



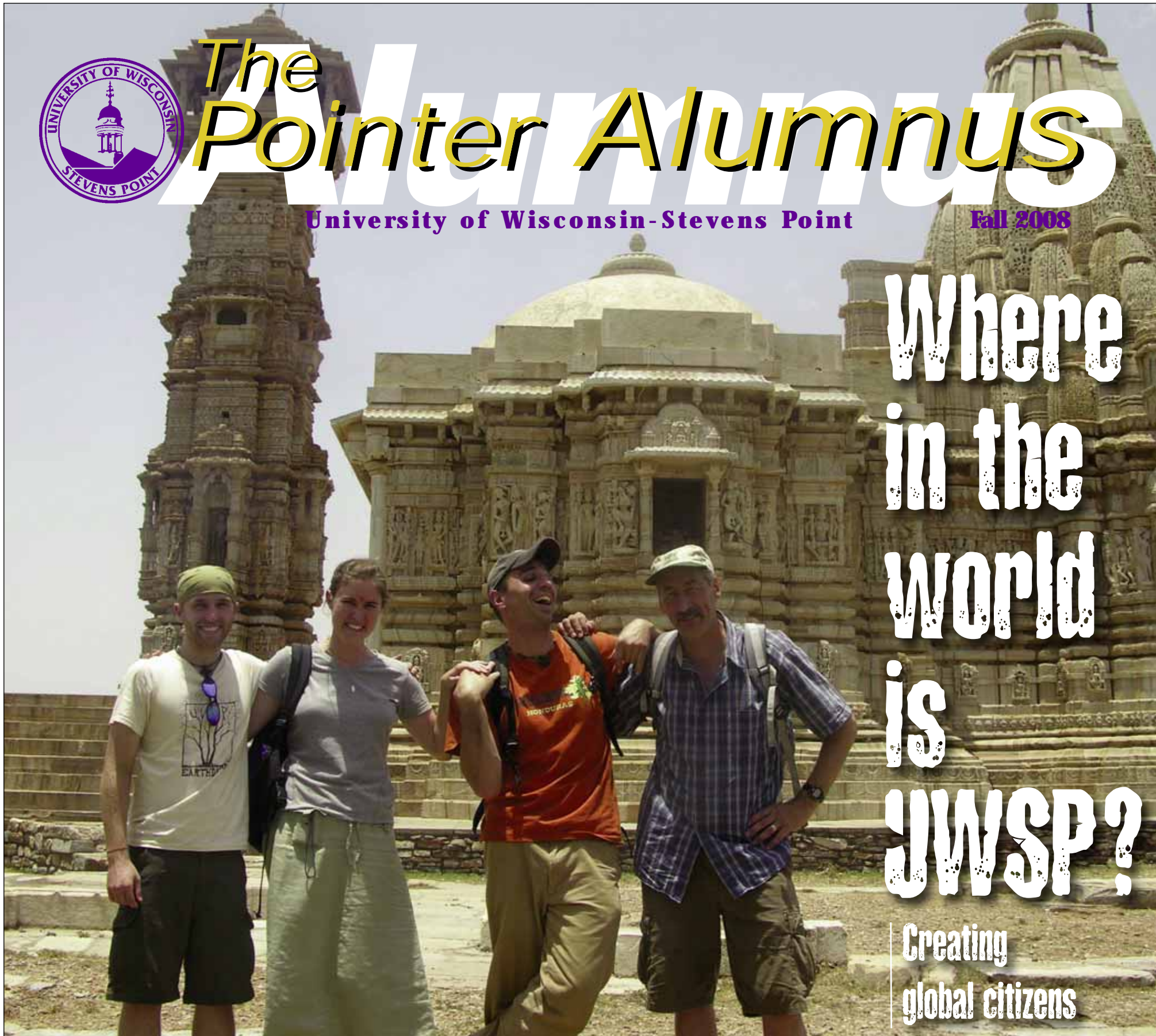
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GEM student ambassadors Andrew VanNatta, Lindsey Wood, Scott Reilly, and GEM Communications Coordinator Ron Tschida in Chittorgarh, India.



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Where in the World is UWSP?

Eleven UWSP students volunteered at the 2008 **Beijing** Olympics, helping guests find information and bringing children from local orphanages to Olympic events. The trip was organized by Community Collaborations International, a volunteer organization.

Alumni Association Board of Directors



Alumni Association Board members gathered at UWSP in April, including, from left, back row: Patrick Braatz, Mary Wescott, Jeff Buhrandt, Shannon Loecher, Andrew Halverson, David Bruha, Grant Winslow. In front from left: Melissa Hardin, Dave Marie, Betty Jenkins, Joanne Loeffler

From the Desk of the Alumni Director

Greetings from the second floor of Old Main,

I trust this edition of the *Alumnus* finds you well and rested after a wonderful summer. Over the last few months, the Alumni Office has been involved in alumni events around the country, led by wonderfully ambitious and dedicated alumni. From a sold-out Brewery Boat Tour in Milwaukee to a Pointer Picnic in Alaska, this summer was a whirlwind of activity, and there's no sign of slowing down this fall.

This year's Homecoming will highlight a very important milestone for the Alumni Association – we are celebrating our 40th anniversary! It all began in 1968 with Director Rick Frederick, Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus and a box of index cards to serve as the first alumni records. To mark this occasion, I invite all Pointer alumni to join us for **Homecoming 2008 on Saturday, October 11**. We will celebrate all weekend, but a special anniversary party will take place Friday evening in the Alumni Room. This event will honor our past alumni directors, all of our Alumni Board members and all alumni who have helped the UWSP Alumni Association be what it is today – a wonderful home for alumni memories and a resource for alumni to stay connected and engaged with our alma mater. I hope you will join us! As I've said on many occasions, good alumni make good events, and UWSP has great alumni!

Speaking of great alumni, please allow me to introduce a few of them to you. The UWSP Alumni Board of Directors was formed shortly after the creation of the Alumni Association to serve in an advisory capacity. More than 130 alumni have served on this board and have worked to craft programs and events for alumni around the globe. In the next several issues, we will highlight the committees on the Alumni Board. I encourage you to contact us if you have an interest in learning more about their work and offering assistance.

The UWSP Alumni Board of Directors: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Board drives the board's overall mission and purpose. It provides oversight for all the committees to ensure we are staying on target, crafts agendas for the full board meeting and ensures that all board members have a voice and participate actively in meetings and alumni events.

Patrick Braatz, '84, president. Patrick works as the executive director of the Oregon Board of Dentistry and is a dedicated volunteer in other organizations as well. He was recently recognized for 30 years of service to the Badger State Boys Program in Wisconsin. Under Patrick's leadership the UWSP Alumni Association has passed criteria to establish emeritus Alumni Board members, continued to develop Homecoming and maintained current Alumni Office programs for all alumni to continue and enjoy in the future.

Mary Wescott, '75, president elect. Mary's work in the Small Business Development Center at UWSP positions her well to take over as president of the board in 2009. Mary was recognized by the Portage County Business Council in 2007 with their "Friend to Small Business" award. She has served on the board since 1997 and has made vital contributions to many committees, including the Communications Committee.

Shannon Loecher, '93, past president. Shannon is the director of sales for the 2009 PGA championship tp be held in the Minneapolis area next summer. She has made a name for herself in the niche market of sports events planning. In addition to her work on the Executive Committee, Shannon also chairs the Awards and Recognition Committee, work that is crucial to honoring alumni who have achieved outstanding accomplishments after graduating from UWSP.

Ray Oswald, '97, vice president. Ray is always on the go as he travels as part of his job for Fiserv, Inc. He has joined conference call meetings from airports, rental cars and even hotel lobbies! In addition, Ray is the chair of the Communications Committee. He helps keep the Alumni Association up to date with new technologies by integrating them into our existing systems. Ray will serve as president in 2011.

Cindy Polzin, '01, member at large. Cindy's career in the political arena, first as a consultant, and now as a policy analyst in the Wisconsin Department of Justice speaks volumes on the first-rate political science and policy programs at UWSP. Cindy is currently working with the state's attorney general in planning law enforcement roundtables in all 72 counties. She will serve as Alumni Board president in 2013.

Grant Winslow, '89, member at large. Grant's work in higher education at UW-Green Bay positions him well on the board. Grant is a strong supporter of the connection between alumni and students while they are still on campus. His role at UWGB with student programs enhances his understanding of how we can find ways to engage students before they graduate so that they will stay engaged long after graduation.

As diverse in skills as they are in talent, this group leads the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors in carrying out its mission of creating a mutually beneficial relationship between UWSP and its alumni. I know you will join me in thanking them for their time, talents and dedication to our alma mater. They work tirelessly to ensure the voices of all alumni are heard on campus.

See you at Homecoming on October 11!

Laura Gehrman Rottier

Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02

On the cover:

The Global Environment Management Education Center (GEM) Student Ambassador program at UWSP sends students to international locations to help with an environmental project. Pictured in India in June at the historic fort at Chittorgarh, from left, are students Andrew VanNatta, Lindsey Wood and Scott Reilly and GEM Communications Coordinator Ron Tschida. For full story go to page 5.

This issue of the *Pointer Alumnus* will focus on UWSP's mission to prepare students as GLOBAL CITIZENS as part of Chancellor Bunnell's VISION 2015. The GEM Ambassador program is one example of how UWSP is preparing students as leaders on a global scale.

List named Distinguished Alumnus



John List



Jim Oliva



John and Patty Noel

A professor of economics at the University of Chicago has received one of UWSP's highest honors, the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

John List, '92, Flossmoor, Ill., a pioneer in experimental economics, received the honor at the UWSP Awards banquet on May 10. Also recognized were **Jim Oliva**, Stevens Point, winner of the Alumni Service Award, and **John**, '71 and **Patty (Seidl) Noel**, '70, Stevens Point, winners of the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award.

List has been referred to as "the young economist most likely to win a Nobel Prize in economics" in *The New York Times* by Steven Levitt, author of *Freakonomics*. As a pioneer in the use of field experimental methods in economics, he is broadly recognized for testing theories within the economics of philanthropy and discrimination and microeconomics.

As a professor, List's students call him "a master of experimental economics."

"He really puts a lot of time into meeting students, sharing their ideas and giving them feedback," says Min Lee, a graduate student and List's teaching assistant. "He gives an equal amount of time to each student."

List credits his experiences at UWSP for his own teaching methods. "The professors at UWSP treated you like you were a colleague of theirs," he said. "They treated you with respect and as an equal. I think this is the one thing that has always stuck with me, that we were there together to learn about economics from each other. Those are the memories I always cherish."

While at UWSP, List was captain of the golf team and a NCAA Academic All-American. After graduating, he earned a doctorate from the University of Wyoming and began teaching at the University of Central Florida. He then taught at the University of Arizona and University of Maryland at College Park, where he still holds an adjunct position, before moving to Chicago. He is also a distinguished visiting scholar at Tilburg University in Holland and a university distinguished scholar at Resources for the Future, a nonprofit research organization.

List was the senior economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors for Environmental and Resource Economics from 2002 to 2003,

working to address climate change, the Clear Skies Act and a lumber trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada. He is the co-editor of two top environmental journals and an associate editor for American Economic Review.

He resides in a suburb of Chicago with his wife, **Jennifer (Einerson) List**, '92, and their five children.

The Alumni Service Award is given to an individual who has contributed freely of his or her time and effort for the benefit of UWSP alumni and the university. Oliva has led the world's largest trivia contest through 90FM WWSP for the last 30 years, writing questions and organizing the many facets of the contest since 1978. A retired math teacher, he owns Mom's Computers in Stevens Point.

"Without Jim, I don't think Trivia would be as big as it is," says Mike Wiza, a Stevens Point alderman. "Jim has become the face of Trivia."

The William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award recognizes public service as demonstrated by the humanitarian work of Hansen, who served as president of Wisconsin State Teachers College (later UWSP) from 1940 to 1962.

The Noels, active members of the Portage County community, have established several philanthropic organizations through the Noel Compass Foundation, including the Make a Mark Foundation, which funds building projects in developing nations; the Compass Scholarship Program, which grants college funds to Wisconsin students of color; and the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County, which offers a positive place for young people of the community.

"Their idea of going out and making a difference in other people's lives is really significant," said Gerry McKenna, dean emeritus of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. "They just have to be involved and, of course, we are all beneficiaries of that."

In 2001, the couple donated \$1 million to the construction of what became the Noel Fine Arts Center. John is a recipient of the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Franklin Covey Humanitarian Service Award among others.

Annual Campaign for Point secures matching grant

With the largest matching gift ever to the Annual Campaign for Point, The Windsor apartment homes of Plover, Wisconsin, is encouraging alumni to give to UWSP this year.

The Windsor gift will provide a dollar per dollar match, up to \$50,000 for all new donors who give to the Annual Campaign for Point. The UWSP Foundation hopes that the matching gift will inspire alumni to give their first gift, which will increase overall alumni participation in the campaign. Increased support to the Annual Campaign for Point strengthens a UWSP education as well as the UWSP reputation, says **Deb Anstett**, '74, Plover, director of development for the UWSP Foundation.

"After working here for five years, I've seen how important private donations are to a public university," said **Aaron Mullins**, '08, Stevens Point, the assistant to the director of development. "Donors can be proud and confident that their donations are put to good use."

The Annual Campaign for Point will kick off in mid-September with the annual phonathon calls to alumni and friends of UWSP. To find out more about the campaign or to make your gift online, go to www.uwsp.edu/foundation.

Alumni Association marks 40 years of service

Forty years of Homecomings, reunions, awards, benefit programs, international trips, newsletters and outings... and the UWSP Alumni Association is still going strong!

The UWSP Alumni Association was formed in 1968 under the direction of Lee Sherman Dreyfus with little more than names on index cards and the thought that a group effort from alumni would benefit the university as a whole, said **Rick Frederick**, its first director until 1972.

"We began with an Alumni Board of Directors," he said, adding alumni chapters, a Quarterback Club, a 75th anniversary celebration, redesigned Stevie Pointer and revamped Homecoming activities. Within a few years the association won an award from a professional education organization.

Karen Engelhard, '59, Stevens Point, was named the director in 1976 after serving on the association's Board of Directors. For Engelhard, a former teacher, it was her dream job and a perfect fit.

"I still feel great emotion when singing or hearing our alma mater!" she says. Among her treasured memories are the friendships she made as well as the many Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and banquets her office planned. "What happens on those evenings tells the story of UWSP in a way seldom heard anywhere else," she said. "Tribute is paid to outstanding athletes, to the families who supported them, to their teammates, their coaches and to many UWSP faculty - and it's all wrapped up into one beautiful evening."

When Engelhard retired in 1996, she passed the torch to **Brant Bergeron**, '85, Plover, her associate director of six years.

"My alumni work at UWSP gave me the opportunity to give something back to the place that meant so much to me as an undergrad," said Bergeron. "Being an alum helped me because we all shared the common ground of the Pointer experience from the get-go."

One of Bergeron's favorite memories was hearing the memories of alumni who had moved out of the area. He recalls bringing a case of Point Beer to alumni on the East Coast years ago. They were so excited to have something from Point that after they drank it they kept the bottles, caps and case, he recalls.

Bergeron served as director of Alumni Affairs and University Relations until 2003. Now it's **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, Stevens Point, who works with the Alumni Association serving over 70,000 graduates of UWSP.

"Being the director of the Alumni Association is an amazing opportunity," said Gehrman Rottier. "It's humbling and inspiring to connect alumni who are changing the world. Alumni have and will play a vital role in the future success of UWSP."

While much has changed at UWSP over the years, the former directors agree the biggest change is that larger classes and five to six-year college careers are making it harder for alumni to connect as a class group.

Much is the same, such as the campus' hometown atmosphere, caring faculty and friendships created through residence hall or study abroad affinity groups. The Alumni Association mission is also the same, says Engelhard. "Reaching out to people who care deeply for UWSP, the people we care deeply about, that has endured."

What do the next 40 years hold? Hopefully continued opportunities for personal connections between alumni, students and the campus, says Gehrman Rottier. "We want to use emerging technologies while ensuring that the personal touch continues to be a common thread in our programs."

"There is so much our alumni have to learn from each other," said Bergeron. "Facebook, chat rooms and My Space are great tools, but there is no substitute for looking a fellow Pointer in the eye and sharing how UWSP changed your life!"



Alumni Association directors, past and present, including Rick Frederick, Laura Gehrman Rottier and Karen Engelhard, above, and Brant Bergeron, right



Alumni Association invites you to Italy, India

Unforgettable views, historic places, architectural marvels and fascinating cultures are on the itineraries of two trips offered in 2009 by the UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation.

Discover the cities of Rome and Florence, Italy, on a seven-night trip March 14-22. This tour includes four optional tours to see the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, the Forum, the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, the art and architecture of Florence, the Chianti Hills, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Renaissance city of Lucca. The trip includes first-class accommodations, continental breakfast buffet daily and more for \$1,599 plus airfare per person with double or triple occupancy.

Explore India from April 30-May 9, with visits to Delhi, Agra and Daipur to see historic palaces, mosques, markets and World Heritage Sites, including the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort royal residence. Enjoy shopping for textiles, jewelry and more and take advantage of an optional elephant safari in the countryside. This trip includes first-class hotel accommodations, 14 meals and additional conveniences for \$2,499 plus airfare per person with double or triple occupancy.

For more information, visit www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Travel2009.htm.



Raised in poverty in Mbumbuni, Kenya, with his seven siblings by a single mother, **Nicholas Mutuku Syano**, MS '08, saw first hand the environmental degradation of his community and the destruction of native trees that provided food and fuel to the village.

While working for the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming, he began working with UWSP's Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) as an in-country trainer to help small-scale farmers with sustainable, organic farming techniques and crops of local and nutritious vegetables to supplement the compromised diets of those with HIV/AIDS.

It was through these contacts that Syano became a graduate student at UWSP. He has been able to use his education and help from members of the Central Wisconsin community to bring sustainable food and fuel to his native country.

Prior to graduating this past May, Syano's graduate studies research focused on self-help food and fuel for impoverished communities impacted by HIV and AIDS, and on early growth responses of dry land wood tree species in order to determine the best candidates for sustainable self-help fuel production in his native Kenya.

Through his efforts and with funding from USAID and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 1,200 participants were trained in small garden system techniques. More than 700 gardens were installed and promising native dryland tree species were identified and tested successfully in the arid Kitui region.

He also helped form the Center for Community Regeneration, Inc. with local attorney Gary Dreier and the Church of the Intercession in Stevens Point. The nonprofit organization has donated more than 5,000 tree seedlings to Mbumbuni.

Aid also came from the Sunrise Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids after Syano spoke to them about how the women in his village must walk for hours, several times a day, to bring water to their homes. The club is now raising money to build the village a well.

Syano's dedication to making changes in Mbumbuni earned him the \$1,500 CNR Outstanding Graduate Student Award this spring.

"Nicholas was an outstanding graduate student at Point and will undoubtedly take his gained knowledge and put it into practice in his homeland," said CNR Dean Christine Thomas.



UWSP alumnus Nicholas Syano (blue shirt) explains small garden systems to members of the Kikuyu tribe in the Kamueti village in Kenya.

"I strongly believe that whatever job we have, if we do it well, that the living, the dead and unborn could do it no better," said Syano. "And if we use our free time and talent to help the less privileged, then we shall always be happy."

Syano is now in Kenya with his wife, Esther, and daughters Faith and Mercy. His goal is to pursue a doctorate in natural resources management with a long-term goal to continue his academic research linking academic expertise with rural communities.

For more on the GEM work in Kenya, go to www.uwsp.edu/cnr/gem/KenyaReportWeb.pdf.

Alumna advocates on a global scale



Lauren McGrath

In just the three years since graduating from UWSP, **Lauren McGrath**, '05, Minneapolis, Minn., has traveled extensively on four of the seven continents, not as a tourist but as a social and sustainability advocate. Like so many of her generation, McGrath has taken a "can do" and leadership approach to her young career in an increasing interconnected world.

"My long-term aspirations include a career that addresses the nexus of human rights, security and climate change," she says. To that end, she has worked in South Africa, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Canada, France and Puerto Rico.

Her first job after graduation took her to Appalachia, serving as a community organizer for rural Appalachian communities affected by mountaintop coal extraction. McGrath saw first hand how peoples health and economic well-being were changed by this mining practice along much of the Appalachian Mountain range.

In South Africa she attended Rhodes University for Constitutional Law as well as volunteering as an HIV/AIDS peer educator. A year ago she attended the United Nations Climate Negotiations in Indonesia. An adherent to organic and sustainable agricultural practices, she also spent time on an organic farm in Mexico.

In summer 2007 she was a recipient of a grant from the Civil Society Institute and selected to the WITNESS Video Advocacy Institute hosted in Montreal. McGrath was one of 30 human rights defenders selected worldwide. In December that same year she was selected as a youth delegate/U.S. representative to the United Nations Climate negotiations held in Bali, Indonesia.

Currently, McGrath serves as the national campaign organizer for The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) www.cvt.org, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. At CVT she is working on a variety of advocacy initiatives, including campaigtobantorture.org, featured recently in *The New York Times* and on *ABC News*.

"My exposure to human rights and conflicts around resource and environmental security via my work within the climate movement was pivotal in motivating my decision to continue work in human rights," she said. "From day one I was inspired by the CVT. It roots its advocacy work in twenty-plus years of direct service with survivors."

A native of Janesville, McGrath graduated from UWSP in December 2005 with a degree in political science. She was the recipient of two prestigious campus awards – the Chancellor's Leadership Award and the University Leadership Award.

"As a student, many of the professors and the faculty I worked with most frequently served as some of my greatest mentors and roll models," she says. "Faculty and professors often worked side-by-side with student leaders in developing projects around sustainability and other university legislative issues."

From 2001-02 she was co-president for Kyoto Now, a project of UWSP's Environmental Council working to raise the profile of climate change on the campus and throughout the UW System. A year later she chaired the campus' first-ever University Sustainability Committee, charged to help the campus develop a long-term sustainability plan. In 2003 McGrath began working at the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, host of the largest energy fair in the Great Lakes region and located just east of Stevens Point.

As the legislative issues director for UWSP's Student Government Association during her senior year, she took interest in issues on the state of her public university as well as issues outside Stevens Point and beyond America's shores. Whether it was politics in Madison, student financial aid or organic and sustainable agricultural practices, she wanted to learn and do more on behalf of these and other social causes.

"The leadership at UWSP believed in what I could do, and supported my ideas and efforts as a student and as a campus organizer," she adds. "It was this belief in myself and willingness to go out on a limb with new projects or research endeavors that formed my experience at UWSP and who I am today."

Where in the World is JWSP?

The College of Letters and Science is preparing global citizens through study abroad opportunities, technology, partnerships and collaborations and its curriculum. Here are a few examples:

- Biology students and faculty traveled to **Guatemala** last year to study the uses of native plants by Mayans and the Latino communities in the dry forest.
- Richard Ruppel, foreign languages, initiated a new German study abroad program in **Marburg, Germany**, at the Philipps Universität, founded in 1527, through the Wisconsin-Hessen Partnership.
- New faculty member Stephanie Alemán, anthropology, is in the process of initiating an exchange program between UWSP and the Waiwai, a tribe in **Guyana**.
- Web and Digital Media Development (WDMD) students traveled to the **City University of London (CUL)** to help develop Web radio applications for its journalism program. This fall, a WDMD student will intern at the CUL.
- Eight political science majors interned with British Parliament through the **London** Internship Program. Students have called the experience "one of the defining moments in their undergraduate training."
- Matthew Davis, English, founded an online citizenship discussion forum with nearly 450 participants from 28 different countries.
- A UW System Collaborative Language Program is making it possible for UWSP students to take two years of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. In addition, Mohammed Hmuma, a native of **Libya**, will serve UWSP as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching assistant this year, teaching Arabic and taking classes at UWSP.
- The Department of History has revised its curriculum to include "Islam in the Modern World," "History of Human Rights," and "The American Way: Culture and U.S. Foreign Relations."
- Seven UWSP students competed in the annual National Model United Nations conference in **New York City** in March. The students, members of the United Nations Student Organization, represented **Togo** and **South Africa**.

GEM Student Ambassador Program gives students a new perspective

Amongst the extremely high temperatures, poverty, downpours and the friendly, hospitable people of rural India, Scott Reilly, a College of Natural Resources graduate student, discovered much about himself, his future and international environmental issues this summer.

“We spend our days out along the ‘river,’ collecting biological data, talking with inquisitive villagers, sweating,” wrote Reilly in a letter to friends and family. “Everything here comes in extremes, the food, the heat, the traffic, the poverty and wealth, the kindness. It lends itself to living and feeling, the good and the bad of it. There is a lot to be said for just living and finding happiness in the simple moments. India continues to help me clarify and muddle my goals and values, simplifying and complicating who I am and what I hope to become.”

Reilly was one of six CNR students, two in India and four in Kenya, who this year joined the ranks of 35 students who have participated in the UWSP Global Environment Management (GEM) Education Center Student Ambassador Program. Students are placed with GEM partners overseas to work on practical natural resources projects to get an international perspective through cultural immersion experiences in locations in South Africa, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, China and Guyana.

The program’s unique elements make an impact on these ambassadors, says Ron Tschida, GEM’s communications coordinator who also traveled to India over the summer. “The students spend 10-12 weeks in their location, travel in small groups, work with local organizations and some stay with local families. All of that forces them to adapt and participate in local culture.”

Reilly, along with Andrew VanNatta, a junior majoring in urban forestry, worked in Rajasthan, India, with the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), a nongovernmental Indian organization that assists rural communities in ecological restoration and the sustainable use of land and water resources. The two students assisted FES with a study of the 50-kilometer Menali River watershed near Bhilwara and helped develop a management plan for the area.

From the crowded, busy streets where their presence draws a crowd to the dry, rocky ground that transforms into a river bed during the rainy season, Reilly and VanNatta adjusted to sights, sounds and cultures that were incredibly different from anything they’d experienced before.

VanNatta wrote that the environment itself is a strikingly extreme component of the country.

“The first five weeks I’ve spent in India have been at the end of the dry season. Everything is a drab color, full of dust and, of course, heat (they say the 40-45 degree Celsius temperatures are mild compared to some years!). Following the first significant rain event (not quite the monsoon rains, but rather what they call the ‘pre-monsoons’) an amazing

transformation occurs. The trees green up and grass begins to appear amid the rocks and barren soil. Rivers, once dry or stagnant, come to life. Birds abound in oases and aquatic animals spring forth. The layer of dust and dirt that has accumulated on everything (and everyone) is washed away and a new beginning is celebrated.”

UWSP graduate student Lindsey Wood joined Reilly and VanNatta in India for six weeks, conducting research for her master’s thesis on sustainable communities before traveling to Kenya to meet up with the other GEM ambassadors.

In Kenya, Maria Holl, a sophomore in land use planning; Joanna Bietka, a junior in forest ecosystem restoration and management; Jesse Davis, a senior in environmental education; and Hilary Meyer, a senior in fisheries and biology, worked at Nyumbani Village, a planned community in the semi-arid region east of Nairobi founded to help combat Africa’s HIV/AIDS crisis. The students helped the community with sustainable agriculture and agroforestry practices as well as found more efficient ways for stove cooking. The village aims to become a self-sustaining community, providing its own food and earning income through sale of surplus agricultural products and handicrafts.

The GEM ambassador program gives students a new perspective that they carry into their careers in natural resources, says Tschida.

“This is a transformative experience,” he said. “In almost every case the students find out something about themselves they didn’t know. And they look at things around them a little differently. Seeing how scarce water is elsewhere gives them an appreciation for life in America and how important it is to conserve the precious natural resources we have.”



Scott Reilly, a UWSP graduate student in environmental education and 2008 GEM Student Ambassador in India, enjoys a mango while visiting with a farm family near Anand, India.



Andrew VanNatta, a UWSP junior in urban forestry and 2008 GEM Student Ambassador in India, kneels in the dry Menali River bed, before summer monsoons. Andrew and Scott Reilly are assisting with a study of the ecology of the Menali River watershed.



GEM Student Ambassadors Scott Reilly, far left, and Andrew VanNatta, along with GEM graduate student Lindsey Wood, discuss forest restoration efforts with two FES staff members, right, at an FES project site at a village in the state of Rajasthan.

Fall Migration revisits summer camp



Reliving the memories of summer camp is the theme of this year’s College of Natural Resources (CNR) Fall Migration dinner and auction on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The event begins at 5 p.m. in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center and offers food, drink, both silent and live auctions and a raffle. Proceeds benefit the CNR Endowment, a fund that supports the work of programs, faculty and staff within the college.

The social and cash bar begins at 5 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. Guests may choose from duck, salmon, beef tenderloin or vegetarian lasagna, which include a salad and dessert.

In order to help guests reminisce about their days at CNR summer camps, Steve Menzel, director of development for the CNR, is collecting photos and stories at smenzel@uwsp.edu or through mail at 800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Individual reservations are \$60 or a table for eight may be reserved for \$400. Reservations are requested by Oct. 22 by going to www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration or by calling Tammy Hanson at (715) 346-4617. Event sponsorships and donations for the auction and raffles may be made by calling Steve Menzel at (715) 346-2032.

Where in the World is UWSP?

From the worldwide efforts of the Global Environmental Management Education Center to its many international collaborations, the College of Natural Resources is helping its students make an impact across the world:

- More than 90 CNR students studied abroad over the last year, including the GEM Student Ambassador Program in **India** and **Kenya** (see page 4), winterim trips to **Costa Rica**, **Tanzania** and **Mexico/Belize**, and the **European** summer seminar program.
- The European Environmental Studies Seminar summer program, an alternative to the required summer camp at Treehaven, has given over 40 student participants each year a first hand look at European environmental problems and natural resource management practices since 1972. Students visit national parks in **Poland**, the Black Forest in **Germany** and glacial landscapes in **Iceland**.
- CNR’s Paper Science and Engineering Department collaborated with North Carolina State University and universities in **Germany** and **Finland** to land a \$447,588 four-year grant from U.S. Department of Education Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). The schools will develop a dual undergraduate degree in paper science and engineering, allowing students and faculty to take part in an academic and multicultural exchange and gain knowledge of global paper science issues, techniques and significant foreign language skills. The grant was spearheaded by **Bobbi Kubish**, ’96, M.S. ’01, CNR recruitment and international programs coordinator.
- Several international speakers gave presentations at UWSP, including professors from **Poland**, **Costa Rica** and **Mexico** and an environmentalist from **China**. The GEM Critical Issues International Seminar Series brought in speakers from the **United Nations**, **Scotland** and **India** for presentations that attracted over 500 area citizens.
- Holly Petrillo, forestry, is working with Northern Arizona University to develop an international summer trip to **Ghana** for CNR students.
- Faculty members Gerry Ring, George Kraft and Kevin Russell received grants to participate in international research: Ring in **Munich, Germany**, Kraft in **Austria** and Russell in **Poland**.

Sustainability Fair to be held at UWSP

The UWSP Sustainability Task Force will hold a campuswide sustainability fair, “UWSP – Purple, Gold and Green!” on Friday, Oct. 3, from noon to 6 p.m. The public is invited free of charge. UWSP alumni are encouraged to participate.

Green initiatives on campus and for community use will be featured throughout campus with demonstrations, lectures, films, tours, organic foods, student organizational tables, promotions and giveaways. For more information, go to www.uwsp.edu/sustainability.

Alumnus helps bring students to ‘world’s stage’

This May, eleven UWSP theatre students traveled to New York City, but it was far from a class trip to see a Broadway show. Rather, it was a first step toward their careers as working actors.

The students, led by theatre and design faculty members Assistant Professor **Tyler Marchant**, '95, Stevens Point, and Assistant Professor Tim Howard, met with and auditioned for professional television, theatre and film casting directors and agents. It was something they'd been preparing for all year through a new course called Senior Showcase, taught by Marchant and Howard as an opportunity for students to transition from university training to the practical know-how of a complex professional world.

“Students not only have a chance to audition, but they also receive feedback and advice about the business from agents and casting directors,” said Howard. No other program is set up to allow the students to speak informally with the agents and directors after the auditions. The experience led to two of the students getting callbacks from these agents.

Throughout the year, the professors taught them about being a working actor in New York City, from how to pay taxes and find auditions to who's who in show business. The students also updated their headshots and their resumes, and were encouraged to audition themselves as authentic and unique.

“The biggest thing this gives them is the confidence to go out and do this themselves,” said Marchant. “When alumni hear about this, their jaws drop. These are small town kids and New York is so huge. But there are so many opportunities there, and it's easier to make a living there as an actor.”

One of the reasons Marchant is excited about the program is that the students have experiences near his own. He too was a student from a small town who went to New York to start his career.

A native of Ripon, Marchant started out as a communications major at UWSP because he didn't think he could make a living with a career in theatre. A study abroad trip to London his sophomore year was “life changing,” he said.

“The theatre was a real draw in London, and I realized maybe I could do something like this.” When he returned he changed his major, then went on to earn a master's degree in directing at the University of South Carolina and move to New York.

Marchant has worked as a director and associate director both on and off Broadway, and has worked with Isabella Rossellini, Richard Thomas, Nathan Lane and James Earl Jones, among others. He has directed shows across the United States and served as vice president of the Association of Non-Profit Theatre companies. Although it was hard to leave New York, he returned to UWSP to teach and get back to where he found his love of theatre.



Pictured in the New York City office of Broadway casting agent Bernard Telsey, clockwise from left, are Christopher Wuelling, Meagan Gilliland, Clark Ausloos, Angela Ferlo, Ali Gilbertson and Marie Holzmann.

“It's very inspiring for me to work with students who are finding that magic for themselves,” he said. “Their energy and commitment has energized me.” Though he did not originally come to UWSP for theatre, he recommends the program for any acting student. “Here you get more bang for your buck,” he says. “You will have a rigorous, conservatory experience, with more face time with faculty who are committed to the art.” Marchant and Howard hope to offer the Senior Showcase course to graduating seniors each spring. “This is a unique and powerful experience for the students,” adds Marchant. “Graduating seniors are often daunted by the immense challenge of starting their careers. This opportunity is tailor-made to make this difficult process seem possible and help spread the word of the talent that the Midwest is generating.”

Endowment encourages studying abroad

An endowment created by a group of former International Programs trip leaders and alumni who have studied abroad has awarded more than 40 scholarships to UWSP students studying abroad over the past two years.

These were the first scholarships awarded through the International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE), established ten years ago to encourage UWSP students to study abroad and to help UWSP continue as a leader in international education. Overall, UWSP leads the entire UW System, including Madison, in the percentage of graduates who have studied abroad. IPSE now stands at over \$250,000 and continues to grow while scholarships are awarded from the interest.

Along with the general IPSE fund, several individual ‘named’ scholarships have been created through the endowment by retired and current faculty who have led semesters abroad, as well as through a bequest from the estate of Pauline Isaacson, the first International Programs director.

Alumni are also helping fund the endowment. In October 2007, a group of alumni who studied in Great Britain during the fall semester of 1987 gathered for a Homecoming reunion and established the first “class” scholarship for a student who will study in Great Britain. In 2005, **Scott Thomas**, '88, and his wife, Donna, established an endowment fund in the name of his late uncle, hoping to give other students the same wonderful experience Scott had studying in Great Britain in 1987.

“IPSE has received tremendous support from former and current leaders, alumni and friends of study abroad,” said Robert Wolensky, a UWSP professor of sociology and co-founder of IPSE who, along with his wife, **Molly Wolensky**, '89, created named scholarships for sociology and education students.

“We hope that the 400-plus faculty and staff who have led overseas programs, as well as the 11,000-plus UWSP alumni who have studied abroad, will be inspired to contribute to the endowment so that future UWSP students can have similar life-changing experiences through international travel and education,” he added.

To make a general donation or create a named scholarship through IPSE, please contact the UWSP Foundation at (800) 858-5267 or go to www.uwsp.edu/foundation.

International Programs, which will mark its 40th anniversary next fall, has reached over the 500 mark for UWSP students studying abroad during each of the last two years. This fall students will study in Poland, England and Australia and several trips are planned for the January Winterim period as well as next spring.

Felch named Siemens Inventor of the Year



Chad Felch

The opportunity to conduct undergraduate research at UWSP is one of the most valuable experiences students can have. **Chad Felch**, '95, Mosinee, believes his undergraduate research experience helped shape a chemistry career that now includes the prestigious and international Siemens Inventor of the Year award.

Felch was the only North American to receive the top honor for innovation in a global company that spends \$8 billion in research and development every year. Siemens Water Technologies employs over 57,000 research and development specialists worldwide, which includes the Rothschild office where Felch has worked for eight years. He has nine patents in progress and 27 inventions to his name.

His recent invention, “Wet Oxidation to Treat a Soot Slurry From a Gasification Process,” is used to treat a waste stream generated by a gasification process used in tar sands fields in Alberta, Canada. This allows a customer to reduce solids waste dramatically, recover rare metals for resale and make the gasification process more economical. The new process reduces ash volume by 90 percent and has helped Siemens book a \$60 million contract - one of the largest in Siemens Water Technologies history.

“I'm proud of our ability to solve the customers' difficult problem with an environmentally friendly solution,” he said.

After choosing UWSP because of faculty mentor opportunities, Felch quickly began conducting undergraduate research using “Mathmatica” programs to conduct kinetic studies on enzymes and later researched how chemotherapeutic drugs interact with DNA strands. He cited Professor Paul Hladky for getting him started with undergraduate research, in addition to several other chemistry and mathematics professors.

Where in the World is JWSP?

The College of Fine Arts and Communication brings the world to its students through international guest speakers and artists as well as takes its students into the world through international study programs:

- Professor Mark Brueggeman, art and design, and students in dance, theatre, music and art have been traveling to **Thailand** since 2006 to teach fine arts to children at the Development and Education Program for Daughters and Community in Mae Sai. The three-week service-learning program was created as part of The Thailand Project through the efforts of art student Joseph Quinnell who visited the school and saw a way for UWSP to help at-risk children.
- Several communications and arts management students have served externships in **London**, working for news, television, public relations firms, theatres and other venues.
- The nowHERE Design Conference, sponsored by the American Institute of Graphic Arts student organization at UWSP since 2005, brings national and international designers to UWSP for a weekend of lectures, workshops and conversation. Guests have included designers from **Brazil** and **Great Britain**.
- Five sculptors, from **Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland** and the U.S., came to UWSP in 2005 to work with students and faculty to create environmental art in the community and surrounding areas.

See World Heritage Sites through UWSP Adventure Tours



Lori and Dave Wargowski

Lori (Ewaskowitz) Wargowski '81, and Dave Wargowski, '80, Mount Horeb, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a biking trip to Italy with UWSP Adventure Tours.

“We met at Point, both being in pre-med,” said Lori. “It was while doing a Wisconsin bike tour during the week of our 20th anniversary that Dave looked at me and said, ‘We should bike in Europe for our 25th ... how about Italy?’ I couldn’t turn that down as a goal and to make it full circle, we wanted to do the trip with UWSP, knowing you had a great, well-organized trip abroad.”

The two found it to be a trip of a lifetime, she said, adding, “Having the opportunity to see and experience another country and culture truly facilitated a perspective adjustment for us. We look forward to another trip abroad in the near future.”

UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours, coordinated through the School of Health Promotion and Human Development since 1985, is offering six trips in 2009 for bicyclists and hikers of all levels, with four including World Heritage Sites.

Itineraries of about 30 to 70 miles per day for cyclists and five to ten miles for hikers are designed so participants can bike or hike as little or as much as they wish. Usually two, three, or four nights are spent at each place so biking or hiking isn’t required every single day. There are plenty of other things to see and experience along the way.

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

The 2009 schedule is as follows:

- **Italy, May 29 – June 10** (hiking) - This cultural walking tour in Veneto starts with several days on beautiful Lake Garda nestled in the Italian pre-Alps and includes leisurely strolls in scenic Malcesine and other towns along the shores of the lake including Sirmione, Desenzano, Garda and Riva. More challenging hikes on Monte Baldo and surrounding mountains are optional and Verona is an easy day trip. We’ll also stay in Bassano del Grappa, a town on the banks of the Brenta River known

for its grappa and ceramics. The last days of the trip will be in Venice, home to palaces and villas that speak to the city’s domination in the medieval world. We’ll visit the islands of Murano (with its glass-blowing workshops) and Burano (known for its lace-making).

- **Mallorca, March 12 - 22** (bicycling) – Mild weather, excellent roads, spectacular scenery and outstanding accommodations are the highlights of this trip. This island in the Mediterranean is a cyclist’s paradise, and an annual favorite. You may choose direct routes or meander through the pastoral interior and rugged coasts of the island, which is home to the early season training camps of several professional cycling teams drawn to the “Isle of Calm” by a superb ambience. You can choose from flat routes to very hilly, challenging rides; there are options for all levels of cyclists. The Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range provides a scenic backdrop.
- **France, June 15 – 30** (bicycling) – Enjoy the lush and fertile valleys of Bordeaux and Dordogne in southwestern France. The area is home to countless chateaux, tranquil medieval villages, pre-historic cave art and scenic natural beauty. The serene countryside is dotted with picturesque town markets, intriguing fortifications and breathtaking cliff vistas. We’ll visit artisans and craftspeople at work, explore caves designated World Heritage Sites for their Paleolithic paintings and see abbeys and walled towns from the Middle Ages. The culinary traditions are renowned and the wines are plentiful; the area is simply brimming with vineyards.
- **England, June 27 – July 12** (hiking) – The Jurassic coast of England covers 95 miles from East Devon to Dorset. World Heritage status was achieved because of the site’s unique insight into the earth sciences as it clearly depicts a ‘geological walk through time,’ spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Its rocks record 195 million years of history. Because of its unique formations, the towns and people of the area reflect a heritage not found in other areas of England. The hiking here will include a blend of coastal paths, forest walks, villages and coastal islands.
- **Norway, July 26 – August 11** (bicycling) – We’ll explore historic and cultural sites in Oslo that will introduce us to the country’s heritage then cycle through coastal villages, exploring medieval towns, harbors and forts. Typical sights will include cobblestone streets, white clapboard houses, street markets and colorful cafés in seaside resorts. We’ll take a ferry to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fjord country, stunningly situated between mountains to the east and islands to the west. Its unique architecture has placed it on the list of World Heritage sites. There are many opportunities for cycling excursions from Bergen into the fjord country.
- **Poland, September 6 - 17** (hiking) – For many years, UWSP has provided extraordinary study/travel programs in East-Central Europe for university students; now the first Adventure Tours program to Poland will be offered for adults who wish to experience the Polish language, culture and society. Krakow’s 1,000 years of history, its magnificent art and architecture and the stunning natural beauty of the Carpathian Mountains await us! We’ll hike the peaks and valleys of the southern mountain region, exploring local architecture, the Dunajec Gorge (World Heritage Site) and Niedzica’s medieval castle. Glacial lakes and the colorful mountain town of Zakopane are additional highlights.

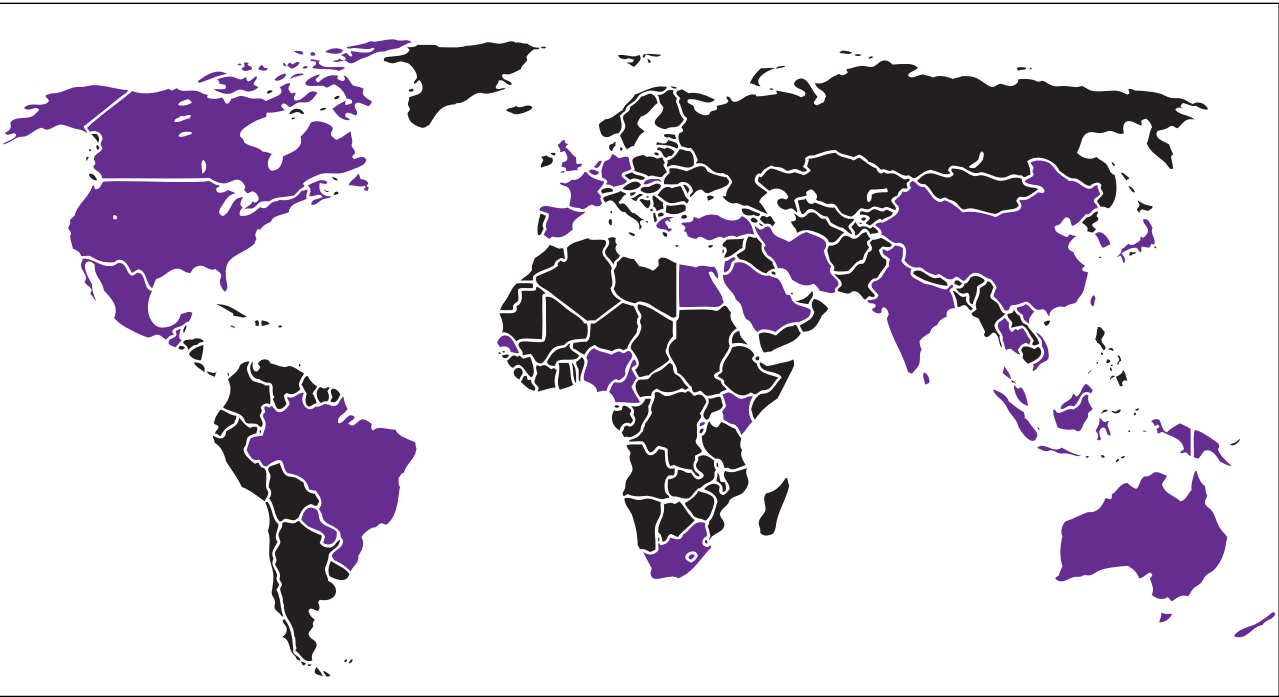
To learn more about the trips, visit www.uwsp.edu/hphd/bikehike, e-mail bikehike@uwsp.edu, or call 715-346-4080. Early registration is advised, as some trips fill quickly.

Where in the world is UWSP?

According to alumni records, UWSP graduates live on six continents and in nearly 40 different countries, including:

Australia	Germany	Japan	Nigeria	South Africa
Belgium	Grand Cayman	Jordan	Papua New Guinea	Spain
Brazil	Greece	Kenya	Paraguay	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Guatemala	Korea	Rwanda	Taiwan
Canada	India	Malaysia	Samoa	Thailand
China	Indonesia	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Egypt	Iran	Netherlands	Senegal	United Kingdom
France	Israel	New Zealand	Slovakia	Vietnam

In addition, alumni live in all 50 of the United States of America as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Where in the World is UWSP?

The College of Professional Studies brings a global perspective to its students in a number of ways:

- A growing number of interior architecture majors are studying or interning abroad and finding a wide world of design. This summer a group led by Professor Kathe Julin studied art, architecture and design in **Northern Italy**. In 2009, students will travel to **Greece**. “They get a different cultural point of view, especially as they travel,” says Nisha Fernando, head of interior architecture. They see different kinds of architecture and interior architecture and the use of different materials. They really get a range of design experiences.”
- Five students, led by athletic training student Amy Statz, Wisconsin Rapids, volunteered at the **Beijing** Olympics. Statz also led a medical mission trip to **Guatemala**.
- The Division of Business and Economics (now in CPS) has been offering a summer business internship in **China** over the past 10 years. This years’ trip was canceled due to the earthquake in the Sichuan province, however, it will continue next year.
- Over spring break, Professor JoAnne Katzmarek, education, took 18 education majors to **London** where they studied the structure and curriculum of British schools.
- Cuiting Li, a health promotion and human development faculty member, will lead a study trip to her hometown of **Baotou, China**, next summer.
- Four ROTC cadets went overseas this year to take part in cultural immersion training.

Campus News

- UWSP residence halls have become a model of energy efficiency for the rest of the UW System, using 53 percent green energy through Wisconsin Public Service’s NatureWise program (a mix of local wind turbines or generators that use waste biogas from landfills and farms). UWSP continues to be the largest purchaser of renewable energy sources in the UW System, using a renewable electrical energy mix for nearly 20 percent of its total energy use.
- College of Letters and Science Dean Lance Grahm took a position as provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. Charles Clark, the college’s associate dean, is serving as interim dean until a permanent replacement is found.
- WWSP 90FM upgraded its transmitter and broadcasting pattern, increasing coverage to Weyauwega, Neillsville, Westfield and Mosinee. The new transmitter will allow the station to broadcast in high definition in the future, and also saves energy. The upgrade was funded through the Friends of 90FM Foundation and the Student Government Association with assistance from Wisconsin Public Service’s Focus on Energy program.
- James Bradley, bestselling author of “Flags of Our Fathers,” was the keynote speaker at the 21st biennial Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership Day on April 21. The event brought state high school students together to hear from local, regional and national experts on a variety of topics. Created by Melvin Laird, a former Wisconsin congressman and U.S. Secretary of Defense, the event is sponsored by the Laird Youth Leadership Foundation.

Teacher credential files reminder

The UWSP Career Services Office wants to remind alumni who established teacher credential files while enrolled at UWSP that all credential files will be shredded as of January 1, 2013.

As those of you in the education field know, school districts no longer look to Career Services Offices to provide credentials as part of the hiring process but rather expect candidates to supply these materials themselves (self credential). In 2003, the Career Services Office discontinued creating credential files so newer alumni are not affected.

Any alumni who want the nonconfidential contents of their teacher credential file can contact the Career Services Office with their request. A PDF of the request form is available at www.uwsp.edu/career/studentsandalumni/services. Since many of these credential files contain outdated materials, alumni seeking teaching positions would be well served to obtain new letters of recommendation rather than relying on outdated references.

UWSP credential files typically contain a resume or data sheets and original letters of recommendation. Older files may also contain student teaching reports. Transcripts have never been a part of the credential files. The Registration and Records Office is responsible for all transcripts.

The Career Services staff would be happy to talk with alumni about obtaining materials from their file or about any questions alumni have related to job seeking or career changing. The office is located in Old Main Room 134 or reach the office at career@uwsp.edu or (715) 346-3226.

Recent retirements

Professor **E. Sherwood “Woody” Bishop** taught in the Sociology Department from 1972 until May, earning two Excellence in Teaching Awards. “I really enjoyed sharing the excitement of learning with my students and visiting those who have kept in touch with me,” he says. The Kenosha native will spend his retirement “doing one thing today and another tomorrow.” He and his wife, Madge, have two children and two grandchildren.

Paul Doeblner spent his 33 years with the Music Department at UWSP as a principal flutist with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra, organist at the Church of the Intercession, director of the Pointer Pep Band and faculty adviser to Phi Mu Alpha. He also led five study abroad trips to Europe. He and his wife, Ann, have three sons and two grandchildren. They live in Stevens Point and spend time volunteering, traveling and visiting family. He continues to play with the CWSO and as a church organist.

Rex Dorethy, a professor of art and design, taught history of visual arts and art education at UWSP from 1984 until this May.

Sharon Gahnz, director of the Counseling Center, Testing Services and Employee Assistance program, retired in August after 28 years at UWSP. A licensed psychologist and therapist, she created several ways to help campus faculty, staff and students. She won an Academic Staff Excellence Award and led semesters abroad in Great Britain and Australia. In retirement she is growing more orchids, traveling, creating art and spending time with her husband, Dixon, son, three step-children and eight grandchildren.

Professor **James Haine**, business and economics, came to UWSP in 1976, twice serving as division chair, and twice winning the Excellence in Teaching Award. He was also active in Stevens Point governance. As a retiree, he says his “bucket list” includes continuing to learn Spanish and Tae Kwon Do, learning to play a musical instrument, fishing in Lake DuBay, traveling to every continent and finishing home improvement projects. He and his wife, Madeleine, have a son and daughter and two granddaughters.

Ronald Hensler, professor of soil and waste resources, began teaching at UWSP in 1971. He was honored for service by the CNR and won a national honor as the adviser of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Charlotte, live on a 150-acre farm with their nine horses. In retirement they are enjoying gardening and traveling to see their daughter and her family as well as more of the U.S. and Europe.

Thomas Johnson retired after 38 years as a professor of anthropology. A native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Tom will continue his Native American research in retirement in travels to New Mexico and Arizona. He is also working on a book about Powers Bluff, an ancient native site in Wood County, and he plans to study native or first nations’ enrollment policies. He and his wife, Helen, a former UWSP professor, have two daughters.

Michael Keller, a professor of music since 1971, will continue to serve the Music Department as an accompanist in retirement. He has performed as soloist and accompanist throughout the U.S. and Great Britain. A member of the Lydian Trio, Michael has been featured as a soloist on Wisconsin Public Radio, the Dame Myra Hess Series in Chicago and St. Martin in the Fields in London, England.

Biology Professor **William LeGrande**, a native of Stonewall, Louisiana, came to campus in 1977 and was an active researcher and director and curator of fishes of UWSP’s Museum of Natural History. In retirement he performs with the Monteverde Master Chorale, travels with his wife, Valerie, pursues his interest in art and sleeps late.

Mary Mosier was a director of Student Activities, Conference and Reservations, Career Services and the Student Academic Advising Center for much of her 37 years at UWSP. She also worked as a career counselor. Mary received the University Service Award and served on Faculty Senate. She is spending her retirement trying to keep track of her husband, Bob, as well as traveling with him to see their two sons.

Jay Poutinen has taught marketing in the Division of Business and Economics since 1982, retiring as an associate professor in June. While at UWSP he advised the Student Economic Leadership Forum, Fast Track, and the American Marketing Association. In 1985 the Student Leaders Association named him adviser of the year. He and his wife, Susan, have a daughter.

Meta Reigel, ’90, master’s ’93, served as a senior lecturer for the College of Natural Resources beginning in 1992 and calls CNR students “the best on campus.” One of the highlights of her career was winning a Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Award. Meta is spending her retirement traveling, biking, paddling and hanging out at the lake with her friends and grandchildren.

Larry Riggs, a professor of instructional technology in the School of Education, came to UWSP in 1977 where he worked on teaching technology and twice received the Excellence in Teaching Award. As a retiree he hopes to read, travel and develop a training program for older citizens to enhance their brain function, physical balance and well being. He has a son and daughter and three grandsons.

Gerald Rous, a program manager for UWSP Continuing Education, came to UWSP in 1971 to teach in the Sociology Department. He left in 1981 then returned in 1993 to work for UWSP Extension, where he taught online sociology courses and specialized in credit-based outreach to adult professionals and distance education. In retirement he will continue teaching online, travel with his wife to visit their daughter at Harvard, go fishing, enjoy lunches with fellow UWSP retirees and be his own boss.

Marg Whalen, an assistant professor in the University Library and Government Publications, began working at UWSP in 1975 and retired in May.

Terry Wick, a professor of ancient and medieval history, came to UWSP in 1969. He has researched the social history of transportation in the United States and Europe in the 20th Century for a series of volumes and created a new form of chess. In addition to history, his interests include flying, and he is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Stevens Point Pilots Association and Civil Air Patrol as well as the Association of Ancient Historians and Yang Tai Chi Association.

Classified staff retirees included **Diane Dieterich**, master’s ’98; **Joan Gresens**, ’66, Jill Judd, Thomas Lewis, Mike Marksteiner, Vicki Marksteiner (posthumous), James Miceli, Jerry Naczek, **Christine Neidlein**, ’72, **Judy Nygaard**, ’86, **Phyllis Peri**,

Professors emeriti create endowment



Barbara and Justus Paul are pictured with endowment recipient Richard Barker.

Professors emeriti Justus and Barbara Paul recently announced a \$50,000 endowment for the College of Letters and Science and the University Library at UWSP.

Justus Paul is the former dean of the College of Letters and Science and his wife, Barbara, is a former associate professor with the University Library. The endowment will give additional sabbatical support for ranked faculty in both L&S and the University Library. Justus noted that this was something he often wished he had been able to draw upon to support sabbatical recipients when he was dean.

Spanish Professor Richard Barker has been named the inaugural recipient of the Paul endowment. Barker joined UWSP in 1988 as an assistant professor in foreign languages. His areas of expertise include 16th and 17th century Spanish literature, language teaching methodology and colonial Latin American literature. During his sabbatical he will continue researching the oral history of Castilleja del Campo in Spain for a second edition of his book about the town.

Justus Paul first came to UWSP in 1966 and served as a member of the History Department before serving as dean of his college for 18 years. He served as UWSP’s official historian and wrote *The World Is Ours*, an historical account marking UWSP’s centennial.

Barbara Paul came to campus in 1967 and retired in 2002. Together Justus and Barbara wrote two state history books. They reside in Stevens Point and have three grown children.

Alumni Reunions



Over the summer, alumni gathered in Wausau (above), on the Waupaca chain of lakes (right) and Appleton (far right) as well as Bayfield, Chicago, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Dells, Alaska and Washington D.C.



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September

Spud Bowl
Sat., Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

Performing Arts Series: Jonna's Body, Please Hold
Sat., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

Football Reunion for '73-'75
Sat., Sept. 27

October

Sentry Insurance Invitation to the Arts: Wynton Marsalis and Jazz
Wed., Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

2008 Homecoming Week
Oct. 5-11 (see back page)
Campus and community events

Performing Arts Series: Houston Ballet II
Wed., Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Theatre and Dance: *Never the Sinner*
Oct. 10-12 & 16-19
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Friday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m.

Alumni Reunion in L.A.
Sun., Oct. 19

UWSP Foundation Board meeting
Mon., Oct. 13
Dreyfus University Center

Performing Arts Series: Billy Collins, poet laureate
Thurs., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Music Alumni Reception
Thurs., Oct. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Manona Terrace, Madison
R.S.V.P. to moanders@uwsp.edu

November

Alumni Association trip to China
Nov. 13-20

Theatre and Dance: *Hair, the musical*
Nov. 14-16 and 19-22
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Nov. 14, 5 p.m.

Family Day
Sat., Nov. 15
Residence halls and campus

Performing Arts Series: Jason Robert Brown, composer
Tues., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Wisconsin Dells Alumni Weekend
Nov. 21-23
Wilderness Resort

December

Theatre and Dance: *Afterimages*
Dec. 5-7 & 10-12
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center


Time for Three

Performing Arts Series: Time for Three
Wed., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Fall commencement
Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Quandt Fieldhouse

Senior Breakfast
Monday, Dec. 8, 9-11 a.m.
Alumni Room, Noel Fine Arts Center
Alumni welcome free of charge
RSVP to alumni@uwsp.edu

January 2009

Arts Bash
Sat., Jan. 31, 7-10 p.m.
Noel Fine Arts Center

Women Alumni Basketball Game
Sat., Jan 24th.

February 2009

Theatre and Dance: *40 Days*
Feb. 6-8 and 12-15
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 6, 5 p.m.

Whaddya Know live radio broadcast
Michael Feldman's talk show
Sat., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.
Dreyfus University Center

Theatre and Dance: *The Little Foxes*
Feb. 27-March 1 and March 5-7
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 27, 5 p.m.

March 2009

Performing Arts Series: Petar Jankovic, guitarist
Tues., March 3, 7:30 p.m.
Michelsen Hall, NFAC

Performing Arts Series: Four Bitchin' Babes, musical review
Tues., March 10, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Performing Arts Series: Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, dance troupe
Sat., March 28, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

UWSP Open House
Sat., March 29
Campuswide events

April 2009

Theatre and Dance Dept.: *She Loves Me*
April 10-12 and April 15-18
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., April 10, 5 p.m.

WWSP 90FM Trivia 40
April 17-19

UWSP Alumni Board meeting
Sat., April 25, 8 a.m.
Dreyfus University Center

2009 Awards Banquet
Distinguished Alumni/Service/
Hansen awards
Sat., April 25, 7 p.m.
Dreyfus University Center



Hot Club of San Francisco

Performing Arts Series: The Hot Club of San Francisco: Silent Surrealism
Tues., April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

May 2009

Theatre and Dance: *Danstage*
May 1-3 and 7-9
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., May 1, 5 p.m.

Spring commencement
Sat., May 16, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Specht Forum, weather permitting

For the most up-to-date information on Alumni Association events, to make reservations or plan your own events, go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni, call (715) 346-3811 or (877) 764-6801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu. Tickets for events on campus or at Sentry Theater are available through University Information and Tickets, www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378 or at the door if not sold out in advance.

Save the date!

Future Homecoming dates:
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010

Future 90 FM Trivia dates:
Trivia 41, April 16-18, 2010
Trivia 42, April 8-10, 2011





Spring Sports recap

Baseball

The UWSP baseball team won the WIAC tournament and qualified for its fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional tournament. While the Pointers fell just short of their third-straight appearance in the College World Series, the team finished the season with a 29-16 overall record and 16-8 in the WIAC. This year’s senior class was the winningest class in program history with an overall record of 136-62.

During the 2008 season, his fifth with the team, head coach Pat Bloom became the winningest coach in program history, surpassing Jim Clark who coached the Pointers for 12 seasons in the 1960s and 70s and had 153 wins. Bloom finished the season with 161 career victories.

Senior catcher Doug Coe, Appleton, won a myriad of awards including being named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-American First Team, 2008 NCAA Division III Baseball Regional All-Tournament team and D3baseball.com All-America Second Team, and receiving the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Midwest Region Player of the Year and WIAC Player of the Year.

Softball

The 2008 Pointer softball team fought its way through several cancellations and postponements due to weather to compile a 24-11 overall record, including the 100th career victory for head coach Ann Munzenmaier on April 15. The Pointers finished fourth in the regular-season WIAC standings and earned a berth in the conference tournament, where they lost to the eventual National Champion, UW-Eau Claire, in extra innings in the second round of the WIAC Tournament held at Zenoff Park.

Senior shortstop Laura Van Abel, Kaukauna, took home several honors including First-Team All-WIAC, National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) First Team All-Region and Third Team Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America. She finished with 13 triples in her career, tying a school record and breaking the school homerun record with a career total of 16. She finished fourth on the school list with 117 runs scored and 274 total bases throughout her four years.

Six alumni, team to be inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Six UWSP alumni and one team will be inducted into the 2008 UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame at a banquet held on Oct. 11 as part of the campus Homecoming festivities.

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

The individuals selected for Hall of Fame induction include **Charles Crandall**, Stevens Point, former athletic trainer; **Margaret Domka**, ’02, Greenfield, soccer; **Marne (Boario) Fox**, ’97, Wauconda, Ill., basketball; **Mike Gaab**, ’83, Middleton, football; **Leah (Juno) Salzmnn**, ’01, Brillion, track and field and cross country; and **Kari (Groshek) Zdroik**, ’02, Stevens Point, basketball.

Members of the 2002 national championship women’s basketball team will also be inducted, including Head Coach **Shirley Egner**, Assistant Coach **Dave Petroff** and Student Assistant Coach **Shawn Lee**, ’03, Stevens Point; players **Amanda (Tosie) Banach**, ’03, M.S. ’05, New Berlin; **Carry (Beohning) Bellanti**, ’02, Beaver Dam; **Amie (Schultz) Berggren**, ’02, Green Bay; **Leah Cheyka**, ’06, Hager City; **Jessica (Granger) Petersen**, ’03, Stevens Point; **Diane Hawkins**, ’06, Madison; **Cassandra Heuer**, ’05, Rochester, Minn.; **Andrea Kraemer**, ’05, Milwaukee; **Jenny (Kirchenwitz) McMillan**, ’06, Oconomowoc; **Amanda Nechuta**, ’05, M.S.E. ’07, Decorah, Iowa; **Tara Schmitt**, ’05, Brookfield; **Megan (Hodgson) Wilson**, ’03, M.S. ’05, Stevens Point; **Renee (Schartner) Yahnke**, ’04, Green Bay; and **Kari (Groshek) Zdroik**, ’02, Stevens Point.

Crandall was the first full-time athletic trainer at UWSP, a role he served for 22 years. He was also an assistant professor in the Health Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics Department. He developed the athletic training facilities and athletic training program at UWSP. He later worked at the UW Hospitals Sports Medicine Center in Madison before retiring in 2005. Crandall is both a charter and founding member of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association, served as its president, won its first trainer of the year award and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He has degrees from Bowling Green State University and Syracuse University. He and his wife, Betsy, have two sons.

Domka was an All-American defender while playing soccer at UWSP, earning first team All-WIAC and second team Academic All-American honors. She was the highest scoring defender in WIAC in 2000 with 12 goals and three assists. She teaches Spanish at Union Grove High School where she is an assistant soccer coach.

Fox was a member of the All-WIAC defensive team and First Team All-Conference during her college career. She holds several WIAC records for free throws made in a game and season. She now serves as a WIAA basketball official and is a fund

Women’s Golf

The women’s golf team qualified for its first ever national tournament by winning the overall title at the WIAC Tournament. The Pointers, who qualified individuals for the first time in school history in 2007, were one of 20 teams selected to compete for the Division III Championship, held at Centennial Oaks Golf Club in Waverly, Iowa.

Finishing in 13th place after days one and two, the Pointers moved into 12th place on day three and held onto that spot for the remainder of the tournament. The Pointer team finished with a total score of 1304 (+152) for the 72-hole event.

Freshman Michelle Pascavis, Waukesha, finished the season as the WIAC Player of the Year and head coach Matt Interbartolo received the WIAC Coach of the Year award and his second National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Central Region Coach of the Year award. Also earning national recognition was sophomore Jessica Urban, Hartland, named second team All-American by the NGCA.

Track & Field

For the men’s team, the 1600-meter relay team of Brad Koback, Amherst; Nicholas Ver Duin, Howards Grove; Kyle Steiner, Grafton; and Pat Leonard, Chicago, Ill., became the first 4x400 team in program history to win a national title and the first champion for the Pointers since 1988. The quartet ran a Division III season-best time of 3:12.09 to capture the crown. The men’s team finished 11th out of 81 teams at the outdoor championships.

On the women’s side, the 1600-meter relay team of Angela Steffens, Cottage Grove; Kathleen Folbrecht, Jefferson; Andrea Irvine, Green Bay; and Laura Simonis, Rosholt, competed at both the indoor and outdoor championships, winning sixth place and seventh place respectively. Their outdoor time of 3:48.33 was a season best and earned them All-American status.

development manager for Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association. She is married to Randy Fox and has two stepsons.

Gaab was a four-year member of the UWSP football team, serving as captain in 1983. That year he was named the team’s most valuable player, NAIA All-American honorable mention, first team All-Conference and All-District and Most Valuable Offensive Back. He was also named UWSP Male Athlete of the Year. Gaab is a retail sales manager for Kraft in the Pizza Division, having begun as a sales representative with Tombstone Pizza in 1984. He and his wife, **Brenda (Schoenberger) Gaab**, ’84, have four children.

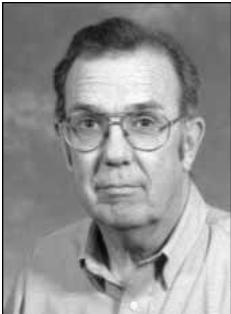
Salzmnn was a three-time NCAA Division III champion in track and field, and was UWSP Female Athlete of the Year and the Midwest Region track and field Athlete of the Year in 2001. She was also a six-time All-American in track and field and a two time All-American in cross country and was named an Academic All-American. In 2001 she won the prestigious NCAA Top VIII Award, which honors the top eight NCAA athletes in all divisions. An analyst for Kimberly Clark Corp. in Appleton, Salzmnn and her husband, **Justin Salzmnn**, ’02, have a son.

Zdroik, a member of the 2002 national championship women’s basketball team that will be inducted as well, became the eleventh player in UWSP history to score 1,000 points during her college career. She was also the first Pointer to win the WIAC Player of the Year honor and set a school record for scoring 38 points in one game. She is an orthopaedic physician assistant at Klasinski Clinic in Stevens Point, diagnosing athletic injuries and helping athletes recover. She and her husband, Ryan, are expecting a child in September.

The 2002 women’s basketball team was the second to win a national championship, and the team finished the year with a 30-3 record. Coach Shirley Egner, the winningest coach in UWSP history, gained her 200th career win when the Pointer women beat St. Lawrence in the NCAA Division III national title game.



2002 Women's basketball team



Charles Crandall



Margaret Domka



Marne (Boario) Fox



Mike Gaab



Leah (Juno)
Salzmnn



Kari (Groshek)
Zdroik

OF WISC CLASS NOTES



Alumni who lived at “The Porch” and other mid-80s alumni gathered for a reunion in May and are planning another for Saturday, May 16, 2009. “The Porch was one of the greatest off-campus houses in Pointer history,” says **Brant Bergeron**, ’85, Plover. Pictured at the reunion are, front row, left to right: **Keith “Milker” Milkowski**, ’87, Waupun; and **Dan Draeger**, ’85, Deerbrook; in the middle row, left to right: **Jeff “Grub” Graboski**, ’84, Junction City; **Joe “Runt” Draeger**, ’85, Deerbrook; **Margaret “Peggy” (Bintz) Comerford**, ’85, Verona; **Jenny (Draeger) Schlundt**, ’85, Deerbrook; Brant “Beav” Bergeron; and in the back row, left to right: **Brian Krieg**, ’87, Mosinee; **Dave Schlundt**, ’84, Deerbrook; **JC “Fishy” Fish**, ’84, Mount Horeb; **Larry Corsi**, ’85, Madison; and **Dan “Big Guy” Shannon**, ’86, Geneva, Ill.



Steven Bertjens, ’92, Cuba City, a national coordinator for the National Resource Conservation Service for the Southwest Wisconsin Badger Resource, Conservation and Development Council, works towards sustainability both professionally and personally. Working with nine counties in the southwest part of the state, he helps landowners and farmers with sustainable farming practices. He was recently named Coordinator of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of RC&D Councils. At home, Steven has established a prairie and wildlife habitat and has planted nearly 3,000 trees and shrubs on the farm his family has owned for more than 100 years. “It’s his own personal, working experiment for many of the projects he coordinates professionally,” says his wife, **Laura (DiCicco) Bertjens**, ’92. Steven is pictured on his farm with their children, Madeline and Benjamin.



Six ROTC graduates were commissioned as officers after commencement on May 18, including **Kyle Bender**, ’08, Wausau, assigned to 101st Airborne Division Support Brigade at Fort Campbell, Ky.; **James Gruenewald**, ’08, Green Bay, assigned to the Medical Specialist Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas;

Abbey Paton, ’08, Sussex, who is delaying service in the Army to further her education; **Lindsey Peplinski**, ’08, Rosholt, commissioned into the Wisconsin Army National Guard Medical Command in Madison; **Scott Schreiber**, ’08, Hortonville, assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas; and **Emily Urban**, ’08, Mountain, assigned to Golf Company of the 132 Ordnance Corps of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.



Terry Porter, ’93, Birmingham, Mich., was named head coach of the Phoenix Suns in June. The former Pointer basketball star played in the NBA for 17 seasons, coached the Milwaukee Bucks from 2003-2005 and was an assistant with the Detroit Pistons before accepting the Suns position. He and his wife, Susie, have three children.



Shar (Knuth) Macadlo, ’94, St. Charles, Ill., married Neil Macadlo last June in St. Charles, Ill., and friends from the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority attended the wedding. Pictured with her, in the back row, left to right: **Tamra (Sorenson) McQuestion**, ’93, Valparaiso, Ind.; **Shelly (Greisch) Hagen**, ’94, Hartford; Stacy Mortenson; **Jody Marver**, ’94, Delevan; **Ona (Kennedy) Maune**, ’93, Blaine, Minn.; and **Melissa (Kmichik) Schanke**, ’93, Menasha; and front row, left to right: **Jenna (Thorz) Nelson**, ’94, Chicago; Donna Byrne; **Kathy (DeGroot) Gieschen**, ’93, Fond du Lac; and **Krista (Soto) Saeger**, ’93, Cleveland, Wis.

2000s

Jessica (Nagel) Franchuk, ’07, Iola, married Josh Franchuk in August in Waupaca.

Adam Freihoefer, M.S. ’07, Phoenix, Ariz., is a hydrologist for the Arizona Department of Water Resources and moderates groundwater to ensure the water supply for the Phoenix metro area for years to come.

Vanessa (Kamps) Lecy, ’07, Appleton, is a producer of the morning show on NBC 26 in Appleton. She still enjoys volleyball, golf and bowling.

Elizabeth (Franz) Rodewald, ’07, Marshfield, is executive director of Main Street Marshfield. She is married to **Adam Rodewald**, ’06, a reporter for the Marshfield News-Herald.

Chelsey Ross, ’07, Waukesha, and **Dave Mazurek**, ’07, New Berlin, will be married in September in Stevens Point.

Nina Ruwoldt, ’07, and **Ethan Daane**, ’06, Appleton, will be married in September.

Jillian Santkuyl, ’07, Appleton, and **Michael Blount**, ’08, Neenah, will be married in Appleton next August. They met at UWSP. Michael proposed at the airport when Jillian returned from a summer teaching in Japan.

Kristi (Shemanske) Simek, M.S. ’07, Brookfield, is a biology teacher in Elmbrook. She was married last October.

Abby Gutowski, ’06, Appleton, is a public relations specialist for Weidert Group in Appleton. She previously worked in marketing and public relations for AIG Travel Guard in Stevens Point.

Ashley (Wellens) Klatkiewicz, ’06, Madison Heights, Mich., is a client services coordinator for Communicore Visual Communications in Birmingham, Mich. She married Keith Klatkiewicz in 2007.

Amber Smith, ’06, and **Chris Jungwirth**, ’07, Littlefork, Minn., will be married in October in Audubon, Minn., but plan a reception at the Elks Club in Stevens Point on November 1 and invite their friends to attend. Amber is a forestry specialist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Shannon (Steinbis) Vanatta, ’06, Sycamore, Ill., is a speech-language pathologist for the Sycamore school district. She married Todd Vanatta last October.

Fred Bubolz, ’05, Bangkok, Thailand, has lived and worked in Thailand since graduating, first as an English as a second language teacher then as the national service manager. He is now working on opening a school for his company.

Gwen Krogwold, ’05, and Zack Stackurski, West Des Moines, Iowa, welcomed a baby girl, Hazel, in May.

Courtney Sikorski, ’05, South Bend, Ind., is pursuing a master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Shannon Sorensen, ’05, Akron, Ohio, is pursuing a juris doctorate degree at the University of Akron Law School.

Amy Borchardt, ’04, Hamburg, earned a master’s degree at Ohio University.

Samantha Fromm, ’04, Honolulu, Hawaii, is a costume director/resident designer at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Previously she was a makeup instructor at Rutgers University while completing her master’s degree.

Leah (Tappa) Jaecks, ’04, Green Bay, is a kindergarten teacher for the Green Bay school district. She and her husband, Ryan, have one child.

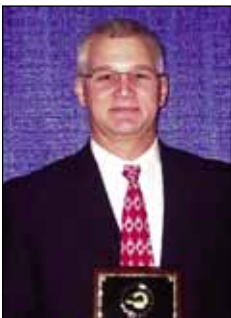
Jessie Johnson, ’04, Eau Claire, teaches physics and chemistry for the Eau Claire school district.

Katrina Pfaff, ’04, Ames, Iowa, is a field development specialist in nematology at Becker Underwood, Inc. in Ames.



Nan (Herning)
Bunnow

director of humanities for the district's K-12 Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Department. Nan has two children and two stepsons with her husband, Brad.



Daniel Joseph

Nan (Herning) Bunnow, '92, Kaukauna, was named the 2008 Wisconsin Elementary Principal of the Year by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and Association of Wisconsin School Administrators. She was also named a 2008 National Distinguished Principal, representing the state in a ceremony in Washington D.C. in October. Previously the principal of Franklin Elementary School in Appleton, she recently became

Daniel Joseph, '89, Malone, received the Outstanding Administrator Award from the Wisconsin State Reading Association in February. Dan is principal of Tanner Elementary School in Kaukauna. His wife, **Jessica (Maynard) Joseph**, '87, is a teacher in Fond du Lac.



Patrick Braatz, '84, Beaverton, Ore., was honored for 30 years of service with Badger Boys State, a youth leadership program sponsored by the Wisconsin American Legion. Patrick (pictured left) accepted the award from Teddy Duckworth, the program's director. Braatz is the president of the UWSP Alumni Association.



Tom Girolamo, '82, Mosinee, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, was recognized by the Recycling Connections Corporation

(RCC) Board of Directors for his service to the board from 2002-2007. Tom was the organization president for three years. He is pictured here accepting a plaque from RCC Executive Director **Karin Sieg** (right), '82, Stevens Point, and RCC President **Jennifer Kingsley** (left), '04, Junction City.

Pointer memory

"We have lost two icons that will never be replaced in Dan Trainer and Lee Sherman Dreyfus. UWSP can feel proud in having these two individuals as a major part of the university... I was fortunate to have attended UWSP during the time when both of these fine gentlemen were a major force and also privileged to have personally known Lee and Dan. On returning from Vietnam, many veterans returned to the classrooms. Not only did Lee and Dan meet with us, but many of the professors teaching at the school were interested in learning from us and were grateful in what we had to say. Veterans took leadership roles in the school with encouragement from both Lee and Dan. I appreciate what they did and I can say that if there was one thing that they taught me that stuck with me throughout my career, it was to stick to your convictions and individual integrity."
-Bruce Markert, '73, Sun Prairie

Jeremy Krueger, '03, Tampa, Fla., is a resident in internal medicine at the University of South Florida-Tampa General Hospital. He graduated from Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in May.

Amanda (Seefeld) Markle, '03, Minnetrista, Minn., married Jonathan Markle on May 30.

Ted Peters, '02, San Francisco, Calif., earned a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of Colorado. His research involved Huntington's Disease. He and his wife, Heidi, recently moved to San Francisco where he is continuing post doctoral research at the Buck Institute for Age Research.

Valerie (Smith) Adegunleye, '01, Bowie, Md., was promoted to clinical manager and chief of Clinical Services for the Department of Veterans Affairs through the Maryland Healthcare System. She oversees the nutritional care of veterans in the system's hospital, nursing and clinic facilities.

Carri (Notz) LaPlant, '01, won the Gold Well Workplace Award as wellness manager for Nelnet, where employees may earn wellness points towards financial incentives. She invites fellow Pointers interested in learning more to e-mail her at carrienotz@hotmail.com.

Rebecca (Hennes) Ziegler, '01, Hilliard, Ohio, graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and has begun a residency in pathology at The Ohio State University. She and her husband, Brent, have two children.

John Gardner, '00, Bay View, has received two Paragon Awards from the Southwestern Wisconsin Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for exemplary work in 2007. John is an account executive for Zeppos & Associates in Milwaukee.

Patrick Rothfuss, '00, Stevens Point, author of the critically acclaimed *The Name of the Wind*, has his novel on the *New York Times* bestseller paperback/fiction list. *The Wise Man's Fear*, the second book in his trilogy about a legendary magician, is due out in spring 2009.

1990s

Darla (Engwall) Allen, '98, Nekoosa, is thrilled to be the new director of the Charles and JoAnn Lester Library in her hometown of Nekoosa. Previously she worked at the Portage County Public Library. Darla and her husband, Eugene, have a baby boy. "Life is fantastic!" she says.

Diane Dieterich, M.S.E. '98, retired from UWSP in May. She worked on campus for 12 years between 1977 and 2008, as a tutor and typesetter and in the Student Involvement and Employment Office, Destination Imagination, UWSP Foundation Office and Admissions Office. Previously she taught in the Stevens Point school district and was an administrative assistant for the National Wellness Institute Inc. She celebrated her retirement with a trip to China this summer. She and her husband, UWSP English Professor Dan Dieterich, have two sons.

Leanne (Nielsen) Schulze, '98, Menomonee Falls, and her husband, Tom, welcomed their daughter, Ezri Mckenna, in March.

James Young, '98, Neenah, has created www.topnotchfitnessproducts.com, a site at which he offers what he feels are the best fitness products available. A personal trainer, James owns Jimmy Fitness LLC (www.jimmyfitness.com) and developed the Gym-E-Trainer software line for use in fitness centers or at home.

Lisa Johnson, '97, Chicago, Ill., and Doug Bakker will be married in September.

Andrew Brei, '96, San Antonio, Texas, spent the spring semester teaching philosophy at Trinity University in San Antonio. His wife, Kim, is a primate behaviorist, a skill that has "helped her live with and maybe even understand me," he writes. They have two daughters.

Suzanne (Radmer) Holder, '96, Fond du Lac, graduated from UW-Madison in May with a doctorate of pharmacy degree. She is a pharmacist with Agnesian Health Care. She is married to Eric.

Phyllis Peri, M.S. '96, Stevens Point, retired in November as an outreach specialist for the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at UWSP since 1993.

Daniel Johnson, '96, Stevens Point, is a geographical information systems technician for Marathon County. "I never thought I'd be back living in this area and it was a bit surreal when it happened." He enjoys reminiscing with friends in the area.

David Perrodin, M.S. '96, Portage, is director of Pupil Services for the Reedsburg school district and teaches courses in research, special education and educational leadership at four universities. He and his wife, **Debby (Tallman) Perrodin**, '94, have one daughter.

Jeff Krupka, '95, Stevens Point, is the 2007-08 president of the Golden Sands Home Builders Association (GSHBA). Jeff owns Krupka Construction LLC, a builder of custom-designed homes, and has been active with the GSHBA for many years. He and his wife, Kim, have two children.

Tracelyn (Magyar) Gesteland, '94, Vermillion, S.D., is an assistant professor of music-voice at the University of South Dakota-Vermillion.

Eric Burke, '92, Port Washington, is principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Port Washington. Previously he was a physical education teacher, coach and administrator at schools in Elkhart Lake, Port Washington and Franklin. He and his wife, Alison, have two children.

Brenda (Grunenwald) Gertz, '92, Oak Creek, is a user support specialist for Michael Best and Friedrich LLC in Milwaukee. She was married to Timothy Gertz in 2006. The couple welcomed their son, Brent Joseph, last year.

Deni Holl, '91, Hubbard, Ohio, was recently nominated for several craftsmanship awards for her restoration work as a ornamental plasterer at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House grounds in Washington, D.C. A scenic artist and decorative painter, Deni has worked on projects for Universal Studios, The Shakespeare Theatre, Busch Gardens, Sea World and the U.S. Dept. of Justice. She maintains a studio in Hubbard.

Kathy Paulson, '91, Plover, received the UWSP University Service Award at the Classified Staff spring awards ceremony. Kathy is an administrative assistant in the University Centers and helped coordinate the move back into the remodeled Dreyfus University Center earlier this year.

Mary Robl Buettner, '90, Amherst, has worked as an environmental technician with Earth Tech Inc. in Stevens Point since 1993. She attended the 1987 London Reunion held as part of UWSP Homecoming festivities last fall.

1980s

Laurie (Ankley) Otto, '89, Lake Mills, attended the 1987 London Reunion held as part of UWSP Homecoming festivities last fall and enjoyed pulling out her three photo albums to relive the trip. She is married to **Jon Otto**, '87, and they have two sons.

Alan Swatloski, '89, Green Bay, helps farmers in the Green Bay area as an employee of the accounting firm Knowles, Brandt and Associates. He serves as a trustee on the Allouez Village Board and on the Brown County Zoning and Planning Commission Board of Directors. He is married to Amy.

Vince Barker, '88, Appleton, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and commands the 757th Transportation Battalion based in Milwaukee. He is married to Stephanie.

Andy Weyker, '88, Appleton, a financial adviser for Smith Barney in Appleton, is serving active duty in the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel at Fort Sheridan in Chicago with the 2nd Battle Command Staff Training Group, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division. His wife, **Kimberly (Bagneski) Weyker**, '87, owns and operates a custom silk floral business in Appleton.

Tara (Walters) Chapman, '87, Powell, Wyo., attended the 1987 London Reunion held as part of UWSP Homecoming festivities last fall. She says "Love you and miss you Heidi!"

David Fuhrmann, '87, Milford, Ohio, is a corporate staff engineer for International Paper in Loveland, Ohio. He often travels to the company's many international facilities in Canada, Brazil, France, Poland, Russia and New Zealand. He is married to Lynne.

Richard Groshong, '87, Edmond, Okla., married Wendy Stanley in April and became a stepfather to three children. Richard is an environmental programs manager for air quality enforcement with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

Donald Nordeng, '87, Kawasaki, Japan, married Elok Halimah in December in Blitar, Indonesia, and the couple honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia.



Vivian (Zittlow) Weber-Pagel, '70, Plover, organized a photo of all the UWSP alumnae at a Cooperative Educational Service Agency speech and language pathology conference held in April in Wisconsin Dells.

Kathy Mihailovic Reinders, '87, Germantown, attended the 1987 London Reunion held as part of UWSP Homecoming festivities last fall. She is a paralegal with three children and would love to hear from college friends at reinders19@wi.rr.com.

Darlene (Hess) Brodbeck, '86, Madison, Conn., is an assistive technology specialist with Area Cooperative Educational Services in North Haven, Conn. She has published an assistive technology profile and book due to her start in special education at UWSP, she says. Her husband, **Robbin Brodbeck**, '84, is a principal scientist for Lundbeck Research USA in Paramus, N.J.

Judy Nygaard, '86, Amherst, retired from UWSP in as a university services associate in Academic Affairs. She worked on campus from 1987-1995 and again from 2005-2008.

Timothy White, '86, Barrington, Ill., is president and owner of Fundamental Records, www.fundamentalrecords.com, a 24-year old music label whose artists produce music for television, movies and live shows. The label has songs featured on The Discovery Channel's show *Deadliest Catch* and on The History Channel and represents Jason Nesmith, son of Michael Nesmith of Monkees fame. Timothy and his wife, Leigh Ann, have two sons.

Nicholas Narloch, M.S.E. '85, Waukesha, received a doctorate in education from Graduate Theological Foundation of South Bend, Ind. He is the director of music and liturgy at St. Mary's Parish in Menomonee Falls. Previously he was a vocal music educator at Marathon High School. He is married to **Janet (Koller) Narloch**, '78.

Scott Willis, '81, and **Peggy (Nichols) Willis**, '81, Friendship, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in June. Scott has taught at Adams-Friendship High School for 28 years and has been student council adviser for 25 years. He was named adviser of the year and was one of eight who advanced to the national competition. Peggy has been a para-educator in the Adams school district for 15 years. Their son, **David Willis**, '07, works at Sentry Insurance and is engaged to **Megan Younkle**, '08.

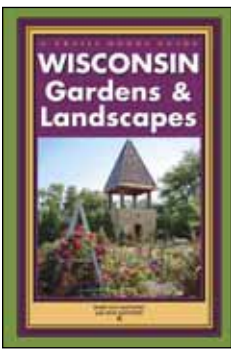
Josef Lassar, '80, Enterprise, Ala., a retired U.S. Army officer, is continuing an aviation career as a Army helicopter test pilot at Fort Rucker. He is married to Kathy.

1970s

Peter Konrath, '78, Milwaukee, a teacher in West Bend, is organizing Ric Fest IV, a fundraiser for a college scholarship for LGBT or straight-ally students. For more information, e-mail krashmilwaukee@hotmail.com.

Randall Clegg, '77, Clinton, Iowa, became the superintendent of the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage school district in Minnesota in April. Previously he was superintendent of the Clinton school district. He holds advanced degrees from Winona State University and the University of Northern Iowa. He is married to **Linda (Dolensek) Clegg**, '77.

Todd Hanson, '76, Madison, is president of Where Am I Publications, Inc., a niche publishing company for outdoor enthusiasts. Their first book, *Map Guide to Improved Trout Waters of Wisconsin*, hit the shelves in March.



Mary Lou (Koch) Santovec, '78, Jefferson, has authored *Wisconsin Gardens and Landscapes* through Trails Books after 18 months of travel and research. Available online through www.trailsbooks.com, it includes information and maps to gardens in zoos, parks, historic homes, hospitals, churches and private spaces open to the public as well as lists of garden clubs and groups. Mary Lou is married to

Rick, who took many photographs of the gardens in the book. She has also co-authored two books.



Thomson Hall alumni and lifelong friends gathered together in May to celebrate their 20-year anniversary of graduating from UWSP. Pictured, from left to right are 1988 graduates **Jodi (Rymer) Sorenson**, Seattle, Wash.; **Barbara (Welch) McBride**, Jacksonville, Fla.; **Tracy (Smrha) Kohlsaas**, Chicago, Ill.; **Kristin (Sadogierski) Kwak**, Philadelphia, Pa.; and **Connie (Mazna) Bennett**, Wauwatosa. "We're all over the country and still we clear our calendars of kids, husbands and work to get together once a year. Its fun to see how we've all developed personally and professionally since our first days at Point," says Jodi.



Michelle (Hartwell) Wasmund

Michelle (Hartwell) Wasmund, '82, Wapakoneta, Ohio, recently became a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a professional society for health care leaders. She is executive director of physician's practices for Grand Lake Health System in St. Mary's.

Pointer memory

"I came to UWSP in the dead of winter on a fortunate transfer and Point gave me a great new life. I will always remember the school in a positive way."
-**Mary Zabolio McGrath**, '69, Burnsville, Minn.

Attention Hansen Hall residents from 1988-1990

You are invited to attend a special reunion as part of UWSP's 2008 Homecoming weekend celebration! The event will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Partners Pub. For more information, contact Kirsten Jensen-Porter at kmn70@earthlink.net. See you then!

TKE's to meet Homecoming weekend

Alumni of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will meet for a social at Archies Bar in Stevens Point at 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. The Apollo Alumni annual meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Room 374 of the Dreyfus University Center.

Attention Sigma Tau Gamma little sisters

Former Sigma Tau Gamma little sisters are seeking fellow members of the group, which was on campus from 1976 until 1983. If you or someone you know was involved with this campus organization, contact JoAnne Evica, jevica@uwsp.edu.

Keep in touch

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

Name _____
Maiden name (if appl.) _____
Home address _____
City, State, Zip _____
County _____
Home phone _____

E-mail _____
Class of _____ or last year attended _____
Residence Hall: _____
Major _____ Minor _____
Employer _____
Title _____
City of employer _____

Spouse/Partner information:

Name _____
Maiden name (if appl.) _____
College _____
Class of _____ or last year attended _____
Major _____ Minor _____
Employer _____
Title _____
City of employer _____

Are you part of a UWSP legacy? List Pointer family members: _____

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

Activities, organizations, athletics and other groups participated in: _____

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

An online form is available on our Web site at www.uwsp.edu/alumni

Note: Please return this form before January 1, 2009, to be included in the Spring 2009 issue.

Call toll-free 877-764-6801, Fax 715-346-2561

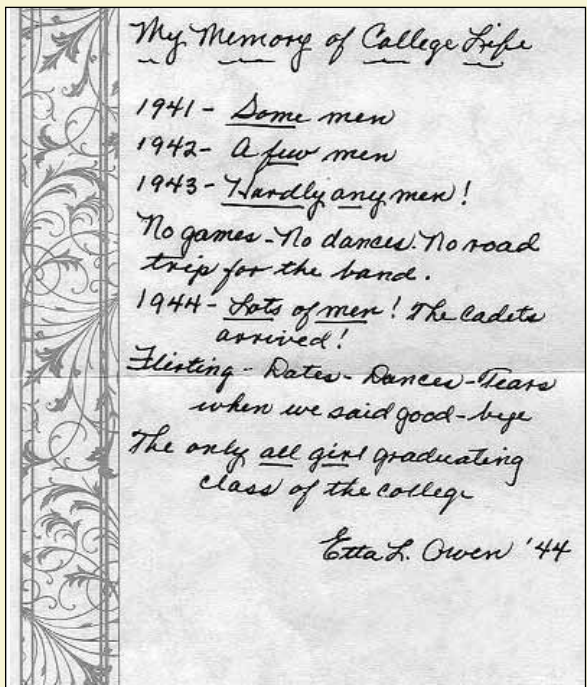
UWSP Alumni Association, 2100 Main St.
208 Old Main, Stevens Point, WI 54481
E-mail: alumni@uwsp.edu



Sue (Schroeder) Schultz, '70, master's '76, Onalaska, was named Mrs. Oktoberfest in La Crosse last September in recognition to her years of community service in the La Crosse area. Her husband, **Marc Schultz**, '68, M.A. '76, also became a part of the Oktoberfest royal family and the couple traveled to area festivals and parades in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Winnipeg, Canada. Both are retired from La Crosse County University Extension and are active volunteers.

Pointer memory

Etta Owen, '44, Sheboygan, shared what she remembers about college life during the 40s when she was a member of the only UWSP all female graduating class:



Marv "Bwana" Elliot, last attended '52, Cape Coral, Fla., is a retired Vilas County detective and Eagle River fishing guide who recalls too much sheepshead, Joe's and Rudy's, Novak hamburgers, playing basketball for Hale Quandt and being one of the first residents of Delzell Hall.



Alumnae of Tau Gamma Beta gathered in Stevens Point in August, including, left to right, back row, **Connie (Weber) Wade**, '57, Poynette; **Darlene (Schimke) Rogers**, '57, Neenah; **Betty (Woehlert) Masaros**, '57, Appleton; **Jean (Getchell) Lange**, '57, Stevens Point; **Marcie (Skalski) Kolacke**, '58, Edina, Minn.; **Sue (Johnson) Verage**, '58, Rhinelander; **Pat (Sroda) Hanes**, '57, Baraboo; **Betty (Hurlbut) Kessler**, '58, Waupaca; and **Nancy (Hager) Vevea**, '58, Rhinelander. Pictured, left to right in the front row, are **Goldene (Schmoker) Purcell**, '57, Stevens Point; **Margy (Christ) Burns**, '57, Appleton; **Elaine (Eskritt) Engel**, '57, Kingwood, Texas; **Marilyn (Eskritt) Johnson**, '60, Dearborn Heights, Mich.; **Sue (Eskritt) Hintz**, '65, Plover; and **Lolly (Schlack) Daun**, '57, Madison.

Stephen Rees, '74 Dunkirk, N.Y., has been a professor of theatre and technical director at the State University of New York-Fredonia since 1982 and was recently appointed chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Steve was recently certified as an entertainment technician, one of only 500 in North America.

Dan LaPlant, '74, Wasilla, Alaska, recently retired after a 30-year career in wildlife management, most recently working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage. His wife, **Susan LaPlant**, '77, is a retired special education teacher. She earned a master's degree from the University of Idaho and special education certification from the University of Alaska.

Craig Strohm, '74, Grass Valley, Calif., published his third novel, *The Shaman's Gift*, through PublishAmerica. It is available at Amazon.com. Craig is a social studies teacher at Nevada Union High School. He would like to say hi to his friends from "The Upper Wisconsin River Yacht Club" and invites messages to strohms@hughes.net.



Tom Scheel

Tom Scheel, '74, Waukesha, is a promotional merchandise director with Avicom Marketing Communications in Waukesha.



Harriet (Hotvedt) Torkelson, '39, Merrill, reports that she and a group of 1939 classmates gathered together last fall as they have for many years. "There are a couple canes and a walker or two, but that didn't stop a few from coming," she said. Pictured, left to right, are **Jeanne (Kohl) Mielke**, Abbotsford; **Harriet**; **Kathryn (Ciula) Witkowski**, Stevens Point; **Marjorie (Pipe) Johnson**, Waupaca; **Joyce (Sullivan) Benson**, Stevens Point; **Elsie (Schuettpelz) Radl**, Oshkosh; and **Vivian (Haack) Kramer**, Abbotsford.



Anita (Torkelson) Roland

Anita (Torkelson) Roland, '67, Ashwaubenon, retired after 41 years of teaching in Ashwaubenon schools. She earned a master's degree from UW-Oshkosh in 1979. Her retirement plans include travel in the U.S. and Europe, learning to play the piano and reading.

Janice (Blanchfield) Grabski, '73, master's '83, Plover, retired after 34 years as an elementary school library media specialist for the Stevens Point school district. Her retirement plans include time with her grandson, reading books for adults instead of children's literature, house projects and helping her husband, Dave, correct papers once in a while.

Kim Kidney, '73, Green Bay, is a senior instructor for the Northwest Procurement Institute, a training and consulting firm in Edmonds, Wash. He retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service's national headquarters in Washington D.C., after 34 years of service. He is married to Sharon.

Christine Neidlein, '72, Stevens Point, retired from the UWSP Library in August.

Cynthia (Beversdorf) Burke, '73, Jeffersonville, Pa., is a contracts manager at Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, Pa. She retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 2001 after 20 years of service. She has taught high school in Plymouth and Mineral Point, Wis., and traveled extensively in England and Europe over the last 10 years. She is married to Robert.

Ronald Johns, '70, Ormond Beach, Fla., is retired after 37 years with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He intends to travel the U.S. with his wife, Lynne.

Peter Lokemoen, '70, Merrill, is the new head of the City of Merrill Engineering and Zoning Departments.

Katie Schroth, '70, Stevens Point, received the Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award from the UWSP Classified Staff Advisory Council last spring. Director of Purchasing and Payment Services, Katie has worked at UWSP since 1978 and has been involved in several campus committees and groups. She is a volunteer for Portage County Youth on Ice, Stevens Point Area Senior High School hockey, UWSP men's hockey and the Badger State Games. She and her husband, Vernon, have two children.

1960s

Mary Zabolio McGrath, '69, Burnsville, Minn., co-authored *Ethical Dilemmas in Education: Standing Up for Honesty and Integrity* and *Reaching Students with Diverse Disabilities: Cross Categorical Ideas and Activities* in 2008, both with Rowman Education books.

David Benchoff, '66, Goodyear, Ariz., is retired after 38 years as a teacher, administrator and coach in Lompoc, Calif. He is married to Anita and has a daughter and two grandchildren.

Joan Gresens, '66, Stevens Point, retired from UWSP in May after 40 years as a librarian. She looks forward to scrapbooking, volunteer work, travel and time with her family.

George Pouba, '64, Oshkosh, retired in 2007 after 42 years in education as the deputy superintendent for the Oshkosh school district.

Gregory Guzman, '63, Peoria, Ill., retired in May as a professor of history at Bradley University after 41 years. He served as department chair, advised the history honor society, taught abroad, presented at international conferences and edited and wrote many publications. In 2007 he received the Kindrick-CARA Award for Outstanding Service to Medieval Studies from the Medieval Academy of America, and in 2008 was the recipient of the Special Service Award from Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. He earned advanced degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Cincinnati.

Nathan Timm, '63, Mazomanie, is a Department of Public Instruction consultant in Madison. He is married to Paulette.

Pointer memory

"Transferring from UW-Madison to Stevens Point in 1961 was life changing. One of the most influential people I had the pleasure of spending thousands of hours with was Coach Robert Krueger, head Pointer basketball coach. He was a kind, thoughtful, loving people-person with the highest standards, a man who loved and served his family and church first and set examples for all to follow. A man I loved as Father #2."
-David Benchoff, '66, Goodyear, Ariz., former Pointer athletic manager in football, basketball and track

Faculty obituaries

Robert Anderson



Robert Anderson, Brookfield, professor emeritus of geography and geology, died May 9 at age 91. At UWSP from 1953 until his retirement in 1985, Anderson was a climatologist who served as chair of the department from 1955 until 1972. He was involved in the planning of the Science Hall and its large addition and established Gamma Theta Upsilon, the honorary geography fraternity. He led semesters abroad to England, Greece and Malaysia.

He earned degrees at UW-Eau Claire, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps then taught high school science before earning a master’s degree from UW-Madison. He is survived by two sons.

James Arrowood



James Arrowood, professor emeritus of music, died June 29 at age 61 following two decades of struggle with chronic respiratory disease.

He came to UWSP in 1990, serving as director of bands and director of instrumental music education until his early retirement in 2001 for health reasons. He received the Excellence in Teaching Award and two Carnegie conducting fellowships. He was a visiting artist, guest conductor, clinician and rehearsal coach at universities, colleges and high schools on the national and international level.

He was active with the College Band Directors National Association, serving as the editor of the group’s journal and as vice president and president elect. Many of his collegiate ensembles were chosen to perform at state music education conferences.

Arrowood earned degrees at Wake Forest University and Radford University. He taught at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Capital University Conservatory of Music in Columbus, Ohio, and Ball State University before coming to UWSP.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two children. Donations may be made to the James Arrowood Music Scholarship Fund, UWSP Department of Music or Southern Poverty Law Center.

Donald Aylesworth



Donald Aylesworth, Amherst, a professor emeritus of communicative disorders, died June 1 at age 76. Aylesworth came to UWSP in 1964 and taught and served as an adviser for undergraduate and graduate communicative disorders students for 31 years. As a member of the Faculty Senate, he chaired both the Graduate Council and the Student Affairs Committee.

After retiring in 1995, he authored a monthly column in the Amherst newspaper under the pseudonym of “Mr. Geezer.” He was active in the Amherst community and theater for many years and in 2005 received the Portage County Community Circle Award for community leadership and the Our Community Spirit “Person of the Year Award.”

He was a speech and language clinician in Michigan public schools before coming to UWSP and earned degrees from Western Michigan University and Michigan State University. He is survived by four sons.

Marjorie Spring



Marjorie Spring, professor emeritus of health, physical education, recreation and athletics, died August 2 at age 86.

Spring, who came to UWSP in 1965, was well-known for being the first woman inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, creating athletic opportunities for women and starting the children’s motor development program. She coached women’s track and field and women’s field hockey, taking one of her teams to the state championship. She retired in 1983.

Previously she taught in Oconomowoc and Colfax and at UW-Eau Claire. She earned degrees at UW-La Crosse and Texas Women’s University in Denton.

A scholarship has been created in her name through the UWSP Foundation.

Remembering UWSP alumni

The UWSP Alumni Association has been notified of the following deaths. For full obituaries, go to www.uwps.edu/news/alumnus/obits.

2000s

Jason Pogrانت, ’07, Stevens Point and formerly of Kaukauna

1990s

Ryan Weidman, ’95, Wisconsin Rapids

1980s

David Westphal, ’89, Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Steven Liebl, ’88, Cooke City, Mont.

Dolores Moore, ’87, Wisconsin Rapids

Wayne Voss, ’87, Madison

Brian Jablonski, ’86, Pewaukee

Donig Vartabedian, ’84, Schaumburg, Ill.

Scott Benton, ’82, Lake Bluff

1970s

Susan Nelson, ’79, Shorewood, Minn.

Thomas Daniels, ’78, Stevens Point

Robert Bolstad, ’77, Waukesha

William Check, ’76, Houghton, Mich.

Merton Cherry, ’76, Arizona

Sofie (Glen) Kurzinski, ’76, Stevens Point

David Winderl, ’76, Lake Villa, Ill

Harold “Hal” Hefti, ’75, Baxter, Minn.

Rita Tomczak, ’75, Madison

Jane Reed, ’74, The Villages, Fla.

John Lemke, ’73, rural Kaukauna

Orian “Polly” (Humphrey) Lipke, ’73, M.E. ’78, Hancock

Claudia (Hall) Taylor, ’73, Stevens Point

Thomas Andersen, ’70, Wisconsin Rapids

Vina (Maxam) (Stoflet) Gumz, ’70, Marshfield

Virginia (Abraham) Kohnke, ’64, M.S. ’70, Merrill

1960s

Russell Knutson, ’69, Australia

William Premeau, ’68, Appleton

Garnet Smith, ’68, Laona

Richard “Dick” Treankler, ’67, M.S. ’76, Marshfield

Karen (Young) Leahy, ’65, Stevens Point

James Malloy, ’65, The Villages, Fla.

Lawrence Start, ’64, Pullman, Wash.

Kenneth Weeden, ’64, Lake Geneva

Mary Ellen (Ferris) Bartel, ’63, Howard

Arthur Gessert, ’63, Brodhead

Patrick Kluck, ’63, West Allis

William Ziegler, ’63, Madison

Helene (Gaffney) Bloss, ’62, Wisconsin Dells

Vincent Semo, ’62, Gordon

Mildred (Moe) Strozewski, ’62, Warrens

Myrtle (Chiber) Ramthun, ’61, formerly of the Wausau area

Anne (Meier) Klesmith, ’60, Stevens Point

Henry Yetter, ’60, Stevens Point, died April 30 at the age of 75 after battling Parkinson’s Disease for many years. He was a state champion wrestler while in high school then served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, taking part in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in 1950 and carrying a wounded comrade to safety. While at UWSP he excelled in wrestling, participating in the Olympic trials. He took doctoral classes at UW-Madison and earned a master’s degree from the University of Arizona. He taught science and physical education in Amery for 41 years, serving as a football, track and wrestling coach. He was inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979 and was a member of the UW-Madison George Martin Hall of Fame and National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla., which gave him a Lifetime of Service Award. Some of his Amery High School wrestlers, known as the Yettermen, served as pallbearers at his funeral. His wife, Char, and three children survive. His friend, **Bruce Seibel**, ’58, Fond du Lac, told the *Alumnus*, “Of the many men I knew through football and throughout Central State College-Stevens Point, Hank was among the best guys I had the privilege of knowing and calling my friend. He continued being ‘A Great Guy’ his entire life long. He was a wonderful role model to all who knew him.”

1950s

Riley Leach, ’59, Iola

Hattie Moldenhauer, ’59, Randolph

Gladys Gerstenkorn, ’58, Pardeeville

Carolyn Nordlund, ’58, Stevens Point

Melvin Zahn, ’58, Shawano

Glen Zieher, ’58, Wisconsin Rapids

Richard Promen, ’56, Chatsworth, Calif.

Gudrun Trimberger, ’56, Neillsville

James Haebig, ’55, West Bend

Kenneth Hurlbut, ’55, Waupaca

Erwin Voelkner, ’55, Madison

John Hoehne, ’52, Neillsville

1940s

Edward Seefelt, ’49, Town of New Hope

Delores (Cowles) Worth Behling, ’47, Park Ridge

Elaine (Teske) Ruprecht, ’43, Lomira/Merrill

Shirley Softer, ’42, Elk Mound

Rolland Rades, ’41, Brookfield

Florence (Kaplun) Robinson, ’41, Portland, Ore.

1930s

Marian Douville, ’39, Mosinee

Lila (Wilkins) Maddalena, ’39, Almond

William Siebert, ’39, Plover

Roy Ehlert, ’36, Beaver Dam

Mae (Rath) Johnson, ’34, Stevens Point/Almond

Stacia (Guth) Check, ’33, Plover

Mary Walloch, ’32, Wisconsin Rapids

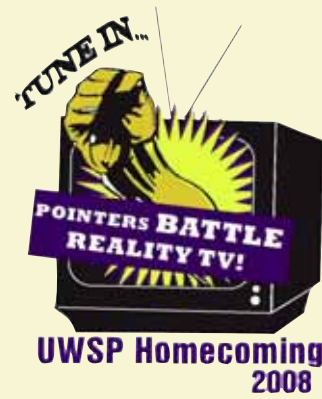
Edith McCall, ’30, Albuquerque, N.M.

Leona (Perschke) Binning, ’23, Fond du Lac



Pointer Alumnus

Homecoming 2008



Check regularly for event updates at
www.uwsp.edu/alumni

Friday, Oct. 10

Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
Founders Room, Old Main, 12 p.m.

UWSP Alumni Association 40th Celebration
Alumni Room, DUC, 5 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega Meeting
SentryWorld Sports Center
RTJ Room, 6 p.m.
Contact Mark Kramer at
mskramer1@charter.net or (715) 341-4051

Meet Me at The Brewhaus
Basement Brewhaus, DUC, 7 p.m.
Jump Ship Blues Band with Eric
Grasamkee, '02, cash bar

All Greek Social
Lawn of Old Main, 7 p.m.

TKE Alumni Social
Archies Bar and Grill, 9 p.m.
Contact Chris Roth, chris.roth@charter.net

Saturday, Oct. 11

Residential Living Reunion Breakfast
Pavilion south of Baldwin Hall,
8:30-10 a.m.

Coffee with Alumni and Friends
Berg Lobby, 9 a.m.

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

All Campus Picnic
Front lawn of Old Main, 11 a.m.
FREE!
The official reunion area on campus.
Inflatables, Stephanie & Stevie Pointer,
information booths, and family activities!
Meet your friends under the tent!

TKE Apollo Alumni Annual Meeting
Room 374, DUC, 11 a.m.

Homecoming Football Game
Goerke Field, 1 p.m.
Come cheer on the Pointers as they host the
UW-Platteville. The Class of 2008 Athletic
Hall of Fame inductees will also be
announced during half time. For game
tickets, call the University Information and
Tickets at (715) 346-4100.

Hansen Hall Reunion for 1988-1990
Partners Pub, 1 pm.
Contact Kirsten Jensen-Porter,
kmn70@earthlink.net

Alumni Tour of Central Waters Brewing Company
351 Allen Street, Amherst, 3 p.m.
A tour of an alumni owned and operated
brewery in Amherst. Thanks to **Paul
Graham**, '98, **Anello Mollica**, '99, and
Craig Ziolkowski, alumni will be offered a
FREE tour with samples. Sign up for the
tour by calling Paul at (715) 824-2739 or go
to <http://centralwaters.com>.

2008 RHA Homecoming Dance
Alumni Room, DUC, 7 p.m.
Mix, mingle and dance the night away
during Homecoming!

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
*Invitation only event

Sunday, Oct. 12

50th Reunion Champagne Brunch
Alumni Room, DUC, 11:30 a.m.
The class of 1958 marks 50 years.\$25 per
person. Register online at
www.uwsp.edu/alumni or by calling (715)
246-3811

General Information

University Store Hours
Fri. Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Archives - 5th Floor LRC
Look at yearbooks and peruse old Pointers!
Fri. Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.

Schmeckle Nature Reserve
Visitors Center open, self-guided tours
Fri. Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Natural History Museum and Gift Store Hours
Fri. Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Student Activities

Monday, Oct. 6
King & Queen Pageant
The Encore, DUC, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Amazing Race scavenger hunt
The Encore, DUC, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8
Iron Chef cooking contest
The Encore, DUC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9
Food Drive & Penny Wars
DUC concourse, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pointers Got Talent
The Encore, DUC, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10
Pointiators (Car push, tug-o-war, pool
events)
MAC, 3 p.m.

Casting Call (reality TV talent casting)
Laird Room, DUC, 7 p.m.