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### Emeritus members of alumni board

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, created about 40 years ago, has more than 130 alumni including those now serving and pictured at the top right. Emeritus members include (\*deceased):

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## On the Cover

UWSP International Program began sending students abroad in August 1969 and since then has sent more than 13,000 students across the world. Pictured on the cover are just a few examples of IP programs in Europe, Asia and South America, including a photo from the first study abroad trip courtesy of **Tom Derby**, '71.

## Online alumni business directory

Pointer alumni business owners are featured with descriptions of their services in the Alumni Business Directory found at [www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/business.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/business.aspx).

"This business directory allows the Alumni Association to not only support our alumni business owners but also allows all of our alumni to network with each other and help our new alumni find careers," said **Laura Gehrman Rottier**, '02, Stevens Point, director of Alumni Affairs. "We will work to make this site more interactive as the years go by, but for now, it is a great place to look for and support alumni entrepreneurs!"

Be sure to check it out and find out what your fellow Pointers offer in a variety of service and industry businesses - they might have exactly what you need. Or, to feature your business on this site, contact Alumni Affairs at [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu).

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## Alumni Association Board of Directors



Members of the 2008-09 Alumni Association Board met in April, including, back row from left, **Jeffrey Buhrandt**, '00, Madison, **Michael Kornmann**, '90, Webster, *Vice President* **Cindy Polzin**, '01, Madison, **Jon Greendeer**, '04, Stevens Point, **David Bruha**, '82, Wisconsin Rapids, **Tom Kilsmith**, '80, Plover, **Kevin Parham**, '91, Kenosha, *President* **Mary Wescott**, '75, Stevens Point, **Gordon Faust**, '58, Waunakee, **Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point, **Laurice Biemeret-Freeman**, '05, Fond du Lac, and *Past President* **Patrick Braatz**, '84, Beaverton, Ore. Front row from left, **Melissa Hardin**, '87, Madison, **Mary Ann Nigbor**, '67, Stevens Point, **David Marie**, '81, Plover, **Betty Jenkins**, '63, Stevens Point, **Ed Richmond**, '93, Stevens Point, and **Carol Lagerquist**, '66, Green Bay. Those not pictured include *President Elect* **Ray Oswald**, '97, Milwaukee, *Member at Large* **Grant Winslow**, '89, DePere, **Jenny Baeseman**, '98, Tromso, Norway, **Erich Bacher**, '92, Denver, Colo., **Bruce Bay**, '65, St. Louis, Mo., **Patricia Curry**, '58, Wisconsin Rapids, **Jean Ann Day**, '58, Waunakee, **Tom Girolamo**, '82, Mosinee, **John Jokela**, '89, Schofield, **Shannon Loecher**, '93, Minneapolis, Minn., **Joanne Loeffler**, '88, Seymour, **Tamara Bufts Moore**, '92, Colorado Springs, Colo., **Patty Noel**, '70, Stevens Point, *Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative*, **Kelly Eisenman**, '10, and *Student Body Representative*, **Katie Kloth**, '09.

### Greetings from the second floor of Old Main,

As I write this, our alumni chapters are having some outstanding alumni events around the nation. Networking is the key word these days, and the volunteer-run alumni events are wonderful opportunities to meet Pointers in your area and extend your social and professional networks.

We welcomed our newest alumni at May's commencement ceremony. A highlight of the Specht Forum event was 102 flags representing the countries to which Pointers have traveled to study and from which international students have come. These flags are especially important as International Programs celebrates 40 years beginning this fall. We are planning many gatherings for this group of nearly 13,000 alumni who have studied abroad or come to Central Wisconsin from across the globe. I hope you will mark your calendar for Saturday, October 10, (during Homecoming) to join us in the fun of kicking off a yearlong celebration.

I continue to be amazed at what UWSP alumni go on to do in their lives and careers. All of our alumni are outstanding in their own ways, and we do our best to recognize all of this alumni glory with the Alumni Association's Awards and Recognition program.

In continuing to introduce you to members of the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors, let me highlight members of the **Awards and Recognition Committee**. Their job is to develop ways to recognize alumni for their outstanding achievements. This year they are working on an awards expansion project with the help of dozens of people on campus.

**Shannon Loecher**, '93 - In addition to her duties on the Executive Committee, Shannon chairs the Awards and Recognition Committee and helps create ways to recognize the amazing accomplishments of UWSP alumni. Shannon is director of sales for the 2009 PGA championship held in Minneapolis this summer. She has made a name for herself in the niche of sport event planning.

**Jeff Buhrandt**, '00 - Jeff has been on the UWSP Alumni Board since 2006 and has been active on the Awards and Recognition Committee as well as the Madison area alumni chapter. A political science major, Jeff now works for Sen. Pat Krietlow in Madison where he handles all press information relating to the senator.

**Andrew Halverson**, '01 - Since joining the Alumni Board in 2005, Andrew has worked actively to ensure the alumni awards processes are fair and agreed upon to create the best opportunities to recognize our alumni. Living in Stevens Point as the youngest mayor the city has ever elected, Andrew is extremely involved and attends many campus events every year.

**John Jokela**, '89 - During his time on the Alumni Board, John has been on both the Program Support Committee and the Awards and Recognition Committee. He has worked diligently to ensure all of our alumni awards maintain their prestige so that each recipient is recognized as fully as possible. John works as a lawyer in Schofield and has been on the Alumni Board since 2004.

**Mike Kornmann**, '90 - Working for the UW-Extension in the north woods, Mike or "Korny" as his friends call him, brings a great sense of humor to the committee. Since joining the board in 2006, his creativity has gone far in brainstorming unique ways to make the awards and recognition process fun for all involved and special for each award winner.

**Patty Noel**, '70 - Serving on the Alumni Board since 2000, Patty is no stranger to awards herself. She has received several, including the Hansen Distinguished Service Award with her husband, John, last year. Patty works tirelessly in the Stevens Point community and on the Alumni Board on the Awards and Recognition Committee as well as the First Nighters Committee. Her dedication is surpassed only by her generosity as she works to help us recognize as many deserving alumni as possible.

This dedicated group researches alumni and looks for all those who have gone above and beyond in their time since graduation. This year, they are working on expanding the number of Distinguished Alumnus awards we grant to include more opportunities for alumni to be recognized. With over 70,000 graduates, this is a big task! We are working with all of the deans, development directors, current and former faculty, staff, students and many alumni volunteers to encourage nominations for these awards so all of our alumni are given consideration and a chance to be recognized.

If you know of someone who should be considered, please go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and fill out the appropriate nomination form before January for consideration in our 2010 awards!

*Laura Gehrman Rottier*

**Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02**  
**Director, UWSP Alumni Association**



# Distinguished Alumnus Award



Dale Klapmeier



James Anderson



Dorothy Vallier



Anne Gilfrey Schierl

The co-founder and vice chairman of Cirrus Design Corporation, the world’s leading innovator of single-engine, piston-powered aircraft, has been honored with the 2009 UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Dale Klapmeier**, ’83, Hermantown, Minn., will receive the award as part of the UWSP Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 10. Dr. Anne Gilfrey Schierl, Stevens Point, winner of the Alumni Service Award, and **James Anderson**, ’89, Stevens Point, and Dorothy Vallier, Milwaukee, winners of the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award, will also be honored.

Now based in Duluth, Minn., Dale founded Cirrus with his brother, Alan, in Baraboo in 1984 as a kit airplane design and manufacturing company. Today, the company is revitalizing general aviation by designing and building affordable personal aircraft that is safer, more comfortable and easier to operate.

As head of product development, Klapmeier is recognized around the globe for his plane designs, including the SR22, the world’s best selling airplane in its class, the VK-30 and the SR20. He is also working on the Cirrus Vision SJ50 personal jet, for which there are already more than 300 orders.

Cirrus employs nearly 1000 people and has more than 170 domestic and international service centers. The company

trademarked and made aviation history with the Cirrus Airframe Parachute System in 2002 and created the tactical unmanned aerial vehicle for the Department of Defense in 1996.

Klapmeier has received the 2008 Oshkosh Key to the City Award, the 2007 Dr. Godfrey Cabot Award, the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) 2007 Freedom of Flight Award, the EAA 2005 August Raset and the Air Safety Foundation’s 2005 Admiral de Florez Award. He has been named a “Living Legends” Aviation Entrepreneur of the Year by *Airport Journal* and the 2004 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Manufacturing.

Klapmeier has fond memories of UWSP, where he met his wife and developed lifelong relationships. “UWSP was a big learning experience and certainly helped me grow,” he said. “I left with a tremendous amount of confidence.”

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. Schierl, a retired physician, has contributed countless hours to organizing the fine arts scholarship fundraisers Soiree Musicale and ArtsBash. She has also created several scholarship endowments for students in dance, acting, drama, musical theatre and technical theatre.

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.

Anderson is an emeritus member and former president of the UWSP Foundation Board, and continues to serve on several of its committees. Co-chairman of Ellis Stone Construction, he is a longtime member and former president of the Rotary Club of Stevens Point and has also served the boards of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, St. Michael’s Foundation, Association of General Contractors-Wisconsin Chapter, Stevens Point Country Club and M&I Bank. He is currently president of the Portage County Business Council and served as its interim executive director over the summer. He is chairing this year’s United Way of Portage County annual fund drive.

Anderson is also involved in JusticeWorks Ltd. and received the Jim Klesmith Justice Worker Award in 2006 for helping develop the Volunteers in Probation program. He is a member of PRISM, a support group for Portage County Jail inmates, and helped set up funding for the Riverside Oxford House for men recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.

Vallier established Treehaven field station in Tomahawk in 1980 with a donation of 960 acres. She has established three College of Natural Resources endowed scholarships and has contributed funds toward several building and equipment projects. She established the Schlitz Audubon Center and Buena Vista Marsh and with her husband, Jacque, established Dory’s Bog at Hunt Hill Sanctuary and the Keshena Logging Museum.

She also donated her vast crystal goblet collection to the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication, where it is on display in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

# Cruise the world with fellow Pointers

See the world from a luxurious cruise ship next fall while reminiscing and making new memories with fellow Pointers.

The UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation are offering two cruises for UWSP alumni and friends in 2010, one to European ports and the other to ports in the Mediterranean.

The European Mosaic cruise trip departs from the U.S. on August 23. Travelers will board the Oceania Cruise Line Insignia in Lisbon, Portugal, and depart on August 24, cruising until September 5, when they disembark in Rome, Italy. The cruise includes 12 nights accommodations and stops at historic and scenic ports of call including Tangier, Morocco; Seville, Malaga, Ibiza and Barcelona, Spain; St. Tropez and Cannes, France; Monte Carlo, Monaco; and Portofino and Florence, Italy. A variety of stateroom options are available for a reduced fare of \$3,499 to \$6,299 per person, double occupancy.

The Best of the Mediterranean and Greek Isles cruise, offered October 11-24, will allow cruisers to board the Oceania Cruise Line Regatta in Venice, Italy, then enjoy 12 nights accommodations on board with stops in Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Corfu, Delphi, Zakynthos, Monemvasia, Crete, Santorini, Delos and Mykonos, Greece; and Kusadasi, Turkey. The cruise ends in Athens, Greece. Travelers may choose from a variety of staterooms for a reduced fare of \$3,299 to \$6,099 per person, double occupancy.

The fees for both trips include all meals, entertainment, a private reception, use of ship facilities, \$50 in shipboard credit, comprehensive predeparture information, service from an experienced Go Next program manager, taxes, fees and transfers and free round-trip airfare from select Oceania Cruises cities for a limited time.

For more information, go to [www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/travel.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/travel.aspx).



## Spring Pointer Alumnus going online – we need your e-mail address!

The *Pointer Alumnus* spring 2010 issue will be an entirely online publication in an effort to support UWSP’s dedication to environmental conservation and to decrease costs.

The same alumni features, news items and classnotes that regularly appear in the spring issue, plus the addition of vidoes clips and other interactive features will be offered at [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus).

If you haven’t already done so, please provide the Alumni Affairs Office with your e-mail address so that you can be notified when the spring issue is posted. You may send e-mail to [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu) or go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on Communications to use the online update form at The Connecting Point.

Be sure to update the Alumni Affairs Office of any mailing address changes as well, as the fall issue of the *Pointer Alumnus* will continue to be printed and mailed as usual.

We’ll see you online in April!

## Alumni discount offered on Adventure Tours



UWSP’s Adventure Tours program will celebrate its 25th year of biking and hiking tours in 2010 with 12 destination packages, five new U.S. locations and a discount for UWSP alumni.

Since 1985, Adventure Tours has offered traveling the globe on foot and by bike as healthy ways to travel and explore the world and its cultures.

Destinations for 2010 include Hike Dominica, Dog Sled in the Boundary Waters, Bike Mallorca, Bike New Mexico, Hike Vienna to Venice, Hike the Grand Canyon, Bike France, Hike Ireland and the U.K., Kayak the Apostle Islands, Hike Wyoming, Raft the Grand Canyon, pictured above, and Bike the Natchez Trace.

Alumni who have completed degrees at UWSP will receive a 5 percent discount on the total tour package (airfare not included). For more information about these trips and leader bios, contact Cathy Scheder at 715-346-4080, e-mail [bikehike@uwsp.edu](mailto:bikehike@uwsp.edu), or visit the new Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/hphd/adventuretours](http://www.uwsp.edu/hphd/adventuretours).

UWSP Adventure Tours is coordinated by UWSP’s School of Health Promotion and Human Development. The tours are open to adults of all ages, and are uniquely designed to emphasize healthy travel through biking, hiking and adventure trips. We hope you *Join us for the Journey!*



## Bunnell steps down after 5 years as chancellor

Linda Bunnell, UWSP’s 13th chancellor, stepped down from her position May 31 to return to her consulting firm based in Denver. She had led the university since June 2004.

During her tenure at UWSP:

- Enrollment grew to 9,163 students, the highest in 17 years
- The number of students with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds increased 22 percent
- The campus developed a master plan for physical growth, the first in 40 years
- Academic programs expanded to include health sciences and biochemistry and a doctorate in audiology
- An undergraduate business program partnership was created with UW-Marathon County
- The Center for Leadership Excellence & Economic Development was established in Wausau
- Applied research capabilities were initiated and expanded in biofuels, aquaculture, nanotechnology and geographic information systems
- The campus led all state universities in the percentage of students studying abroad
- Bunnell signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

## Cirimo named Letters and Science dean



Christopher Cirimo

Christopher Cirimo, formerly chair of the Geological Science Department at the State University of New York at Cortland, is the new dean of the College of Letters and Science at UWSP.

“What struck me most about UWSP was the openness of the faculty and staff, and their willingness to do what it took to address my questions, discuss issues and challenges, and present a positive view of both UWSP and the Stevens Point area,” Cirimo said.

Cirimo said he sees the mission of Letters and Science as central to the university.

“It represents a place where fundamental intellectual skills are introduced, honed and mastered, and then applied across the disciplines represented by all four colleges. The college has a wealth of talented faculty and unique programs challenging enough to encourage inquiry and discovery, and broad enough to encompass ideas from across the university community,” Cirimo observed.

According to Interim Chancellor Mark Nook, Cirimo’s activity in SUNY Cortland’s sustainability efforts and as a consulting faculty member on the American Council on Education International-ization Task Force have given him experience in areas that are key in UWSP’s Vision 2015.

Cirimo earned his doctorate in environmental science and engineering from Syracuse University, his master’s in environmental science from Indiana University and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and his bachelor’s degree in biology/chemistry from Utica College.

He is widely published, particularly on wetlands issues, and has been awarded numerous grants. He has also taught at Syracuse, and Susquehanna University and served as program director for the Division of Earth Sciences Program in Hydrological Sciences at the National Science Foundation.

Cirimo’s off-campus interests include community choral and theater groups, running, and involvement with local government.

## Mark Nook takes on a new challenge as Interim Chancellor

As an astrophysicist and scientist, Interim Chancellor Mark Nook is a problem solver.

This quality will be helpful as he takes on the challenges of leading UWSP. Nook, formerly UWSP’s provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, took the interim chancellor role on June 1 after the resignation of Chancellor Linda Bunnell. A search for a permanent replacement will begin later this year.

While UWSP now faces the challenges of a poor economy and budget restraints, the university has done its homework and is set to meet the needs of its students, he says. Another challenge is setting the university’s long-range plans for the next 5-10 years.

“Science is all about problem solving,” Nook says. “You identify what you know, what you need to know and how they are related in order to find a solution. You can address challenges in the same way.”

Nook adds that he cannot solve issues alone. “It’s critical that we get everyone involved in addressing the issues and finding solutions,” he says. “One of the things I appreciate about UWSP is the real pull together attitude – we all work together for our students.”

Before coming to UWSP in 2007, Nook was a professor and administrator at St. Cloud State University. He chaired the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Science then was the dean of Undergraduate Studies.

His experiences as dean and provost will assist in his chancellor role as he knows how different departments interact and serve students. He’s also worked with student affairs and understands how student and academic affairs can work together for student success.

Nook has also seen UWSP from the role of a parent through his daughter, **Meghan (Nook) Clark**, ’05. One of the reasons he took the provost position was his daughter’s great experiences at UWSP.

“I saw everyone working to make her a successful student and person,” he says. “And I still see that aspect here, in even more ways that I didn’t expect.

“It’s really important to keep that ‘parent’ perspective,” he said. “We should remember that everything we do impacts a student on our campus and take that responsibility very seriously. All of our students become alumni, and their experiences impact their lives and those of their families.”

UWSP alumni play a key role in its operations, says Nook, because they have an ability to keep us focused on our vision and what’s really important.

“As our alumni interact with potential students, current students, faculty and staff, it builds the spirit of UWSP,” he says. “It sends a message to our students that this is a remarkable place to be, and what comes after you graduate is a reflection of what you did here as a student.”

A self-described optimist, Nook thinks that quality is necessary in higher education. “The single biggest impact we have is our attitude. We need to meet the needs of our students and the challenges we face with optimism so our students have an optimistic outlook on their own future.”

A specialist in astronomy and astrophysics, Nook holds a bachelor’s degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, a master’s degree from Iowa State University and a doctorate in astronomy from UW-Madison. A native of Holstein, Iowa, he has also taught at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and worked at UW-Madison’s Space Astronomy Lab.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Aaron and Cory, in addition to their daughter. The couple enjoys living in Central Wisconsin and taking advantage of its opportunities for hiking, biking, hunting and fishing as well as community music and theatre offerings.



Cheryl and Mark Nook with their daughter, Pointer alumna Meghan (Nook) Clark

## Administrative changes at UWSP



Jeff Morin



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Communication since 2006.

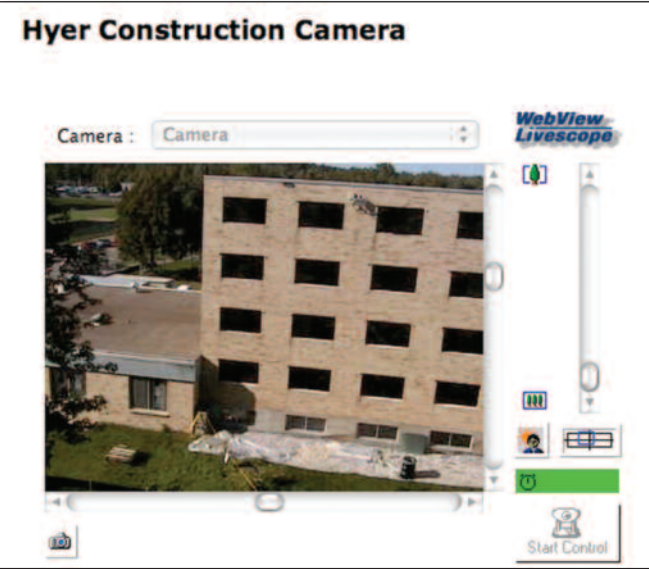
Haney holds a bachelor’s degree from Ripon College and master’s and doctorate from the University of Iowa.

McKenna takes on the duties of head of communication after retiring from UWSP in 2005. He served as dean of Fine Arts and Communication for 16 years.

In other appointments, Gregory Summers, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Academic Programs in the Office of Academic Affairs.



Recycling Hyer Hall, bit by bit



These efforts will help UWSP earn LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Removal of the structure itself will begin after Labor Day, with the entire building being down by mid-October, according to Rasmussen. Construction on the new hall will begin in November. For live video camera updates on the Hyer Hall construction project, go to [www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/constructioncams/livecamsroachhyer.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/constructioncams/livecamsroachhyer.aspx).

More than 75 percent of Hyer Hall materials, such as asphalt, bricks, concrete and windows, are being recycled as the hall comes down. Demolition of Hyer Hall has begun as UWSP prepares to replace it with a 50,000-square foot suite-style residence hall that will be complete in July 2011. Windows have been removed and hazardous materials, such as those containing asbestos, are being removed. “We were scavenging quite extensively with our crews,” said Carl Rasmussen, director of facilities planning. “We’re shooting for a minimum of 75 percent (of recycled materials) and we’ll likely go higher than that.” Salvaged items such as mirrors, kitchen appliances, thermostats, draperies and door knobs will be reused on campus. Ten tons of asphalt will be recycled at an asphalt plant and more than 1,500 tons of bricks and concrete will be reused as fill or base. Carpets, windows and metals will also be recycled.

Fall Migration honors CNR retirees

Former College of Natural Resources (CNR) faculty members will be honored at the annual CNR Fall Migration dinner and auction on Saturday, Oct. 24. 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, raffles and drawings. A highlight of the evening will be the induction of Forestry Professor Emeritus Robert Engelhard into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. Proceeds benefit the CNR Endowment Fund, which 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 beef tenderloin, smoked pork chop or a vegan entree. A salad, bread and dessert are included. Individual reservations are \$60 or a table for eight may be reserved for \$480. Reservations are requested by Oct. 7 by going to [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration](http://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.

Alumni building a solid “Foundation”

A letter from Interim Chancellor Nook

Greetings Pointer alumni and friends,  
As parents of a Pointer alumna and a current student, my wife, Cheryl, and I know very well the excitement that comes from the start of another wonderful year at UWSP. As interim chancellor, I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater this year through the many wonderful programs and opportunities offered by our Alumni Association. You can mentor a current student, encourage a prospective student or join your fellow alumni at Homecoming and other reunion events. Your involvement at UWSP is vital to continuing UWSP’s legacy!  
Like you, I’d like our university to continue to hire and retain the best professors, provide up-to-date laboratories and equipment, grow our library and technology resources and offer student internships and other learning experiences, including our renowned study abroad programs.  
I want to make sure that all of our students have the same opportunities that my daughter and son have experienced. Soon we’ll have students calling for contributions to our Annual Campaign. When you get that phone call, please answer and talk to our student caller about the Annual Campaign for Point! It will take all of us to continue the excellent quality of education that we offer here at UWSP.  
Thanks again for your support as Pointer alumni!

*Mark A. Nook*  
Mark Nook  
Interim Chancellor

He also credits Music Appreciation Professor Dean Blair with his love of classical music. Jim relates that while he and many of his classmates had no musical background, Blair made them all excited about it. If it weren’t for that class, he adds, he wouldn’t have had 20-year season tickets for the symphony and wouldn’t still recognize classical pieces he learned back then. “I don’t think the professors fully realize the importance and impact they have on students’ lives,” Jim says.  
These days, it’s Jim’s turn to make an impact with his donations to the UWSP Foundation.

Marcia Tepp and Gary Hetzer

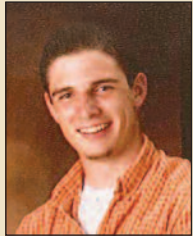


Married couple and Old Main Giving Society members **Marcia Tepp**, ’82, and **Gary Hetzer**, ’91, (not pictured) Stevens Point, both attended UWSP as nontraditional students. But they each had very different life changing experiences that have inspired them to contribute to UWSP’s Annual Fund and Geography and Geology Department.

For Marcia, it was her semester abroad in Great Britain that gave her international experiences she would have never otherwise had, including working for Sentry Insurance in London after finishing the semester. Having begun working for Sentry in the records department when she was still in high school, Marcia is now the company’s vice president of dealer operations and standard business products. In addition to her 40-year career with Sentry Insurance, Marcia has also been an adjunct instructor at UWSP for the past 11 years, teaching an insurance course. “I wouldn’t be in the position I am now without my UWSP degree” she says. “I give to UWSP because I wish more students could take advantage of the international experiences offered at the university.”

For Gary, who returned to school in his mid-30s, it was through a geography course where he discovered his love of cartography. The Geography and Geology Department helped him obtain an internship with Marathon County, where he now works full time as a geographic information systems coordinator. “UWSP is a great college in a community that has many opportunities for those who work hard and take their learning experiences seriously,” says Marcia.

D. David (Dewey) Sebold



Brock Brandner, (pictured left) a paper science and engineering major from Medford, has received the Kathrin M. “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship to attend UWSP as a freshman this fall. The \$1,500 award, given by **D. David (Dewey) Sebold**, ’68, Medford, in memory of his late wife, **Kitty Saunders Sebold**, ’68, is given to a high achieving student from Medford Senior High School based on their academic merit and leadership ability.

An honors student, Brandner was involved in FFA, National Honor Society, band, track and field, football, curling, baseball, and math and science competitions while in high school. Sebold is a former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza. Kitty was a social worker.

James Krems



A retired Rosholt principal who now enjoys summers at his cottage on Pine Lake, **James Krems**, ’60, Stevens Point, gives to UWSP because of all the university offers Central Wisconsin. “The university provides so many things for the community – from wonderful performances to ball games,” says Jim, who with his wife, Mary Ann, has given to the Backcourt Club and Neale Alumni Honors Scholarship fund. “There is so much to be proud of as alumni. So we need to support all that UWSP does. “  
What really made a difference in Jim’s time at UWSP were his professors. He took every class taught by Bob Lewis of the geography department and turned it into his major. “He really knew who you were,” he recalls. “He had a great sense of humor, related to us and treated us fairly. I kept all my notes from his classes and used them when I taught high school geography.”



Teacher credential file phase-out reminder

UWSP Career Services reminds alumni who graduated between the years 1974-2003 and established teacher credential files, that all files will be shredded as of January 1, 2013. Our policy had been to shred files after 35 years. That practice will continue until 2013 when all teacher credential files will be shredded.

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, Career Services discontinued creating credential files so newer alumni are not affected.

Any alumni who want the non-confidential contents of their teacher credential file can contact Career Services with their request. A PDF request form is also available at [www.uwsp.edu/career/studentsAndAlumni/services.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/career/studentsAndAlumni/services.aspx). Because most of these credential files contain outdated materials, alumni currently 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 credential files. The Registration and Records Office is responsible for all transcripts.

The staff of Career Services would be happy to talk with you about obtaining materials from your file, or any other questions related to job seeking or career changing. The office is located in Room 134 Old Main Building. The staff may be reached at [career@uwsp.edu](mailto:career@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-3226.

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"Ascension," a new sculpture at The Pineries Bank in Stevens Point, was created by UWSP students. In return, bank president Paul Adamski created an art scholarship endowment.

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Career Services waives alumni fees

UWSP Career Services’ online system, *CareerPoint*, is now free of charge for Pointer alumni.

The service, which connects students and alumni to employers, had been free for currently enrolled students and available for a fee to alumni who have been out of school for more than a year.

Due to the current state of our economy, Career Services is waiving the \$20 fee for alumni to use *CareerPoint* throughout 2009. The majority of positions posted in *CareerPoint* are geared toward current students or recent graduates seeking internship, temp/seasonal or early career positions; however, there are some positions posted that are appropriate for individuals with more experience. Features of *CareerPoint* include:

- Jobs database
- Employer database
- On-campus interview schedules
- Career events calendar
- Career services e-mail list
- Electronic resume book (searchable by employers) - optional
- Mentor database

If you are interested in using *CareerPoint*, please contact Career Services at [career@uwsp.edu](mailto:career@uwsp.edu) to create or update your profile in the system and obtain access information.

The Thailand Project continues to grow



Contributions large and small have increased since The Thailand Project gained the attention of former President Bill Clinton's Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). The Thailand Project is a UWSP student-created effort to provide privately funded Point educations to people from Southeast Asia who are without citizenship in any nation and at risk of falling into human trafficking. Following recognition and discussion at the CGI university event in Texas this past spring, more than \$25,000 in additional donations have come to the project, including The Stevens Point Noon Lions which presented \$200 recently to support the educations of the first two students, who came to campus this past year. Pictured here, Pointer alumni and Lions **Norbert Wozniak**, '70, Stevens Point, and **David Garber**, '71, Stevens Point, give their check to UWSP Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson.

Faculty and Staff Retirements

\*faculty departments and start dates are noted

- C.Y. Allen**  
communication, 1969

A specialist in organizational communication, a dynamic and in-demand speaker and former Baptist preacher, Allen directed the UWSP Communication Internship Program and received the Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Donald Fadner**  
religious studies, 1974

Fadner served as chair of the Philosophy Department. He has published a book, *The Responsible God*, and has given presentations locally and nationally.
- Diane Gillo**  
business administration, 1983

Gillo served as associate dean of the College of Letters and Science and received the Excellence in Teaching Award. A UWSP award in her name recognizes her work in student advising.
- Daniel Goulet**  
computing, 1980

Goulet established the first computer information systems major in the UW System at UWSP. He also developed a dual degree program in computing with Otto-von-Guericke University.
- Fred Hebert**  
HESA, 1985

Hebert was head of the School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics, and taught and coached at UWSP. He received numerous honors, including the Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Dee Martz**  
music, 1979

Martz directed the Aber Suzuki Center and American Suzuki Institute at UWSP. She is active in Suzuki organizations and is principal violist with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra.
- Jim Moe**  
communication, 1970

In addition to his teaching, Moe founded and was the executive director of LEAD, a leadership development program for high school youth, for 15 years.

- Cathleen Palmini, MST '91**  
library, 1988

In addition to helping students and faculty with their research, Palmini published and presented on the topic of Wisconsin pioneer women writers of the mid-1800s.
- Marcia Parker French, 1994**

During her career, Parker co-taught a French film class, worked in Benin, Africa, presented papers in various countries and took students on a tour of France with International Programs.
- Henry St. Maurice**  
education, 1990

St. Maurice was director of education field experiences and was nationally honored for his work with UWSP’s Student Wisconsin Education Association.
- Jim Stokes**  
English, 1981

Stokes earned several distinguished faculty awards, fellowships and grants for his extensive research and writings on early English drama.
- Rick Wilke, '73, MSN '75**  
environmental education, 1976

Wilke, an alum, receive the Excellence in Teaching, Service and Scholarship awards. He was a UW System Distinguished Professor and director of the U.S. EPA’s National Environmental Education Training Program.
- Leslie Wilson**  
education, 1990

Wilson was active in several technology, teaching and faculty development programs. She won a UW System Teaching Scholar Award and a UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Classified staff retirees include Ken Cisewski, Earl Drefcinski, Nancy Euler, Eileen Janinski, Grace Gibbs, Catherine Griesmer, Vern Gumz, Sandy Knapp, Patricia Literski, Alan Mayek and Gary Stoltenberg.

For more information about this year’s retirees, visit [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/campus.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/campus.aspx)





# Spring sports recap

## Baseball (31-16, 15-9 WIAC)

Another late season run helped the UWSP baseball team capture the school's eighth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title. The Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater three times to take the team's fifth consecutive conference tournament title.

The Pointers finished the year with 31 victories, giving them their eighth season of 30 or more wins. The Pointers also placed four players on the All-Midwest team and slugger Jeremy Richter (Rosholt) was named the WIAC's Position Player of the Year.

## Softball (21-20, 5-11 WIAC)

For the 16th straight season, the UWSP softball team finished with 20 or more victories, one game over .500. Under the direction of first year head coach Tom Henke, the Pointers posted an 8-2 record at the Rebel Games in Florida and a 10-12 record in Wisconsin. The Pointers earned the No. 7 seed in the WIAC tournament and advanced to the second day of competition before falling to UW-River Falls.

Three players earned All-WIAC honors including Brittany Zelenka (Marathon), Jessica Berger (Bonduel) and Brittany Peper (Reedsburg).

## Track & Field

The UWSP track and field teams qualified 12 men and five women for the 2009 NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio. The Pointer men's team tied for 25th with 11 team points while the women's team finished tied for 53rd, notching five team points. Six men and four women took home All-American honors at the event.

The Pointer men's program finished third in the Program of the Year standings, honoring both the cross country and track and field programs. Three men and five women's track and field athletes were also named to the All-Academic team by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for their work in the classroom.

## Sports briefs

UWSP Athletics finished seventh in the Division III Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings, which measures the nation's top overall athletic programs. UWSP has been in the top 25 for 12 straight seasons, finishing the 2008-09 year with 779 points.

The Pointers won eight WIAC championships in 2008-09 and four WIAC Tournament championships. Football, women's soccer, men's cross country and women's golf won four of the seven fall championships, with women's soccer also capturing the conference tournament crown. Men's and women's basketball won conference regular season and tournament crowns. Men's swimming and diving also won their 10th straight WIAC championship. Baseball also won the regular season and tournament titles, their fifth straight WIAC tournament championship.

UWSP won the WIAC Combined All-Sports award and the men's All-Sports Award for the 2008-09 academic year. The men's award is the school's first since 2004 and the 10th in school history. The combined trophy is the third in school listings.

UWSP qualified teams or athletes to NCAA

tournament competition in 15 sports. Women's golf had the highest finish, placing second at the 2009 championships, while men's cross country had a fourth place finish.

Five Pointer coaches earned Coach of the Year honors: Rick Witt (men's cross country), John Miech (football), Shelia Miech (women's soccer), Shirley Egner (women's basketball) and Bob Semling (men's basketball). Matt Interbartolo (women's golf) was the Division III SkyCaddie NGCA National Coach of the Year for the second time in three years and the Division III Central Region Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Four Pointer student-athletes earned WIAC/NCHA Player of the Year honors: Brad Vickroy (football), Jessica Urban (women's golf), Nicole Grossman (women's hockey) and Jeremy Richter (baseball).

UWSP teams finished a combined 198-99-9 record (.661 winning percentage) including an 86-48-5 record against conference opponents (.637 winning percentage).

## Women's Golf

The women's golf program had another historic year, finishing second at the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and taking home the National Runner-Up trophy, the highest ever finish for the women's golf team. The team also captured their second consecutive WIAC title in the fall.

Junior Jessica Urban took home the PING NGCA Division III Player of the Year award, Conference Player of the Year Award and was ranked as the nation's No. 1 golfer in Division III.



The golf team celebrates its second place finish at the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship in Port St. Lucie, Fla., including, from left, Assistant Coach Chris Rulseh, Jessica Urban, Nacheynah Green, Amanda Dlugopolski, Danelle Olson, Michelle Pascavis and Head Coach Matt Interbartolo.

# Athletic Hall of Fame 2009

The 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame induction, held this year on Saturday, October 31, will welcome seven UWSP alumni from football, swimming and diving, cross country, and track and field as well as one UWSP coach to the 200 members and six teams of the Hall of Fame.

The individuals selected for Hall of Fame induction include:

**Randy Boelk**, '01, West St. Paul, Minn., an individual and relay swimming and diving NCAA Division III national champion in 1998 and 1999. Randy is a trading representative for Wells Fargo Investments and is married to Becca Uphoff Boelk.

**Rebecca Uphoff Boelk**, '00, West St. Paul, Minn., a member of women's swimming and diving 2000 WIAC championship team and individual and relay champion. Rebecca earned a master's degree at UW-Madison and is a speech-language pathologist for the school district in the West St. Paul/Eagan/Mendota Heights area. She is married to Randy Boelk.

**Jesse Drake**, '01, Neenah, a track and field NCAA Division III national champion. Jesse earned a master's degree at UW-La Crosse and is race operations manager for the Fox Cities Marathon. He is married to **Jody (Butkowski) Drake**, '02.

**Sara Hilgers**, '01, Custer, a javelin NCAA Division III national champion in 1999. Sara is a medical technologist at Riverside Medical Center in Waupaca and a volunteer throwing coach at Rosholt High School. She and her husband, Luke, have two sons.

**Clint Kriewaldt**, '08, Shiocton, a NCAA Division III National Defensive Player of the Year in 1998, running back for the Detroit Lions and special teams player for the 2006 Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Clint retired from professional football in 2007 after a neck injury and is the linebacker and special teams coach at Freedom High School. He and his wife, **Jamie (Lowney) Kriewaldt**, '01, have three children.

**Rick Peot**, last attended '78, Burnsville, Minn., a UWSP record holder and free agent for the Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots, New York Giants and San Diego Chargers. Rick resides in the Minneapolis area where he owns a painting business with his son, Ryan.

**Bob Rohde**, '70, Mahtomedi, Minn., an All-Conference and All District NAIA running back and free agent with the Denver Broncos. Bob is the assistant to the athletics director at the University of Minnesota. He earned a master's degree at Winona State University and is married to Nan.

The late **Monte Blue Charles**, head UWSP football coach from 1972-76 and UWSP's intramural director and offensive coordinator from 1989-91. Monte died in 1992 at age 62 and was posthumously inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

For more on these athletes, go to [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/athletics.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/athletics.aspx).



Randy Boelk



Rebecca Uphoff Boelk



Jesse Drake



Sara Hilgers



Clint Kriewaldt



Rick Peot



Bob Rohde



Monte Blue Charles



# International Programs...



## History of UWSP International Programs

According to Eric Yonke, director of International Programs (IP), “Point has an extraordinary tradition of international education. “

“More often than not students return from study abroad with a much more mature and engaged approach to their university careers, and with a better understanding of the global opportunities and challenges facing them in the 21st century,” he said.

The IP tradition began with the work of founder Pauline Isaacson, whose long interest in creating a study abroad program was fulfilled under the leadership of Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus. His first comment upon hearing of her plan, she recalled, was “How soon can we start?”

After receiving UW System regent approval, Isaacson did the ground work to establish the first semester abroad program in Great Britain. That trip began August 18, 1969, with 41 students led by David Coker and Alan Lehman. While the Britain program continued, an initial semester in Germany took place in the fall of 1971, with 25 students led by Donald Dietrich and Coralie Wells Dietrich.

The first College of Natural Resources summer program in Germany was held in 1972, followed by the interim program to Puerto Rico that winter. The first semester in Malaysia were held in the sprint of 1973.

In the fall of 1975, the pilot Poland semester abroad program was offered with 12 students. By this time, more than 260 students were traveling abroad. The first China semester was offered in spring of 1977 and the first Winterim Costa Rica program in December 1983. Semester programs with short runs included India and Greece during the 70s and 80s.

Isaacson retired as director in 1981 and her successor was Helen Corneli. Robert Bowen took the job in 1989 and David Staszak became the director in 1996.

By the early 90s, with the addition of a semester program in the South Pacific in the fall of 1988 and in France in the spring of 1992, more than 300 students were traveling to 11 countries for both semester and short-term study trips.

During the 1999-2000 academic year, as IP celebrated 30 years at UWSP, a record 427 students participated as both the Magdeburg (Germany) and Music In Europe programs began and four trips were offered during the fall, five during the spring, two during winterim, one during spring break and five during the summer.

The events of Sept. 11, didn’t deter students from studying abroad. Another record was created with 450 students abroad during the 2001-2002 year and 440 in 2003. New programs included a business internship in China, semesters in New Zealand and Hungary and summer programs in Oaxaca, Mexico and Nagasaki, Japan.

In 2003, eight former IP leaders established the IP Scholarship Endowment to help students fund their study abroad experiences. Now approaching more than \$300,000 the endowment distributes over 40 scholarships a year.

In 2004, UWSP was ranked 16th among master’s institutions for the number of students studying abroad, and in 2005, students were offered a winterim trip to a school in Mae Sai, Thailand, (as part of The Thailand Project) and a semester in Ireland for the first time.

Eric Yonke, a UWSP professor of history, was named IP director in 2006 after Staszak retired.

Today UWSP students enroll for semesters in the U.K., Poland, Australia, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Hungary and New Zealand. In addition, all four UWSP colleges offer short courses in China, Thailand, Greece, Iceland, Austria, Belize, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Poland and London.

Find out more abot UWSP study abroad opportunities at [www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad](http://www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad).

## Celebrate 40 years of study abroad

For alumnus **Greg Kolodziej**, ’01, Stevens Point, his semester abroad in Poland through UWSP was the best experience of his college career.

“I saw the coolest places all over Eastern Europe... castles, cathedrals, old town squares, hills, mountains, rivers and people,” he said. “I found my roots, and lost my narrow definition of who people are supposed to be. I made close personal friendships that went beyond culture and societal pre-dispositions... This was the best education on the human condition.”

Take Greg’s experience and multiply it by more than 13,000 and you might be able to realize the magnitude of life-changing experiences for all of the students who have traveled abroad for a semester, summer or school break through UWSP International Programs (IP) since the first trip to Great Britain in 1969.

Now celebrating 40 years of study abroad, IP is inviting all of its former students, leaders and friends to a reunion to be held on Saturday, October 10, in conjunction with the 2009 Homecoming festivities.

Kicking off the day’s events is a coffee on the “Front Porch” of Collins Classroom Center at 9:30 a.m., followed by participation in the all-campus picnic on the front lawn of Old Main at 11 a.m.

A celebratory reception will be held in The Encore in the Dreyfus University Center at 4 p.m., with both study abroad alumni and faculty gathered to remember their trips, share stories and look at photo albums and memory books from trips of the past 40 years.

All of these events are offered free of charge, but those attending the 4 p.m. reception are asked to register online at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) by clicking on the “Homecoming” link.

“We are so excited to welcome back our International Programs family and celebrate all that study abroad has meant to all of us,” said Eric Yonke, IP director.

*“UWSP should be very proud that we still have a study abroad program that is still nationally ranked. One of the keys to its success has been that everyone involved is committed to it and entrepreneurial in that they are always looking for ways to improve the experience for students at the lowest possible costs.”*  
**Dave Staszak**, IP director 1996-2006 and group leader of trips to Ireland, Costa Rica, Australia and Germany/Poland

## IP gave to alumna who is now giving back

“Studying in Poland left an indelible mark on me and broadened my horizons,” says **Christa Groshek**, ’97, St. Paul, Minn., an attorney who owns Groshek Law Office in Minneapolis and is a contributor to the UWSP Foundation’s Annual Fund.

Groshek initially came to UWSP to study abroad, and chose a semester in Poland to find more about her family heritage. She also studied the language with Professor Robert Price.

“I felt very connected to the Polish people,” she says. “It was so different culturally, that I learned that I had so much more to give and that there were a lot more parts to ‘me.’ I asked myself, it’s a big world and what did I want to do in it? It started me thinking.”

After she graduated, Groshek chose to study law to help poor criminal defendants, and began her law career as a Hennepin County (Minn.) public defender. She now bases her practice on criminal defense.

“Without my study abroad experience I would have stayed closer to home and had smaller goals,” she says.

Groshek’s siblings are following in her international study footsteps. Her brother studied in London and her sister will study in Poland and Hungary through UWSP.



Christa Groshek in her Minneapolis law office

## International Programs Scholarship Endowment

The International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE), created to encourage students to study abroad, is now helping 40 students study abroad a year through a fund that has reached more than \$300,000.

“We’re affecting a lot of lives,” says UWSP Professor Bob Wolensky, one of the founders of IPSE. “People are not usually the same when they return from a study abroad trip. Their intellectual horizons are broadened. They learn history, art, and architecture. Their self confidence rises. Many who have never left the Midwest are finding their way around Paris, Dublin or the South Pacific. And it is a spur for them to further travel.”

Initially created through the donations of current and retired faculty who had served as study abroad leaders, IPSE has now grown to include named scholarships created by study abroad alumni including individuals and a semester study group. Wolensky says the endowment will grow even further and allow even more students to study abroad with additional contributions or named scholarships from study abroad “classes” of a particular semester or short-term trip.

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



# 40 years of life changing experiences

## First study abroad group still close after 40 years



(Below) In August, 1969, UWSP's first study abroad group gathers for a photo before flying out of Kennedy Airport.

(Above) Several members of UWSP International Programs first study abroad trip, which went to London in 1969, gathered this July at the wedding of the daughter of trip participants Butch and Tina Weege of Stevens Point. (Names of original trip members are in bold.)

Pictured in the front row left to right are **Paul Glienke**, Kristin Glienke, **Tom Derby**, Sue Derby, **Don and Ellen (Ahlers) Guldán**, Gail Tubbs, **Tina (Graefe) Weege**, **Pat (Wordan) Shaw**, Bob Shaw, **Sue (Smith) Roether** and Ken Roether. In the back row left to right are **Butch Weege**, **Eugene Tubbs**, Miriam Meeks, **George Meeks** and Diane (Swenson) Newby.



**Tina (Graefe) Weege**, '71, Mosinee, had never left the state of Wisconsin as a UWSP student in 1969, but she was determined to do something different as the first person in her family to attend college.

So that fall, she joined 40 others on a plane to England and embarked on what would be not only a life-changing experience for her and the rest of the group, but the first in the 40-year history of study abroad trips run by UWSP's International Programs.

That first group headed to Great Britain under the leadership of David Coker, Alan Lehman, Marg Coker and Gladys Thomson.

Pauline Isaacson, then director of International Programs, "encouraged us to do well," recalls Tina. "We must have, because 40 years later the students are still going!"

While the group of students didn't know each other at first, they had a lot in common. Most were juniors and many were studying to be teachers. "We bonded quickly, because we did everything together," Tina says. Their leaders acted as their moms, dads, teachers, coaches and mentors, she added.

The closeness of the group not only resulted in five marriages between the participants, including Tina and her husband, Merle "Butch" Weege, it resulted in lifelong friendships. A group of the participants in the Central Wisconsin area calls themselves "The Fifth Friday Night Fish Fry Group," as they meet for dinner every month with a fifth Friday. Their former leader, Marg Coker-Nelson, also joins the group.

"We've been to each other's weddings, we've been there for baby's births, raising our children, our children's weddings, and for friends' funerals," Tina said. "To this day, we retell our stories and we'll all remember something and howl with laughter. We have a great camaraderie together."

Members in the area have planned reunions every five years, but this year they have encouraged original members to participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion planned by UWSP.

Their successful international semester has been a basis for members of the group to encourage others as well as their own children to study abroad and even to work overseas. A number of children from the group have done so, and it is not uncommon for members of the group to share stories and photos of their latest international experiences when they gather for reunions or friendship dinners, said Tina. She added that she and Butch will be traveling to Japan in October with Butch's current employer.

"Forty years ago we didn't know what we'd get out of the trip," she said. "But personally and professionally, that trip has positively affected our lives."

"Thousands have followed in our wake," she added. "It's time to celebrate!"

*"There is a large scale painting in the Louvre called the Coronation of Josephine by J-L David. The robes worn by the priests can be found at a small museum at Notre Dame. History came alive for me in that moment. I loved every minute of my experience!"*  
**Brooke (Freistedt) Furmanek**, '97, Mukwonago

*"(Chancellor) Lee Sherman Dreyfus was so excited about our overseas trips. He wanted to go to Mitchell Airport and see that first group off but he couldn't make it. So he asked me (one of the group's drivers to the airport) to meet his mother, Clair Dreyfus, a member of the Milwaukee School Board, at the airport and introduce her to the group so she could see them off. It was such a wonderful experience. She was such a powerful and friendly woman, and it meant so much to the parents and students that the chancellor's mother came to say goodbye to them. What really pleases me about these first study abroad groups is that now their children are going abroad, and these trips were the start of something big for many families. Pauline Isaacson was on the right track for global experiences for the future when she created International Programs."*

**Helen Godfrey**, assistant chancellor emerita and IP leader for Great Britain, 1973 and 1977

## International internships: A worldly experience

International Programs first began offering international internships in 2002 with a summer business internship in China. In 2005, an agreement with Anglo American Educational Services established internships in London during both semesters and the summer. To date, 62 students have interned in China and 172 in London.

Among those students was **Katie Leb**, '09, DeKalb, Ill., who served as an intern in the House of Commons in London over the summer of 2007. She worked as a researcher for Parliament member Jenny Willott, who represented the Cardiff Central borough in Wales. Her job was to respond to constituent concerns, and she was also able to work on a political campaign. With her nights and weekends free, Leb was able to tour London as well as many other parts of England and Ireland.

"I was able to get experience that others wouldn't have," she said of the internship. "I learned a lot about myself and how to be independent. It opened my eyes to what I could do. I had thought about going to grad school, but my internship confirmed it."

Leb is now attending Northern Illinois University to earn a master's degree in political science. But before she graduated, she worked for IP as a recruitment and orientation coordinator, encouraging other students to experience study abroad, and went on a second summer study trip, this time on the first ever "Culinary Journalism: The Food and Wines of Greece" trip with Communication Professor Liz Fakazis.

"What other students need to know is that anyone can do this," she said. "There are so many possibilities."



Katie Leb enjoyed a summer study trip to Greece as well as a semester as an intern in London. Here she is pictured on the island of Aegina in Greece, where she toured the Aphaia Temple and sampled local pistachios and items from a fish market.





Pointer Alumnus

# 2009-2010 Events Calendar

## [calendar.uwsp.edu](http://calendar.uwsp.edu)

\*UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple

### September

Fall semester begins  
Wed., Sept. 2

**D.C. Area Reunion**  
Thurs., Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Weiman Gallery

**Portland Area Reunion**  
Sat., Sept. 19  
Every Day Wine

### October

**Spud Bowl**  
Sat., Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

**2009 Homecoming Week**  
Oct. 4-10 (see back page)  
Campus and community events

**UWSP Alumni Board meeting**  
Fri., Oct. 9  
Dreyfus University Center (DUC)

**2009 Awards Banquet**  
Sat., Oct. 10, 6 p.m.  
Laird Room, DUC  
Registration required.

**1959 50th Reunion**  
Sun., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.  
Alumni Room, DUC



**Performing Arts Series: David Sedaris**, humorist/author  
Mon., October 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Theatre and Dance: *The Inspektor General***  
Oct. 9-11 & 15-18  
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC)  
**First Nighters**, Friday, Oct. 9, 5 p.m.

**CNR Fall Migration**  
Sat., Oct. 24, 5 p.m.  
Laird Room DUC

**Alumni Weekend in the Dells**  
Sun., Oct. 24-26  
Wilderness Resort

**Wisconsin Music Educator's Alumni Reception**  
Thurs., Oct. 29  
Madison

**Hall of Fame Banquet**  
Sat., Oct. 31, 5 p.m.  
Invitation only event

### November

**Performing Arts Series: Yevgeny Yevtushenko**, poet  
Tues., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Theatre and Dance: *Rent***  
Nov. 13-15 & 18-21  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Fri., Nov. 13, 5 p.m.

**Family Day**  
Sat., Nov. 7  
Residence halls and campus

**Performing Arts Series: Prairie Song Project**, opera  
Tues., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Michelsen Hall, NFAC

### December

**Theatre and Dance: *Afterimages 2009***  
Dec. 4-6 and 9-11  
Studio Theatre, NFAC

**Fall Commencement**  
Sat., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
Quandt Fieldhouse

**Senior Breakfast**  
Monday, Dec. 14, 9-11 a.m. (tentative)  
Alumni Room, DUC  
Alumni welcome at a cost of \$6 per person to network with the newest alumni  
Register by calling the UWSP Alumni Office or e-mailing [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

**Chancellor's Leadership Awards**  
Friday, Dec. 18, 9-11 a.m. (tentative)  
Alumni Room, NFAC

### January 2010

Winterim classes  
Jan. 5-21

**Spring semester begins**  
Mon., Jan. 25

**Alumni Chapter Meetings**

### February 2010



**Performing Arts Series: Harlem Gospel Choir**  
Thurs., Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

**Arts Bash**  
Sat., Feb. 6, 7-10 p.m.  
NFAC courtyard

**Theatre and Dance: *Nickel and Dimed***  
Feb. 12-14 & 17-20  
Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Fri., Feb. 12, 5 p.m.

**Performing Arts Series: Tapage and Cuarteto Latinoamericano present Dansq**  
Tues., Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### March 2010

**Theatre and Dance: *What the Butler Saw***  
Feb. 5-7 and 11-13  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Fri., March 5, 5 p.m.

**Performing Arts Series: Sara Davis Buechner**, pianist  
Mon., March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Michelsen Hall, NFAC

**Arizona Alumni Event TBA**  
**Naples Area Evnet TBA**

### April 2010

**Theatre and Dance: *Floyd Collins***  
April 9-11 & 14-17  
Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Fri., April 9, 5 p.m.

**WWSP 90FM Trivia 40**  
April 16-18

**Performing Arts Series: Alex de Grassi**, guitarist  
Wed., April 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### May 2010

**Theatre and Dance: *Danstage***  
May 7-9 and 12-14  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Fri., May 7, 5 p.m.

**Spring Commencement**  
Sat., May 15, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
Specht Forum, weather permitting

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## Save the date!

**Future Homecoming dates:**  
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010

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





# OF WISC CLASS NOTES



UWSP grads **John Zalewski**, '81, **Jordan Simons**, '06, and **Troy Saeger**, '92, work for the Kohler Company at its Lombardini engine plant in Aurangabad, India.



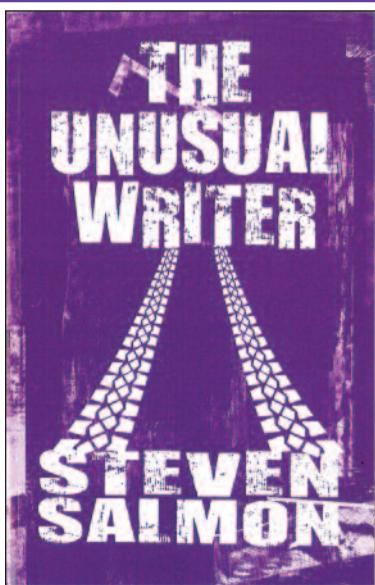
**Janalee (Fredrick) Conratt**, '62, Shawano, had her granddaughter, Breena Hansen, model the Central State College sweatshirt she bought at the school store in 1961 for \$3. Janalee is a substitute teacher in the Shawano school district and Breena's mother, **Jill (Conratt) Hansen**, '96, Shawano, is an art teacher at Shawano High School.



Five former Baldwin Hall residents have reunited every summer since graduation for fun and reminiscing. Pictured, from left, are **Jaci VanAble Wagner**, '83, Waukesha; **Chris Ahl Ludwig**, '85, Waukesha; **Lori Quickel Mead**, '85, Appleton; **Mary Zeller Lueth**, '83, North Branch, Minn.; and **Heidi Hegna Laquinta**, '84, Franklin.



**Dean Hoffman**, '73, Madison, is director of strategic accounts for National CooperativeRx. He also serves on the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) Board of Trustees and chairs its Membership Committee. He is past president of the Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters (WAHU) and has been honored for distinguished service by NAHU and WAHU.



**Steven Salmon**, '98, Madison, had *The Unusual Writer* published through America House. The semi-biographical novel about a young man with cerebral palsy who dreams of becoming a writer will be used to educate about disabilities in the English classes of teachers (and former UWSP classmates) **Amber Tilley**, '97, Eagle River, and **Jessie Anderson**, Rosholt, as well as at Madison Area Technical College where Steve is a forensics teaching assistant. He also wrote the book *Buddy Why* in 2001.



**Marcus Zbinden**, '89, Chanhassen, Minn., won the 2009 Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention and the 2008 Recycler of the Year award from the Recycling Association of Minnesota. An environmental specialist for Carver County, Marcus manages an organics composting and curbside collecting program in Carver and Hennepin counties. The program allows food and yard waste and non-recyclable paper to be collected in one container. "If all homes in the Twin Cities metro area were to implement this, it would be possible to divert 65,000-100,000 tones of organics from landfills," he says.

## 2000s

*"The people I met will always have an impact on me throughout my life, and I will never forget them."*  
- **Travis Feller**, '09

**Brett Beckfeld**, '09, Plymouth, Minn., is playing professional hockey with the Manglerud Star Ishockey Club in Oslo, Norway, during the coming year. In the off season he works in real estate and as an entrepreneur.

**Joy Brandenburg**, '09, Rothschild, is a certified nursing assistant at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. She is earning a master's degree at UWSP.

**Chris Engebretson**, '09, Mosinee, refurbished the Boy and the Boot statue for the Stevens Point Fire Department and cast a new cement one by creating a reusable fiberglass mold. He volunteered for the job before graduating with an art degree in May.

**Travis Feller**, '09, Eagle River, is a medical technologist with Ministry Healthcare in Eagle River. "The people I met will always have an impact on me throughout my life, and I will never forget them," he says.

**Scott Schweiki**, '09, Marshfield, is pursuing an American studies degree at UWSP. In May he completed his associate's degree. He is the wellness director at the Marshfield Area YMCA.

**Lindsey (Cunningham) Atwood**, '08, Milwaukee, is a long-term substitute Spanish teacher for seventh and eighth grades in the Whitefish Bay school district. She is pursuing a bilingual certificate in hopes to teach in a Milwaukee school district bilingual classroom.

**Emily Hill**, MS '08, Madison, co-presented her master's thesis at the 2008 North American Association for Environmental Education Conference.

**Timothy Parks**, '08, is a fisheries technician for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**Sarah (Morris) Siegel**, '08, Stevens Point, is a stay-at-home mom. She is married to John.

**Jeffrey Swanson**, '07, Kenosha, is a teller with Johnson Financial Group in Kenosha. His wife, **Megan (Rustici) Swanson**, '08, works for Aurora in Kenosha.

**Anne (Frie) Williams**, '07, Bemidji, Minn., has her dream job as a reporter for the *Bemidji Pioneer* daily newspaper. She credits faculty members Liz Fakazis and Mike Beacom for preparing her for a real career in journalism.

**Jason Kalsow**, '06, Green Bay, is the assistant coach for the UW-Green Bay basketball team. Previously he was the team's director of basketball operations. Jason was a standout for the Pointers during their NCAA Division III national championship seasons in 2004 and 2005, amassing a 103-18 record and three conference championships in his four years of play. He was NCAA Division III National Player of the Year in 2005 and Most Valuable Player of the Final Four. After college he played for the Iceland Professional Basketball League then was on the Pointer coaching staff for three years. He earned a master's degree in education/adult-based learning in 2008.

**Kyle Kidder**, '06, Anchorage, Alaska, is the Easements Unit statewide trail coordinator for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR). He was previously a natural resource specialist with ADNR's Shore Fishery Unit.

**Lisa (Neustedter) Rychter**, '05, MS '07, Reedsburg, married Stephen Rychter in August. She is a speech-language pathologist for the Reedsburg school district.

**Laura (Depies) Behrens**, '04, Kewaskum, is a showroom manager for 21st Century Tile in Butler.



**Adam LaSalle**, '09, Williamstown, N.Y., won the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Collegiate Challenge championship in Columbus, Ga., in June. He was the sole UWSP competitor among candidates from 51 U.S. forestry schools. He helped resurrect UWSP's Timbersports team before graduating in May with a forest management degree.



2000s continued

**CJ Robinson**, ‘04, Stevens Point, director of development for UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication, achieved a certificate in fundraising management for the Fund Raising School at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. He is also working on a master’s degree in communication at UWSP. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

**Gina Wisniewski**, ‘04, Stevens Point, will marry Craig DeLisle on October 10, 2010, in Stevens Point. Gina works for Travel Guard.

**Andrea (Brown) Galvan**, ‘02, Green Bay, and her husband, Carlos, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Adriana Yaretzi.

**Kevin Reese**, ‘02, Clintonville, was selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars. He was nominated by one of his students. Kevin just completed his seventh year as a math and AP calculus teacher at Clintonville High School, where he also advises the math team, coaches girls’ basketball and is the head track and field coach.

**Amber Wise**, ‘02, Emeryville, Calif., is a science policy postdoctoral researcher for the University of California-San Francisco. She earned a Ph.D. at UC-Berkeley and credits Professor C.M. Lang for her career choice.

**Jonathan Barsness**, ‘01, Brooklyn, N.Y., and **Michael Holmes**, ‘02, Brooklyn, N.Y., two of the founders of the Toy Box Theatre in New York City, have announced the company will premiere John Ford’s 1642 drama *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore* over four weekends in September and October. For more information, see [www.toyboxtheatre.org](http://www.toyboxtheatre.org).

1990s

**Greggory Jennings**, ‘99, ‘09, Stevens Point, is seeking a job as a forester after earning a second bachelor’s degree in forestry.

**Jenny Baeseman**, ‘98, Tromsø, Norway, was the speaker at UWSP’s May 2009 commencement ceremonies and this summer she was a staff member of an arctic expedition through Students on Ice ([www.studentsonice.com](http://www.studentsonice.com)). Baeseman is the founding director of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists ([www.apecs.is](http://www.apecs.is)), an international organization of Arctic and Antarctic researchers based in Tromsø.

**Beverly (Brossell) Schrieder**, ‘98, Oak Creek, married Randy Schrieder in May. She is a senior admissions representative for Sanford-Brown College in West Allis.

**Matt Welter**, ‘98, De Pere, is the curator of education at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay. He developed an exhibit called “Spiders!” that runs until May 23, 2010, and includes live spiders as well informative and interactive displays. For more, go to [www.nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://www.nevillepublicmuseum.org).

**Steve Yunchk**, ‘98, Platteville, is an assistant professor of communication technologies at UW-Platteville.



**Pat D’Ercole**, MME ‘84, Stevens Point, is the interim director of the Aber Suzuki Center at UWSP, where she has taught violin for more than 20 years. She is the only active Suzuki violin teacher trainer in the state and is active with the Suzuki Association of Wisconsin, Suzuki Association of the Americas and the International Suzuki Association.



**Gene Deisinger**, ‘87, Blacksburg, Va., is the deputy chief of police and director of threat management at Virginia Tech. Previously he was associate director of public safety and deputy chief of police at Iowa State University, where he also had served as assistant director of counseling center clinical services. He is the co-author of the recently released *Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams* and serves as an expert for the FBI, Secret Service and U.S. Dept. of Education. A licensed psychologist and peace officer, he earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. at Iowa State University. He is married to **Maureen (Canan) Deisinger**, ‘89.

**Chris Danou**, MS-NR ‘97, Trempealeau, is the representative to the Wisconsin State Assembly for the 91st Assembly District. He served as a police officer for Onalaska before being elected to the Assembly in 2008. He now serves as vice chair of the Natural Resources Committee and is on the Fish and Wildlife and Agriculture and Rural Affairs committees. He and his wife, **Kate Meredith**, MS ‘96, have two sons.

**Laura Routh**, ‘97, Lawrence, Kan., is an environmental scientist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She is also a part-time graduate student at the University of Kansas and is involved in Lawrence’s Sustainability Advisory Board. She is married to Mike Hajdu.

**Dave Oldenberg**, ‘95, Onalaska, is principal of Eau Claire Memorial High School. Previously he was the associated principal at Holmen High School. He and his wife, Diane, have a daughter and he holds a master’s degree from Winona State University.

**Brian Erdmann**, ‘92, Rhinelander, is a physician with Aspirus Three Lakes Clinic in Three Lakes. He attended the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed his residency in internal medicine at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Kim, have two sons.

**Nelson Pasha**, ‘92, Mosinee, earned a master of science in management degree from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee in 2007. He is a senior business analyst for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group in Wausau.

**Greg Christman**, ‘91, Appleton, owns and operates ProMark Solutions, which provides promotional materials for businesses ([www.promarkllc.com](http://www.promarkllc.com)).

1980s

**Michael Riha**, ‘89, Fayetteville, Ark., was named the Antigo High School Alumnus of the Year. He is a professor of drama and director of design for the master of fine arts program at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, where he has taught since 1992. He has been a designer for more than 80 university productions and most recently was the assistant designer for a national tour of *Fiddler on the Roof*. His designs have been featured in theaters and universities across the U.S. He and his wife, Anne, have one daughter.

**Colleen Angel**, ‘88, MA ‘03, Stevens Point, won the 2009 UWSP Classified Staff Advisory Council’s Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award. Colleen works in the UWSP Library reference and interlibrary loan departments and assists with communication students and the LEAD program. She also earned a master’s degree at UW-Milwaukee, is a licentiate minister and is active in the Stevens Point community.

**Julie (Crowell) Gaulke**, ‘88, Glendale, works at Plank Road Publishing as a music editor of the national *Music K-8 Magazine* and has had four recorder tunes published in *Recorder Classroom Magazine*. She and her husband, Todd, have two children.

Alumnus offers earth friendly products

**Aaron Porvaznik**, ‘99, St. Paul, Minn., has turned his interests in design and sustainability into a business that encourages the use of eco-friendly products.

Aaron created an online boutique, Olive & Myrtle ([www.oliveandmyrtle.com](http://www.oliveandmyrtle.com)), where items such as cleaning products, home décor and kitchenware may be purchased that are created with sustainable materials, energy efficient production and fair labor.

“I want to link beautiful design and sustainability together,” he said, “because if it’s good for the environment and good for people, then it’s good design.”

The store’s name represents two shades of green as well as inspires the imagination, Aaron said, adding, “I also think it sounds like the names of two hip grandmothers.”

As the store’s owner and curator, Aaron finds products at trade shows and fairs then does extensive research on the products and companies he features on the site to verify their sustainable practices. He makes sure they have certifications that back up their materials and fair-trade criteria.

He also has begun product development with other designers, such as creating environmental designs for recycled cotton tote bags using water-based inks. He plans on creating more products like this in the future.

Aaron has a warehouse and office in St. Paul where he sometimes has warehouse sales and takes part in the Art Crawl held throughout downtown St. Paul. Aaron also works as a freelance graphic designer and art director in the Twin Cities.

“I see Olive & Myrtle as a lifestyle store,” he said. “I want it to be a curated collection of sustainable products for the home, for kids, for pets ... a place people can go to fit their lifestyle.”

**Sandra Lotto**, ‘87, Eagle River, owns and instructs at Lotto’s Log Cabin Outdoor School, which offers rustic furniture classes and sales, cross country ski lessons, nature tours and outdoor skills. She also teaches Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops and Nicolet College’s Outdoor Adventure courses. She taught at Trees for Tomorrow for 18 years.

**Annette Woller**, ‘87, Marshfield, was one of four in Central Wisconsin named a 2009 Crystal Apple teacher. She teaches kindergarten in Granton. Her colleague and fellow Pointer, **Ron Klein**, ‘01, Marshfield, was one of the top 10 finalists for the award.

**Steve Janiszewski**, ‘85, Sublimity, Ore., has worked for Oregon State Parks for 14 years, the last eight at Silver Falls State Park where he is the Cascades District manager and supervises staff at Detroit Lake and Cascadia state parks. He and his wife, Nicole, enjoy traveling around their state.

**Marianne Kohlmann**, ‘84, Glendale, owns Blue Hot Design LLC, an interior design firm in Glendale. She has won awards from the Milwaukee Business Association, National Association of the Remodeling Industry, *Milwaukee Home and Fine Living* magazine and *The Business Journal*.

**Scott Erickson**, ‘83, Chippewa Falls, was named a Silver Medal Ranger of the Year by ReserveAmerica, a company that handles reservations for parks around the nation. Nominees win through a public online vote. Scott is the manager of Lake Wissota State Park in rural Chippewa Falls. Previously he worked at High Cliff State Park near Sherwood. He and his wife, **Valerie (Haas) Erickson**, ‘84, have two children.

**Michael Pucci**, ‘82, Raleigh, N.C., is chairman of Together Rx Access program, a prescription savings program. He had been an active member of the firm’s board since 2005. Previously he was vice president of external advocacy for GlaxoSmithKline.

**Don Maiers**, ‘81, Idaho Falls, Idaho, writes that he and **Mary Fox**, ‘81, Batavia, Ill., got back in touch recently after 28 years and met in Chicago to reminisce about their college days and the wonderful experiences they had at Point together.

**Steve Assmann**, ‘80, Franklin, Ky., and his wife, Kristi, own and operate Assmann’s Finest Gourmet Foods, offering a line of barbecue rubs and sauces that parody their name, such as Assmann’s Award Winning Smokin’ Buns Barbeque Sauce and Assmann’s Rump Rub for beef. The products are sold in the Franklin area, at various barbecue contests and at [www.assmanns.com](http://www.assmanns.com).

**Bernice Kurzynski**, ‘80, Stevens Point, won an Outstanding Work Performance Award from UWSP. She is an academic department associate in the Department of Interior Architecture.

**Shirley Perry**, ‘80, Crandon, was a kindergarten teacher with the Crandon school district for 26 years, retiring six years ago. She and her husband, Ken, have two grown sons (one a UWSP graduate) and six grandchildren.



Aaron Porvaznik, pictured, blends design and sustainability in the products he sells online through [www.oliveandmyrtle.com](http://www.oliveandmyrtle.com).



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- Linda Hempel, ’77

**John Steuber**, ’79, Billings, Mont., is the state director/supervisory wildlife biologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program in Montana. Previously he has served as the state director for wildlife services in Oklahoma, and in various assistant state and district supervisor roles for wildlife services in California, Washington state and Texas.

**Daniel Reinboldt**, ’78, Greenville, Texas, is in his 20th year as a chiropractor, working at Rolling Hills Chiropractic in Greenville. He also teaches at Paris Junior College and operates a drug testing company. He and his wife, Jerilyn, have four children, are foster parents and have six grandchildren. An avid bicyclist, he also plays basketball at his local church.

**Linda Hempel**, ’77, Eagan, Minn., is a physical education specialist in the Lakeville school district. “I am thankful and forever changed by my personal, academic and athletic experiences at UWSP,” she says.

**Kim Kafura**, ’77, Appleton, is a warehouse manager for Northtown Lighting in Appleton. He is married to Connie. He recalls, “Chancellor Dreyfus was not an ivory tower recluse. Occasionally he would come across Reserve Street from Old Main to the house we rented and sit on the front porch with us. We would talk and he would sometimes have a beer with us. Imagine that! The leader of the university would take the time to talk to us. He was truly ‘one of us.’ ”

**Pete Emerson**, ’76, Appleton, owns Emerson Musical Instrument Repair in Appleton, repairing wind instruments for students and professionals from around the world. His personal line of wind instruments is used in schools across Wisconsin.

**Ellen (Gronski) Holguin**, ’75, Mosinee, won an Outstanding Work Performance Award from UWSP. She is the environmental coordinator for the Biology Department.

**Bob Kerksieck**, ’75, Ames, Iowa, a health facilities surveyor for the Iowa Department of Public Health, was a presenter at two problem gambling and substance abuse conferences last year. He is married to Dinah.

**Kevin Hampton**, ’74, Richfield, is a director of supply chain management for Grande Cheese Company in Lomira. He is married to Patricia. He has two boys with his first wife, Stevens Point native Victoria Pionkowski, who died of cancer.

**Jan (Bathke) Main**, ’74, Duluth, Minn., is a retired teacher who taught in the Clear Lake school district. She earned a master’s degree in education from UW-Stout. Her niece is a freshman at UWSP this fall. Jan is married to Rev. Michael Main.

**Linda (Kolar) Mulhern**, ’74, Minnetonka, Minn., recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of recording a CD of her own music. *Leave Me at the Door* includes 12 original songs. She has been playing at the 318 Café in Excelsior, Minn., and taken some summer road trips. Her day job is as a media specialist at St. Therese School in Deephaven, Minn. “It’s never too late to follow your dream!” she says. You can find her music at [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com) or [www.linmulhern.com](http://www.linmulhern.com).

**Kim Schoenebeck**, ’74, Mountain, retired from the Forest Service in 2007 after 32 years of service at the Lakewood District of the Nicolet National Forest. He supervised the field operations of timber sale preparations. “It’s great to be retired and enjoy life and other things,” he says. He is married to Laurie.

**Robert Helgert**, ’73, Amherst, reports that the Trivia team photo featured in the spring issue of the *Pointer Alumnus* was Substation, which took second place in 1981 rather than winning, as was reported in the issue. Substation did take first in 1976, 1988 and 1996 and has been in the top ten 22 times, he says.

**Georgette (Petrotta) Jeppesen**, ’73, Placentia, Calif., received her master’s degree from Chapman University in Orange, Calif., in May. She also received the university’s Cecil B. DeMille Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film Scholarship.

**Alexis Ludwig**, ’73, Arbor Vitae, was named the Distinguished Alumni for Oshkosh West High School for her accomplishments in education, including being named the 2002 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year. Alexis earned a master’s degree from Viterbo University and has taught elementary school in Phelps and in the Northland Pines school district. She’s had additional

training as an Intel Teach to the Future Master Instructor and at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. She helped develop the Scholastic RED program for teachers and authored *101 Great Classroom Games* with her sister.

**Bruce Markert**, ’73, Sun Prairie, is retired. He cites his greatest influences at UWSP as Lee Dreyfus and Dan Trainer.

**Stephen Mihalko**, ’73, Green Bay, is a teacher.

**H. Dale Peterson**, ’73, Madison, has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of commercial litigation and was designated as a Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine* in the field of business litigation. He earned a law degree at UW-Madison.

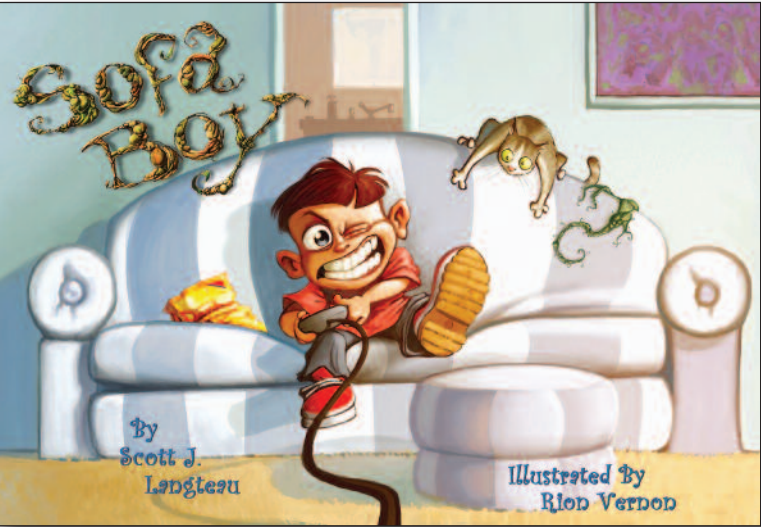
**Dan Weidner**, ’73, Bonduel, a biology teacher at Bonduel High School for 31 years, is a member of the Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Trust Insurance Company Board of Trustees and the board of directors of the WEA Council and United Northeast Educators (UNE). He is in his sixth year as chairperson of the Shawano County Democratic Party and serves on the executive committee for the 8th Congressional District Democratic Party and the UNE Political Action Committee. Among his memories of UWSP are watching Jim Croce play at the Union the night before the shootings of students at Kent State in May 1970. “Every day at Point was a smorgasbord of experiences!” he says. He is married to Kathy.

**Ken Pickett**, ’72, Merrill, recently retired as a teacher for the Wisconsin Division of Corrections after 37 years in education. He has three children.

**Stephen Williams**, ’71, Gordon, retired in March after 32 years in the U.S. Forest Service in Grand Marais, Minn. He and his wife, Jean, are enjoying retirement in a log cabin on the Eau Claire River back in their home state. Their daughters, **Erin (Williams) Larson**, ’04, Grand Marais, Minn., and **Kimberly Williams**, ’09, Stevens Point, are UWSP grads.

**Ed Severson**, ’70, Plover, retired from Sentry Insurance in 2001 and now works part time and volunteers. He and his wife, **Jeanne**, ’70, have been married for 39 years and have two children. She is a teaching assistant in the Stevens Point school district.

# Actor, game producer and author credits UWSP for his foundation



**Scott Langteau**, ’90, Los Angeles, wrote a poem 15 years ago that reminded him of how he and his brother would spend hours at home on their Atari 2600 video game system.

Recently, that poem became the children’s book, *Sofa Boy*, which tells the story of a boy (and his cat) who becomes a little too obsessed about playing video games. It features illustrations by his friend, artist Rion Vernon.

Available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) through Shake the Moon Books, the book has added another facet to Scott’s career as an actor, director, lyricist, video game producer, co-founder of the video game development studio Spark Unlimited and now author.

“Point was the foundation for all of it,” he says. “The skills I began honing at Point are present every day as I collaborate with co-workers to create engaging stories and characters for modern game players worldwide.”

A Seymour native, Scott earned a theatre degree at UWSP, where he found his professors to be inspirational and engaging. He went to graduate school through the influence of the late Theatre Professor Tom Nevins, who encouraged him to attend his own alma mater, Villanova University in Philadelphia.

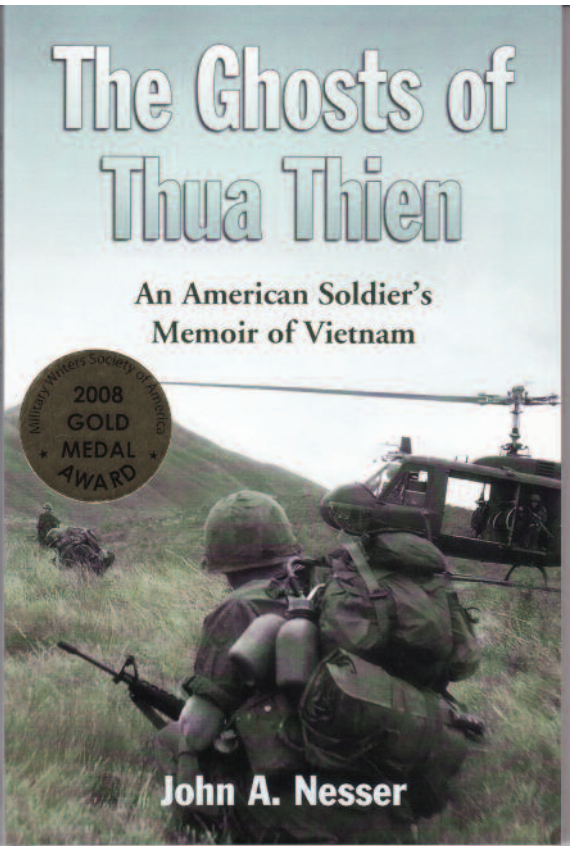
While there, he was honored for acting in productions of *Burn This* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* for which he received an invitation to compete in the Irene Ryan National Acting Competition. After earning his master’s degree, Scott headed to L.A. where a graduate school friend enlisted him in dreaming up characters, storylines and dialog for Spielberg’s then upstart venture, DreamWorks Interactive - skills he learned in classes on playwriting, script analysis and theater history.

“Creating and staging game worlds and experiences has many similarities to writing or directing a play,” he said. “You offer an engaging story with compelling characters and hopefully entertain people.” His career as a video game producer continued with work for Jim Henson Interactive and Electronic Arts (EA), where he became the producer for the popular and highly acclaimed *Medal of Honor* game series.

Scott left EA in 2002 and co-founded Spark Unlimited, taking with him 28 of his closest co-workers. Together, they launched the *Call of Duty* game franchise with Activision as well as the *Turning Point: Fall of Liberty* and *Legendary* games.

These days Scott is working on a second children’s book as well as expanding on the *Sofa Boy* concept. He recently returned to UWSP and his hometown for a book tour, visiting several branches of the Brown County Library System and his former elementary school, where he read *Sofa Boy* out loud to the delight of the students. While on tour in Wisconsin, he also conducted a number of teen lectures detailing the intricate process of video game production.

“You never know where you’ll end up,” says Scott. “But if you’re lucky enough to have gotten a sturdy foundation you can go anywhere.”



**John Nesser**, MS ’73, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, has published *The Ghosts of Thua Thien: An American Soldier’s Memoir of Vietnam*, through McFarland & Company, Inc., available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and most bookstores. The book tells of John’s experiences in the Ashau Valley during the Vietnam War, where he served as an infantry rifleman and door gunner for a Chinook helicopter. It also features his photographs from the time. The book won the 2008 Gold Medal Award for best memoir from the Military Writers Society of America, who reports, “John was absolutely able to capture the truth about this most understood of wars.” Nesser is a retired soil scientist for the U.S. Forest Service.



1960s

**Richard Laddusire**, '69, Rhinelander, retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of federal civil service. He is active in the 2nd Wisconsin Civil War Regiment in Green Bay and the 3rd New Jersey Civil War Regiment.

**Mary Zabolio McGrath**, '69, Burnsville, Minn., has coauthored *The Special Educators Reflective Calendar and Planning Journal* with Beverly H. Johns through Corwin Press.

**Carleen (Mahoney) Hasenstab**, '68, Burnett, is retired and now winters in the Florida Keys. She is married to Lynn.

**Patti (O'Neil) Berger**, '67, Minnetonka, Minn., is a third grade teacher in Minnetonka and is married to Jim. Over the summer she toured the campus with her niece but had one question: "Where did the tunnels go?" (Our answer: One from Student Services to the DUC still exists.) She has fond memories of President James Albertson and Helen Godfrey.

**Roger Neuendorf**, '65, Beaver Dam, is a retired Dodge County Sheriff patrolman. He is married to Elaine.

1950s

**Harold Zukoski**, '54, Brea, Calif., is retired from his job as vice-principal for the Fullerton, Calif., school district. He and his wife, **Carol (Ruder) Zukoski**, '55, a teacher retired from the Placentia school district, have been married for 54 years and have three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They stay active with trips to Las Vegas and Mexico and by growing award-winning tomatoes.

1940s

**Don Leton**, '47, Kalua, Hawaii, is looking for 1947 to 1949 alumni. E-mail him at [dleton@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dleton@hawaii.rr.com) or [jleton@aol.com](mailto:jleton@aol.com). A retired professor and school psychologist, Don has two graduate degrees from the University of Minnesota. He taught at the University of California-Los Angeles and was a psychologist for Honolulu schools for 10 years. He also owns a home in Atascadero, Calif.

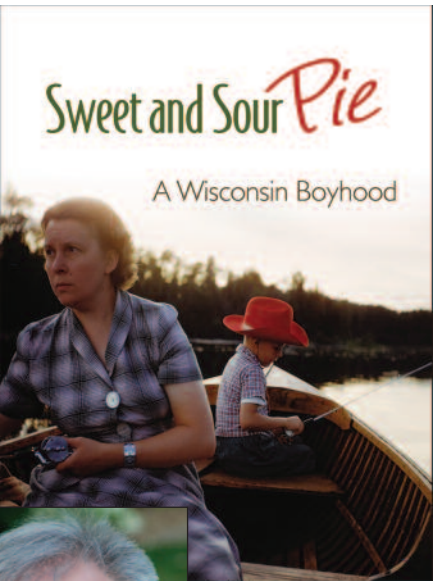
**Doris (Belongia) Painter**, '44, Orbisonia, Pa., taught various classes from elementary to senior high school and retired as head of the English Department and a basketball coach in the Southern Hunt County school district.



**Tom Templin**, '97, was misidentified in a class notes photo in the spring 2009 issue. He is pictured at the far right of the back row in this photo of Hyer and Neale Hall roommates.



**Dotty (Reineking) Vollrath**, '55, Green Bay, gathered with three UWSP classmates and their husbands recently, as they do three or four times a year. "It has been wonderful to have such good friends for over 50 years," she says. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are **Margie (Dill) Holmes**, '55, Manitowoc; **Ginny (Bricco) Wurzer**, '55, Appleton; **Jan (Schroeder) Jesse**, '57, Neenah; and Dotty. In the top row, from right is Warren Holmes, Edward Wurzer, **Al Jesse**, '57, Neenah; and **Dale Vollrath**, '59, Green Bay. Each couple has been together for over 50 years "and they still get along," Dotty quips. Ginny, Jan and Dotty spent the first semester of the senior year at the home management house across from Old Main. Dotty is retired as a home economics teacher and Dale taught in Clintonville and Green Bay East High School.



**Dave Crehore**, '71, Green Bay, authored *Sweet and Sour Pie: A Wisconsin Boyhood* through the University of Wisconsin Press. In it he writes about growing up in Manitowoc during the 50s, highlighting his misadventures in a small town and the great outdoors. Dave was a public information officer for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for 30 years. His stories have appeared in *Wisconsin Natural Resources* and *Shooting Sportsman* magazines.



**Dave Tupa**, '89, Egg Harbor, was named the 2009 Conservation Educator of the Year by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC). Dave has taught environmental science, biology, anatomy, forensic and earth science at Gibraltar High School in Sturgeon Bay for 13 years. His students' hands-on learning has included assisting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with salmon egg harvesting and stream inventories, building and installing bird nest boxes, participating in bird counts, studying wildlife and soil management and appearing at state resource management hearings. He organized the Gibraltar Ecology Club at the high school and represents Door County on the WCC. Previously he taught at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station and in Weyerhaeuser, Marshfield and Colby. He and his wife, **Sharon (Heinz) Tupa**, '91, MSE '95, have two daughters. Sharon teaches at Southern Door Middle School in Brussels where she has directed six musicals.



Twenty-five UWSP alumni were joined in Chicago by Interim Chancellor Mark Nook and his wife, Cheryl, on August 1 as they enjoyed a Haunted Chicago bus tour and a reception at Fado's Irish Pub. Nook will also attend alumni events in Washington D.C. and Portland, Ore., this fall.

For an up-to-date list of alumni events and reunions, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on Calendar of Events. If one is not being held in your area, find out how to host your own at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/hostevent.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/hostevent.aspx)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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](http://www.uwps.edu/news/alumnus/obits).

## In Memoriam

### 2000s

**Kari Chapple**, '04, Wild Rose

### 1980s

**Karen (Oliver) Casasnovas**, '89, Seminole, Fla.

**Joe Novotny**, '88, Stevenson Ranch, Calif.

**Rollie Thomas**, '83, Marshfield

**Marvin Ristow**, '82, Mauston

**Lee Peters**, '80, Marshfield

### 1970s

**Laura (Collier) Goman**, '79, Whitefish Bay

**Jean (Ronchi) Bitner**, '78, Marshfield

**Spencer Prokop**, '78, Dallas, Texas

**Glenda Risdon**, '78, Plano, Texas

**Karen Wollmer**, '78, Mequon

**Virginia (Tronsdal) Anderson**, '76, Stevens Point

**Karl Dehn**, '76, Medford

**Sharon (Sievwright) Koraleski**, '76, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Timothy Kress**, '75, Sparta

**Gordon Schutz**, '75, Granton

**Joan Soens**, '75, Mishicot

**Dean Wroblewski**, '74, Franklin

**Douglas Laughran**, '73, Beaver Dam

**Grace (Flasch) Nycz**, '73, Marshfield

**Allan Waelchli**, '72, Shawano

**Gary Christopherson**, '71, Appleton

**Ann (Egenhoefer) Freude**, '71, Tomahawk

**Arlene (Splitt) Weisenberger**, '71, Topeka, Kan.

### 1960s

**Eileen (Wentland) Reed**, '67, Marshfield

**Florence (Williams) Cerrato**, '65, Verona

**Lorene Lemke**, '65, Medford

**Ruth (Pumper) Lish**, '65, Milladore

**Agnes (Anderson) Rosin**, '63, Amherst

**Shirley (Kitrush) Dobbe**, '62, Sheboygan

**Ronald Laessig**, '62, Madison

**Lois (Wied) Severns**, '62, Plover

**John 'Mickey' Wanserski**, '61, Irma

**Evelyn (Steinke) Wolf**, '60, Shawano

### 1950s

**Rodger Nyberg**, '57, Ogema

**Ruth Hoefs**, '56, Wausau

**Edward Furstenberg**, '51, Madison

**Robert Petranek**, '51, Lake Geneva

### 1940s

**Kathryn (Kelly) Wilkins**, '44, Racine

**Agnes (Madson) Ferg**, '43, Iola

**Helen (Dunn) Anderson**, '41, Superior

**Beatrice Burgdorff**, '41, Hillsboro

**Robert Berard**, '40, Stevens Point

### 1930s

**Ted Meyer**, '39, Shawano

**George Cartmill**, '38, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Ramona (Campbell) Okray**, '38, Stevens Point

**Gertrude (Anderson) Bandt**, '37, Manitowoc

**Ruth (Moen Nason) Nimz**, '37, Reston, Va.

**Beulah (Scheicher) Reader**, '37, Onalaska

**Jane (Smith) Christenson**, '35, Coralville, Iowa

**Erma (Wiersig) Johnson**, '35, Wilmette, Ill.

**C. Joseph Nuesse**, '34, Annapolis, Md.

## Faculty and staff obituaries

### Stephen Bondeson



**Steve Bondeson**, '74, Stevens Point, a professor of chemistry and associate vice chancellor of teaching, learning and academic programs, died April 20 at age 56.

He joined the faculty in 1980 and served various departmental, college and university committees. He received the

University Scholar Award in 1983 and Excellence in Teaching Award in 1997. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and co-authored several grants and research papers.

Previously he taught at the University of South Carolina and was a faculty researcher at Argonne National Laboratory and Princeton University. He lived in China for several years during the 1980s. He taught Bible study at his church, was active in the local school district and helped local students design and build robots.

He is survived by his wife, Ginny, and three sons.

### Sherin Bowen

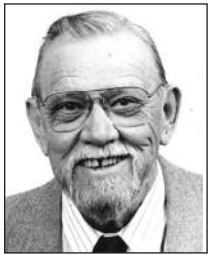


**Sherin Bowen**, '91, Stevens Point, former executive director of the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners based at UWSP, died March 20 at age 71 after sustaining a head injury while visiting Managua, Nicaragua.

She served the WNP from 1992 until her semiretirement in 2005, working to develop over 100 Nicaraguan learning centers. In 2001 she received the UWSP Distinguished Alumni Award for her significant international achievements. In retirement she enjoyed knitting and living at the family retreat on Lake Esadore near Medford.

She is survived by her husband, UWSP Health, Exercise Science and Athletics Professor Emeritus and former International Programs Director Bob Bowen and their four children. A Web site was created in her memory at [www.sherinbowen.com](http://www.sherinbowen.com).

### Frank (Mark) Cates



**Mark Cates**, Stevens Point, a political science professor emeritus, died July 14 at age 78.

He came to UWSP in 1963 as one of the first political science faculty members and served as the department chair from 1970 to 1976. He won the Excellence in Teaching Award three times

before retiring in 1996. His legacy continued in a political science scholarship he created. In retirement he continued lecturing at UWSP through the Learning is Forever program.

His first job was for the Army Judge Advocate Office, then he earned degrees from Indiana

University and taught high school in Battle Creek, Mich., and at Indiana University and Butler University.

### Fay Finch Clifford



**Fay Finch Clifford**, '65, Stevens Point, a former home economics faculty member, died June 19 at age 87.

She earned a master's degree at UW-Madison and taught at UWSP from 1960 to 1978. She and her husband, Patrick, traveled extensively and hosted three foreign exchange students. She was a volunteer with Elderly Services, Meals on Wheels and St. Michael's Hospital Auxiliary. An avid curler until she was 81, she was a member of the Stevens Point Curling Club.

Her husband and infant daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by three children, all who attended UWSP: **Patrick Clifford**, '70, Chandler, Ariz., **John Clifford**, '69, Stevens Point, and **Michelle (Clifford) Barnett**, '77, Dyer, Ind.

### Irving Korth



**Irv Korth**, '50, Stevens Point, soil and water ecology professor emeritus, died April 18 at age 88.

He was known statewide for using slides of outhouses to demonstrate soil processes in his classes. He retired in 1986 and enjoyed outdoor sports and restoring antique automobiles.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and three children.

### Claudine Long



**Claudine Long**, Stevens Point, a senior lecturer in biology, died May 6 at age 70.

In 1979 she became the first female biology teacher at UWSP and was one of the first women to teach chemistry. She also supervised and coordinated student teachers and led two natural resources semester abroad trips – to the South Pacific and to Asia. She was listed among Who's Who in American Men and Women in Science in 1988. She retired in 1993.

She earned degrees at the University of Missouri, Pittsburg State University and the University of Illinois. Before coming to UWSP she taught junior high science in Lawrence, Kan., and was a research assistant at UI. She received many research grants and awards for her study of birds, wrote for many publications and co-authored a manuscript on local birds with her husband, UWSP Biology Professor Emeritus Charles Long.

Her husband and two sons survive.

### John Oster



**John "Jack" Oster**, Mosinee, professor emeritus of political science, died April 19 at age 80.

He taught at UWSP from 1962 to 1992 and was the first professor hired for the new program when it emerged from the History Department. His specialty was international politics and the Soviet Union, and he led six spring seminar groups behind the Iron Curtain as well as study abroad groups to England and China.

He earned degrees from DePauw University and Indiana University. His wife, Mary, survives.

### Barbara Paul



**Barbara Paul**, '62, Stevens Point, a retired associate professor of library science, died July 18 at age 68 after a three-and-one-half year battle with multiple myeloma.

She began working at UWSP in 1968 and published several bibliographies. She co-authored *The Badger State: A Documentary History of Wisconsin* and edited a 2007 history of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. She collaborated with her husband, College of Letters and Science Dean Emeritus Justus Paul, on several publications. She was also active in her church. She earned graduate degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and UW-Madison.

She is survived by her husband and three children.

### Phyllis Ravey



**Phyllis Ravey**, '36, '52, the first director of the Gesell Institute for Early Childhood Education at UWSP, died July 5, at age 91.

She was an instructor in the UWSP Lab School from 1952 to 1971 and taught kindergarten methods in addition to her work at Gesell.

She first earned her two-year rural education degree at UWSP then later a bachelor's degree. She taught in local schools including a one-room school in the Iola area.

Her husband, Marlin Ravey, preceded her in death. A stepson survives.



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# Homecoming 2009

## iPoint: Pump up the Purple

For event updates and online registration for these events, go to  
[www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni)

Check out the Homecoming 2009 preview "Pump up the Jam" video at  
[www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming)

Join the "UWSP Homecoming 2009" site on Facebook!

### Friday, October 9

**Alpha Phi Omega Social**  
6-9:30 p.m., SentryWorld Sports Complex, 601 N. Michigan Ave.  
Cash bar and menu dining  
For info, call Marc Kramer at 715-341-4051

**Hot Glass Shop Opening**  
Evening - TBA  
Outdoor Sculpture yard, NFAC  
Glass blowing demos Fri. - Sun.

**All Greek Social**  
7 p.m., The Encore, Dreyfus University Dreyfus (DUC)  
Join Greek students and alumni for a cash bar and snacks. A prize will be given for largest Greek group at the social.

**Alumni Marching Band Social**  
8 p.m., Archie's Bar and Grill

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., TKE house  
Board of Advisors

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Social**  
9 p.m., Archie's Bar and Grill

### Saturday, October 10

**Coffee with Alumni and Friends**  
9 a.m., Berg Gym

**Homecoming Parade**  
10 a.m., campus streets  
To march with the Alumni Band, e-mail [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

**All Campus Picnic**  
11 a.m., Old Main front lawn  
Meet for free food, games, inflatables for the kids, information booths, Stevie and Stephanie and reminiscing with friends and students.

**Swimming and Diving Alumni Meet**  
11 a.m., Aquatic Center, Health Enhancement Center  
Sign up for info at [athletics.uwsp.edu/index.aspx?tab=swimmingdiving&path=swim](http://athletics.uwsp.edu/index.aspx?tab=swimmingdiving&path=swim)

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Meeting**  
11 a.m., Kristin's Riverwalk

**Tau Kappa Epsilon lunch**  
12 p.m., TKE house  
Burgers and beer

**Phi Sig Alumni Meeting**  
12 p.m., DUC

**Homecoming Football Game vs. UW-Stout**  
1 p.m. Georke Field  
See general information for tickets

**Study Abroad Reunion**  
4 - 7 p.m., The Encore, DUC  
Register online and share a study abroad memory!

**Awards Banquet**  
6 p.m. Laird Room, DUC  
Register online

### Sunday, October 11

**50th Reunion Champagne Brunch with the Chancellor**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Alumni Room, DUC  
Class of 1959

### General Information

**University Information & Tickets**  
DUC Concourse  
800-838-3378 or 715-346-4100  
<https://tickets.uwsp.edu>

**University Store**  
Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Archives, LRC fifth floor**  
Look at yearbooks and Pointer issues  
Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.

**Schmeckle Nature Reserve**  
Visitors Center, self-guided tours  
Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Natural History Museum/Gift Store**  
LRC, first floor  
Fri., Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Free of charge

### Student activities

**Saturday, October 3 Window Painting**  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m., downtown voting at 4 p.m.

**Sunday, October 4 Kickball Tournament**  
2 p.m., recreational fields

**Monday, October 5 King and Queen Pageant**  
7 p.m., The Encore, DUC

**Tuesday, October 6 Scavenger Hunt**  
3 p.m., The Encore, DUC

**YouTube Competition Deadline**  
midnight

**Wednesday, October 7 Battle of the Bands**  
8 p.m., Laird Room, DUC

**Thursday, October 8 Food Drive**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., DUC Concourse

**Music Competition**  
8 p.m., Laird Room, DUC

**Friday, October 9 Strength Competition**  
1 p.m., outside MAC north side

**Jessie James Concert**  
7 p.m., Laird Room, DUC  
[www.thisisjessiejames.com](http://www.thisisjessiejames.com)  
See General Information for tickets

**Float Decoration**  
evening hours

**Saturday, October 10 Parade/Picnic/Game**  
See Alumni Homecoming events

**Homecoming Dance**  
7-10 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC

