carried over to the stands where the Pointers again ranked among the Division III leaders in attendance with capacity crowds filling the Quandt Fieldhouse. While hosting the NCAA Division III sectionals for the second time in three seasons, the 26-2 Pointers lost to Washington University.

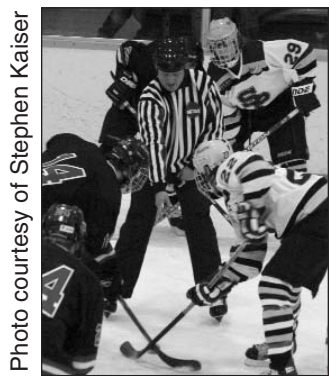


Foward Bryan Beamish drives past a UW-Plattville defender.

### Women’s basketball

The women’s basketball team dominated visiting opponents in Berg Gym, winning a school record 22 straight home games, including 21 by double figures. The Pointers, who won their first six regular season games, began the year with an exhibition game at UW-Madison and held a 13-point first half lead before suffering a 77-58 loss to the Division I Badgers. Senior Nathalie Lechault, Chavannes de Bogis, Switzerland, became the school’s all-time blocked shots leader. The team finished the season 18-7 after winning six straight quarterfinal games before losing to UW-River Falls.

### Men’s hockey



The mens hockey team faces off against Wake Forest College.

The men’s hockey team opened the year with three wins in its first four games and was ranked as high as ninth in the country for its highest national ranking since 2001. Injuries riddled the team during the remainder of the season as the Pointers struggled in league play and suffered just their third losing record in 21 seasons of conference play.

### Women’s hockey

It was another successful season on the ice for the women’s hockey team as the Pointers were ranked as high as third in the national polls after an early season win over rival Gustavus Adolphus College. Under first-year coach Ann Ninnemann, the Pointers roared to a 9-2-1 start. Senior Amy Statz, Wisconsin Rapids, concluded a stellar career by eclipsing the NCAA Division III record for most career goaltending victories. The 18-6-2 Pointers beat Gustavus Adolphus again to advance to the Division III Frozen Four in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

### Swimming and diving

The tradition continued for the swimming and diving teams, who both had strong seasons in defense of their WIAC titles. The women won the team title at the Get to the Point Invitational in January, while the men’s team aimed for its eighth straight WIAC title, but suffered its first conference dual loss since 1995, snapping a string of 49 straight victories. UWSP hosted the WIAC championships in February, with both the women’s and men’s teams taking first.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team opened the year with eight straight dual meet wins for one of its best starts in school history. The Pointers were ranked as high as 14th nationally before enduring an incredibly tough stretch with nine of 10 matches at mid-season against other nationally ranked foes. Junior Eric Bath placed third at the NCAA Division III championships and earned All-American honors.

## Bennett to be inducted into Hall of Fame



Jack Bennett

Former UWSP men’s basketball coach Jack Bennett will be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 30, in Madison, becoming the third UWSP basketball coach to receive the prestigious award. Bennett will join the ranks of Hale Quandt, inducted in 1986, and Bob Krueger, inducted in 2002. Bennett coached the Pointers for nine seasons after a number of successful campaigns at high schools in Park Falls, Marinette, Wisconsin Rapids and Rhinelander and a five-year run in an assistant coaching position at UW-Eau Claire. Throughout his time at UWSP, Bennett compiled a 200-56 record (a .781 winning percentage) and led his team to a pair of NCAA Division III national championships, back-to-back, in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons. Bennett’s accomplishments have been well documented and widely recognized, as this marks the third straight fall that he has been honored by the WBCA after he announced his retirement following the Pointers second championship win. He also has collected numerous Coach of the Year awards. In addition, Bennett was also the recipient of the 2007 Nice Guy Award on Jan. 16 at the 42nd annual Red Smith Sports Banquet in Appleton, alongside former Green Bay Packer Gilbert Brown who received the Red Smith Award. Now a color analyst for WIAC games-of-the-week on Fox Sports, Bennett is enjoying his retirement and being a spectator of the program he took to the top.

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# Pointer get-togethers: Reminiscing & Revelry



**Bruce Thill**, '70, Arlington Heights, Ill., and a future Pointer, his granddaughter, Emma, enjoyed an alumni tour of the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago last June.



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**A** - Alumni and friends gathered at the Titledown Brewery, Green Bay, in August, including **Patricia Ault**, '71, Suamico; **Bernadette**, '89, and **Dan Donovan**, '90, Green Bay; **Richard Krieg**, '86, Green Bay; **Jeffrey Kurowski**, '88, Green Bay; **M.C. Lagerquist**, '53, Green Bay; **Richard LaRoche**, '69, and his wife, Becky, Green Bay; **Margaret Maslowske**, '53, Green Bay; **Mary Maslowske**, '60, Green Bay; **Judith Michaels**, '65, Green Bay; **Gerald Ploen**, '63, Green Bay; **Rhonda Ross**, '91, Green Bay; **Tamara Singh**, '95, Green Bay; **Donald Tincher**, '68, and his wife, Ruby Merry, DePere; **Andrew Utrie**, '89, and his wife, Chris, Green Bay; and **Grant**, '89, and **Elona (Schoblocher) Winslow**, '90, DePere.

**B** - A UWSP alumni event was held at the Kohl Center in November as the UWSP women's basketball team played UW-Madison. From left, **Tara Schmitt**, '04, Brookfield, and **Diane Hawkins**, '04, Monroe, both women's basketball alumnae, joined Sarah Boehning in cheering on the Pointers.

**C** - Alumni and friends of UWSP gathered in New York City in February for "The Point Is..." an evening of camaraderie and the arts hosted by Toy Box Theatre, founded by UWSP alumni in 2002. Pictured, from left, are Chancellor Linda Bunnell; Jeff Morin, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication; **Mandy Pouliot**, '98, New York, Toy Box actress and director; **Dan Jessup**, '00, Chicago, founder of the Common Theatre improv group; and **Jon Barsness**, '00, New York, one of Toy Box's founders. A show was held the evening of Feb. 23 featuring Jessup with additional performances by **Ben Arvan**, '97, New York, a musician; **Candace Jablonksi**, '02, New York, a member of The Rockettes; **Wyatt Kuether**, '04, Sheboygan, with members of his On Impulse Theatre Company; and **Taggart**, '01, and **Emilea (Pickett) Johnston**, '01, Astoria, N.Y., who performed a scene from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The group also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres catered by Mandy Pouliot's husband, five star/five diamond chef Dan Benedix. On Feb. 24, an informal gathering was held at which Morin and Alumni Affairs director Laura Gehrman Rottier presented updates on UWSP and its fine arts programs. The group then enjoyed a workshop performance of *The Landlord*, written and performed by Barsness. Toy Box Theatre will debut *The Landlord* May 18-26 at the Access Theatre Black Box in downtown Manhattan. For more about this production and others, see [www.toyboxtheatre.com](http://www.toyboxtheatre.com).

**D** - Pointer wrestlers posed proudly with members of the 1955-56 championship wrestling team in the Health Enhancement Center in October as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion festivities. In attendance were **John Boyne**, '56, Parrish, Fla.; **Dave Hurlbut**, '56, Lakewood; **Terry McMahon**, '56, Union Grove; **Gerald "Jiggs" Meuret**, '59, Schofield; John Roberts (former coach), Stevens Point; **Don Smith**, '56, Coloma; and **Ron Wislinsky**, '58, Phillips.

**E** - Members of the 1955-56 championship football team gathered at Goerke Field in Stevens Point Oct. 13-14 for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion festivities. In attendance were **John Boyne**, '56, Parrish, Fla.; **Jack Charlesworth**, '58, Brookfield; **Dave Hurlbut**, '56, Lakewood; **Phil Kamke**, '59, Merrill; **Fred Kestly**, '58, Deerbrook; Bob Marko's widow **Evelyn Marko**, '57, Centennial, Colo.; **Norbert "Nubbs" Miller**, '57, Stevens Point; **Terry Pease**, '56, Pardeeville; **Ed Poock**, '56, Almond; John Roberts (former coach), Stevens Point; **Ken Roloff**, '57, Kaukauna; **George Roman**, '58, Stevens Point; **Alex Shuda**, '59, Jefferson; **Russ Stimac**, '56, Wisconsin Rapids; **Ron Wislinsky**, '58, Phillips; and **John Wurtzel**, last attended '55, Payson, Ariz.

**F** - Also Celebrating 50 years, members of the Class of 1956 gathered October 13-14. Pictured, top row, from left, is **Phyllis (Knop) Nordgren**, '56, West Bend; **Lois (Schroeder) Alfsen**, '56, Racine; **Ray Stroik**, '57, Stevens Point; **Anne (Weisbrot) Moore**, '56, Kaukauna; **Kathleen (Holic) Flanagan**, '56, La Crosse; and **Robert Wyman**, '56, Beaver Dam; on the bottom, from left, **Betty (Rustad) Jordan**, '57, Downingtown, Pa.; **Faith (Pomeroy) Wilde**, '56, Woodruff; **Raymond Wilke**, '56, Woodruff; **Rosemary Axtell**, '56, Hartford; and **Toni (Walker) Wyman**, '58, Beaver Dam.



# 2007 Events Calendar

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\*UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple

## April

### Department of Music recitals and concerts:

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

- **Faculty Recital with Trio Canna**, Monday, April 2
- **Brian Martz faculty recital**, Thursday, April 5
- **Composers Concert**, Monday, April 9
- **Symphony Orchestra**, Saturday, April 14, Sentry Theatre
- **Flute Choir**, Monday, April 16
- **Opera performance**, Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21
- **String Chamber**, Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.
- **Jazz Ensemble**, Monday, April 23
- **Mostly Percussion Ensemble**, Tuesday, April 24
- **Wind Ensemble**, Wednesday, April 25
- **Soiree Musicale**, Friday, April 27
- **Campus Band**, Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m.
- **Chamber Jazz Ensemble**, Monday, April 30

### *Clothing as Metaphor*

Exhibit runs until Sunday, April 8  
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

### World Poetry: Celebration of Languages

Sunday, April 1, 2 p.m.  
073 Debot Center

### Department of Theatre and Dance:

*Songs for a New World*  
April 13-15 & 18-22

**First Nighters** – Friday, April 13,  
5:30 p.m.  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC

### Alumni Association Board meeting

Saturday, April 14  
UWSP campus

### Juried Student Exhibition

April 15-29, reception Sunday, April 22,  
2-4 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

### UWSP Festival of the Arts

Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
NFAC courtyard

### Trivia 38: Trivia Returns

**Alumni Trivia  
kick-off**  
Monday, April  
16, 1-5 p.m.  
Cookies at regis-  
tration

**90 FM WWSP  
Trivia Contest**  
Friday, April 20-  
Sunday, April 22

### Alumni Trivia phone shift

Sunday, April 22, 6-10 a.m.  
Communication Arts Center  
Volunteers needed!

### UW System Spirit Day/ Posters in the Rotunda

Wednesday, April 18  
State Capitol, Madison

### Alumni Association Ireland trip informational meeting

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

### Ken Burns, documentary filmmaker lecture

Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Alumni Association trip to Spain April 20-29

### Performing Art Series: Tokyo String Quartet

Sunday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop

April 25-29  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow)

### Letters and Science Research Symposium

Saturday, April 28  
Science Building

## May

### Department of Music recitals and concerts:

- **Concert Band**, Tuesday, May 1
- **Symphony Orchestra**, Wednesday, May 2
- **Combined Choirs**, Saturday, May 5,  
and Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m.
- **Jazz Ensemble**, Monday, May 7
- **Central State Chamber Orchestra**,  
Saturday, May 12

### Department of Theatre and Dance: *Danstage 2007*

May 4-6 and 10-12

**First Nighters**, Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.  
Jenkins Theater, NFAC

### Portage County Cultural Festival

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

### BFA Exhibition

May 6-18, reception, Friday, May 11,  
3-6 p.m.  
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

### Alumni Association Senior Breakfast

Monday, May 14, 9 a.m.  
DeBot Center 073

### Alumni Association Awards Luncheon

(Invitation only event)  
Saturday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Country Springs Hotel, Stevens Point

### Spring Commencement

Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Specht Forum/Sundial (weather  
permitting)

### International Programs Reunion

Thursday, May 24, 3-6 p.m.  
Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard

### Summer Session

Three-week session, May 29-June 15

## June

### Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps

June-August, youth summer camps  
June-July, family camps  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes)

### Walk Wisconsin

Kids Walk, Friday, June 1  
Main event, Saturday, June 2  
Stevens Point Green Circle  
[www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com)

### Special Olympics Summer Games

Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, June 6  
Games, June 7-9  
[www.specialolympicswisconsin.org](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org)

### Point Arts Camps

Middle School Music, June 17-23  
High School Music, June 24-30  
High School Studio Art, June 24-30  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/FineArtsCamp](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/FineArtsCamp)

### Summer Session

Eight-week session, June 18-August 10  
[www.uwsp.edu/summersession](http://www.uwsp.edu/summersession)

### Alumni Association Milestone Reunion Weekend 10th (1997), 25th (1982) and 50th (1957)

June 22-23  
UWSP campus

### UW System event

June 28-29  
Freshwater Center, UW Milwaukee  
campus

## July

### Alumni Association Madison Mallards Tailgate

Friday, July 13  
Warner Park, Madison

### 32nd Annual National Wellness Conference

June 14-19  
[www.nationalwellness.org](http://www.nationalwellness.org)

### Delta Zeta Sorority Reunion

July 20-22  
Door County, Wis.

### 2007 American Suzuki Institute, session one

July 29-August 4  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute)

## August

### Alumni Association Green Bay Reunion

Thursday, August 2  
Foxy Lady Cruise, \$30/person

### 2007 American Suzuki Institute, session two

August 5-11  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute)

### Waupaca Boat Cruise

Thursday, August 9  
Clearwater Harbor, Waupaca

### Scott Schultz Memorial Golf Outing

Monday, August 13  
Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola

### Volleyball Reunion

Friday, August 24, 7 p.m.  
Berg Gym/HEC room 146

## September

Fall semester begins  
Tuesday, September 4

**Alumni Association trip to Ireland**  
Sept. 28- Oct. 6

## October

### Alumni Association Board meeting

Friday, Oct. 12  
UWSP campus

### Dreyfus University Center Naming Ceremony

Friday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m.  
Reserve Street entrance

### Homecoming 2007

Saturday, Oct. 13  
UWSP campus



### Athletic Hall of Fame induction

(Invitation only event)  
Saturday, Oct. 13  
Country Springs Hotel

### UWSP Foundation Board meeting

Monday, October 15

### Future Homecoming Dates

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

### Upcoming Alumni Association Events – dates to be determined

\*check for updates at  
[www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni)

- Chicago Architectural Boat Tour
- Milwaukee Three Stop  
Brewery Tour
- Wausau reunion
- Ohio reunion
- Stevens Point Alumni Comedy  
Night at Country Springs Hotel

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[www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni), call (715)  
346-3811 or (877)764-6801 or e-mail  
[alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu).

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

The Carlsten Gallery is open free of  
charge when classes are in session,  
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4  
p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4  
p.m., Thursday evenings and during  
NFAC performances, 7-9 p.m. For  
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