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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 (\*indicates deceased):

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## On the Cover

McKenzie, UWSP's new live mascot, is pictured with her student handler, Kate Klapmeier, a freshman from Wauconda, Ill., with experience in dog training. For more about McKenzie and Kate, see page 4.



**Eric Peterson, '88**, Stevens Point, (right) won a Craftsman tool kit as part of a drawing during Homecoming 2008. Pictured with him is **Joe Mayer, '99**, Stevens Point, from Sentry Insurance, which sponsored the drawing for UWSP alumni in the Sentry's Advantage Program.

## Greetings from the second floor of Old Main,

I hope all is well with you at the start of 2009. It is hard to believe another six months has gone by and we are already sending out the spring edition of the *Alumnus*.

The past few months have been as busy as ever in the Alumni Office with Homecoming in October seeing record attendance at the All Campus Picnic – over 650 alumni and friends returned to meet friends, bring their families to climb trees and play on inflatables, cheer on the Pointers and celebrate the Pointer spirit. Thank you to all those who attended or were here in thought. We look forward to welcoming you all back again this year on **Saturday, October 10**.

January brought a stellar round of alumni chapter meetings across the country and you will notice our event calendar later in this edition. All of our summer events are being planned by amazing chapter members and alumni staff. We will work to communicate all the details of each event to you as we know them.

Speaking of communication, as we mentioned in the last issue we are highlighting our UWSP Alumni Board Committees in the next few issues. In this issue, we are happy to introduce you to the **Communications Committee**.

The Communications Committee's goal is to *work with staff to develop programs that strengthen our connection with alumni and enhance communication with them*. The committee reviews the Pointer Alumnus and makes suggestions for future issues, reviews our e-newsletters and discusses ways in which to utilize new and existing mediums and technologies. Our goal is to reach out to as many alumni as possible to keep everyone in the Pointer family connected.

In addition, the Communications Committee reviews requests from outside sources for sponsorship and marketing. With limited funding, this group decides the criteria for the UWSP Alumni Association to fund certain events presented outside the UWSP Alumni Association. Our goal is to ensure the UWSP Alumni Association name is marketed where it will reach the most alumni with the best messages.

**Ray Oswald, '97**, vice president. In addition to his role on the Executive Committee (see last issue), Ray chairs our Communications Committee. He stays abreast of emerging technology and helps craft strategies for cross promoting all of our communications platforms in the Alumni Office. Under Ray's leadership, the committee is working to integrate the UWSP brand platform into all UWSP Alumni Association messages.

**Mary Wescott, '75**, president elect. Mary has served on the Alumni Board since 1997 and will become president in April 2009. She works on campus helping small businesses craft and execute plans for success as entrepreneurs. Her skill in communication helps her clients stay on track and on target for a successful small business.

**Dr. Jenny Baeseman, '98**. Jenny has been on the UWSP Alumni Board since 2006 and has introduced the Communications Committee to amazing technologies. Her work in the field of climate change and polar research has taken her across the globe, from Alaska to Antarctica. She now lives in Norway as she continues to develop the international Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS).

**Betty (Frost) Jenkins, '63**. Betty has been a writer her entire life. In reviewing alumni communications, she has a keen eye to ensure we are clearly communicating our message without errors using several different mediums. On the Alumni Board since 2006, Betty is active in the community and teaches opera classes several times a month.

**Dr. Dave Marie, '79 & '81**. Dave works as a board-certified physician assistant in Stevens Point. He is also an active member of the Stevens Point community and is proud to introduce himself as the Chicken Man as he is locally famous for selling his jerk chicken at summer festivals and community events. Dave brings positive energy to the Communications Committee and offers wonderful and creative suggestions and ideas.

**Carol Lagerquist, '66**. Carol works in the real estate industry in the Green Bay area, focusing on positive communications and making connections with families and homes. Carol joined the UWSP Alumni Board in 2002 and has been an invaluable member of the Communications Committee as we work to make sure we send positive messages to alumni.

This well-rounded group of alumni offers a terrific balance, differing perspectives and wonderful ideas to ensure all UWSP Alumni Communications are positive, fair, well thought out and utilizing the right mediums for our audience. There is often lively discussion at these committee meetings as all viewpoints are discussed with an open mind.

Have a wonderful summer, and hopefully I will see you at an alumni chapter event!

*Laura Gehrman Rottier*

Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02  
Director of Alumni Affairs

## Help someone you love Return to Wisconsin!

We know that you're proud of your UWSP degree...how it shaped your life by preparing you so well for that next step. An exceptional education was earned. Some of the most wonderful and exciting times of your life were had. Lasting relationships began. Lifelong memories were made.

If you are a parent or grandparent of college-bound students and wish a similar UWSP experience for them, then you'll want to read the following information about the *Return to Wisconsin* program.

*Return to Wisconsin* is a nonresident tuition discount program available to the daughters, sons and grandchildren of UWSP graduates. It offers a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition to all qualifying UWSP undergraduate students. Eligible nonresident students include those who are residents of states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as residents of U.S. territories and foreign countries.

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

The *Return to Wisconsin* discount applies only to nonresident tuition, meaning that housing, food costs, segregated fees and all other expenses will be charged at the same rates applicable to all other students. Currently, the program represents a \$3,443 discount based on full-time enrollment for a full academic year; however, a student does not need to be full time in order to take advantage of the 25 percent discount. The discount is renewable as long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the UWSP catalog.

To learn more about the program, simply go to [www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2wi.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2wi.aspx). Should you have any questions, please feel free to phone us at 715-346-2441 or e-mail us at [admiss@uwsp.edu](mailto:admiss@uwsp.edu). We hope you will share this information with loved ones and friends who you believe are eligible. There is no better time for them to *Return to Wisconsin!*

## Alumni Web site gets a facelift

The UWSP Alumni Association Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) has a new look that matches the updated look of UWSP's Web presence.

While the content is similar, the new site is easier to navigate and features links to a UWSP search and to other useful university Web sites.

If you haven't logged on to the Alumni Association Web site recently, check it out to find an online version of the Pointer Alumnus, an online update form and the online directory, *The Connecting Point*. You will also find alumni travel and volunteer opportunities, a list of alumni chapters and benefits, alumni award materials and office contact information.

## Interested in an online version of the Alumnus?

In hopes of finding economical and environmentally conscious alternatives to printing large quantities of the Pointer Alumnus, the Alumni Affairs office is offering an opt out of the printed version of the newsletter for those who would be interested in receiving an online version only of the Alumnus.

An e-mail would be sent to notify you when the newsletter is published. If you would like to sign up for this new service, notify Alumni Affairs at [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu) or call 715-346-3811.

## Alumna the new assistant director of Alumni Affairs

The new assistant director of Alumni Affairs has numerous ties to UWSP.

**Dana Mallett**, '03, MS '08, not only earned two degrees at UWSP, she worked in the Foreign Student Office while attending school and is married to **Justin Mallett**, '04, MA '07, another two-degree Pointer who also works at UWSP.

"Justin works in the Admissions Office here, so he works with students before they attend and I work with them after they graduate," quips Dana. With their degrees and work experience at UWSP, the couple's son, three-year-old Jayden, is also bound to be a Pointer.

A Boulder Junction native, Dana first began working in Alumni Affairs last September as an administrative assistant, but says she is thrilled to be able to work more directly with alumni.

"I love learning about our alumni," she says. "Hearing what they are doing now has been amazing." The job offers a lot of variety, she said, adding that each day is different from the next.

Previously she worked with juvenile alcohol and drug prevention programs within the Portage County court system. She continues that work by volunteering on the Portage County Alliance for Youth.

"I love school and I love learning," Dana says. "So I'm really proud to be a Pointer and proud to be able to work on this campus."



Dana Mallett

## Alumni Reunions

The Alumni Association coordinates, on average, four events a month, varying in size from small gatherings to those with more than 100 guests. If you are interested in having an alumni reunion at UWSP or in your area, please contact us at [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu).

### Arizona (right)

Pointers from Arizona, Oregon and Wisconsin gathered for a Phoenix Suns game and reunion on March 18.

### Theatre and Dance (below)

A theatre and dance alumni reunion was held on February 14 at the Noel Fine Arts Center, at which alumni attended the debut show of *40 Days*, directed by Assistant Professor **Tyler Marchant**, '95, saw other student performances and met with students to discuss careers in theatre and dance. Alumni came from Wisconsin, Illinois, California, New York and Minnesota for the event.



## Meet McKenzie, the new Pointer live mascot

Wearing a purple sweatshirt over a black and white spotted coat, McKenzie fits right in with her fellow Pointers at community and athletic events. You'll often find her wagging her tail as she meets and greets new friends.

As the new Pointer live mascot, the two-year-old English Pointer loves getting attention and has been a huge hit at every UWSP event she has attended since being introduced to campus at the freshman picnic last fall.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell wanted to return to the tradition of an English Pointer as



McKenzie, wearing her favorite Pointer sweatshirt, give a high-five to her owner, Rob Manzke, '97.



a live mascot for UWSP. So her executive assistant, **Rob Manzke**, '97, Plover, and his family offered to adopt a Pointer while providing her for public appearances on campus. They found McKenzie last July through [www.petfinders.com](http://www.petfinders.com), where she had been listed through the Pointers from Oz organization. The Pointer dog rescue group from Michigan had found her nearing the end of her stay at a Kentucky humane society, so she was found just in time.

"She's been a wonderful addition to our family," says Rob, who shares McKenzie with his wife, **Amanda (White) Manzke**, '96, and their sons, Seth and Ethan. "It is fun for us to be associated with something so positive for our campus. What a cool way to give back to our alma mater!"

Also working with McKenzie is Kate Klapmeier, a freshman from Wauconda, Ill., who is serving as the mascot's student ambassador. She has been training her own dogs since she was 13, teaches agility training in her hometown and hopes to someday work with and train wildlife in an aquarium or zoo setting.

"I was missing my own dogs so this opportunity was a perfect fit for me," said Klapmeier, the niece of UWSP's 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner **Dale Klapmeier**, '83. "I take her to events and work with her regularly to teach her obedience, a few tricks, confidence and control."

McKenzie loves people and is doing very well in her training, Klapmeier said. "Everyone is always excited to meet McKenzie, especially college students because it's stressful to leave your pets at home. It's nice for them to be able to spend time with a dog again."

McKenzie will be a featured guest at Homecoming 2009 activities, where alumni and their friends and family can get to know the new UWSP Pointer. Don't forget to stop by and say hello and give her a scratch behind the ear to thank her for a job well done.

### Remember Patty Pointer?

McKenzie is not the first Pointer to serve as a UWSP mascot. Alumni from the mid 70s may recall "Patty Pointer" who served as one of the mascots for the UWSP football team from 1972-1975. Owned by Ted and Karen Blasche, the English Pointer/English setter mix appeared on the field with Stevie Pointer during halftime.

## New suite-style hall to replace Hyer Hall



A drawing by Enbreg Anderson and Mackey Mitchell, the architects and engineering firms for the new suite-style hall project (above). Hyer Hall during the 1960s (right).

With the opening of a suite-style residence hall in 2011, UWSP will mark the beginning of a new era with its first new residence hall since 1968 as it closes the door on the era of Hyer Hall.

Hyer Hall will be demolished this summer to make way for the new five-story residence hall that will feature 82 apartments for four rather than the traditional two-person room.

"We've heard from students that they want a variety of room options," said Joe Totman, director of UWSP Residential Living. "We also want to stay competitive with other UW schools who offer these types of residences." The rooms will cost more than the traditional style and are intended for use by junior and senior students.

To mark the end of Hyer Hall, an end-of-the-year party will be held on Saturday, May 2, to honor both the current students and past residents. The social event on the hall grounds will include beach volleyball, Hyer Hall trivia, "pie" the current staff, the creation of a time capsule and a root beer keg. Refreshments, tours of the building, information about the new apartment style building and a memory board will also be included.

"We encourage everyone to come by and reminisce with current students and alumni about the wonderful times had in Hyer Hall," says Ben Wilkes, current Hyer Hall director. Wilkes will take RSVPs for the May 2 event at [bwilkes@uwsp.edu](mailto:bwilkes@uwsp.edu).

Ground breaking for the new hall, which may be renamed or continue to carry the Hyer name, will be held in November and work will commence with a target opening of fall 2011. The \$35.5 million project will be paid for with student room revenue and not tax dollars.



The apartments in the new hall will range from 974 to 1030 square feet, each with four private bedrooms, a bathroom, shower room, living room, kitchen and vanity area. The kitchens will include a refrigerator, stove and microwave. The hall will also include lounges, programming rooms, study areas, meeting rooms and laundry rooms. There will also be fully handicapped accessible apartments.

The hall will be built to be environmentally friendly, with minimum silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, including a plan for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Much of Hyer Hall will be recycled and solar panels may be installed on the new hall roof for water heating.

Hyer Hall was built in 1962 and was named for Frank S. Hyer, president of Central State Teachers College from 1930 to 1938 and a member of the faculty from 1904 to 1919. Hyer was well respected in the community and by students.

### Former residents remember Hyer Hall

\*Hyer Hall years in parentheses. Find more stories like these at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni/HyerMemories](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/HyerMemories).

"My best memory of Hyer Hall was playing music for the baseball team during their home games – out of the third floor window that faced the ball field."

**Matt Root**, '98, Aurora, Ill. (1993-1994)

"The spring of 1993 brought lots of rain, and the "hill" on the south side of the hall turned into a mud slide. Curious freshman with nothing to do, a bunch of us ventured outside to test the hill. Well, we took off running to gain some speed then threw ourselves on our bellies and slid down the hill. I think the custodian had a mess to clean up in the bathrooms that night."

**Jolene (Huberty) Wochenske**, '98, Jefferson (1992 – 1993)

"The foyer at the entrance of Hyer had a baby grand piano, which I used to sit at waiting for girls to come through the front doors. When they did, I would start playing soulful music that I hoped would impress them. I'm not sure it ever worked."

**Andy Brei**, '96, San Antonio, Texas (1992-1993)

"In 1974, Hyer Hall, third west, students were allowed to paint their rooms. One of the residents did this incredible Billy Joel mural at the west end of the hallway."

**Allen Schuette**, '78, Chilton, (1974-1975)

"I made lots of friends, including my best man at my wedding, but Hyer Hall was where I met the love of my life. Back then she was **Lois Jensen** ('85), and we have been happily married for over 25 years. I still remember going to semi formal with her and that same night asking her to marry me back in the dorm. I was so nervous. We are living in the beautiful Northwoods and have two wonderful children. Justin, our oldest, graduated from Point in 2006."

**Brant Poggemann**, '87, Minocqua (1981-1982)

# Honoring Tradition

## Two students are first to benefit from The Thailand Project

Two students from Thailand began taking English as a second language classes at UWSP last fall in hopes to complete a four-year degree and return to Thailand to help others like themselves.

Srinuan (Aor) Saokamnuan and Fongtip Boonsri are the first two students from the Development Education Program for Daughters & Communities (DEPDC) in Mae Sai, Thailand, to benefit from The Thailand Project, a partnership between the DEPDC and UWSP which offers higher education to young people who are stateless, meaning that no country claims them as citizens. Private donations to The Thailand Project pay for their schooling, room and board.

It was at the DEPDC, run by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sompop Jantraka, that UWSP student Joseph Quinnell was inspired to create The Thailand Project while in Thailand using photography to document extreme poverty and human trafficking in Southeast Asia. The DEPDC protects stateless children from falling into the child labor and prostitution.

Quinnell worked with both the U.S. consulate in Thailand and the Thai government so that Saokamnuan and Boonsri could study at UWSP. Just before the trip to America, Boonsri became the first stateless individual to receive full Thai citizenship under current Thai law. Saokamnuan remains stateless, but was granted the right to travel. She is the first stateless person in Thai history to be allowed to do so for such a distance and length of time, said Quinnell.

Saokamnuan and Boonsri are both looking forward to using their UWSP education to help others like themselves.

"I want to be a communication major," said Saokamnuan. "I want to go back to Thailand and work and I want everyone to know about the problems of trafficking."

"I want to be a counselor at the DEPDC," said Boonsri. "So many children need counseling and they can do better...have a good life."

The Thailand Project also helps the DEPDC during each winter break as UWSP students travel there to teach the arts, which is not a regular part of the curriculum.

Susan Perri, a UWSP student who has visited the DEPDC twice and is Quinnell's partner on The Thailand Project, sees much potential in the children at the DEPDC.

"I want higher education to be available to every one of those students," she said. "They're all bright and have different passions, different areas that they could really be effective in if they had the opportunity to get an education."

For more information, go to [www.TheThailandProject.org](http://www.TheThailandProject.org).



Srinuan (Aor) Saokamnuan and Fongtip Boonsri leaving the DEPDC (top) and at UWSP (bottom).

## Thailand Project recognized by Clinton Global Initiative

The Thailand Project, a UWSP program that seeks to put an end to human trafficking through higher education for stateless individuals in Thailand and other parts of the world, has been recognized by a former president of the United States.

President Bill Clinton recognized program creator and UWSP student Joseph Quinnell, UWSP student Susan Perri and Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson at the 2009 Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) conference held in Austin, Texas, in February.

"Each year over 200,000 women and children are trafficked in East Asia alone," said Clinton at the conference. "Students from UWSP have launched a program to reduce human trafficking victims in Thailand and other parts of the world through an American bachelor's degree. Students take English as a second language classes at UWSP then enter a four year program and return to Thailand to work with other victims of human trafficking."

"It's a wonderful thing they are doing. It's an affordable, doable thing that could be replicated on every campus in America," he added.

A part of the Clinton Foundation, CGI-U is a networking tool for students who create projects that initiate global change, so this recognition could result in more monetary support for The Thailand Program. The two students now attending classes at UWSP will need \$20,000 a year to earn a four-year bachelor's degree, and donated funds will run out by the end of the summer.

"Our project is a long-term process that's an investment," says Quinnell. "Its successes would not exist without public support and private contributions. The relationship with The Clinton Global Initiative will be key as Susan and I begin to focus next year on sustaining the program at UWSP and expanding its impact to universities across the United States."

"I don't want the Thailand Project scholarship recipients to be seen as victims, they are the solution," he added. "I want people to clearly understand that there is no quick fix for the issue of child prostitution and human trafficking."

Donations to The Thailand Project may be made through the UWSP Foundation at [www.TheThailandProject.org](http://www.TheThailandProject.org).



Students Susan Perri and Joseph Quinnell as well as Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson (right) were recognized by President Bill Clinton in February.



Students studying in France gather at the Eiffel Tower.

## Save the Date! - UWSP International Programs to mark 40 years

Forty years worth of global travel and study, lasting friendships, adventures and one-of-a-kind international experiences are worth celebrating.

UWSP's International Programs will do just that as it marks 40 years of study abroad programs on Saturday, October 10, as part of the campus 2009 Homecoming festivities. The reunion will welcome the more than 12,276 students and 315 program leaders who have studied abroad since 1969 as well as everyone who has supported the programs through the years.

"International Programs and the many faculty and staff members who have been an integral part of taking our students all over the world is looking forward to reuniting with our alumni to mark this historic occasion," said Eric Yonke, IP director. "Please save the date on your calendars and plan to join us to reconnect with old friends and share memories of how your study abroad experience changed your life."

IP alumni and friends may now register online to attend the reunion social to be held from 4-7 p.m. in The Encore room of the Dreyfus University Center on Saturday, Oct. 10. Go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on Homecoming 2009 to register as well as share your favorite study abroad memories.

In addition to the social, the IP office will hold an open house and have a booth at the Homecoming picnic on the front lawn of Old Main.

Yonke encourages study abroad alumni to contact others in their travel group and invite them to the reunion, adding that the Alumni Affairs Office may be able to assist in finding fellow members. He also encourages alumni to bring photos and memorabilia from their time abroad to the event to share with former classmates and leaders.

Look for more information about the event in the September issue of the *Pointer Alumnus*.

## Faculty News

- Leslie Midkiff DeBauche, professor of communication, was chosen for a one semester UW System Fellowship at the Institute for Research in the Humanities in Madison. She will use this time and additional semester of leave to continue work on her book about the American Girl.
- Barbara Dixon, professor of English, created a reading program that was honored with the Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award by the State Council on Affirmative Action for its promotion of diversity. The "Literacy Circles Diversity Collaboration" brings students from rural and urban schools together to read and share ideas about books on race issues.
- David Hastings, professor of music, won two grants totaling \$48,192 to create an arts teaching conference and a program that will use audio and video equipment to track the progress of his saxophone students and those at UW-Marathon County and UW-Marshfield/Wood County over a two-year period.
- Mary Hofer, instructional specialist at the Aber Suzuki Center, was the first Voice Teacher Trainer to be approved by the Suzuki Association of the Americas.
- James Lawrence, assistant professor of chemistry, won a \$183,840 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Academic Research Enhancement Award for his research screening for proteins that interact with pregnancy-associated plasma protein-A to alter biochemical pathways that are critical to life.
- John Little, assistant professor of media studies, is teaching at Bayan College in Muscat, Oman, this semester as a winner of a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.
- Eric Singaas, associate professor of biology and forestry, presented his ongoing research on bio-diesel and bio-ethanol fuels at the first-ever Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative in October. He and **Don Guay**, '96, assistant professor of paper science and engineering, are continuing their research to use the state's existing pulp and paper infrastructure to create these renewable fuel sources.
- **Dan Sivek**, '77, professor of environmental education, spent a sabbatical year developing a new visitor services plan for the Vieques National Refuge in Puerto Rico, which contains several ecological distinct habitats including beaches, coastal lagoons, mangrove wetlands, upland forests and sub-tropical dry forests as well as federal endangered species and resources of archeological and historical significance.
- **Michael Zach**, '97, assistant professor of chemistry and a guest faculty researcher at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, received the 2008 WiSys Innovation Scholar Award and a \$48,363 UW System grant for his nanowires research. He and his students are working on wires so small that a bundle of one million nanowires would not reach the thickness of a single strand of spider web.

## Campus News

- Two Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) shows were broadcast from UWSP recently. WPR host and UWSP alumna **Joy Cardin**, '81, Madison, did a live broadcast of her morning call-in show, *Joy Ride*, on October 24 and Michael Feldman brought his WPR-produced and nationally syndicated unscripted entertainment show *Whad'Ya Know?* to a live audience of 800 in UWSP's Dreyfus University Center Laird Room on February 7.
- UWSP ranks 18<sup>th</sup> among the top 40 master's institutions in the country for study abroad according to the Institute for International Education's "Open Doors 2008 Study."
- UWSP hosted *Wisconsin Communities Take Action*, a historic climate change summit on December 12, welcoming municipal leaders from across Wisconsin to create regional and local collaborations to combat global climate change.
- Delegates from the Center for Environmental Education and Communication of the Environmental Protection Bureau of China stopped at UWSP on February 25 as part of an 18-day U.S. tour, meeting with UWSP's natural resources and environmental education experts.
- UWSP and UW-Marathon County are collaborating to provide UWMC students with a UWSP bachelor's degree in business administration with classes offered entirely at the UWMC campus. The program will begin with the fall 2009 semester, offering a concentration in management or a minor in economics or accounting.

## 40 years of Trivia madness

In November 1969, 16 teams gathered to listen to 90FM, UWSP's campus radio station, for 16 hours and answer five trivia questions each hour.

That weekend was the beginning of the iconic Stevens Point pastime simply known as "Trivia."

Forty years later on April 17-19, 2009, nearly 500 teams and 12,000 players – about 3,000 of them UWSP alumni – gathered to listen to 90FM for 54 hours straight, answering eight questions an hour on everything from TV sitcoms to laundry soap as part of the station's fundraiser.

The source of all this trivial information is Jim "The Oz" Oliva, a CAP Services information technology director who was a 90FM DJ in 1979 when he took over writing the questions as well as the name "The Oz" from his predecessor, Steve Hamilton. He and his friend and local radio personality John Eckendorf have been co-writing the contest since 1989.

The two begin writing the first weekend in January, and continue every Saturday and Sunday night until they have 432 questions, 22 clues for the Trivia Stone, 2 running questions, 24 music snippets and 24 pictures for the New Trivia Times.

"John is the one with young kids, but I write all the children's questions because I watch all the cartoons and the shows on the Disney Channel," said Oliva.

Being the trivia "Oz" has its hazards. "People follow me around, looking for clues," says Oliva, "especially this time of year."

One year he bought 10 cans of Spam from a local grocery store as giveaways for a Trivia kickoff party. By the next day, not one can of Spam could be found in area stores. "More Spam sold in Portage County that year than in the whole state," he said, all because the Trivia teams figured he had written a question about it. "I learned my lesson, and now I'm careful about what I buy."



1981 Trivia champs (top) and Jim "The Oz" Oliva on the air in 1987 (bottom).

Technology has changed Trivia over the last 40 years. This year, more than 20 teams signed up to play exclusively through a live streaming Internet broadcast, including one in Rome and 'Live from Afghanistan,' a U.S. Army team that includes Stevens Point native Joe Anderson for whom Oliva waived the entrance fee.

When use of the World Wide Web first became widespread, Oliva and Eckendorf tried to write questions that couldn't be found on search engines. Now they just rephrase questions differently to make it harder to search for them, and they make the music sound bites shorter so recognition software can't be used.

"But if we have a really good question that can be searched and found easily, we still use it," Oliva said.

Trivia "went green" four years ago when 90FM teamed up with the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation to power the contest using NatureWise electricity. The station also recently upgraded their transmitter and broadcast pattern and now reaches teams in a wider radius.

Trivia has become a Point tradition because of the people who play it, says Oliva. "People tell me 'This is my family,'" he said. Teams spend so much time together,

with little sleep, that they can't help become friends, he added.

His favorite memories are the fun times shared with the UWSP students who make up the 90FM staff, and the stories and expressions created before and during the contests.

Oliva says he'll be organizing Trivia until he drops, or at least until it stops being a game for him. "It's an honor and a joy to know I can entertain these people for a weekend. Some people snowmobile, or go bowling. I write Trivia," he said. "It consumes you. It is the thing I'm most proud of, but it is just a thing."

Oliva has been recognized for his years of dedication to Trivia, as he won the Alumni Service Award in 2008.

What does the next 40 years hold? Oliva says he would like to see Trivia grow even further.

"I'd really like to have 20,000 players," he said. "I wish it would really explode because it's such a good time."

*There's more Trivia "trivia" to be found at the online version of the Alumnus at [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus) including a history of the contest and a list of Trivia themes.*

## Own the Triviatown DVD

You may now purchase a DVD of *Triviatown*, the 2006 documentary about 90FM's Trivia Contest, through the Alumni Affairs Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni). Click on Alumni Benefits to see a list of some of the specials for UWSP alumni only, including the DVD.

*Triviatown*, filmed in April 2004, won Best Film at the Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison and Best Documentary at the Westchester (New York) Film Festival. Directed by Brit McAdams and Patrick Cady, it was screened at the Central Wisconsin Film Festival in Stevens Point in November 2006, at which time it was proclaimed "The official movie of Stevens Point."

## Nelson Hall memories sought

Attention all Nelson Hall alumni! The UWSP Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) would like to hear from you and share your memories of life in Nelson Hall.

To enhance the rich history and reputation of the building, now on the National Register of Historic Places, the HPC is asking former Nelson Hall residents for photos and responses to the following questions:

When did you live in Nelson Hall?

What are your favorite memories of Nelson Hall?

Do you have any stories related to living in Nelson Hall to share?

Are you willing to support the reputation of Nelson Hall through an oral interview?

Do you know of any fellow students and/or friends who lived in Nelson Hall? If so, please send their contact information.

"Your responses will help the HPC bring to life the colorful past of a building all of us hold near and dear to our hearts," says Nisha Fernando, HPC chair as well as associate professor and associate dean of UWSP's Division of Interior Architecture.

The donated materials will be displayed on campus in the near future and housed in the UWSP Archives when not on display.

Please send your responses and/or copies of photographs or other memorabilia to Nisha Fernando, HPC, Room 330 CPS, UWSP, Stevens Point WI 54481. She also may be reached at [nfernand@uwsp.edu](mailto:nfernand@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-4074.



## Cornerstone Press publishes book about Point's favorite label

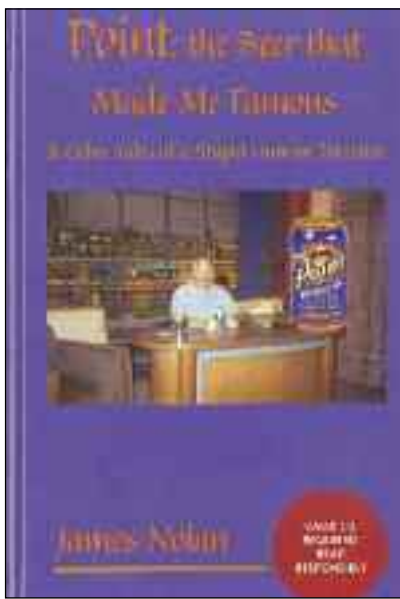
A Merrill man featured on The Late Show with David Letterman has turned his once-in-a-lifetime experience into a lighthearted book with the help of UWSP students.

Cornerstone Press, UWSP's student-run publishing company, published *Point: The Beer That Made Me Famous*, a humorous look at author James Nolan's trip to New York City to perform his own "Stupid Human Trick" on the famous late night program.

While on the show, Nolan juggled three cans of Stevens Point's own Point Special beer while drinking one bottle of Point Special. The book tells about his journey to The Late Show as well as details his appearance and its aftermath.

Cornerstone Press operates through the English Department Editing and Publishing class (English 349), during which students elect one another to all the positions held in a commercial publishing company. They select a book-length manuscript, edit and design it, and produce 1,000 copies. This fall they also held three local book signings, giving them hands-on experience in marketing and publicity.

*Point: The Beer That Made Me Famous*, is available for purchase for \$12.95 at Book World in Merrill and in Stevens Point at Book Finders, the UWSP University Store and the Stevens Point Brewery. To obtain an order form or receive more information visit Cornerstone Press online at [www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/index.htm).



## Professor emeritus authors document on Hansen, Albertson

A manuscript profiling the leadership of two UWSP presidents has been authored by Professor Emeritus Gerald Chappell and is now available for purchase.

A *College President and a University President* outlines the history of UWSP under its seventh president, William Hansen (1940-1962), and its eighth president, James Albertson (1962-1967). Chappell, a retired professor of the School of Communicative Disorders, combined documents about each president to provide UWSP alumni, faculty and staff with one publication that includes historic photographs and personal anecdotes about the two men now honored with special UWSP awards, the Albertson Medallion and the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award.

"Presidents Hansen and Albertson were men of great character and remarkable historical accomplishment," says Chappell. "Their stories are impressive landmarks charting the path toward our university of upmost quality today."

For more information, contact Gerald E. Chappell, Shadow Woods Lane, Waupaca, 54981.



## Investing in UWSP means investing in students

A recession in the U.S. economy has had both a challenging and positive effect on the UWSP Foundation.

"Overall fundraising numbers are down from what we usually see in the Annual Campaign," says Aaron Mullins, assistant to the director of development. "However, we are seeing that there can be an upside to facing a recession."

According to Mullins, parents of students are giving more, which shows that they realize how beneficial a UWSP education is for their student as well as for others who are in need of assistance.

In addition, student callers for the Annual Campaign's phonathon are

learning that recently graduated alumni have entered the workforce successfully at numbers higher than expected in a time with high unemployment trends.

"This tells us that UWSP really prepares its graduates well for finding jobs," he said.

Declines in giving to the UWSP Foundation may result in reductions in scholarship support for UWSP students. However, in times like these, alumni and friends of UWSP can be assured that the UWSP Foundation is a good steward of its investments.

"We understand that many are not able to give as much as in prior years because of economic struggles," said Mullins. "We also want to let our alumni and friends know that no matter what they are able to give at this time, their dollars will help UWSP students succeed and in turn find careers that will help stimulate the economy," Mullins said.

For instance, a \$250-\$500 donation to the UWSP Foundation could provide advanced software for audio and video editing courses or bus transportation for students to attend a professional conference. A \$100-\$250 donation could purchase books for student research or safety equipment for a chemistry or biology lab. Those giving a \$50-\$100 gift could provide raw materials for art classes, a piece of music for a jazz ensemble or a subscription to an online journal for the library.

"No matter what you decide you can give to UWSP, know that you will be making a difference in the life of a student who needs your support," says Mullins.

Donations to the UWSP Foundation, for both unrestricted gifts and gifts to specific programs, may be made online at [www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation).

## CNR receives \$1.2 million gift bequest



Student Brent Rivard and Eric Singsaas, associate professor of biology and forestry, working on a biodiesel production process.

Natural resources students will be the main beneficiaries of a \$1.2 million gift bequest from a rural Port Washington couple.

One of the largest single gifts in the history of UWSP, the bequest from Marion and John "Jack" Wilson will go toward creating a permanent endowment that will provide scholarships for UWSP students who "demonstrate commitment to the environment and the preservation of our natural resources."

The remainder will support a College of Natural Resources (CNR) endowment, with the investment proceeds helping to fund purchases of equipment, construction or improvements, operation of off-campus programs, and other priority needs.

"We are honored and humbled to receive such a generous gift," said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. "Our faculty, staff, students and alumni have built a tradition of excellence and service here, particularly in natural resources, and this gift shows that their efforts have not gone unnoticed. It is especially pleasing that this money will go toward a permanent endowment to help us achieve our vision for connecting to the future."

According to friends, the Wilsons lived modestly but loved nature and the outdoors. They loved dogs and Mr. Wilson was an avid fisherman and hunter. He died in 1994, and Mrs. Wilson died last May.

The Wilson gift will make a large impact on students, says CNR Dean Christine Thomas. "This will add 20 to 50 annual scholarship awards for worthy students each year in perpetuity, plus provide funds for critical needs that cannot be met with state dollars. It will help us recruit and retain excellent students, and keep our natural resources program among the best in the country."

## Student News

- Amanda Dent, Mayville, a senior majoring in waste management, received a \$6,000 UW System grant to research ways UWSP can dispose of electronic waste such as cell phones, TVs, DVD and VHS players, computers and microwaves. Her three-phase project includes collecting this waste, taking it to recycling plants and creating a management plan to continue this recycling effort.
- The cast and crew of the Department of Theatre and Dance production of *Never the Sinner* was invited to the American College Theatre Festival in January to mount two performances of the drama about teenage murderers Leopold and Loeb. Both received standing ovations. In a first for a UWSP student, Mercer Aplin, Madison, won the Kennedy Center ACTF award for sound design excellence, earning a chance to compete in the ACTF national festival at the Kennedy Center. David LaRose, Plover, won the Society of Properties Artists and Managers Outstanding Achievement in Properties Design Award. Andy Broomell, Wittenberg, earned a Region III Judges Award for Outstanding Media Design and Thomas Bevan, Waconia, Minn., and James Roland, Sheboygan, advanced to the semifinal round of the Irene Ryan acting competition.
- Art and design student Jenna Frey, Erica Jantz and Caitlin Fuller were honored in design competitions. Frey received second place in the cards and invitations category of the 2009 Associations of College Unions International (ACUI) annual "Steal This Idea" design competition ([www.acui.org/programs/conference/2009](http://www.acui.org/programs/conference/2009)). Projects by Jantz and Fuller were among the 30 accepted into the Iowa State University FlyOver Student Graphic Design Competition ([www.stuorg.iastate.edu/aiga-isu/flyover/info.html](http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/aiga-isu/flyover/info.html)).
- This fall, paper science and engineering students Katherine Mess, Sussex, and Scott Gewiss, Mosinee, will be the first two UWSP students to participate in the Trans Atlantic Paper Science (TAPS) Dual Undergraduate Degree program. In this exchange program, paper science and engineering students from UWSP and North Carolina State University will travel to Finland and Germany to earn dual degrees through their school as well as the University of Applied Sciences-München in Germany, the TAMK University of Applied Sciences in Tampere, Finland, or Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences, Finland. Each university will host the same number of students at their campuses as they send abroad. The program is being supported by a grant of \$447,588 from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).



## Fall/Winter 2008-09 - A return to dominance

Four of the seven fall teams secured Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) titles, as football, men's cross country, women's golf and women's soccer added four more conference championships to the trophy cases. The advent of the winter season carried with it the success of the fall for Pointer athletics.

### Football (9-2, 6-1 WIAC)

The Pointer football team defeated the defending national champion UW-Whitewater on their way to one of the most successful and exciting seasons in school history, winning a share of their 14<sup>th</sup> conference title and earning a trip to the NCAA Division III Playoffs for the first time since 2001.

While the Pointers suffered an early exit in the first round of the playoffs, the successful season translated into several postseason awards for UWSP. Fourteen players received All-WIAC accolades, including Player of the Year Brad Vickroy.

### Men's Basketball (24-5, 14-2 WIAC)

Compiling a 21-4 overall record through the regular season, 14-2 in conference play, the Pointers captured their league-best 25<sup>th</sup> conference title and the postseason tournament's No. 1 seed. UWSP then rolled through the conference tournament, defeating UW-Oshkosh and UW-Platteville for their fifth tournament title.

In the NCAA Tournament, the Pointers were sent on the road, and after defeating Cornell College (Iowa) in the first round, fell to the nation's No. 1 ranked Tommies of St. Thomas in the second round, 53-50.

### Women's Basketball (26-4, 14-2 WIAC)

En route to adding yet another conference title to the trophy cases, the Pointer women's basketball team added two more impressive feats. The team set a new school record for consecutive wins at 14. The 14th victory was also the 350th career win for head Coach Shirley Egner.

The Pointers advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, defeating Maryville and Concordia (Wis.), at home in the opening rounds. In the round of 16, the Pointers came up short against the nation's No. 1 ranked and undefeated Titans of Illinois Wesleyan, falling 77-64 and finishing the season with a 26-4 record, the fourth most wins in school history.

### Women's Soccer (19-4, 8-0 WIAC)

The women's soccer team had a very successful season this fall. The team advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in school history and the second year in a row. The Pointers had a winning streak of seven and two six-game winning streaks throughout the season on their way to a 12<sup>th</sup> WIAC title. The Pointers only allowed 17 goals in their 23 games. They posted 14 shutouts and did not allow a single goal in regular season conference play.

### Women's Golf

The women's golf team completed their second straight conference championship this fall and finished the season ranked No. 3 in the final Division III Golf World/NGCA Golf Coaches Poll.

They will return to action in the spring, where they will look to build off of their accomplishments in their fall season. The Pointers also earned an automatic bid to NCAA Championship at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., May 13-16.

### Cross Country

The men's team had a successful season, grabbing the WIAC Championship and finishing fourth at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.

The women's team had a solid year as they finished first or second in four of the team's eight meets. They also finished fourth at the WIAC Championships and seventh at the NCAA Regionals.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team struggled in a tough WIAC conference this year which sent four of its nine teams to the NCAA Tournament. The Pointers finished the season 12-23 overall, with eleven of those wins coming in Berg Gym.

The young squad is looking to build for a successful future, as they had only one senior on the roster.

### Women's Tennis

The Pointers tennis team wrapped up a roller-coaster season with a fifth place finish in the WIAC Tournament and finished 7-9 overall.

After starting hot, winning five of their first six matches, the Pointers dropped four of their final six matches of the season before the conference tournament. At the WIAC tournament, the Pointers posted a fifth place finish. The team will return to action in spring, as they start out against Edgewood College on April 11.

### Swimming and Diving

Sixteen swimmers, 10 men and six women, qualified for the 2009 NCAA Division III Championships after an impressive regular season that saw the men's team capture their 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive conference title and 15 event championships.

On the women's side, the Pointers captured four event championships on their way to a second-place finish.

## Pointer coaches honored

Five Pointer coaches were named the Coach of the Year by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

Women's Basketball Coach Shirley Egner, Football Coach John Miech, Soccer Coach Sheila Miech, Men's Basketball Coach Bob Semling and Cross Country Coach Rick Witt were all honored this season. In addition, Tom Journell, the Pointer football team defensive coordinator, was named the Assistant Coach of the Year.

Egner was named WIAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season and the third time in her years at UWSP. Egner led the Pointers to their eighth 20-win season in the last nine seasons. Earlier this season Egner tallied her 350th career win with the Pointers as the team set a new school record for consecutive victories at 14.

John Miech led the Pointers to an 8-0-0 conference record and the team's 12<sup>th</sup> WIAC title. Miech's career record in his 22 years as the Pointers head coach is 319-102-27, which includes an astounding 115-7-7 record in WIAC play.

Sheila Miech led the Pointers to a 9-1 overall record and share of the WIAC title, UWSP's first since 2001. The Pointers 9-1 record is the best in Miech's regime, and one more win would make 2008 the winningest season in the 113-year history of the program.

Semling earned his second Coach of the Year award after leading the team to a 24-5 finish in the 2008-09 campaign and the programs 25th regular season WIAC title and the fifth tournament championship in the last nine seasons. In his four seasons at the helm of the Pointers, Semling has compiled a 90-25 record and boasts a 52-12 record in conference play.

Witt earned his 13th WIAC Coach of the Year honor last fall, leading the men's cross country team to their fourth conference title in school history and the first since 1997. Under his direction, the team finished third at the Midwest Regional and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, where they went on to finish fourth.

## SAVE THE DATE: Swimming and Diving reunion

UWSP will host a swimming and diving alumni gathering during homecoming weekend, Oct. 9-11. The festivities will include an alumni meet, grill party and bonfire. All swimming and diving alumni are invited. For more information, go to <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/index.aspx>

## Bennett Court Dedication

In front of a capacity crowd at a Pointer men's basketball game on Saturday, February 7, the Quandt Fieldhouse court was named for Dick and Jack Bennett, men's basketball coaches who spent nine years of their careers at UWSP. Together they boast 373 wins in Pointer history.

"Thank you so much for making this a wonderful day," said Dick Bennett to the crowd. "It is a tribute to the young men, coaches and fans who were so important and so good in those days."

"No one could say it better than Lou Gehrig," said Jack Bennett. "He simply said, 'Today, I'm the luckiest man on the face of the earth.' Today, Dick and I are the luckiest guys."

A video of the dedication may be seen on UWSP's home page at the video link [Bennett Court Dedication](#).



Brothers and former UWSP men's basketball coaches Dick and Jack Bennett were recognized with Bennett Court on February 7.



# OF WISC CLASS NOTES

## Attention Pointer Alumni Get Connected!

Recognize the name of a friend, classmate or residence hall floormate in these class notes? Or notice that a fellow Pointer lives in your community? Get in touch and reacquire yourselves through *The Connecting Point!*

Go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on "Communications" to get to *The Connecting Point* or the Alumni Business Directory. It's easy to register and update your information while keeping in touch with old friends and making contact with new ones. See you online!



Three UWSP alumnae work together in the Family and Consumer Education Department at Ashwaubenon High School. From left, **Pat (Wolter) Russo**, '76, MS '80, Green Bay; **Val Hodgson**, '06, Green Bay, and **Kathy (Hering) Donarski**, '72, Green Bay. Pat is retiring at the end of the school year after 33 years in the FCE field and is married to **Michael Russo**, '75. Kathy is married to **Don Donarski**, '71.



**Stephanie Haka**, '07, Junction City, is the Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc. district director for Portage and Wood counties. Formerly an educator at the Mead Wildlife Area in Milladore, she has served on the board of directors of the North Central Wisconsin chapter of the American Red Cross and is a graduate of the Portage County Leadership Development Program.

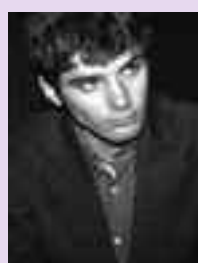


**Jeremy Larson**, '07, has been working in theater since he graduated. He toured with the National Players out of Washington D.C. as Feste in *Twelfth Night* and in the premiere of *Call of the Wild: The Musical*. He has played Turio in *Two Gentlemen of Verona* at the Olney Theatre Center, interned at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and understudied and appeared in various shows including

*Love Song* and *The Foreigner*. This July he will join the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival as a full-time company member.



John and Dorothy Wozniak of Stanley have five grandsons attending UWSP, including, from left to right, Jason Wozniak, Steve Wozniak, Tyler Wozniak, **Brandon Wozniak**, (a December 2008 graduate), and Bradley Burzynski. Another grandson, Dustin Wozniak, may be attending UWSP this fall.



**Dan Mitchell**, '06, Nashville, Tenn., commissioned a new work, *Home of the Great Spirit*, for the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Association in Manitowoc and it premiered in October. A pianist and composer, Dan teaches and performs as a soloist, accompanist and in ensembles.



**Javier Alaniz**, '04, and **Kristine (Buchholz) Alaniz**, '02, Port Vila, Vanuatu, have been Peace Corps volunteers in Vanuatu since 2007. They were recently assigned to Vanuatu's capital city of Port Vila where they work for the Ministry of Health. They previously served the small village of Epike on the island of Efante, the location of the *Survivor: Vanuatu* television program, where they worked on community health issues and secured funding from the United Nations to build a transport system that provides clean drinking water for the village. Kristine's parents, **Jim Buchholz**, '76, and **Kathy Buchholz**, Plymouth, visited the couple last year and all four met His Excellency Kalkot Matas Kelekele, the president of the Republic of Vanuatu; **Hanson Matas Kelekele**, the first lady; and **Leslie Rowe**, the U.S. Ambassador to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. As you can see, Javier is wearing his "Point Beer" t-shirt to meet the president. Pictured, from left, is Kathy, Kristine, First Lady Kelekele, President Kelekele, Rowe, Jim and Javier.



The UWSP ROTC program is going strong, with 35 cadets (31 pictured with staff), the highest number since the 90s. They are led by Lt. Colonel Jeff Kurka, Master Sergeant Mike Butcher, First Lt. Josh Beyerl, Major Rob Kehoe, Sergeant First Class Jason Pond and Staff Sergeant Joseph Gano, with support from Kathy Breseman, Judy Bushman and David Ratz.

## 2000s

*"I am thankful for my experiences attending UWSP they have assisted my personal growth in many ways, the fruits of which only ripen with time." - Greg Kolodziej, '01*

**Amanda (Kitchens) Buettner**, '08, Marshfield, is a medical technologist for Transfusion Services at Marshfield Clinic. She is married and has one child.

**Anna DeMers**, '08, Waukesha, is aquatics director at the Ed Bryan Scout Reservation.

**Jessica (Eisenman) Densow**, '08, New Richmond, is a high school math teacher in the Unity school district. She married **Matthew Densow**, '07, in September.

**Sonya (Fisher) Dreikosen**, MA '08, Marathon, teaches at Northcentral Technical College.

**Christopher Duncan**, '08, Longview, Texas, is a best management practices project forester for the Texas Forest Service in Longview.

**Melissa Duncan**, '08, Arpin, is a social worker.

**Benjamin Fischer**, '08, Wausau, is a video journalist for WSAW News Channel 7 in Wausau. "I enjoy living the dream I started following at UWSP," he says.

**Alyssa Gaedtke**, '08, Manitowoc, is a dietetic intern at UW-Green Bay.

**Veronica (Janke) Glodowski**, '08, Omro, is a speech-language pathologist for the Oshkosh school district.

**Jennifer Groth**, '08, Madison, is in sales and design for La-Z-Boy.

**Michelle Herman**, '08, Mosinee, is a loan processor at Community Bank.

**Kerri Hoffmann**, '08, Lakewood, Colo., is a microbiology medical technologist for Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

**Amber Jenquin**, '08, Twain Harte, Calif., is a marketing and sales representative for Dodge Ridge Wintersports Area.

**Rick Junk**, '08, Manitowoc, is a quality lab technician with Ortho Molecular Products.

**Nicole Justman**, '08, Beaver Dam, is an elementary physical education and health teacher in the Cambria-Friesland school district.

**Gina Karl**, '08, Tomahawk, is an office assistant at Northern Paws Animal Hospital.

**Ryan Kipp**, '08, Marshfield, is an aspiring writer who credits Professor Benjamin Percy with inspiring his writing career.

**Krista Klaus**, MS '08, Harshaw, is a teacher in the Rhinelander school district.

**Heather Kozlatek**, '08, Eagle River, is a teacher at Little Acorns Lodge Child Development Center.

**Nicole Kruger**, '08, Wausau, is an English teacher for the Wausau school district.

**Vicki (Sobieski) Landers**, ME '08, Sobieski, is a physical education and health teacher for the West De Pere school district.

**Rick LaRoche**, '08, Green Bay, is a general merchandise manager at Shopko.

**Kirsten Levanetz**, '08, Stevens Point, is a lab instructor for UWSP's Department of Chemistry.

**Stan Mitchell**, '08, Plover, is a third grade teacher at Plover-Whiting Elementary School.

**Wendy Peterson**, '08, Stevens Point, completed her master's degree in Human and Community Resources at UWSP in May.

**Kevin Reimer**, '08, Stevens Point, is a programmer analyst for Sentry Insurance.

**Jill Resop**, '08, Ripon, is a physical education teacher for the Manawa school district.

**Tyler Ring**, '08, Wausaukee, is a multisport director for Sportime Tennis, Fitness and Multi-Sport.

**Brittany Rossman**, '08, Green Bay, is the special events coordinator at UWSP. Previously she worked in marketing for Genmar Yacht Group, a luxury yacht manufacturer in Pulaski. She was one of 14 students to win the 2008 Public Relations Student Society of America Gold Key Award for her work as PRSSA president while a student at UWSP.

**Amanda Russell**, '08, Waukesha, is taking part in a nine-month bible training program at His Hill Bible School in Comfort, Texas.

**Victoria (Dahlby) Rydberg**, '08, Portage, is a teacher in the Portage school district.

**Blake Swanson**, '08, Hayfield, Minn., is a conservation officer with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

**Shea (Melansan) VanProosdy**, '08, Eau Claire, is a preschool teacher with KinderCare.

**Erik Wiedeman**, '08, Stevens Point, is a Web developer for Jim Laabs Music.

**Pheng Xiong**, '08, Milwaukee, is a resident assistant with University Housing at UW-Milwaukee.

**Benjamin Yankee**, '08, Madison, is a quality control technician for Hologic Inc.

**Danielle Zeman**, '08, Madison, is a Percent for the Arts associate for the Wisconsin Arts Board.

*"The CNR and all classes helped prepare me for my current job as well as provided me with the skills needed to obtain interviews in the areas I wanted."*  
**Brian Schmidt, '07**

**Bryan Becht**, '07, Campbellsport, is an assistant manager at Menards.

**Elizabeth Herder**, '07, Rice Lake, is a first grade teacher for the Rice Lake school district.

**Mehta Hess**, '07, Shorewood, is studying at UW-Milwaukee.

**Stacy (Kestly) Martin**, '07, Junction City, is an agronomy assistant for Van Der Geest Dairy Cattle, Inc.

**Courtney Nenn**, '07, Stevens Point, is a Spanish teacher for the Stevens Point school district.

**Brian Schmidt**, '07, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., is an environmental scientist for the Land Management Group in Mt. Pleasant.

**Ashley Williams**, '07, Platteville, is a Segregated University Fee Allocation Commission adviser and graduate assistant at UW-Platteville.

*"If I would have never transferred to UWSP I would not be grad school today. UWSP opened many more doors for me and allowed me to reach much more potential."*  
**Ashley Williams, '07**

**Rebecca Brink**, '06, and **Monty Brink**, '06, Tomah, announce the birth of their son, Jaxun Eugene.

**Kent Hutchison**, '06, and **Amanda Chu**, '07, Madison, are married and pursuing work in the Peace Corps. Currently Kent is an artist and Amanda is an administrative assistant for the Community Action Coalition.

**Zack Gaugush**, '06, La Crosse, is serving on the board of directors for a new nonprofit organization, the Four Paths Foundation and will travel to Nepal to work on a sustainable community development program. Previously he served two terms in Americorps, working on an organic community farm and for the Department of Natural Resources in La Crosse.

**Adam Mueller**, '06, and **Megan (Harbath) Mueller**, '06, Wausau, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Michael.

**Jed Schilling**, '06, Marshfield, is a junior high science teacher for the Wisconsin Rapids school district.

**Kevin Grahn**, '05, Menasha, is a graduate assistant at UW-Oshkosh while he pursues a master's degree in professional counseling.

**Daniel Gutierrez**, '05, is a member of the ensemble cast of the Broadway Touring Company of *Chicago*, which toured with Tom Wopat and Charlotte d'Amboise and performed in a limited engagement in Chicago with John O'Hurley in the lead.

**Rebecca (Dehnel) Klumpyan**, '05, Marathon, married Craig Klumpyan last May.

**Andrea Babik**, '04, Mosinee, is engaged to be married to Eric Feldmann in September. She is a cardiopulmonary diagnostic technician in the Stress Lab at St. Clare's Hospital in Weston.

**Sara Fisher**, '04, Stevens Point, is an employment specialist for Community Industries Corp. in Stevens Point.

**Daniel Tinder**, '04, Madison, and **Kasia (Zalewska) Tinder**, '00, Madison, were engaged live on the radio and will be married in August. Their engagement can be seen on YouTube.com by searching "Jay and z104."

# Alumnus brings past to life



Old news is good news for **Ken Molzahn**, '77, Green Bay, who turned his students' interest in historic newspapers into a business that sells newspaper reproductions and nostalgic posters, clothing, mugs hats and other items to bookstores, museums, classrooms and collectors.

Historical Fishwrap™ was created by Ken and fellow social studies teacher Bill Downey on April Fool's Day 2007 after seeing how their social studies students at Menominee Indian High School were fascinated with historic newspapers. Using Bill's collection of thousands of newspapers from the 1800s to the 1950s as well as a few from 18th century America, the two broke the collection down into themes, such as World War II, and scanned and printed the full-size reproductions.

"Historical Fishwrap™ is a completely new way to learn about momentous historical events, everyday life, business, fashion, politics and the great Americans who shaped our country's destiny," said Ken, now the full-time director of sales and marketing for the business. Reading about actual battles or happenings in the papers make history a reality for students who may not enjoy reading their textbooks, he said. "Every paper is a

window into our past."

Even the company's name references the past, as it comes from the way day-old newspapers were used to wrap fish in the era of icebox refrigeration.

The newspaper reproductions are possible, says Ken, because many of the papers, especially those printed prior to 1921, are public domain, and others' copyrights were not reestablished 20 years after their publication.

Their newest reproductions will be sets of papers from eight decades, including the 1900s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, the Korean War and a set featuring John Dillinger's crime spree due to come out this summer to coincide with Michael Mann's movie *Public Enemies*, filmed across Wisconsin and starring Johnny Depp.

The newspapers and items created with historic headlines and icons are sold at the Hastings Book Store chain, Amazon.com, The School House in Green Bay, Barnes and Noble and Bosses News and Tobacco Newsstand as well as independent booksellers supplied through Ingram Periodicals, Inc., says Ken.

Historical Fishwrap™ papers are also used in five Wisconsin school systems and available at a handful of World War II theme museums and the McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt presidential libraries. For more information and free lessons plans using the newspapers go to [www.historicalfishwrap.com](http://www.historicalfishwrap.com).

**Joe Shead**, '00, Superior, produced the DVD "Go Shed Hunting," an educational tool to assist those looking for naturally shed deer antlers. It is a follow up to his book, "Shed Hunting: A Guide to Finding White-Tailed Deer Antlers."



**Benjamin Peterson**, '02, O'Fallon, Ill., a trumpet player in the Air Force Band of Mid-America, was deployed to the Middle East with the rock band, Hot Brass. The group performed 60 concerts for troops in six countries over two months, then returned home and released a CD of their music. He holds a master's degree in trumpet performance from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and is a member of the International Trumpet Guild.



**Sharon Bruha**, '83, Wisconsin Rapids, (left) enjoyed a performance of the musical, *Hair*, at UWSP in November with her friend Betsy Miller (right). The two are pictured with cast member David Murray, a senior musical theatre major from Kenosha. Sharon is a teacher at West Junior High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

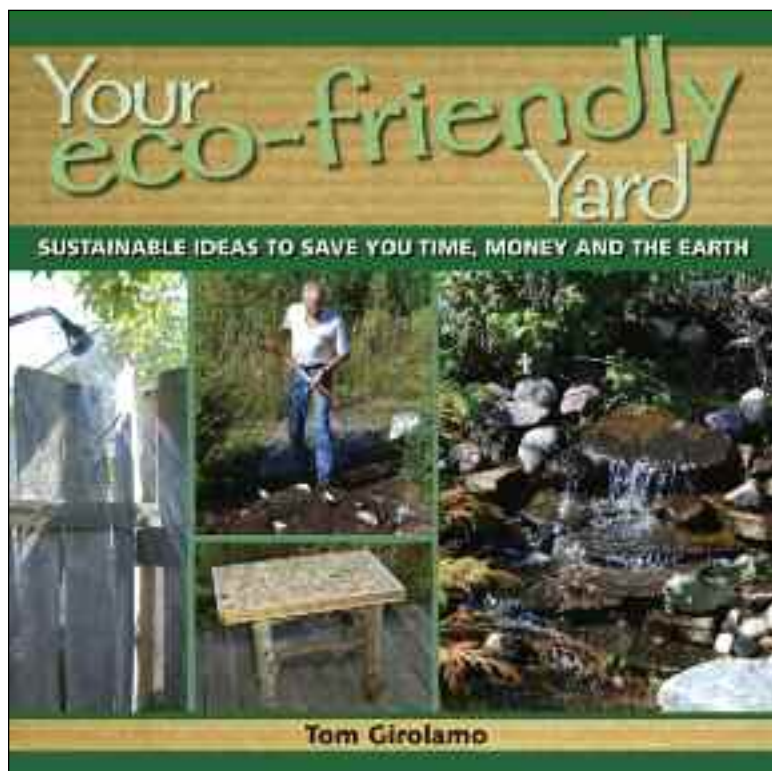


**Thomas Schnaubelt**, '90, Kenosha, has been named the executive director of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. Previously he was the dean for community engagement and civic learning at UW-Parkside and the first executive director of the Wisconsin Campus Compact. He has also worked at the University of Southern Mississippi and received a Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service and a Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification. He has a doctorate from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.



**Jody (Marver) Fuller**, '94, Delevan, married Michael Fuller in October. Fellow Delta Phi Epsilon sorority alumnae attended, including front row, from left, **Krista (Soto) Seager**, '93, Cleveland; **Melissa (Kmicchik) Schanke**, '93, Menasha; **Jody, Kathleen (DeGroot) Gieschen**, '93, Fond du Lac; and in the back row, from left, **Shelly (Greisch) Hagen**, '99, Hartford; **Tamra (Sorenson) McQuestion**, '93, Valparaiso, Ind.; **Jenna (Thorz) Nelson**, '94, Chicago; **Ona (Kennedy) Maune**, '93, Minneapolis, Minn.; **Shar (Knuth) Macadlo**, '94, St. Charles, Ill.; **Stacy (Nealy) Mortenson**, last attended '92; **Jennifer (Stenz) Barnes**, '93, Snoqualmie, Wash.; **Michele (Marver) Hartshorn**, '91, Lakeville, Minn.; and **Elizabeth (Ostrowski) Koehnle**, '91, Tisch Mills.

# Alumnus writes sustainable landscaping book



**Tom Girolamo**, '82, Mosinee, owner and manager of Eco-Building and Forestry in Mosinee, has taken his love for and expertise in sustainable landscaping and created a book that will help others create yards and landscapes that fit their lifestyle and personality while being good for the environment and easy on the pocketbook.

*Your Eco-Friendly Yard* is full of ideas for your own personalized ecosystems, with 20 step-by-step projects such as selecting appropriate native plants, planting perennial fruits and vegetables, practicing water efficiency and conservation, composting and using organic material and properly placing trees and vegetation. The 260-page full color book also includes many photographs, tips and expert advice for saving the earth, time and money. It will be released later this year by Krause Publishing and is available for pre-order through Amazon.com. It will also be available at local bookstores.

"This book provides practical and efficient information for everyone," Tom said, "and it stresses that everyone can get multiple benefits from their property."

The premise of the book is different in

that the landscape ideas are based on the needs of four different personality types: peaceful, party, perfect and bold, and that person's corresponding landscape needs. Tom has been using this system in his business for years, he said, and it really helps people realize what they like.

Krause Publishing first approached Tom to write the book early last year but the real writing and photo taking for the book began in September. He finished writing it under a tight deadline of November 15, and edited it over the winter. The writing did come easily, he says, because he has completed a few in-house manuals for Eco-Building and Forestry customers.

Tom, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and a former board president, studied forest management and urban forestry at UWSP and worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, various building and construction companies and as a municipal arborist for the City of Stevens Point before founding Eco-Building and Forestry in 1988. He and his wife, **Kathy Clarke-Girolamo**, '84, moved their business and home to Mosinee in 1995, and have created their own sustainable property. He earned a permaculture design certificate in 2005 from the Permaculture Research Institute.

All of his experiences as a landscaper have led Tom to have his own personal definition of sustainability. "If it truly benefits you than it is truly sustainable," he says. "If it benefits your mind, body and soul, and is truly good for you, it is also good for the environment."

For more information about sustainable landscaping, see Tom's Web site, [www.landscapes4life.com](http://www.landscapes4life.com).

**Andrea (Casper) Caron**, '03, Sault Ste Marie, Mich., is a 4-H program associate for Michigan State University Extension. She married Jason Caron in June 2007 and the two enjoy living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

**Jennifer (Konopacki) Cherek**, '03, ME '08, Green Bay, is a high school science teacher for the Green Bay school district. She married **Matt Cherek**, '00, in October 2005 and had their reception at UWSP.

**Heidi (Savage) Onken**, '03, Eagan, Minn., married David Onken in December. They are moving to Paris, France, to work as missionaries for Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Cindy Tesch**, '03, Dover, Ark., is the coordinator of Greek Life and Student Organizations at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. She completed a master's degree in higher education at UW-Madison.

**Andrea (Brown) Galván**, '02, Green Bay, married Carlos Galván in August. Wedding participants included **Alyssa Brown**, '06, Green Bay, and **Kjell Luetschwager**, '03, New Richmond, and UWSP students Ashley Brown and Zach Vruwink.

The Toy Box Theatre, founded by UWSP alumni **Jonathan Barsness**, '01, Brooklyn, N.Y., **Scott Delacruz**, '00, Gundle, N.Y. and **David (Michael) Holmes**, '02, Brooklyn, N.Y., will premiere its own adaptation of John Ford's 1642 drama *'Tis Pity She's A Whore* in the fall, with the twist of setting it in modern day high society. Their fall 2008 production, *When It Stands Still*, was their most successful to date, selling out four of nine performances and receiving a glowing review. For more on Toy Box, go to [www.toyboxtheatre.com](http://www.toyboxtheatre.com).

**Matthew Berlowski**, '01, Appleton, is dean of students and an emotional behavior disorders teacher at Appleton North High School. His wife, **Teri Fiegel-Berlowski**, '03, teaches family and consumer education at North.

**Debbie Briggs**, '01, Roseville, Minn., is a professional actress in the Twin Cities. She has lived in New York, London and Alaska and has traveled to Egypt, Greece and Italy with her boyfriend, Dave. In addition to acting and painting, she is learning to play ukulele. She will be moving soon to further her career, she says, and "is looking forward to the next big adventure life has to offer."

**Greg Kolodziej**, '01, Stevens Point, is an environmental health specialist for the Wood County Health Department in Wisconsin Rapids. He is married to Lori.

**Kristin (Corens) Kovacs**, '01, Mounds View, Minn., teaches seventh grade life science for the Wayzata, Minn., school district. She earned a master's degree in teaching from Hamline University after a year as a naturalist at an environmental learning center.

**Crystal Frank**, '01, Almond, was named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and received a \$1,000 check for her school's music program. Crystal teaches elementary level music and choir at the middle and high school levels. She is married to Russ.

**Dawn Schlund**, '01, Madison, is assistant director of Residence Life at Edgewood College.

**Tracy Chagnon**, '00, De Pere, is the 2009 state president of the Wisconsin Junior Chamber Jaycees, heading 51 local chapters with a membership of 1, 500 statewide. She works for One Communications.

**John Gardner**, '00, Bay View, is a senior account executive for Zeppos & Associates, Inc., in Milwaukee.

**Lori (Bohman) Helsten**, '00, Stratford, is a senior merchandise analyst for Figi's in Marshfield. Her husband, **Brad Helsten**, '00, is a mathematics teacher for the Greenwood school district. The couple met at UWSP and were married in Jamaica in 2007.

**Ryan Hermus**, '00, Neenah, is a registered nurse at ThedaCare. He earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2007 and is currently pursuing a master's degree as an advanced practice nurse practitioner at UW-Oshkosh.

## 1990s

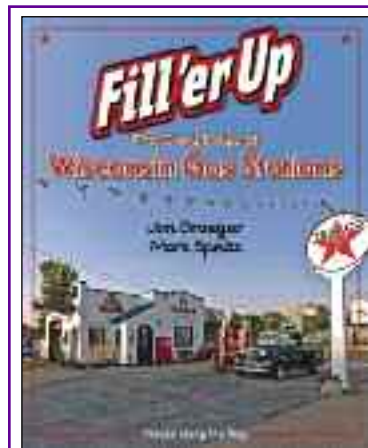
*"I can't, and don't want to, imagine what my life would be like without the people I met or the experiences I had while going to Point." - Roxie (Fink) Pawluk '90*

**Ellen Voie**, '99, Green Bay, founded Women in Trucking in 2007 to support and encourage women in the trucking industry, and it has grown to over 1,300 members in little over a year.

**Sam Handley**, '98, Chicago, shared the stage with **Garrett Jones**, '01, at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Sam is a singer in *Lyric*, the first of five productions he is involved in this season. Jones is a principal dancer in the opera, *Manon*, and is a member of Chicago's Concert Dance, Inc.

**Jason Revolinski**, '98, Neenah, is an internal medicine specialist for ThedaCare Physicians in Neenah. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed his residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals.

**Erin (Payne) Ruppenthal**, '98, Madison, was named UWSP's Department of Communication Alumna of the Year. She is the vice president of public relations and marketing at S&L Hospitality in Fitchburg.



**Jim Draeger**, '80, Monona, an architectural historian with the Wisconsin Historical Society, co-authored *Fill'er Up: The Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations* with Mark Speltz, published by Wisconsin Historical Society Press ([www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress)) last fall. Richly illustrated with historic and contemporary photos

and advertising images, the nostalgic book shows how gas stations evolved and how they should be preserved. It is the first book in the Places Along the Way series by the historical society press. Jim and his wife, **Cindy (Greve) Draeger**, '78, have a son, Nick.



**Robert Willging**, '83, Rhinelander, authored *On the Hunt: The History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin*, through the Wisconsin Historical Press ([www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress)). The book explores how technology, traditions, ethics, logging, farming, urban sprawl, game management and chronic wasting disease have affected

deer hunting in Wisconsin. It also includes humorous anecdotes about deer camps, famous hunters and "the one that got away." A wildlife biologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Robert and his wife, Deirdre, have two children.

**Glen Poole**, '97, Englewood, Colo., coordinates field operations and maintenance on Arapahoe County's parks. He earned a master's degree from the University of Denver in 2007. Pictured are Glen, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, Hannah and Emma.



**Rochelle 'Shelli' (Kitzke) Urness**, '83, Nisswa, Minn., has earned a master of arts degree in management with high honors from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. She is the director of the Riverwood Foundation in Aitkin, Minn., a philanthropic arm of the Riverwood Healthcare Center.



**Christina Oertel**, '04, Plover, won the maurices National Project Handbag design contest after online voting. She received a trip to New York City and was part of a runway show to unveil the bag, which is now sold exclusively in maurices stores across the country. Christina is a graphic designer for Communications Logistics Inc in Plover. She and her husband have two sons.

**Kim (Vento) Ryan**, '98, Watertown, is an early childhood special education teacher in Johnson Creek and is married to Kevin.

**Jeremiah Johnson**, '97, New Richmond, is a mechanic for the city of Minneapolis. He and his wife, Melissa, have a daughter, Alexandra, and a son, Riley.

**Melissa Schmieder**, '97, Boston, Mass., and Peter Christensen announce the birth of Samantha Ann in August.

**Jeremy Solin**, '97, Stevens Point, director of Learning Experiences and Activities in Forestry (LEAF) at UWSP, was a panelist at the first national Green Charter School Network Conference held in Madison in November. He holds a master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and has won UWSP's 2008 Spirit of Community Service Award and the CNR Outreach Award.

**Veronica Block Campbell**, '96, MS '07, teaches family and consumer sciences in the Clintonville school district.

**Gail (Hardinger) Orchard**, '96, Green Bay, married David Orchard in October 2007. Gail is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the state of Wisconsin.

**Sarah (Wanserski) Nelson**, '95, Littleton, Colo., a project manager for Standard and Poors, and her husband, **Scott Nelson**, '95, an open space technician for Highlands Ranch Metro Districts, have a son and daughter.

**David Schmidt**, '95, Phoenix, Ariz., works for Inverness Medical, a medical diagnostic company. Previously he worked for Hemex Laboratories. He enjoys traveling, working on his home and exploring the state's culinary scene.

**Candee Wolf**, MA '95, Minneapolis, was named to the 2009 Minnesota Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Executive Committee. She is the director of marketing and communications for American Dental Partners and its dental affiliates and has been active in the Minnesota PRSA for 11 years.

**Jim Barrett**, '94, Washington D.C., is a public affairs specialist for the Animal and Plant Inspection Service within the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Riverdale, Md. He participated in the Mark Bingham Cup rugby tournament in Dublin, Ireland, last June and plays for the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club in D.C., where he has lived for 10 years.

**Arlene Schulze**, MS '94, Merrill, authored *Helping Children Become Readers Through Writing: A Guide to Writing Workshop in Kindergarten*, published by the International Reading Association. She has worked as a literary consultant for the Merrill school district and as a literary coach for the Marathon school district.

**Victoria (Lu) Bird**, '93, Pinecrest, Fla., is a doctor of urology in Miami and is married to Vincent. She plans on having her children attend UWSP.

**Jimmy Husain**, '93, Charleston, W.V., is the manager of business intelligence and data warehouse for BrickStreet Insurance in Charleston.

**Christie (Weisensel) Sunderrajan**, '93, Rochester, N.Y., is a New York State professional engineer and credits her degree in paper science for helping her pass the state exam.

**Bobbi Jo (Morris) Hannu**, '92, and Donovan Hannu, St. Paul, Minn., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Henry Lloyd. Bobbi Jo writes, "Grandma and Grandpa have offered to babysit so we can go to Homecoming 2009!"

**Kristin Hoffman**, '92, Hartford, Conn., was honored among "40 Under 40" University of Connecticut alumni. Kristin earned her Juris Doctorate degree there in 1998 and owns her own federal immigration law practice. She has been recognized for her pro bono work representing immigrant victims of domestic abuse and has been recognized annually as one of the Best Lawyers in America since 2005.

**Troy Runge**, '92, Edgar, will become the director of the Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative, a partnership in bioenergy research, outreach, training and economic development in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at UW-Madison on May 1. Previously he was research director for Kimberly-Clark Corp. He holds a master's degree and doctorate from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is married to **Kristin (Wanless) Runge**, '92.

**Roy Anderson**, '91, Portland, Ore., is a senior consultant at The Beck Group, a forest products planning and consulting firm. He and his wife, Jennie, announce the birth of their daughter, Willa, who joins brothers Roy, Pete and Jake.

**Kevin Burns**, '91, MS '94, Tomahawk, is the new Vallier Treehaven resident ecologist at UWSP's Treehaven field station. A 25-year U.S. Army veteran who received the Bronze Star for his duty during Iraqi Freedom III, he previously worked for Forest Reserve Services of Gaylord, Mich., and was a forest manager in Michigan and Wisconsin.

**Aaron Henderson**, '91, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a graphic artist with the New York Times Regional Media Group in Tuscaloosa. Previously he worked for Capital Newspapers as a creative services supervisor. He married **Michele (Firkus) Henderson**, '94, in Las Vegas on July 7, 2007, and the couple honeymooned in Tahiti.

**John Krause**, '91, Green Bay, has taught at Pulaski High School for 17 years, coaching football, basketball and track at all levels. He heads the social studies department and he and his wife, Kathy, have three children.

**Heather Rogers**, '91, Delafield, is a self-employed chiropractor. She is married to Robert.

**Susan Tegen**, '91 MSE '94, Green Bay, received the Pat Bricker Research Award from the Wisconsin State Reading Association in February for work on a book give-away program designed to improve family attendance at school literacy events. Susan is a reading specialist at Howard Elementary School in Green Bay.

**Kathleen Theisen**, '91, Greenwich, Conn., is an adjunct professor of piano at Western Connecticut State University and maintains a piano and voice studio in Greenwich. She is a frequent performer in the area and collaborates with poet Robert Siegel. She is active in several professional music associations.

**Jill (Garson) Fleming**, '90, La Crosse, owns Simple Lifestyle Choices in La Crosse and is an award-winning speaker, registered dietitian and author of "Thin People Don't Clean Their Plates." She presents wellness presentations with tips at [www.SimpleLifestyleChoices.com](http://www.SimpleLifestyleChoices.com). Her husband, **Colin Fleming**, '91, was her college neighbor and is now a vice president for Altra Credit Union.

**Roxie (Fink) Pawluk**, '90, Rockford, Ill., runs her own bookkeeping service for small businesses and is still swimming. She is married to Mark.

## 1980s

**Mark Hartzheim**, '89, Minocqua, is a designated broker for Rynders Development Co. He married **Traci (Pirk) Hartzheim**, '00, in September. Traci is a music teacher in the Mercer school district.

**Jeff Haines**, '88, Janesville, works for General Motors.

**Jeff Klemp**, '87, Franklin, was named Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week in November. He is a mathematics teacher and the head football coach at Franklin High School. He is married to **Amy (Neitzel) Klemp**, '86.

**Lori (Hall) Haschke**, '86, New Lisbon, is the K-12 program coordinator for the cognitively disabled in Adams-Friendship schools. She is married to Bret.

**Laurie (Woodruff) Mosher**, '86, Sun Prairie, is a watercolor artist for New Creation Art and an office manager for IBC Bookkeeping LLC. She and her husband, Mark, have 14-year-old twin daughters.

**Elizabeth 'Betsy' Godwin**, '85, Chicago, Ill., is a biology teacher in Park Ridge, Ill. One of her best UWSP memories is playing in the Bluegrass Festival.

**Alan Lemke**, '85, Round Rock, Texas, is a project manager for the Small and Medium Business Division for Dell Inc. in Round Rock. A performing musician and cancer survivor, he volunteers with the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

**Ann (Salm) Loehrke**, '85, Appleton, married William Loehrke in October.

**Jim Orr**, '85, Madison, is in sales with Spectrum Contracting in Grafton.

**Janet (Dybro) Benner**, '84, Apple Valley, Minn., is a special education paraprofessional in Rosemount, Minn., and her husband, **Steve Benner**, '85, is a benefits consultant for Hays Companies in Minneapolis. They have a son and twin daughters.

**Dee (Schuelke) Morgan**, '83, Cheyenne, Wyo., is a retired attorney. She enjoys living near the mountains with her partner, Mary Hoffman.

**Paul Reifenrath**, '83, Mosinee, a doctor of veterinary medicine, is a fisheries veterinarian for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources within the UWSP Biology Department. Paul's wife, **Jean (Zirbel) Reifenrath**, MS '90, is a senior area rehabilitation director for People First Healthcare in Wausau.

**Vicki (Hanrahan) Ainslie**, '82, Decatur, Ga., is a senior research scientist at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her husband, **William Ainslie**, MS '83, is a wetlands scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Julie (Pudleiner) Thies**, '82, Homewood, Ill., married **Mark Wurl**, '81, in June 2006 with Pointers **Mark Hoff**, '82, Duluth, Minn.; **Rick Boyle**, '83 (now deceased); **Peter David**, '80, Albuquerque, N.M.; **Jeff Meehan**, '80, Mound, Minn.; **Lynn (Johnson) Wurl**, '86, Tomahawk; **Bill Doucette**, last attended '80; and **Darlene (Morren) Wurl**, '48, Tomahawk, in attendance. The couple honeymooned in the Dodecanese Islands of Greece and in Munich, Germany.

**Sharon Gilbert**, '70, MME '81, received the \$3,000 Wisconsin Special Services Teacher of the Year Award, presented to her by State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. Sharon teaches music at Humke Elementary School in Nekoosa.

**Vilma (Lopez) Weigand**, '81, Kingman, Ariz., owns and operates her own translation business. She has traveled and lived in about 18 countries and has lived in Arizona for 17 years.

**Rick Adamski**, '80, Seymour, is an organic dairy farmer. He and his wife, Valerie Dantoin, have two children, Andrew and Genna. "My agriculture background was complimented by the holistic natural resources teachings in the CNR," he said.

**Mary Wimmer**, '80, Pewaukee, authored *Reaching Shore*, a young adult novel that juxtaposes the history of the tragic wreck of the steamship Lady Elgin on Lake Michigan with the insights of a modern Irish teenager. The book debuted at Irish Fest 2007 and recently won first place in the children/young adult literature category from the Midwest Independent Publishers Association. Mary is a school psychologist.



**John Holman**, '73, Delafield, recently received this photo taken in front of the University Center during UWSP Homecoming 1973. Pictured is **Brooks Feldmann**, '73, Fond du Lac (top), **Daniel Murphy**, '73, La Crosse (left) and **John** (right).



**Donald Prettyman**, '63, Duluth, Minn., is a semiretired farmer. The first UWSP Letters and Science graduate to qualify as a soil scientist and be employed by the U.S. Forest Service. He worked for the forest service in Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Vermont and Wisconsin, co-authoring several publications and assisting in the training of Apollo 15 crew in identifying earthen materials. He completed post-graduate work at Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Minnesota, where he was a senior scientist. He was a guest lecturer at Lakehead University in Ontario, Canada, and a professional guest of the Soviet Academy of Science. He also developed an independent land management firm. He is married to Mary.



A group of Hyer Hall and Neale Hall roommates gathered at the home of **Bill Ehlenbeck**, '87, Beaver Dam, in September, including, back row, from left, **Grant Winslow**, '89, De Pere; **Jeff Bilitz**, '87, Fond du Lac; **Scott Johnson**, '88, Rhinelander; and front row, from left, **Dan Titus**, '86, Sun Prairie, Bill and **Tom Turbinski**, last attended, '85.



**Harriet (Hotvedt) Torkelson**, '39, Merrill, and her 1939 Central State Teachers College rural-state graded course classmates again gathered in Stevens Point for their annual reunion last September. The group includes, in the back row, from left, **Vivian (Haack) Kramer**, Abbotsford; **Harriet**; **Kathryn (Ciula) Witkowski**, Stevens Point; and **Joyce (Sullivan) Benson**, Stevens Point. In the front, from left, are **Elsie (Schnettpelz) Radl**, Oshkosh; and **Marjorie (Pipe) Johnson**, Waupaca. "We all agreed that maybe next year, being it would mark 70 years since we graduated, it would be our last get-together," said Harriet. "But then, who knows? Elsie promised to bring a cake!"

## 1970s

**Kathy Dederich**, '79, Grayslake, Ill., founded and operates Chef, Please!, a personal chef service offered in the comfort of your own home in the Chicagoland and southeastern Wisconsin areas. She also has been owner and the president of Badger Press, Inc. in Libertyville, Ill., since 1983.

**Cheryl (Zocher) Strunk**, '79, Athens, is the district secretary and head track coach for the Athens school district. She fought breast cancer in 2005 while leading her boys track team to state and encouraging them to have confidence and a positive attitude, she says.

## Fritz Wenzel on 'staying young'

By Adam Thompson, UWSP Senior

"You have to stay young," said **Frederick "Fritz" Wenzel**, '56, Monona, "and you know how you do that? You hang out with young people." For Fritz, staying young doesn't seem too difficult to do given that he teaches graduate school courses and is an active outdoor enthusiast.

Fritz majored in chemistry and minored in biology and English at UWSP. "I was a researcher in my first life," said Fritz, "I was interested in what made things work." While Fritz was at UWSP, he and a group of classmates would sit and talk with one of their professors on a regular basis about research and what was happening in the world of biology.

Fritz went on to obtain his MBA in health care at the University of Chicago. "I love science, business and writing," said Fritz. He has co-authored more than a hundred scientific and managerial papers and has written several books as well.

After finishing his MBA, Fritz left his scientific career and began working as a business professional at the Marshfield Clinic. There he became the executive director, a position he held for 17 years. When he assumed the role, the clinic had just finished a building project which left it in poor financial condition. Fritz put together a management team and, in just a couple years, restored the clinic's financial health. In addition, he and his team developed a regional clinic system covering central and northern Wisconsin, expanded a regional laboratory system, and acquired the Greater Marshfield Community Health Plan, now called the Security Health Plan. Fritz is presently an emeritus member on the Marshfield Clinic National Advisory Council.

After retiring from the Marshfield Clinic in 1993, Fritz wanted to share his knowledge and experience with others. He was planning a teaching career when he was interrupted and asked to serve as the interim executive vice president and CEO of the Medical Group Management Association in Denver, Colo. He was asked to serve just one year, but he ended up staying for three. Fritz left this position in 1996.

Fritz now teaches mostly online courses at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, where he's an assistant professor in the Management Department and the MBA Health Care Program, which he helped found. "I enjoy helping graduates with their research and writing," said Fritz.

What motivates Fritz to teach? "Well, when a student comes up to me and says, 'You know, that stuff we've been discussing and the advice you've shared is really motivating me,' that's why I'm here," said Fritz. "To see a student doing well and having the feeling of having been a part of their career is terrific."

In addition to teaching at St. Thomas, Fritz is also on faculty at the University of Colorado in Denver, where he conducts summer and winter courses both on campus and online through distance learning.

While he is a busy man, he still makes time for fun. For example, since the 1960s he has been climbing mountains, despite knee replacement surgery in early 2008. Fritz and a friend took mountain climbing classes in Washington, and Fritz became instantly hooked.

"I have climbed mountains well over 18,000 feet," he said. Fritz doesn't climb alone. He climbs with his son and son-in-law, which makes the excursions even more amazing. Some mountains he and his family have tackled include El Pico de Orizaba in South America, Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, and the Kala Patthar in Nepal, which has "one of the best views of Mount Everest you will ever find." In addition to being an avid climber, he also sails and, when the weather turns cold he resorts to skiing.

Through teaching, mountain climbing, and other activities, it seems that Fritz will indeed remain forever young.

**Bob Weber**, '79, Aurora, Ill., is director of business development for Dan Wolf Lexus of Naperville, Ill., and owns Absolute Digital DJs music service. His wife, **Rita (Danczyk) Weber**, last attended '79, is a customer service representative for Hertz Corp. in Chicago. The couple has two children. Bob recalls how Chancellor Lee Dreyfus used his off-campus house to join the Republican Party in 1978 and how, as director of 90FM, he did weekly radio interviews with Dreyfus.

**Karin Berg Zieminski**, last attended '78, Milwaukee, is a case manager for Set Ministry public housing in Milwaukee. She attended UWSP while Lee Dreyfus was chancellor and completed her degree at UW-Madison while he was governor, she notes. She is married to Larry. Karin would like to hear from residents of Neale and Steiner halls from 1977-78.



Fritz Wenzel at the peak of Mount El Pico de Orizaba in Mexico.



Last June, 15 UWSP graduates and former and current UWSP faculty and staff members took a 300 mile rafting trip down the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. The group included **Kathe Carter**, Charles Crandall, former UWSP athletic trainer, Stevens Point; **Ellen Dell**, '81, Mosinee; **Lauren Ebbecke**, MS '92, Stevens Point; **Cyndy Forsythe**, '78, Waupun; Anne Graham, former UWSP biology instructor, Stevens Point; Larry Graham, UWSP professor emeritus of paper science, Stevens Point; Alan Haney, UWSP professor emeritus of forestry, Custer; **John Miech**, '75, UWSP football coach, Stevens Point; **Sheila Miech**, '78, UWSP soccer coach, Stevens Point; Suzanne Montabon; John Munson, former UWSP professor of Health Promotion and Human Development, Stevens Point; Carl Rasmussen, UWSP director of Facilities Planning, Stevens Point; Lynn Rasmussen, Stevens Point; and **Laurie Reetz**, '81, Stevens Point.

*"I am so thankful I attended UW-Stevens Point. Life was simpler then and as I think back, they were the best four years of my life."*  
**Larry Edwards, '71**

**William Johnson**, '77, Molalla, Ore., is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Milwaukie, Ore.

**John Rawinski**, '77, Monte Vista, Colo., is retired after a 30-year career as a U.S. Forest Service soil scientist in Colorado, during which he mentored many UWSP students. He now spends time with his wife, Lisa, and chauffeurs his two daughters. His plans include finishing a book on birding in Colorado, traveling and playing drums in a classic rock band on the weekends. "It's a tough job that someone has to do," he says. Contact him at [cougar@fone.net](mailto:cougar@fone.net).

**Beverly (Breitenfeldt) Zimmerman**, '77, Yarnell, Ariz., has been a U.S. Postal Service postmaster for 25 years, serving in Roosevelt and Yarnell. Previously she taught physical education and health and coached at Tigerton High School.

**Jill (Huenink) Schneeberg**, '76, Madison, is a nutrition consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in Madison.

**Patricia Benson**, '75, Elgin, Ill., writes that her niece attends UWSP and she visited the campus with her family in January for the swimming and diving finals.

(**James**) **Alan Jenkins**, '74, Fairchild, has owned a marketing communications agency since 1983. He was recently honored by the national Livestock Publications Council for editing the 2007 edition of *Suri Llama*, an annual publication of the Suri Llama Association. An editor for many years, he is a published poet, book reviewer and essayist and has won an award for poetry.

**Vicki (Peterson) Jenks**, '74, Wild Rose, received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement in Education Award from the Percussion Arts Society in November. A faculty member at Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor since 1994, she also founded the percussion program at the University of Texas-El Paso, owned and operated Wisconsin's largest private percussion studio for 20 years and has performed and taught on four continents.

**Gary Josephson**, '73, Waukesha, serves on the American Academy of Actuaries Board of Directors as the vice president of its Casualty Practice Council and member of the Executive Committee. A consulting actuary in Milliman Inc.'s Brookfield office, Gary is a trustee for the Actuarial Foundation and fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society. He is married to **Marianne (Brown) Josephson**, '73.

**Norman Matson**, '73, Fairfield, Calif., was recently honored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 35 years of work for the Forest Service in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Alaska and Nevada. He is now the regional appeals coordinator for the Pacific Southwest Region in Vallejo, Calif. His wife, **Shirley (Badtke) Matson**, '73, is a writer/editor for the Forest Service.

**Alan Capelle**, '72, MS '75, Oregon, is an administrator and professor at the Madison campus of Upper Iowa University. He has helped create degree programs, several eco-education classes and a minor in sustainability. His wife, **Sue (Wilson) Capelle**, '75, is a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing for the Oregon school district.

**Mary (Hundley) Jackl**, '72, Phelps, has retired after 32 years of elementary school teaching. She and her husband, John, live on a sheep farm. A long time spinner and weaver, she now devotes her time to her business, Whataview Weaver ([www.whataviewfarmandfiber.com](http://www.whataviewfarmandfiber.com)), creating and selling yarn, rugs, runners, felted wool hats and articles created from recycled materials. She also participates in art shows across the state.

**Helen (Rackow) Johannes**, '72, MST '95, Marshfield, is a senior lecturer in the English Department at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. She is married to **Richard Johannes**, '70, who is a retired U.S. Department of Agriculture soil scientist.

**Richard Kaminski**, '72, Starkville, Miss., a professor and associate dean of wildlife ecology at Mississippi State University, has been named the James C. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation in MSU's College of Forest Resources. He was named one of Outdoor Life magazine's top 25 individuals making major contributions to hunting, fishing and outdoor sports and he was also named a Fellow of the Wildlife Society.

**Kathryn (McNamara) Sanders**, '72, Broken Arrow, Okla., is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., and is the president of the Oklahoma Counseling Association. She is married to Mark.

**Nancy Schopf**, '72, Green Bay, is vice president of education and leadership for the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Edward Albert**, '71, Albuquerque, N.M., is retired. If anyone is interested, he'll give tours of the Albuquerque area. His wife of nearly 50 years, Beatrice, passed away in 2003.

**Larry Edwards**, '71, Centennial, Colo., is a broker associate with Keller Williams real estate. He previously spent 35 years in the paper industry. He and his wife, Judy, have two children. He is interested in connecting with Hansen Hall wing mates (East wing, 1967-71) and swim teammates (1967-70).

**Michael Kaddatz**, '71, Laguna Niguel, Calif., is director of administration and counseling for Bickmore Risk Services and Consulting based in Sacramento, Calif. He has worked as a risk management counselor for more than 30 years, co-founding ARM Tech in 1982 and serving as its managing director until 2008. Previously he worked for Southern California Edison and Employers Insurance of Wausau. He is active in several professional organizations, authored numerous articles and spoken at professional conferences. He is married to Mary Ann.

**Rebecca Perry**, '70, Crandon, a physician at Ministry Medical Group in Crandon, was nominated for the 2008 Country Doctor of the Year Award. She earned a medical degree at UW-Madison and completed her residency at Marshfield Clinic/St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. She has worked in Crandon since 1981.

**Kelly Watkins**, '70, Phoenix, Ariz., is a service representative for Medicis in Scottsdale, Ariz. She is looking for fellow Pointers in the Phoenix area.

**Ric Zarwell**, '70, Lansing, Iowa, took part in a bird-a-thon in South China last fall to raise funds for China's first citizen-established bird conservation and education program. He and other participants identified 366 species and raised more than \$4,500. They plan another trip in 2010.

## 1960s

**John Klesmith**, '69, Columbus, Ohio, is a senior project manager for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus. John is looking for other UWSP alumni in the Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati areas.

**James Cropper**, '67, Greensboro, N.C., retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service last April after 41 years of service. A Vietnam veteran, he now is a part-time farmer with his brother. He is married to Maria.

**Myra Scott Nye**, '65, Antigo, wrote and illustrated *Teacher, Heez Wawken on the Tabl*, featuring the spoken words of her kindergarten students throughout her teaching career in Antigo and Wausau. Net profits will help needy children. Her husband, **Ronald Nye**, '66, is a retired Antigo teacher who serves as an Antigo town and county supervisor.

**Ermen "The Fox" Fedel**, '65, Nipomo, Calif., is a retired educator who started and now curates the SciTechatoriu science museum for children ([www.scitechatorium.org](http://www.scitechatorium.org)). He also is director of the Arroyo Grande Sportsman's Club. Previously he taught science in the Simi Valley in California for 32 years, fished in national bass tournaments and was a volunteer at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. He and his wife, Mary, have three children and five grandchildren and for several years lived adjacent to where the show *Little House on the Prairie* was filmed.

## 1950s

**Joyce (Scheelk) Ashbeck**, '56, Iron River, Mich., taught in Wabeno. She has been married 50 years and has six children and 13 grandchildren.

**Mary Ann (Barten) Abrahamson**, '57, and **Harvin Abrahamson**, '48, Wauwatosa, married while enrolled at UWSP and have been married 61 years. The couple still travels and looks forward to a few more good years.

# Pointer family business helps environment

The Krueger family has been living the American dream and creating a Pointer legacy for 34 years through their family owned environmental laboratory, Northern Lake Service Inc., (NLS) in Crandon.

What began as a water chemistry lab in their garage led **Ron Krueger**, '65, and his wife, **Winnie (Lauby) Krueger**, '64, and their son, **R.T.**, '91, now the CEO of the business, to operate a business that now employs ten Pointers as well as 23 other employees. Many of their former employees have ties to UWSP.

Current Pointer employees include Tom Priebe, Dave Lyons, Andy Ostrowski, Steve Hefter, Craig Caselton, Troy Armstrong and Nicole Felde. NLS also hires locally with good results and limited turnover. "The work ethic up here is unbeatable," notes Winnie.

NLS is run in a state-of-the-art facility in downtown Crandon that analyzes drinking water, surface water, wastewater, industrial waste and soil samples for more than 700 clients in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Until recently, clients were those in Wisconsin or Michigan's Upper Peninsula whose operating permits require scheduled monitoring, but a new Environmental Protection Agency water testing initiative has expanded the business greatly. Northern Lake Service conducted about 120,000 analyses on more than 35,000 samples in 2008.

So how have they thrived in such a competitive field? According to Ron, "Client satisfaction is important because our service is an expensive, mandated one that clients don't necessarily want to spend operational dollars on, so we have to provide the best value."

"We have two simple business basics," adds R.T., "we produce the best data backed by the best client service." When calling the lab you are greeted with a live person and are only one transfer away from a client service rep, quality control officer or analyst.

"In addition to being competitive, this is a very capital and labor intensive business that only product is a final report containing lots of numbers," said Ron. "With little business background, we learned early on that more dollars need to come in than go out. Lab



**R.T., Ron and Winnie Krueger at the family owned environmental laboratory, Northern Lake Service Inc.**

clients demand the best value for that to happen in a competitive marketplace. And we need to make the right risk/return decisions when contemplating purchase of new instrumentation or involvement in new environmental programs."

While good science has been the basis for the lab business, the Kruegers believe good writing and communication skills are critical for their employees. And R.T. credits a speech class at UWSP for honing the presentation skills he is routinely called upon to use.

Ron and R.T. often switch roles when contemplating a significant business move. "I'm not always the risk taker; sometimes I'm the conservative one," said R.T.

When asked about people that have inspired Ron, he credited Winnie, whom he met in Mary Elizabeth Smith's English class at Wisconsin State College-Stevens Point in 1960, for keeping the household together with three young children when the business was in its infancy.

"Winnie used the envelope budget system back then. If the envelope was empty, we didn't buy it," said Ron. R.T. and his brother Jeff started working for the business in grade school washing sample bottles for two cents each. Ron joked, "R.T. did receive a raise last year, he makes four cents a bottle now!"



## 'Name your seat' underway

The "Name Your Seat" campaign is offering alumni and friends the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at UWSP by naming newly installed seats in Michelsen Hall and Jenkins Theatre.

The recently launched campaign will create classroom seats for students by establishing new scholarships in Departments of Art & Design, Music, Theatre & Dance, Division of Communication and Aber Suzuki Center. Seats can be dedicated by making a tax-deductible investment of \$250 in the College of Fine Arts & Communication (COFAC) Scholarship Fund.

"Our goal is to establish an endowment which will provide a seat in our classrooms for several intellectually curious, gifted and bright people each year," noted Jeff Morin, COFAC dean.

"The Name Your Seat campaign offers alumni an affordable and visible naming opportunity while providing essential scholarships for students," said CJ Robinson, COFAC director of development. "We've seen many people dedicate seats to celebrate important dates, honor some special and commemorate their experience as a Pointer."

Already nearly 100 seats have been dedicated by faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Their investment in students is recognized with a three-inch personalized brass plaque attached to the armrest of each seat.

To learn more about the Name Your Seat campaign, including unique corporate section naming opportunities, please contact CJ Robinson, 715-346-3056 or go to [www.uwsp.edu/cofac/campaigns/seatnaming.html](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/campaigns/seatnaming.html)

## Keep in touch

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name (if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ or last year attended \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Hall: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

City of employer \_\_\_\_\_

### Spouse/Partner information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name (if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ or last year attended \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

City of employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Activities, organizations, athletics and other groups participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

An online form is available on our Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni)

Note: Please return this form before June 30, 2009, to be included in the Fall 2009 issue.

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

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208 Old Main, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
E-mail: [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

## Remembering UWSP alumni

The UWSP Alumni Association has been notified of the following deaths. For full obituaries, go to [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/obits](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/obits).

# In Memoriam

### 2000s

**Dawn Marie Dupee,** '02, Alma

**Melissa Bobholz,** '04, Milwaukee

### 1990s

**William Hessefort,** '94, Marshfield

**Susan Carpenter,** '93, Wisconsin Rapids

### 1980s

**Barbara Wyman,** MST '88, Marshfield

**Chad Albers,** '85, De Pere

**Janice Burns,** '85, Stevens Point

**John "Jack" Polich,** '84, Ironwood

**Rich Grayson,** '83, Libertyville, Ill.

**Michael Krueger,** '81, Campbellsport

### 1970s

**Kenneth W. Spencer,** '79, Stevens Point

**Jeffrey Curti,** '78, Wisconsin Rapids

**Joseph Skibinski,** '77, Stevens Point

**Carolyn S. Studley,** '77, Wisconsin Rapids

**David Page,** '76, Stevens Point

**Ken Flood,** '75, Appleton

**Helen Johnson,** '75, Stevens Point

**Russel Schlosser,** '75, Plover

**Gloria Kautza,** '74, Omro

**Elizabeth Wilkes,** '74, San Antonio, Texas

**Mark Beyer,** '73, Hillsboro

### 1960s

**Hazel Lehman,** '68, Laona

**Dale Schambureck,** '67, Two Rivers

**Ronald Zinda,** '66, Stevens Point

**Mary Hastreiter Kerr,** '65, Scandia

**William Shay,** '65, Waukesha

**William Eickelmann,** '64, Brookfield

**Viola Ginzl,** '64, Crandon

**Richard Lehman,** '63, Merrill

**Shirley Dobbe,** '62, Sheboygan

**Rae West,** '61, Stevens Point

### 1950s

**David Galecke,** '59, Plover

**George Hahner,** '59, Sturtevant

**Beryl Pascavis,** '59, Naples, Fla.

**Robert Wishowski,** '59, Ladysmith

**Mary Lou Marx,** '58, Waunakee

**Germaine Blaskey,** '54, Whitewater

**Robert Konopacky,** '53, Plover

**John Popeck,** '53, Springfield, Va.

**Raymond Boneske,** '52, Menasha

**Reta (Fontaine) Bellis,** '52, Fond du Lac

**Marjorie Abb,** '51, Appleton

**Charles Hanke,** '51, Eagle River

**Lois Webster,** '51, Plainfield

### 1940s

**Gladys (Rindfleisch) Dott,** '49, Madison

**Jean (Crosby) Stange,** '49, Hansville, Wash.

**James Saunders,** '44, La Crosse

### 1930s

**Minnie Dulmes,** '39, Adell

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

**Lorraine Dudley,** '36, Stevens Point

**Mary Jane (Kosovec) Olson,** '33, Tarrytown, N.Y.

### 1920s

**Catherine Roman,** '29, Stevens Point

### Correction

**William Ziegler,** '63, Madison, was incorrectly listed among deceased alumni in the Fall 2008 issue of the *Pointer Alumnus*. We regret the error and are happy to report that William is very much alive and in great health.

## Faculty obituaries



### Bryant Browne

*A tribute by Jenny Baeseman, '98, Tromso, Norway*

Bryant Browne, Stevens Point, a professor of soil and water resources, died December 6 at age 56 having battled esophageal cancer since January 2007.

On December 1, 2008, Bryant taught his last class at UWSP. As he lectured with his oxygen tank and eternal enthusiasm, it is certain that the students learned more about life and passion on that day than about water chemistry. Throughout his 15 years in the College of Natural Resources at UWSP, Bryant touched the hearts of many and demonstrated great scholarship winning both the Excellence in Teaching Award and Excellence in Research Award and patenting a process for collecting dissolved gases from water.

The students of UWSP have lost an amazing mentor; one that not only taught difficult subjects with ease and infectious energy, but a role model in the importance of continually learning, asking questions, and improving on whatever you do and to do so with passion. Les Werner, Bryant's friend and colleague, described a typical class with Bryant by saying, "The time his students spent out of the classroom on the Little Plover River or at Steinhaugen reflected his belief that a true understanding of natural processes requires a certain level of immersion, and I mean that literally. In Bryant's classes you did not learn about water or soil without getting wet or dirty and quite often the dirtiest and wettest of the people in the class was Bryant himself." It was this passion and zest for life that many remember and hope to achieve in their lives.

The Brooklyn native who grew up without fear of anything would tell stories of the nuns from his Catholic grammar school, adventures at Boston College, crazy times at UC-Berkeley and the joys of fatherhood. Those that knew him also have tales to tell about research field trips gone awry, sailing voyages that had an interesting twist and endless hours of conversation on topics from the molecular properties of alcohol to the meaning of life. Doc Browne was not just an academic; he was a friend and an inspiration to many. Bryant and his contagious appetite for life will sorely be missed. We can take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will live on through the many people he taught, and most notably, through the actions of those he inspired.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Kathryn Lane-Browne, and three daughters.



### Winthrop Difford

A professor emeritus of geography and geology, Winthrop Difford, Stevens Point, died October 17 at age 86.

He came to UWSP in 1968 as dean of the graduate program and director of summer session. In 1978 he became a member of the geography and geology faculty, developing the first oceanography offerings and administrating its graduate program. He retired in 1987.

He served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve, including during the Korean Conflict. He served as an engineering geologist and assistant state geologist, taught at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, headed field conferences for the National Science Foundation, co-wrote a text on oceanography and was a consultant to the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office. He held degrees from Mount Union College, West Virginia University and Syracuse University.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nedra, and a son. His second wife, Patti, and two daughters survive.



### John Gillesby

An associate professor emeritus of learning resources, **John Gillesby,** '78, Stevens Point, died August 17 at age 76.

He served as a reference librarian from 1958 until he retired in 1992. He also taught and developed the instructional resources curriculum. He was active in theatre activities on campus and appeared in numerous local productions. He earned degrees at Alma College in

Michigan and the University of Michigan. He worked at the Detroit Public Library and East Detroit High School before coming to UWSP.



### Fred Hilpert

Fred Hilpert, Stevens Point, an associate director of academic computing and director of institutional research, died September 16 at age 81.

After coming to UWSP in 1970, he taught research design course to natural resources graduate students and a computer course for undergraduates. He retired in 1989.

He earned a degree at the School of Mines in Butte, Mont., then was a mining engineer for Marathon Oil. He earned secondary degrees at Western Montana College and the University of Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

His wife, Patricia, survives, as do two sons.



### Gilbert Mages

A professor emeritus of mathematics and computing, Gilbert Mages, Stevens Point, died December 11 at age 69.

He began teaching at UWSP in 1965, then took leave to earn a doctorate at the University of Northern Colorado. He then returned and often taught summer workshops for elementary school mathematics teachers. He retired in 1999.

He also taught at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Alaska, and earned degrees at St. John's University and Bowdoin College.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, and three daughters.

### Faith Sanders

Faith Sanders, Whiting, an academic department associate in the Paper Science and Engineering Department, died January 31 at age 63.

She came to UWSP in 1997 and worked in the Network for Gifted Education Office and for UW-Extension Lakes, CNR, and UWSP Extension, joining paper science in 2001. She was active in the Classified Staff Advisory Council.

She is survived by three sons.



### Joseph Schuler Jr.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Joseph Schuler, Jr., Kerrville, Texas, died January 19 at age 77 after battling lung cancer for nearly five years.

He joined the faculty in 1957, spending his entire career at UWSP in the Philosophy Department. The campus' first specialist in the field, he served as chair of the department for six years and was also a tennis coach. He retired in 1995.

He and his wife, Eugenia, moved to Texas and also lived in Germany for two years. She and three children survive.

### Ruth Sylvester

An instructor in the School of Education, **Ruth Sylvester,** '64, Stevens Point, died November 9 at age 92.

She taught and supervised student teachers at the Gesell Institute for 10 years, retiring in 1981. She earned degrees from UW-Milwaukee and UWSP and taught kindergarten in Merrill for many years.

She is survived by her husband, William Sylvester, an emeritus professor of natural resources, and three daughters. Memorials may be made to the Sylvester Fund through the UWSP Foundation ([www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation)) to support the Treehaven Environmental Station in Tomahawk.

# 2009 Events Calendar

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

\*UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple

### MAY



**Department of Theatre and Dance**  
**Danstage**  
 May 1-3 & 7-9  
 Jenkins Theater, NFAC  
**First Nighters**, Friday, May 1,  
 5:30 p.m.

**Portage County Cultural Festival**  
 Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Stevens Point Area Senior High School

**BFA Exhibition**  
 May 3-16, Reception, Friday,  
 May 8, 3-6 p.m.  
 Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

**Chancellor's Leadership Awards**  
 Monday, May 4  
 Dreyfus University Center

**Alumni Association Senior Breakfast**  
 Monday, May 11, 9-11 a.m.  
 Alumni Room, Dreyfus University  
 Center

**Albertson Medallion Awards**  
 Saturday, May 15  
 Dreyfus University Center

**Spring Commencement**  
 Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
 Specht Forum/Sundial (weather  
 permitting)

**Summer Session**  
 Three-week session, May 26-June 12

**Monoprint 2009: A Gathering of  
 Artists**  
 May 28-June 4, Reception, Thursday,  
 June 4, 7-9 p.m.  
 Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

### JUNE

**Youth summer camps**  
 June-August  
 Central Wisconsin Environmental  
 Station  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes)

**Walk Wisconsin**  
 Saturday, June 6  
 Stevens Point Green Circle  
[www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com)

**Special Olympics Summer Games**  
 June 4-6  
 UWSP campus  
[www.specialolympicswisconsin.org](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org)

**Wausau Alumni Event**  
 Monday, June 16, 5:30 p.m.  
 Yawkey House/CLEED

**Camp COFAC - Music**  
 June 14-20  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/fineartscamp/](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/fineartscamp/)

**Summer Session**  
 Four-week session, June 15-July 10  
 Eight-week session, June 15-August 7  
[www.uwsp.edu/summersession](http://www.uwsp.edu/summersession)

**Superior/Duluth Alumni Event**  
 Saturday, June 20  
 Cirrus Design

**Camp COFAC-Studio Art**  
 June 21-27  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/fineartscamp/](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/fineartscamp/)

**Waupaca Alumni Event**  
 Tuesday, June 23  
 Chain O' Lakes

**Appleton Alumni Event**  
 Friday, June 26  
 Timber Rattler game  
 Fox Cities Stadium

### JULY

**Minneapolis Alumni Event**  
 Thursday, July 9  
 Bryant Lake Bowl

**Madison Alumni Event**  
 Thursday, July 15  
 House on the Rock

**Milwaukee Alumni Event**  
 Thursday, July 16  
 RiverWalk Fireworks Cruise

**2009 National Wellness Conference**  
 June 18-23  
[www.nationalwellness.org](http://www.nationalwellness.org)

**Green Bay Alumni Event**  
 Friday, July 24  
 Bullfrogs baseball game  
 Joannes Stadium

**BOW Kayak workshop**  
 July 24-26  
 Door County  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow)

**Family Camping Weekend**  
 July 24-26  
 Central Wisconsin Environmental  
 Station  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes)

**2009 American Suzuki Institute,  
 session one**  
 July 26-August 1  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki)

### August

**2008 American Suzuki Institute,  
 session two**  
 August 2-8  
[www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki](http://www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki)

**Summer BOW workshop**  
 August 21-23  
 Treehaven Field Station  
[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow)

### September

**Fall semester begins**  
 Wednesday, September 2

### October

**Department of Theatre and Dance**  
**The Inspector General**  
 October 9-11 & 15-18  
 Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters** – Friday, Oct. 9,  
 5:30 p.m.

**Homecoming 2009: iPoint**  
 Saturday, October 10  
 UWSP campus

**2009 Awards Ceremony**  
 Saturday, October 10  
 Distinguished Alumnus/Hansen  
 Awards  
 Dreyfus University Center

**Class of 1959 50th Reunion Brunch**  
 Sunday, October 11  
 Dreyfus University Center

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 reservations or plan your own events,  
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[www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit), 715-346-  
 4100 or 800-838-3378 or at the door if  
 not sold out in advance.

