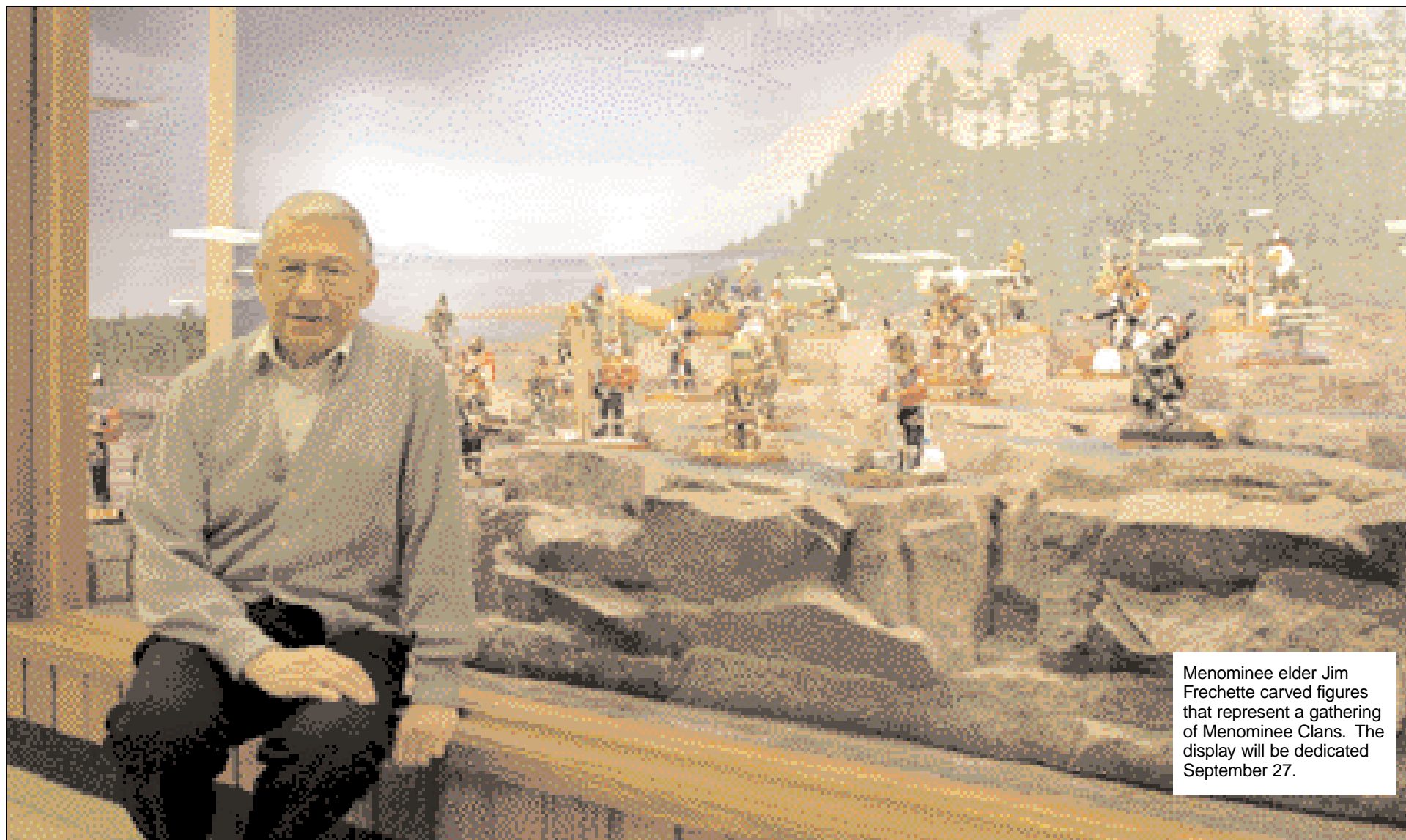


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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point... "Changing lives"



Menominee elder Jim Frechette carved figures that represent a gathering of Menominee Clans. The display will be dedicated September 27.

Menominee Clans depicted at UWSP

The story of the Menominee Clans is told through a display of 36 hand-carved wood figures created by Menominee traditional artist, James Frechette, Jr., Rhinelander, under commission for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The new permanent exhibit on display in the Albertson Learning Resources Center will be dedicated on September 27 with a reception that is open to the public.

Minute detail and attention to authenticity help to depict the legends, culture and traditions of the Menominee people. Intricately carved and painted, the figures stand between 12 and 20 inches high and are set in a representation of the Village River in Northeast Wisconsin.

"The figures represent the various clans and my interpretation of the totems," Frechette said. "I wanted to illustrate some of the roots of Menominee culture as it was at one time."

There is a 7,000-year-old connection between the Menominee nation and the state of Wisconsin, according to Mike Hoffman, a member of the committee that developed the display. In the Menominee language, Wisconsin means "it is a good place." Hoffman, who is also known as Cihkwanahkwat, is a Menominee descendant and speaker of the language.

"It is fitting that this part of Menominee history should be under the protection of UWSP," he said. "This university is renowned for its studies of ecology and the earth and that fits in with the Menominee people's connection to the land and the earth."

Born and raised on the Menominee reservation, Frechette is one of the few Menominee elders who have knowledge of the ancient clan system. The colors and other details he selects to represent each clan are based on the mythology and descriptions he heard as a child.

"As I grew up in Neopit and Keshena, I listened and learned the stories," he said. "I was fortunate to be exposed to some very kind and generous elders who were always willing to share their knowledge and skills."

All of the figures are carved from Menominee white pine with ceremonial items, which help to define each clan, made of birch, ash and basswood, cedar, butternut and

hickory. The only other materials used on the figures are bead necklaces.

Frechette also carved the Menominee genesis figures, the Great Light-Colored Bear and the Golden Eagle. The pieces commemorate the moment of the origin of the Menominee people.

An additional figure, entitled "Morning Song," stands four feet high in an adjacent display. Carved of black walnut with a natural finish, "Morning Song" was carved by Frechette to commemorate the UWSP centennial.

"The carvings symbolize aspects of community life, showing that harmony can be achieved by seeing the complexity and significance of a system devised by the Menominee to help guide their lives," said Emeritus Professor David Wrone, who was instrumental in getting the exhibit started.

The display not only gives university students a glimpse of history, it gives Menominee youth a place where they can study their illustrious past. To area citizens, and visitors, the display offers a unique opportunity to view the heritage of the Menominee nation and to learn the complex ways of an ancient system.

Frechette has been recognized as a significant artist, whose work has been purchased and commissioned by museums and collectors throughout the world. He created a Moose Clan figure for the National Indian Collection of the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. He carved ceremonial Menominee ladles, which were presented to Pope John Paul II and are now displayed at the Vatican. An 18-inch Golden Eagle, titled "The Fire Carrier," was commissioned by a UWSP faculty group for former Chancellor Phillip Marshall who now lives in California.

An 11-foot figure of the ancestral Great Light-Colored Bear, once displayed at the Neville Museum in Green Bay, is on permanent display at the Menominee Reservation in Keshena. It was carved from an ancient butternut tree from the Menominee Forest that became diseased and was destined to die. Before it became damaged, the tree was cut down and Frechette was commissioned by the Menominee Legislature to carve the bear.

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Bergeron takes on new challenges

For more than 12 years, I've had the honor of working for you, the members of the UWSP Alumni Association. I've also had the pleasure of working with many of you on events and projects to advance the mission of the university. And I had fun. Boy, did I have fun.

In February, I began a new chapter in my professional career as director of marketing and public relations at St. Michael's Hospital/Rice Medical Center in Stevens Point. I face many new, exciting challenges moving from higher education to health care, but I remain part of the Stevens Point community. What a wonderful place this is to live and work!

What I take with me are wonderful memories of the people I called colleagues and friends on campus, the hundreds of alumni and friends who have volunteered their time in support of alma mater and the thousands of alumni, friends and students I've met along the way. It's a great day to be a Pointer!

Sincere best wishes,



Brant Bergeron '85
Former director of Alumni and University Relations



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Girolamo presides over alumni group

As a forestry graduate, I am a "closet introvert" and I really have to overcompensate for my deficiencies, so you'll have to put up with me for the next couple of years.

If someone had told me in 1982, when I was graduating from UWSP, that I would join the Alumni Association and become its president, I would have wondered what planet they came from. After all, wasn't I the guy who once wrote the cover page for a forestry assignment, "Busy Work Project #1," graduated in the middle of a terrible recession and went off across the country looking for work?

Well, I suspect there are still students leaving UWSP during economic recessions, looking for their first jobs and having attitudes. My message to them is "stay in touch." Being able to get together, communicate and have some fun with other Point graduates will make a difference in your professional and personal lives. The Alumni Association's sole purpose is to make that possible. So whether you left this semester or fifty years ago (and you only need to have attended UWSP to be considered an alumnus), let us know what's happening in your lives. It won't cost you anything and we can even help you set up an alumni gathering near you.

Perhaps UWSP's motto, "Changing Lives," is even truer after you leave school! I want to wish all Pointers health, happiness and success.

Stay in touch.



Tom Girolamo, '82
UWSP Alumni Association president

Tom Girolamo owns and operates Eco-Building and Forestry, a sustainable landscape/lakescape company and nursery. His wife, Kathy Clarke-Girolamo, '84, is an investigator with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. They live just north of Stevens Point, near Lake DuBay, on 7 1/2 acres with ponds and thousands of trees and shrubs. Come visit!



Tom Girolamo

Friends get together at UWSP

Alumni Calendar of Events

Contact us at the Alumni and University Relations office for information or brochures on alumni activities. Invitations will be mailed for all reunion events.

- **March 30**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Festival of the Arts, Fine Arts Center
- **Apr 11-13**, World's Largest Trivia Contest broadcast on WWSP 90FM
- **April 12**, 10 a.m., Alumni Association Board of Directors spring meeting, Founder's Room, Old Main
- **April 16**, UWSP Board of Visitors Meeting
- **May 17**, Distinguished Alumni/Alumni Service Award Luncheon, Alumni Room, University Center, contact Alumni and University Relations for information
- **August 11**, Scott Schultz Memorial Golf Outing, contact Alumni and University Relations for information
- **Sept. 14-22**, Alumni Association Travel to France, contact Alumni and University Relations for a brochure
- **Oct. 10**, Alumni Association Board of Directors fall meeting
- **Oct. 11**, Homecoming 2003
- **Oct. 11**, Siasefi 50-Year Reunion
- **Nov. 19**, UWSP Board of Visitors Meeting, Heritage Room, UC
- **Oct. 2, 2004**, Homecoming 2004
- **Oct. 8, 2005**, Homecoming 2005
- **Oct. 21, 2006**, Homecoming 2006

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An investment in education pays dividends

A message from Regent Jay Smith

Last fall I visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus to learn more about the excellent work being done by the administration, professors and students to help improve our ailing state economy. We met in the Founders Room, which brought back memories as it was in that room seven years ago that I chaired the Regents Search and Screen Committee that selected Thomas F. George as the UWSP chancellor. Since that time Chancellor George has made many contributions to UWSP, the UW System and the state of Wisconsin.

In December, Chancellor George addressed the Board of Regents on the effects of current and future cuts to UWSP. He specifically discussed the impact that the 2001-2003 state budget cuts had on time to degree, access and support services, as well as on the "Central Wisconsin Idea," an effort designed to boost the economy in Central Wisconsin. In addition, he discussed the impact that any 2003-2005 budget cuts would have on the same topics. He noted the potential for future enrollment reductions and the compounding effects the UW-Extension budget cuts would have on UWSP.

It is clear that when considering large state budget deficits, the UW System will have to look at all areas in attempting to do the most with the dollars we have. Unfortunately, we must do this at a time when freshman applications are up substantially across the UW System. In the end, our allocation in the state budget will influence a number of future decisions.

It is my belief that investment in the UW System will help position Wisconsin for the future. The university is very serious about its role of serving the citizens of the state. Many breakthroughs in agriculture, manufacturing and the sciences emanate from our laboratories and classrooms. In addition, the university is the backbone of the state workforce. About 25,000 people annually graduate from the UW System and the vast majority stay and work in Wisconsin.

There is not a single answer to our state's economic prosperity. I believe the answer is many people doing many things right. During my visit to UWSP, I saw many people doing many things right while responding to economic needs. Assistant Professor John Smith showed me how art and graphic design faculty members work in collaboration with local businesses and Professor Roger Bullis presented the fascinating Web and media development work of the Division of Communication and the Department of Mathematics and Computing. I learned about the role of the New Economy Workforce Coalition in addressing the needs of business in a discussion led by UWSP Extension Director Joan Sosalla and Jerry Rous, outreach program manager. Sosalla joined me in a discussion of the work being done at the Wisconsin Learning Center and the Small Business Development Center with Director Vicki Lobermeier. College of Professional Studies Dean Joan North discussed UWSP's central role in the education of health care professionals, who are in great demand statewide. College of Natural Resources Dean Victor Phillips discussed the future of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center as a world center of excellence.

Exciting indeed! These and other centers of excellence at UWSP have a positive economic impact regionally and statewide. A "knowledge economy" is important and universities are the source of that knowledge.



Jay L. Smith, Regent
University of Wisconsin System



Jay Smith

Jay Smith, president and chief executive officer of JLS Investment Group, is a graduate of UW-Madison. He began his career with the Fordem Company and served as president and CEO of DRG Medical Packaging. From 1989 to 1992, he was president and CEO of DRG Ltd. in Bristol, England. He created an endowment fund for international business studies at UW-Madison, where he serves on the School of Business Board of Visitors. He has been a member of the UW System Board of Regents since 1995 and serves on the board's executive committee.

UWSP needs your help



Thomas F. George

System, including UW-Stevens Point.

My preference is to view the state's fiscal situation as an opportunity and a challenge rather than a crisis. I remain convinced that once the facts are known about

Economists predict that Wisconsin will face a \$4 billion deficit in the coming biennium (2003-05). In addition, it appears that Governor Doyle will stick to his pledge of no-tax increases.

The state's elected leaders are asking, "What are the top budget priorities and which programs or state agencies should be cut?" Some folks are urging the governor and legislators to think about additional base budget cuts for the UW

public higher education's role in preparing our youth for career success and being a key engine for economic growth, neither Governor Doyle nor the Legislature ought to be inclined to pursue drastic base budget cuts to your alma mater and other UW System institutions.

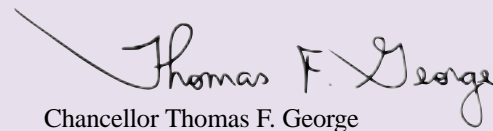
For this scenario to become reality, we need your help. Please take time now to call, write or e-mail your legislators and the governor urging them to think twice about further cuts to public higher education and the Wisconsin Idea.

- Some facts to relay to elected officials might include:
- UW System campuses have yet to recoup budget and staff cuts from the mid-1990s
 - UW System's annual impact on Wisconsin's economy is estimated to be \$9.4 billion
 - UWSP generates income of over \$300 million to Central Wisconsin annually
 - UW System provided 24 percent of the recent budget repair bill (\$44 million) and UWSP's portion of that budget cut was just over \$2 million
 - Over the past 20 years UW System's slice of the state

budget has dropped from 15 percent to approximately 9 percent

- Another 5 percent budget base reduction to UWSP would mean 350 fewer students and 40 fewer faculty and staff members
- I cannot stress enough the role alumni will play in this critical budget debate. If you would like more information on how budget cuts could affect UWSP, please contact our Legislative Liaison Thomas Miller at (715) 346-3014 or e-mail tmiller@uwsp.edu. To contact your legislators I suggest you go directly to the Wisconsin Legislature's Web site, www.legis.state.wi.us.

On behalf of today's students and tomorrow's leaders, I thank you for getting into this discussion by contacting legislators on behalf of UWSP and public higher education.



Chancellor Thomas F. George

Alumni continue generous support to UWSP

Annual campaign on target

Congratulations and many thanks. The Annual UWSP Campaign is once again on target to reach this year's goal of \$351,800 in total support to the university. We couldn't do it without the generous support of our thousands of alumni and friends.

The 2002-2003 Annual Fund Campaign to date has raised \$304,489 in cash and pledges to support UWSP. The leadership gift campaign added nine new and 50 renewing members to our annual Old Main Society. The Old Main Society honors donors who give \$1000 or more to the campuswide annual fund, which includes gifts of \$500 with a \$500 corporate match.

It's not too late to make your contribution to the 2002-2003 Annual Fund and to support excellence in education at UWSP.

Checks may be sent to:
UWSP Foundation, Attention Annual Fund
2100 Main St., Suite 212
Stevens Point, WI 54481.

For questions about the UWSP Annual Fund or the Old Main Society, contact Deb Anstett, director of annual giving, by mail or telephone at (715) 346-4328 or 1-800-858-5267.



Catherine Duemler, a junior business administration major, will be calling alumni for the Spring Appeal to raise funds for the UWSP colleges.

Spring phonathon underway

Our student callers are once again hard at work asking for your support.

"Unlike the UWSP Fall Annual Campaign that seeks universitywide support, the Spring Appeal asks alums to support their colleges or departments," said Deb Anstett, '74, director of annual giving for the UWSP Foundation. Last year these dollars funded scholarships, replaced outdated equipment and helped students make presentations at regional conferences.

Calling began in mid February and the foundation hopes to reach more than 10,000 alumni by the end of April.

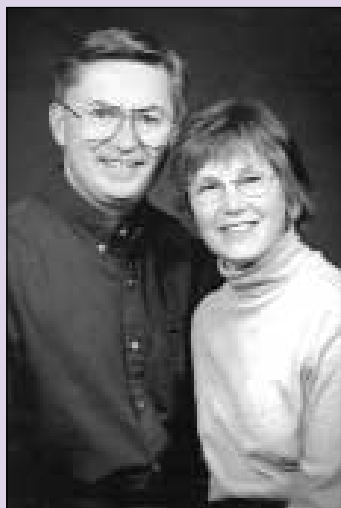
Here is a schedule of the Appeals. Thank you in advance for your support.

- College of Letters & Science**
Calling February 16 through March 13
- College of Fine Arts and Communication**
Calling March 24-31
- College of Natural Resources**
Calling April 1-10
- College of Professional Studies**
Calling April 13-24

Scholarships established



Randy and Patricia Cray



Jim and Madeleine Haine

Two faculty members and their spouses have established scholarships to benefit high-achieving students in the Division of Business and Economics.

Randy Cray, professor of business and economics, and his wife, Patricia, account manager for the UWSP Library, will give an annual \$300 award to an outstanding accounting, business or economics student. Preference will be given to an economics major engaged in service-related activities in the community or on campus.

"This is a good way to directly help students in our unit," Randy said.

"We had talked often about doing something at the university," Patricia said. "This was also a good opportunity to provide continuing support. It's nice when faculty can support students and show them that we care about their education."

Jim Haine, professor of business administration, and his wife, Madeleine, said the Crays set an example for them. They will give \$300 annually to an outstanding nontraditional student with preference for a single parent.

Both professors have served as chairs of their division. A member of the economics faculty since 1986, Cray has been director of the Central Wisconsin Economic Research Bureau for 16 years.

A former corporate attorney and specialist in business law, Haine joined the faculty in 1976. He has served as an alderman in Stevens Point and was a member of the city's Police and Fire Commission. Madeleine has taught in the Mosinee School District since 1980.

Both the Haines completed significant portions of their education as nontraditional students. During this time, they also had the responsibility of raising their two children, so they know what it is to balance school, work and family responsibilities.

"I see an increasing number of nontraditional students in my classes here at UWSP," Jim said. "I really admire those who do an excellent job and contribute their experiences to class discussions. This provides valuable insight to our more traditional students."

The scholarships will be awarded at the Division of Business and Economics annual scholarship banquet.

UWSP again among top ten

UWSP has once again placed among the top public universities in the Midwest, according to the 2003 "America's Best Colleges" guidebook published by U.S. News & World Report.

The ratings released last fall named UWSP number six in the top tier of Midwestern public master's degree-granting institutions.

"For four consecutive years, we have been in the top six in the U.S. News & World Report ratings," said Chancellor Tom George. "We remain in the top echelon of outstanding comprehensive universities because of our superb programs, students, faculty, staff and community support."

U.S. News and World Report uses several criteria in rating the campuses including academic reputation, retention, faculty, students, financial resources and alumni giving.

Half of the top master's level public universities in the Midwest were UW System campuses.

More detailed rankings are available at U.S. News and World Report's Web site, <http://www.usnews.com>.

Arts bash is carnival of activity

Area residents experienced visual art, design, theater and dance during the first "Arts Bash" in the Fine Arts Center courtyard with activities and demonstrations throughout the evening of February 8.

The eclectic gathering also included hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by volunteer community chefs.

It was an evening charged with creative energy, featuring student dance and theater performances, backstage technical arts demonstrations and a visual art showcase. Planners for the event expect it to become an annual favorite in the community.

Students and faculty members from the Department of Art and Design and the Department of Theater and Dance demonstrated their work and talents. Performances and presentations included live musical theater numbers, improvised comedy routines, dance pieces and a pottery demonstration. Backstage tours highlighted the art of makeup and hair design, set building and lighting.

For \$35, ticket buyers received original student art works. Contributors of \$150 to \$1,500 received professional artwork donated by community artists, faculty members and alumni.

Proceeds from this event will support young artists at the university through a long-term student scholarship endowment.

Alemparte receives recognition



Rosario Alemparte

A UWSP staff member has been recognized for leadership as a woman of color. Rosario Alemparte, a student outreach specialist in the Office for Multicultural Affairs, was one of 16 women to receive a statewide award for "contributions to campus and community."

The UW System's Women's Studies Consortium, Office of Diversity and Development and Office of Women's Issues co-sponsor the recognition in conjunction with the annual women's studies conference at UW-Madison.

The Women of Color Award ceremony was initiated in 1994 to acknowledge the ties and shared concerns within women's studies and ethnic studies.

"Rosario is the best thing to happen to the Multicultural Affairs Office in the past 10 years," said Director Ron Strege. "She has consistently put the students first at this university and our retention numbers show her dedication. Her philosophy is to work with the students and play off their natural strengths to help them reach their goals."

"This award came as a surprise," Alemparte said. "I never imagined I would get recognition for what I do for the students. I feel grateful to have the opportunity to help them."

As adviser to the Students for the Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement, she received the University Mentor Award. She has organized many diversity programs including the Celebracion Hispania, Mexican Solidarity and retention programs. She also has served as co-coordinator of the Multicultural Affairs Office's Computers for Kids pre-college program each summer.

"Rosario is dedicated to helping young people succeed and to educating her peers and colleagues," Strege said. "She is the standard against which people so honored should be measured."

A native of Chile, Alemparte holds a bachelor's degree from UWSP in international studies with an emphasis in Spanish culture studies. Following graduation, she spent an academic year in Colorado where she worked in the Department of Equal Opportunity at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in human and community resources.

Leadership Works for students

Ten UWSP sophomores are being paid while learning about leadership in an experiential program.

This is the second year of Leadership Works, a program developed by Susan LeBow Young of the Student Involvement and Employment Office, which sponsors the program. It gives students experience in diverse areas of the university such as the Groundwater Center, University Relations and Payment Services.

At the end of their first year at UWSP, all freshmen are invited to apply for the positions. Interns are chosen from written applications and in-person interviews.

Those selected work 10 hours per week and attend a bimonthly two-hour meeting with Young and the group. At the meetings, the students listen to speakers and discuss qualities of individual leadership such as commitment, integrity and competence. They study leadership as a group process whereby individuals collaborate in order to work toward common goals.

The employers are chosen for their potential as good role models, the students are selected for their leadership capabilities and the resulting partnerships have a positive impact on the campus, Young says.



Elizabeth Van Wieringen, Milwaukee, (right) a communication major, is employed as a Leadership Works intern at News Services. She worked with news services staff including Meas Vang, senior graphic designer (left).

Faculty Publishes

Family writes book on Pennsylvania history

Robert Wolensky, professor of sociology; his daughter Nicole, a graduate student at the University of Iowa; and his brother Kenneth, of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, are co-authors of *Fighting for the Union Label: The Women's Garment Industry and the ILGWU in Pennsylvania*, published by The Pennsylvania State University Press.

Kenneth is the primary author of the historical account gathered from public records, newspaper articles and oral interviews with hundreds of people from this coal mining region of the Northeast.

The authors discuss the Women's Garment Industry and its main labor organization, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, formed in Pennsylvania in the 1930s.

The Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania where the family's ancestors settled in the early 1900s was once fully dependent upon the coal mining industry. When mining began to decline, many women found work in the clothing industry. The Wolensky brothers' mother and grandmother worked in the garment industry and their father and both grandfathers worked in the coal industry.

The book sells for \$19.95.

Menominee Clans depicted in library



Richard Frechette



David Wrone



Mike Hoffman

Photo by Mike King



The Great Light-Colored Bear is one of the figures carved by Jim Frechette for a display in the UWSP Library lobby.

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Myths, clans and culture

The mythology of the Menominee people relates that the Great Light-Colored Bear emerged from the underground world at the mouth of the Village River where it meets Green Bay. As he journeyed up the river, he changed into a man. He called to the Golden Eagle, who descended to join him. The eagle also changed into a man and became the brother of the bear.

As the two traveled up the Menominee River, they were joined by other creatures including the Beaver Woman, Wolf, Crane and Moose, who all became human and were adopted as brothers. As the brothers traveled their separate ways, they each adopted other creatures as younger brothers and all together became the first Menominee people.

Each clan had specific obligations within the culture. The Great Light-Colored Bear was speaker for the people and the Golden Eagle took on the obligation of community security and was the fire carrier. The Wolf was the hunter, the Crane was the builder and the Moose had the obligation of overseeing the wild rice beds, supervising harvest and distributing the rice.

The clans represented in the library display did not all exist at one time because as families died out, new clans emerged over the ages. There were probably 12 to 15 clans at any specific time, Jim Frechette speculates.

The clan rules told people into which clans they could marry. Boys and girls took on clan designations of their fathers, which they would carry all their lives.

Church leaders who came to Wisconsin in the 1800s declared that the clan system was sinful, Frechette said. Eventually the government outlawed the system, forcing the Menominee people to accede to European forms of government. Frechette aims to present a different view of the native people who lived in Wisconsin before the Europeans arrived.

"Children have been taught that Native Americans were naked savages who attacked innocent settlers," Frechette said. "However, the Menominee tribe had a government and community life that involves more than most people know."

An intricate set of traditions and principles maintained by the culture governed the clan system. The structure of the community and the way people related to each other came out of these traditions and principles. The principles also carefully defined how the community functioned in its political, economic, military and civil actions in the larger world. Together the clans constituted a well functioning tribal whole that endured for thousands of years.

The system of government was opposite of the one now in power where decisions are made in congress and by the president and passed down to the people, Frechette said. In the Menominee system, power came from the people and passed to the speakers. They didn't have presidents, chiefs or rulers; rather they had speakers who would express the consensus of the people.

"Many people would like to know more about the culture, heritage and history of the Menominee," Frechette said. "They can come to the University Library and study the vast amount of material available."

Members of the committee that coordinated the display include Jim Frechette, his son Richard Frechette, Emeritus Professor David Wrone, Mike Hoffman, and Ed Marks, curator of education at the UWSP Museum.

Kiosk enhances Menominee exhibit

A computer kiosk provides interpretation of the exhibit of the Menominee Clans Story in the library lobby.

Adjacent to the exhibit of the "Little Menominee," the kiosk includes a bench and a 21-inch flat panel computer, which visitors can use to learn more about the carvings. The presentation includes information on clan structure, the artist and references for further study. It also has the Origin Story told in English by Frechette and in the Menominee language by Mike Hoffman, a speaker of the language.

The presentation is modeled after the Menominee Clans Story Web site available at <http://library.uwsp.edu/MenomineeClans/>. It will continually expand as new figures are added to the collection.

David Wrone, emeritus professor of history, wrote portions of the descriptive text for the presentation. Wrone, a noted American history scholar, led in the formation of Menominee Indian language classes at UWSP in 1992, the first on any university campus. He has done extensive research on Native American treaty rights and on the Menominee and Stockbridge nations.

The kiosk is constructed from recycled oak salvaged from the recent remodeling of the University Library's lobby. Marks designed and built the modules, integrating design elements of lobby decor.

The computer and audio equipment were configured and installed by Dave Timm, the library's senior information processing consultant. Arne Arneson, UWSP's director of teaching-learning resources, designed the presentation, incorporating Frechette's graphics. The UWSP Foundation provided funding.



Ed Marks, curator of education at the UWSP Museum, paints a backdrop for the Menominee Clans display.

Project Forward helps Hmong teachers succeed

“Approximately 3,000 children in Central Wisconsin schools are of Southeast Asian descent,” said Leslie McClain-Ruelle, head of the School of Education at UWSP. “I think it’s important for those students to see professional role models in our schools, and we now have about a dozen certified Southeast Asian teachers in our area.”

Project Forward, a state and federally funded Department of Education grant, assists Central Wisconsin Hmong students and education professionals who want to become certified teachers.

“Project Forward really is making a difference as Wisconsin strives to bring Hmong-American teaching professionals into our classrooms,” said Kao Xiong, project coordinator. “When the candidates in our program graduate, they will be a great asset to the communities and schools where they will teach.”

Not only do the Hmong-American teachers work directly with students in their classrooms, but they also act as mentors for students, modeling teaching as a profession to choose, McClain-Ruelle said. The teachers also act as liaisons between Hmong children, their parents and other teachers or administrators.

“We have many nontraditional students in our program who have full-time teaching jobs in addition to taking classes,” Xiong said. “Although they want to continue to teach, tuition becomes a big factor in their decisions.”

Mai Hu Vang, Stevens Point, is one of the nontraditional students who are being helped by the program. “Project Forward has helped me go to school without worrying so much about finances,” she said. “I would still have pushed myself to go on in school, but it would have been difficult with two children.”

Project Forward participants are required to meet monthly with Xiong to be sure they are doing well in their classes. Before university classes begin, they have their first meeting. If they are having problems, he helps them find a tutor. Under the grant, Xiong runs summer workshops that are free to students enrolled in Project Forward. He has led workshops on literacy, study skills and to help the candidates study for tests they will have to take to be certified as teachers. The workshops he chooses are based on the student’s needs.

Vang has taken courses full time at UWSP, including summer and interim sessions, in order to finish the five-year program in four years. Like all students who enroll in Project Forward, Vang signed an agreement to keep a 2.75 grade point average, and like most of them she has kept her grades well above that level.

In addition to studying, Vang makes time for her children, actually finding more time for them as she enters her senior year, she says. She sets Saturday aside to spend the whole day with them and does her lesson



Mai Vang, an intern at Roosevelt Elementary School in Plover, is a senior studying elementary education and English as a second language. With the help of Project Forward, she will reach her goal of becoming a third grade teacher when she graduates in May.

plans for the coming week on Sunday.

Vang worked part time as an English as a second language assistant in Jefferson Elementary and McKinley Center schools in Stevens Point. The teachers she worked with encouraged her to finish her bachelor’s degree. Her parents, Zoov and Mai Vang, had always supported Mai’s desire to go to college and after working in the schools, she saw the need to get a degree to further her career. “Dad has always said that we could do whatever we wanted in our careers as long as we finished college,” she said.

At age three, Vang came to the U.S. as a refugee and, in 1994, she graduated from Stevens Point Area Senior High School. As a student at UWSP, her former fifth grade principal, John Legro, supervised her during her Block III experience before student teaching. During the spring semester, she is an intern at Roosevelt Elementary School in Plover.

She is dedicated to becoming a third grade teacher. As part of Project Forward, she also is required to pursue

either a minor in English as a second language or bilingual education certification. When she graduates in May, she will be certified as an elementary teacher as well.

After graduation she plans to begin work toward a master’s degree in education and will continue to receive funding from the program. Graduate-level support aims to help Hmong-American teachers become policy makers, special education teachers, school administrators and curriculum development specialists.

The 22 undergraduates in the program include two who are beginning their studies at UW-Marathon County. Classes also can be taken at UW-Marshfield/Wood County, UW-Superior and UW-Oshkosh and still qualify for Project Forward support.

UWSP’s School of Education and UW-La Crosse’s Center for Cultural Diversity and Community Renewal collaborate on Project Forward, with UWSP as the degree-granting institution while UW-La Crosse helps to administer the funds.

Paul gift provides funds for research



Terrance and Judith Paul

Wisconsin’s hunters and anglers may see a brighter future for wildlife and fish species as a result of a new fund established at UWSP.

The Paul Foundation Wildlife Research Fund has been established with the UWSP Foundation through a \$20,000 gift from the Terrance and Judith Paul Foundation, Inc., of Wisconsin Rapids. The gift is part of a five-year commitment totaling \$100,000.

In addition to securing Wisconsin’s hunting and fishing heritage by providing support for projects that improve management of fish and game, the fund also provides educational opportunities for a better understanding among anglers and hunters and gives research monies to the College of Natural Resources.

“The Paul Foundation Wildlife Research Fund opens the door to some wonderful opportunities for students,” said Christine

Thomas, CNR associate dean of academic affairs. “It will provide invaluable experience, particularly for our graduate students, through meaningful research projects led by CNR faculty in collaboration with external partners in the resource management field. We thank the Paul family for this generous commitment, which will ultimately benefit all citizens who care about Wisconsin’s conservation legacy.”

The gift is an expression of the Paul family’s personal interest in the environment.

“We believe that environment and education are key elements to the Wisconsin legacy,” said Alex Paul, a director of the Terrance and Judith Paul Foundation. “Our family is pleased to be able to contribute in a way that fuels student learning while creating science-based knowledge about some of our state’s most important natural resources.”

The CNR issued a request for proposals from faculty in November and awarded the first grant from the fund in January.

Terrance and Judith Paul are co-founders of Renaissance Learning. Headquartered in Wisconsin Rapids, the company’s educational software is used in more than 60,000 elementary and high schools in the U.S. and Canada. Software offerings include Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math and Accelerated Writer. The company also offers professional development programs for teachers. Renaissance Learning has 1,000 employees worldwide.

Faculty Publishes

Gross, Zimmerman pen book on nature centers

Interpretive Centers: The History, Design, and Development of Nature and Visitor Centers, was co-authored by Michael Gross, professor of environmental interpretation, and Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeckle Reserve and instructor of environmental interpretation. The book contains 125 case studies and 650 photographs of centers from across the country. It is the fifth volume in the *Interpreter’s Handbook* series of practical guides for interpretive students and professionals.

“Centers play a key role in passing on our nation’s cultural, natural and historical treasures to future generations,” said Gross and Zimmerman. “We hope to give interpretation centers the necessary tools to create a successful enterprise.”

The authors chose an 11 by 11-inch format to more effectively illustrate landscapes and architecture at various centers. The hardcover edition is \$79.50 and softcover sells for \$69.50. Published by UWSP Foundation Press, the book was edited by James Heintzman and many of the color photographs provided by Donna Zimmerman, assistant professor of interior architecture at UWSP.

Viva Italia!



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1) A tour group of 35 Pointer alumni and friends ventured to Italy November 4-12 (top right). They spent an exciting day in Rome, visiting the Vatican museum and St. Peter's Basilica. After a tour of the Coliseum, they gathered in front of the awe-inspiring structure for a picture.

2) It was not just the ancient buildings and beautiful scenery that made the November Alumni trip to Italy memorable. Meeting people was also part of the fun. In Fondi, two local girls share a Coke (bottom right).

3) The Alumni Association-sponsored tour of Italy included an afternoon in Naples with a visit to the ruins of Pompeii (bottom left). The breathtaking view included the remnants of Mt. Vesuvius, which erupted in 79 A.D. and buried the region under 30 feet of ash and rock.

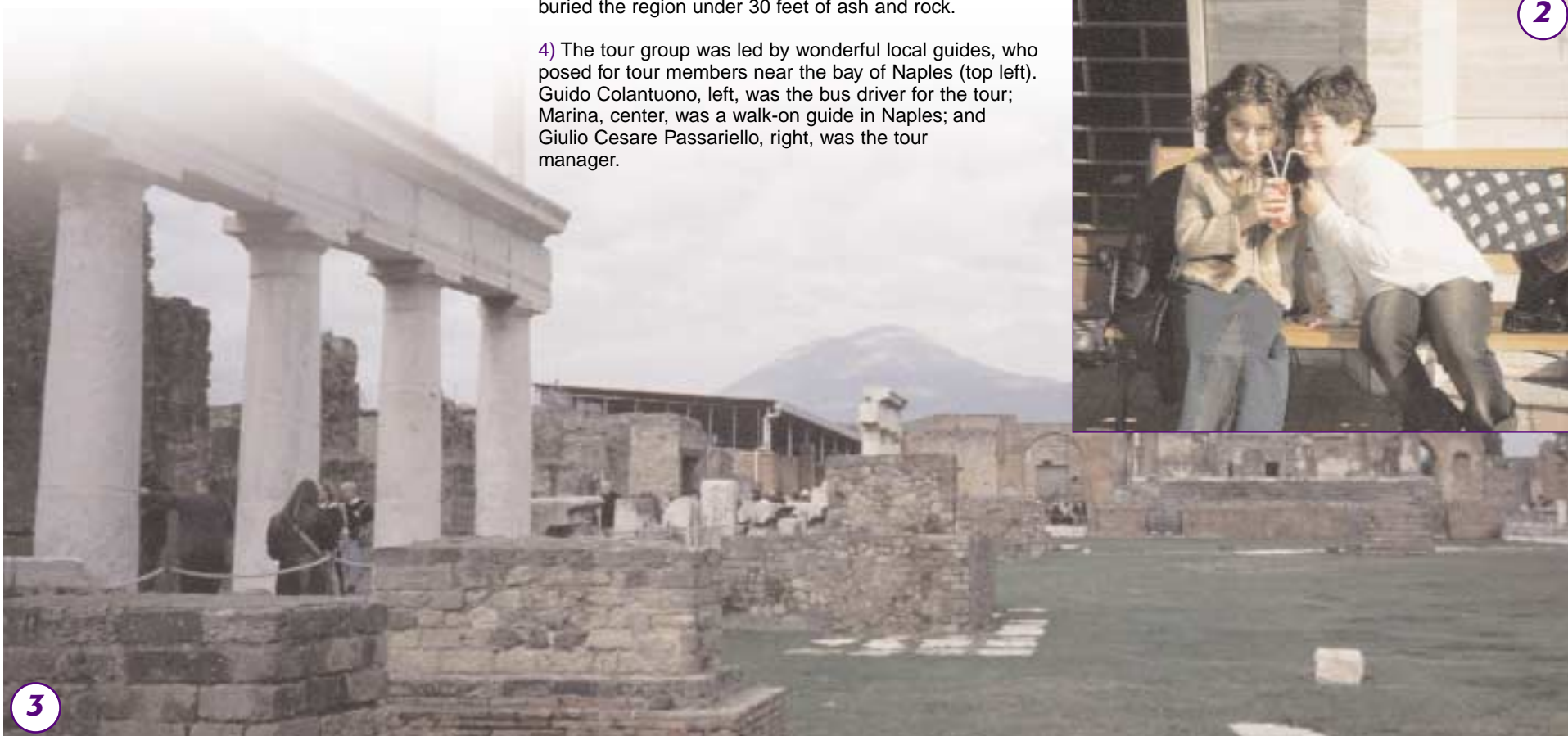
4) The tour group was led by wonderful local guides, who posed for tour members near the bay of Naples (top left). Guido Colantuono, left, was the bus driver for the tour; Marina, center, was a walk-on guide in Naples; and Giulio Cesare Passariello, right, was the tour manager.



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UWSP Student Alumni Association growing

The UWSP Student Alumni Association (SAA), founded in 2001 with seven members, has grown to 15 members this year, according to President Jessica Gillis, a senior from Waukesha.

The group encourages students to become involved with activities at UWSP and to stay involved after graduating. The members hope to link UWSP students and alumni by building traditions, creating memories and establishing lifelong relationships with other alumni.

SAA sponsors a variety of activities that give students opportunities for leadership, social involvement and networking with professionals. Since students have different needs depending on where they are in their college careers, there are numerous activities available.

The group worked with the Portage County Alumni Chapter to sponsor a hat, mitten and glove drive for Operation Bootstrap last fall. New and used hats, mittens and gloves were collected in each of the residence halls, the Learning Resources Center, the information desk in the University Center, the Alumni and University Relations Office in Old Main and around the community.

Other SAA activities included a raffle for a free student parking spot on campus, a tailgate party for alumni and students before a Pointer football game, participation in state and regional conferences and coordination of the UWSP Tuition/Debt Retirement Raffle. The group also recommends student commencement speakers to Chancellor George.



Through a drive sponsored by the UWSP Student Alumni Association, hats, mittens and gloves were donated to Operation Bootstrap. Items were collected in the residence halls, several spots on campus and in the community. Also sponsoring the event was the Portage County UWSP Alumni Chapter.

Another tremendous year in Pointer sports

The **women's soccer** squad had an undefeated season and rolled to its sixth straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title, winning the state tournament for the 10th time in 11 years. They lost to St. Thomas 3-0 in the regional title match to finish 18-1-2 overall. UWSP extended its National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) all-divisions conference winning streak to 66 straight matches with its undefeated season. Senior Molly Cady, Cottage Grove, was named the WIAC Player of the Year.



Dillon Maney

Pointer **football** fans were treated to heart-stopping suspense as nearly every game came down to final play. UWSP finished 6-4 overall for its 18th winning season in the last 19 years. The Pointers opened with impressive non-conference wins over perennial Division III powers Augustana, Ill., and Ohio Northern before challenging for the WIAC title down to the final weekend. Senior Dillon Maney, Three Lakes, was selected to play in the Aztec Bowl Division III all-star game in Torreon, Mexico.

Few expected the UWSP **men's cross country** team to make another trip to the NCAA Division III championships. Despite a young squad and having the top two runners down with injuries, the Pointers made their 16th trip to nationals. The squad's five runners were separated by just 13 seconds at the Midwest Regional meet. They placed 11th at nationals as senior Eric Fischer, Appleton, led with a 50th place finish.

The **women's cross country** team placed second at the WIAC championships and just missed its fourth straight trip to the national meet.

The **volleyball** team played a challenging schedule with 14 matches against ranked opponents and finished 8-26 overall. The season was highlighted by a victory over then-15th ranked UW-Stout at midseason.

An impressive performance at the WIAC championships helped the **women's golf** team place third out of six teams at the conference meet. Three players shot their season-best scores at the meet and junior Andrea Miller, Sheboygan, finished sixth overall after leading the team in every meet of the season.

The **women's tennis** team opened the year with an impressive start, but suffered late-season injuries to drop its final three dual matches and finish 6-5 overall and seventh at the conference meet. Sophomore Kim Goron, Green Bay, took the WIAC consolation titles at No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles.

Pointer **men's basketball** opened the season 9-0 for the fifth time in school history and first time since 1938-39. The Pointers were ranked high in the NCAA

Division III most of the season as they aimed for their fourth consecutive WIAC title. Senior Josh Iserloth, Plymouth, continued to climb the school's all-time scoring list and broke into the top 10 early in the season.

The defending national champion **women's basketball** team opened the year with a 7-2 record, dropping both of its games on the road in overtime. Sophomore Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was among the conference leaders in scoring and steals as the Pointers again appeared weekly in the Division III rankings.

For the second straight year, the **women's hockey** team opened the season in impressive fashion with a 10-0-1 record before losing at UW-Superior to snap its 26-game unbeaten streak. Freshman Tracy Truckey, Green Bay, was among the nation's leaders in scoring this season.

The **men's hockey** team opened against a challenging nonconference slate with five of its first eight losses of the season coming against nationally ranked opponents. The Pointers opened the year in the national rankings themselves and posted a win over highly ranked St. John's of Minnesota.



Yan White

The **wrestling** team featured two of the nation's top Division III wrestlers this season. Senior Yan White, Antigo, and sophomore Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, both opened the season with 14-0 records. White was the defending national champion at 197 pounds and the nation's top-ranked wrestler at the weight class this season with a 25-match winning streak. Koenig remained one of the nation's top-ranked wrestlers in the 174 pound weight class.



Berit Fahrner

The **swimming and diving** teams qualified several swimmers for the Division III championships. The men's team won five of the last six conference titles and was primed for another crown this year with a deep squad. Freshman Alex Anderson, La Crosse, won both breaststroke events at the Wheaton Invitational and was one of the team's top performers. The women's team was equally impressive, led by junior Berit Fahrner, Minneapolis, who won nearly every race this season and set the school record in the 400 individual medley.

Groshek receives national award

For the second straight year, a UWSP student athlete has been awarded one of the nation's most prestigious individual awards. Women's basketball athlete Kari Groshek, '02, Rosholt, was selected to receive the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award for 2002. She follows former UWSP women's track and cross country athlete Leah Juno, who received the award last year.



Kari Groshek

The award is presented to the top eight student athletes from all National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) divisions and all NCAA sponsored sports over the past calendar year. Groshek is the only Division III athlete among this year's honorees.

Groshek and Juno join Stevens Point native Suzy Favor-Hamilton of UW-Madison as the only Wisconsin athletes to be honored in the 30-year history of the award. Past winners include football players Peyton Manning, John Elway and Archie Griffin, basketball players David Robinson and Cheryl Miller, volleyball player Karch Kiraly and softball standout Lisa Fernandez.

"Kari Groshek embodies all that we speak of when we refer to the very best of our student-athletes," said Chancellor Tom George. "Her performance on the basketball court is only outdone by her performance in the classroom. Kari is an outstanding individual, leader and team player who has contributed tremendously to UWSP. That she is the second Top VIII winner at UWSP in as many years is icing on the cake."

Groshek led the Pointers to the NCAA Division III national championship last season and was a first team All-American selection by D3hoops.com. She was the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year and the conference's scholar athlete award winner as a senior. She also was named a second team Verizon Academic All-American and was a finalist for the Josten's Trophy, awarded to the Division III women's basketball Player of the Year.

"Kari is the best player I've ever coached and always put the team's success before her own personal goals," said Coach Shirley Egner. "Her ability to come back from a knee injury and become the WIAC Player of the Year speaks volumes about her character and work ethic. It has been a great honor for me to coach such an exceptional individual."

Groshek finished her Pointer career as the school's third all-time leading scorer with 1,414 points. Her 495 points last season were the second highest single-season total in school history, coming just four points shy of the record. Groshek's 679 career rebounds rank fourth on the school's all-time list.

Off the court, Groshek had a 3.74 grade point average in biology. She is an assistant coach for the Pointer women's basketball team and works at a health care facility in Stevens Point with plans to become a physician's assistant.

Three Pointers join Woodchucks staff

Three graduates of UWSP have taken over the head office of the Wisconsin Woodchucks.

Clark Eckhoff, '85, Wausau, is owner and president of the team, which is a member of the Northwoods



Clark Eckhoff



Steve Foster



Jim Baker

Baseball League. Steve Foster, '98, Wausau, is assistant general manager and head coach. Jim Baker, '02, Wausau, is director of baseball operations for the Woodchucks.

Since Eckhoff purchased the team in 1999, attendance has increased by 30 percent, going from 400 fans per night in 1998 to a record-breaking 1,500 per night during the 2001 season. Eckhoff holds a master's degree from UW-Madison and is the former owner of the Rib Lake Telephone Company and the Lakervision Cable Company. "We are very excited

about the growth that we have experienced in the past three years," Eckhoff said. "I know that we can continue to improve all aspects of the club, and I look forward to the challenge of making the Woodchucks the best summer venue in Central Wisconsin."

A former UWSP baseball coach, Foster was assistant head coach and pitching coach at the University of Michigan before joining the Woodchucks. He was head coach of the Woodchucks in 1998 and led the team to its first ever playoff appearance. This year, the team had a season ending 33 and 31 record.

Baker interned in the team's head office during 2001 and then began work full time this fall. He does sales, advertising and marketing as well as being the on-field voice of the Woodchucks for game day events.

For details on the team, go to the Web site, www.woodchucks.com/.

Pointer sports hotline and Web site

For the latest sports information call the Pointer sports hotline or visit our Web site

715-346-3888, press 4

www.uwsp.edu/athletics/

Vetter endows music fund

A new scholarship will benefit students in the UWSP Department of Music.

The estate of Dorothy Vetter, a Stevens Point native and longtime supporter of the Department of Music, has given a gift in excess of \$150,000 to the department to establish the Dorothy Vetter Music Scholarships.

"This is a tremendous gift from a tremendous lady," said Bob Kase, professor and chair of the department. "These scholarships will help bring the best music students to UWSP, enhancing the quality of our ensembles and energizing the students and faculty in our department. Dorothy Vetter's gift will truly change lives here at UWSP."

A 1923 graduate of the Stevens Point Normal School, Vetter continued her studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. and received a master's degree from Columbia University.

Vetter taught music in Stevens Point schools for more than 30 years beginning in 1935. She also served as music supervisor in the public schools. An avid supporter of the arts, she was a regular attendee at music concerts and recitals at the university and throughout the community.

In 1993, the year she turned 90, Vetter was acknowledged at commencement by then Chancellor Keith Sanders as an alumna who demonstrated enduring interest and participation in the affairs of her alma mater.

Vetter died in November 2001 at age 98.

Student group tops in nation . . . again

The UWSP chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) has been named the top chapter in the nation for the second time in six years.

"This recognition is a tribute to the ongoing enthusiasm, commitment and hard work of our student leaders and members," said John Houghton, the group's faculty adviser. "It is also a recognition of the continued support and encouragement provided by the faculty and administration of both the College of Natural Resources and the administration as a whole."

According to Houghton, the key project last year was hosting a national SAF student conference on campus. The three-day conference was held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station with 30 attendees from around the country. The previous year's SAF chapter president, Lyle Alft of Green Bay, was a key coordinator and organizer for the conference.

The 40-member organization did a pulp cut in the fall, tree planting in the spring, school presentations and area river and highway cleanup projects. Members also took part in UWSP's Open House and the CNR's Student Research Symposium.

Each year the national SAF recognizes the top three student chapters from among approximately 50 accredited programs in the U.S. and Canada. Since 1994 UWSP's chapter has been awarded two third-place, two second-place, and now two first-place awards.

Rice receives regents award

Keith Rice, professor of geography and geology, was one of two teachers to receive the 11th annual Regents Teaching Excellence Award, which includes a \$5,000 prize.

"The award pays tribute to your impressive dedication as a teacher and to your profound ability to inspire in your students an enthusiasm both for your subject matter and for learning in general," said UW Regent President Guy Gottschalk.

Widely known for his work in cartography and geographic information systems (GIS), Rice created a popular minor in spatial analysis and GIS that prepares hundreds of students in the use of modern integrated computer technology. Many of his former students wrote glowing letters of support when they learned of his nomination.

One UWSP graduate wrote, "His influence on my life is difficult to put into words—it's evident to see where his passion lies, teaching university students."

In the university's nomination, Chancellor George noted, "Dr. Rice has a gift for teaching, which enables him to motivate his students to excel and to realize their own potential."

Rice also has received the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.



Keith Rice

Ogundipe establishes scholarship for premeds



Anthony Ogundipe

A California physician has established a scholarship endowment with the UWSP Foundation to support students in the College of Letters and Science.

Anthony Ogundipe, M.D., '82, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., has endowed a scholarship to benefit outstanding premedical students in UWSP's Department of Biology. He established the award in honor of Joseph Harris, emeritus professor of biology, who was his mentor during his undergraduate career. The physician says Professor Harris encouraged him to pursue his dreams.

The Professor Joseph Harris/Dr. Anthony Ogundipe Scholarship will be given annually to a premedical student demonstrating academic achievement and involvement in research.

"I came to Stevens Point from Nigeria as an ambitious 16-year-old without any relatives in the U.S. and without much in the way of social support. Aside from academic mentoring, Dr. Harris and his family filled this vacuum and treated me like family," Ogundipe recalls.

"My experience at UWSP is one that I call upon in my daily activities, both personal and professional. It was truly a time of preparation and solid foundation for a successful

life and career. Without my experience at UWSP, I would not be in a position to extend a helping hand to others," he says.

Today Ogundipe serves as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and director of Perinatal and Antepartum Services at St. Frances Medical Center, Lynwood, Calif., and as director of Perinatal Services at Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Inglewood, Calif. He attended Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and served an internship and a residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, in Torrance, Calif. A specialist in treating complicated, high-risk pregnancies, he is board certified in maternal-fetal medicine.

UWSP students create electronic teaching portfolios

Students pursuing careers in teaching at UWSP have begun creating professional portfolios using new technology with support from a \$25,000 UW System grant.

According to Leslie McClain-Ruelle, head of the School of Education, all students graduating from the Professional Education Program after August of next year will be required to successfully prepare portfolios that demonstrate competence in Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction teaching standards.

"Technology now offers current and future teachers an opportunity to present their professional portfolios to prospective employers in a very dynamic manner," said McClain-Ruelle. "Our hope is that the template and guidelines will be used by all teacher education students graduating from UWSP."

The grant supports the creation of an electronic template and guidelines for the development of the portfolios. Additionally, three one-credit courses will assist the students.

"Early indicators from area school administrators are quite positive," said McClain-Ruelle. "They have indicated a high level of enthusiasm about the e-portfolio model and the possibilities for representing instructional lesson plans and other samples of effective teaching practices."

A Web site for the initiative is located at www.uwsp.edu/education/Reference/PDP.htm.

Faculty Publishes

Jazz faculty members release compact disc

Bob Kase leads a quintet of UWSP faculty members in the compact disc, *Those Paris Nights*, a diverse recording of jazz styles from traditional New Orleans to expressive new creations.

The recording on the Altenburgh Jazz Label features Kase on trumpet and flugelhorn, Catalin Rotaru on bass, Ryan Korb on drums, David Hastings handling several saxophones and Matt Buchman on piano. It is available at book and record stores throughout the U.S. for \$14. It can be ordered from the publisher on the Internet at www.altenburgh.com.

Kase composed nearly all the music on the CD. Buchman wrote one of the pieces in which all of the musicians take solo turns.

Browne seeks patent

Bryant Browne, associate professor of soils, hopes to patent a device that measures multiple dissolved gases in bodies of water.

"We've discovered a fairly universal approach to collect and measure a multitude of dissolved gases present in groundwater, rivers, streams, lakes and even oceans," Browne said. "The ability to rapidly collect a large volume of dissolved gas in one sample so simply and quickly is unprecedented and affords several advantages for environmental research," he said.

Browne has applied to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and expects to get a response to his request for a patent this summer. He has been working to move his idea from the classroom to application with assistance from WiSys, a subsidiary of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

The device extracts gases from water using a simple pumping process. Analysis of the sample identifies and measures multiple constituent gases so they can be applied as environmental tracers or for studying biogeochemical processes. Existing approaches typically require different gas extraction methods for each constituent to be analyzed.

Among other applications, Browne has used the device to measure global warming gases when agricultural pollutants in groundwater enter streams, to study natural processes in sediments and wetlands that convert nitrate pollution to harmless nitrogen gas and to chart the degradation of groundwater quality over the last 60 years.

UWSP has one of the few dissolved gas laboratories in the nation equipped to measure age-dating gases as well as biogenic and inert gases.



Bryant Browne

Staal retires after 32 years



Bruce Staal

Soon after Bruce Staal began teaching in the UWSP Mathematics Department in 1970, he wrote a grant to buy a \$3,000 programmable calculator for his students to use.

Thirty-two years later he is retiring as assistant vice chancellor for Information Technology (IT), with approximately 3,000 personal computers now used by faculty, staff and students.

As UWSP's chief information officer, Staal supervised staff of the computer network, Telephone Support Office, University Telecommunications, computer labs, e-mail administration and computer purchasing, installations, support and repair.

He became head of the Mathematics Department in 1975 and helped develop a new minor in computer science, a technical and mathematics-based program. As technology improved, computers began to be used for more than mathematics and science, he said, and some of his contemporaries scoffed at students who were using computers for word processing.

To better meet the needs of the computer age and its students, Staal and mathematics faculty members Dan Goulet and Robert Morris developed the current major in computer information systems, which focuses on applications and programming.

In 1987, because of his work in helping to buy computers and set up computer labs on campus, Staal stepped down as chair of his department to help build UWSP's new computer network. In 1989 he took a year-long sabbatical to work with AT&T as a consulting scholar on computing. When he returned, Network Services was created and Staal was named its director. In 1997, he was named an assistant vice chancellor.

Toner leaves School of Ed

An educator who coordinated the placement of practicum students throughout the state has retired after 15 years of service to UWSP.

Linda Toner served as coordinator of Field Experiences and student teaching supervisor for the School of Education.

For Toner, placing students involved contacting schools to see how many teachers were willing to work with the future educators and then fine-tuning the matches. She documented the practicum experiences of all the students in addition to directly supervising, evaluating and grading future elementary teachers assigned to schools in Central Wisconsin. She also interviewed students seeking admission to elementary, special education and early childhood education majors.

Toner said she advised her students to solidly ground themselves academically and to teach with understanding and compassion. "Be sure to acknowledge each individual. The children need to know someone cares that they are there," she says.

Toner holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and a master's degree in education from UWSP.



Linda Toner

Reading specialist retires



Alice Randlett

Alice Randlett, reading programs coordinator in the Tutoring Learning Center (TLC) and professor in the University Library, has retired after thirty-two and one-half years at UWSP.

An expert in academic literacy and reading, Randlett says one of her proudest career accomplishments was the development of the Reading Adjunct Program. This innovative offering through the TLC enables students in various disciplines to develop their skills in reading in the content areas. Trained peer leaders help small groups of students hone their reading skills by discussing and writing about what they read. Randlett has presented information on the program at conferences throughout the country and national organizations have recognized its effectiveness.

Randlett, who also worked as a reference and instruction librarian, began UWSP's Tutor in the Library program that provides students with paraprofessional on-the-job experience while working with reference librarians. In addition, many of those tutors also serve as reading and writing tutors at the TLC.

An acquisitions librarian earlier in her career, Randlett helped develop extensive library collections, especially in women's studies and helped develop the Women's Studies Program at UWSP. She also served on the UW System Scholarly Communications Committee, a group convened in 1989 to discuss electronic publishing and its impact on the academy. Her participation led to her early involvement with distance education at UWSP, both as instructor and reference services provider.

Randlett holds bachelor and master's degrees from UWSP, a master's degree from Rosary College and a doctorate from UW-Madison. She also taught at Cardinal Stritch College in the early 1990s.

She led UWSP's semester abroad to Spain in 1985.

Dialect specialist retires

A master of stage combat and speech dialects who once "kissed the blarney stone," Professor of Theatre and Dance Thomas F. Nevins has retired from UWSP.

Nevins came to UWSP in 1979 after teaching at Quincy University, Villanova University and Vanguard Schools in Pennsylvania.

His ancestors hailed from Ireland, where he and his wife visited about 15 years ago. He kissed the famous stone at Blarney Castle and the experience inspired him to direct "Playboy of the Western World," an Irish comedy.

Nevins coached his students in 16 different dialects he perfected and taught over the years. He attributes his abilities with language to his upbringing in an ethnically mixed, working-class neighborhood in Chicago. "We played in the streets in that vital and exiting place from dawn until dark," he said.

In the early 80s, Nevins completed his original script and staged the UWSP premiere of "Poverello," a play about St. Francis of Assisi. In 1983 his production of "The Crucible" was chosen for regional competition by the American College Theatre Association. He directed more than 100 plays during his career.

Nevins developed a class in improvisation at UWSP. He also studied fencing with a professional instructor, enabling him to pass along combat techniques to his students in addition to teaching courses such as acting and theatre history. A favorite avocation has been directing community theatre productions.

He is proud that several of his former students have established successful careers in show business. "They work steady and keep bread on the table," he said.

His master's thesis on the history of the Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia is entered into the Library of Congress. In the late 1970s, Nevins was recognized for excellence in teaching by the Danforth Foundation.



Thomas F. Nevins

Jazz fund created

Jazz music enthusiasts and longtime friends of UWSP, Bob and Marilyn Worth, have established a \$10,000 jazz program endowment in the College of Fine Arts and Communication through the UWSP Foundation.

The endowment will assist the UWSP Jazz Ensemble, as well as the jazz studies program in the Department of Music.

According to Bob Kase, department chair, proceeds from the gift will be used for student scholarships or other program expenses that assist the jazz program. "We are grateful for Bob and Marilyn's generosity and enthusiasm for the jazz program," Kase said. "Their gift will strengthen our program and allow even more opportunities for our student musicians."

In 1991 Bob Worth established the Robert Worth Jazz Percussion Scholarship at UWSP. Since that year he has increased the scholarship fund from its original \$3,000 donation. Worth himself is an accomplished musician who has been playing jazz since the 1950s. He was recipient of UWSP's William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award in 2002.

The Worths have been active and ongoing supporters of a wide variety of academic pursuits at UWSP including the Division of Communication, the College of Natural Resources, UWSP's Natural History Museum and the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

Faculty Publishes

Chancellor edits book

UWSP Chancellor Tom George has co-edited a book entitled *Theoretical Physics 2001*, a volume in the series *Horizons in World Physics*, published by Nova Science Publishers, Huntington, New York, 2002. The other co-editor is Henk F. Arnoldus, associate professor of physics at Mississippi State University.

The 16-chapter volume, written by scientists from around the world, provides a representative sampling of the latest advances in theoretical physics. George co-authored a chapter on interactions of laser radiation with molecular and chemical systems with collaborators from Hungary.

George is professor of chemistry and physics at UWSP and also holds an appointment as adjunct professor of physics at Korea University in Seoul.

Faculty Publishes

New approach for oak forests

Robert Rogers, professor of forestry, has co-authored *The Ecology and Silviculture of Oaks* with retired silviculturist, Paul Johnson, and research forester, Stephen R. Shifley.

"The book gives an alternative approach to oak forests and their stewardship," Rogers said. "Oaks are components of responsive ecosystems that not only provide timber and other commodities, but oak forests are part of a much broader picture with multiple values beyond boards and cords of wood."

The book brings together knowledge about oaks that previously was scattered throughout many scientific journals and conference proceedings. "Our goal was to synthesize this information, as much as possible, to tell a scientifically accurate, cohesive story about the life of oaks and their ecosystems," Rogers said.

A CABI publication, the book sells for \$149 in the United States. Published in the United Kingdom and the U.S., the book is intended for foresters, ecologists, wildlife management specialists, environmental scientists and teachers.

Home Ec items available

Several items are still available from the UWSP Home Economics Centennial Store.

- A recipe book includes contributions from Bessie May Allen as well as current faculty members and students.
- Note cards with envelopes feature 10 different original watercolor drawings by Ethel Hill. Cards are sold in miscellaneous packets of six cards each.
- "Ten Decades of UWSP Home Economics" is a videotape originally shown at the Centennial Celebration last September.
- A videotape overview of the September 22 Centennial Celebration also is available.

Each item sells for \$10 plus shipping. For more information, call toll free (866) 201-5707.

IP fund hits goal

People whose lives have been touched by UWSP International Programs have expressed their appreciation for the lasting benefits of study abroad. Eight former leaders of the study tours have established scholarship endowments with the UWSP Foundation.

People donating \$5,000 or more to the endowment include retired Head of Interior Architecture Mary Ann Baird; retired Director of International Programs Robert Bowen and his family; Maxine Burress, retired English instructor and widow of Professor of English Lee Burress; former UWSP Assistant to the Chancellor David Coker and his wife, Sharon Price; retired Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs Helen Godfrey; retired Professor of History Fred Kremple and his wife, Patricia; Professor of Sociology Robert Wolensky and his wife, Molly; and retired Professor of Art and Design Dan Fabiano and his wife, Jan.

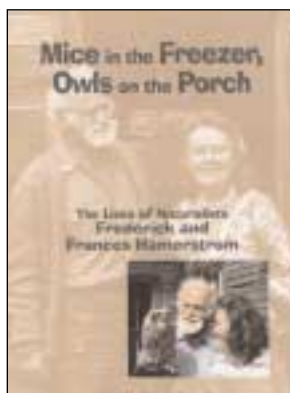
The endowment committee set a goal of \$100,000 that was raised when participants and leaders of study tours responded to a call for funding that will provide scholarships for students who want the opportunity for the life-changing experience of studying abroad.

Although the cost of the programs is a great value, there are a number of worthy students who cannot afford it, according to Bowen, fund-raising committee member.

Honorary chairs of the scholarship committee included former Chancellor and Governor Lee Dreyfus, UWSP Chancellor Tom George and past International Programs Directors Bowen, Pauline Isaacson and Helen Corneli. Heading the appeal were Baird and Wolensky.

Faculty Publishes

Corneli pens biography



A biography of naturalists Frederick and Frances Hamerstrom, *Mice in the Freezer, Owls on the Porch*, has been written by English Professor Emerita Helen Corneli. The hardcover book is available from the University of Wisconsin Press for \$24.95.

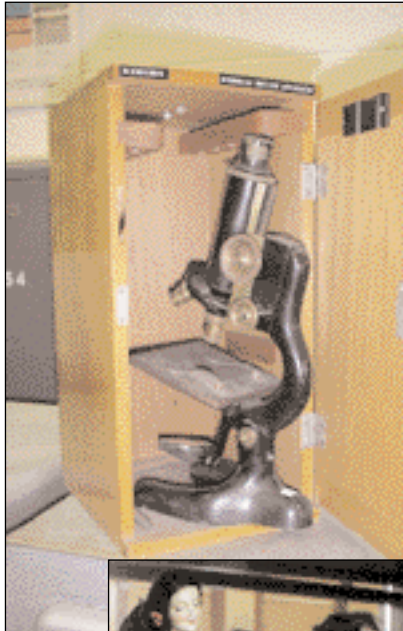
In doing research for the book, Corneli drew upon her long friendship with the extraordinary couple who were her neighbors as well as using their letters, papers and reminiscences of contemporaries.

The biography reveals the Hamerstroms' passions and follows their relationship from childhood to maturity. Corneli profiles the achievements of two people who inspired a generation of naturalists to follow their examples. They rejected a life of sophisticated convention and comfort and embraced the pleasures of living and conducting on-the-spot research into diminishing species.

The book provides a dramatic account of conservation history in Wisconsin from the 1920s through the 1970s.

Corneli taught English at UWSP beginning in 1962 and was director of International Programs for seven years, retiring in 1991.

Historic inventory completed

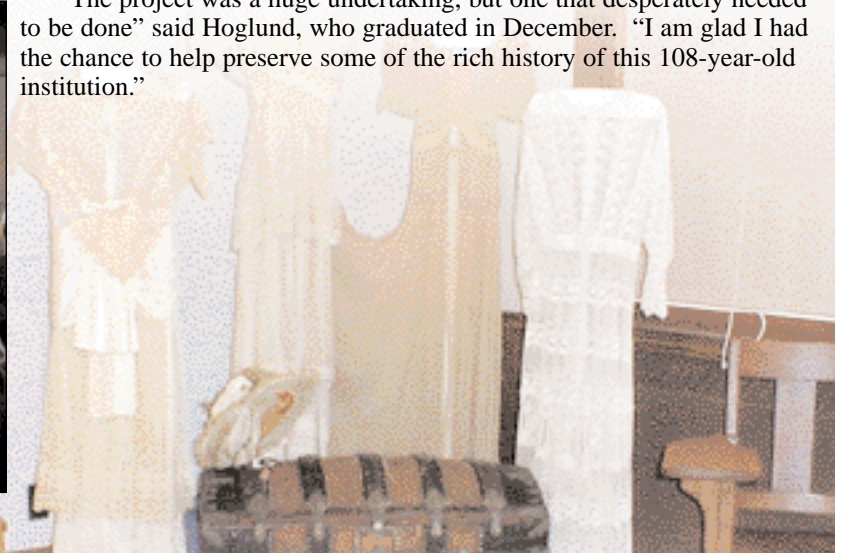


Last September News Services intern Erik Høglund was given the task of photographing and cataloging everything of historical importance at UWSP for the Historic Preservation Committee. The task was originally undertaken by Larry Hutchinson of Facilities Services for the state's inventory records, but was delegated to Høglund after realizing that the university also needed a complete inventory.

Høglund started the project by contacting individuals located in each of 14 campus buildings, excluding residence halls, and asking for their help. After appointments were made, Høglund set off with a digital camera to photograph all of the historically significant items in each building. When the photos were printed, he created a database, which includes an inventory number, description and location of each item.

Upon completion, the photographs and database will be stored in the Nelis Kampenga Archives in the Learning Resource Center, where they will be available to the public. The project will serve as a bridge linking UWSP's future to its past. Included are pictures of everything from a 1902 camera to an original 1907 diploma from the Stevens Point Normal School, to dinnerware used by domestic sciences and photographs of the construction of Nelson Hall.

"The project was a huge undertaking, but one that desperately needed to be done" said Høglund, who graduated in December. "I am glad I had the chance to help preserve some of the rich history of this 108-year-old institution."



Lonely Moses sits in Old Main

Today, in the refurbished Old Main Founders Room, Moses sits alone. One hundred years ago, he was part of a large collection of statuary that adorned the halls and classrooms of the State Normal School.

In her memoirs, Mary D. Bradford, a member of the school's first faculty, described the significance of the items purchased by President Theron B. Pray and displayed in Old Main in the early 1900s.

"Opportunities for participation in the cultural aspects of life characterized this school to a marked degree. Sculpture through plaster replicas was made available for all who cared enough for such art to pay the relatively small price asked for them. This was the form of cultural heritage that was particularly stressed for the students at Stevens Point. Small sums of money as they came to his (Pray's) hand from various sources ... were expended for the best reproductions of old Greek and later Italian sculpture with an occasional bust of a distinguished modern personage.

"The catalog of the school at the end of its sixth year contains a beautiful cut showing the pieces of statuary that had gradually been accumulated through those few years. ... In the catalog of the tenth year is shown also a display of 28 additions to the art treasures of the school. More statuary, bas-reliefs, busts of classic and modern people, appear in the picture.

"... When one considers the fact that many young men and women, born and reared in the frontier regions of Wisconsin, remote from art galleries, saw for the first time in the Stevens Point Normal these forms of beauty and were taught in the art department their history and meaning, then it will be understood why I consider this a significant characteristic of this school. And it did something for the community too."

Bradford, who went on to become the first female head of a large school district in Wisconsin, obviously thought highly of Pray and his statuary. Unfortunately, when the wings of Old Main were clipped in the late 1970s, many of the objects (literally) flew out the windows. Fortunately for Moses and for UWSP, faculty member Donald Rupert saved him from the dumpster and Professor Charles Goan brought him back to campus. He's the only one left at UWSP.



Erik Høglund with the statue of Moses



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Laptops become part of Interior Architecture

In September every interior architecture junior will have a laptop computer to use in design classes.

"Computers are a part of our classroom studio environment," said Kathe Stumpf, head of the Division of Interior Architecture (IA).

Starting two years ago, incoming IA students were told that they each would be required to buy a laptop computer by the time they were juniors. The requirement was written into the curriculum after extensive discussions with students and faculty members. Three studios were updated on a limited budget. Changes included electrical work and connections to the university network. In the laptop-friendly classroom, students will have a direct connection with experts and will be able to correspond directly with them using e-mail.

"We've done everything needed to get this program up and running," Stumpf said. "We have inched along and found ways to make it run smoothly before all the students come into the classroom with laptops."

A few students began using laptops last fall, but the program won't be in full swing until September. This has helped Stumpf to work out problems before all the students have their own computers.

"I love my laptop," said interior architecture senior Jennifer Schuh of Rothschild. "I bring it to class, take it to the lab and take it home so I can do projects on weekends." Schuh purchased the laptop as a junior even though it wasn't a requirement so that she could use "AutoCAD" software for classroom projects.

Senior IA student Bree Krueger purchased her laptop as a sophomore. "Being able to work at home on the laptop and then take it to the labs for class is an effortless transition," she said.

By putting off the requirement to buy the computer until they are juniors, students can be sure they are going to stay with the program before making the purchase. However, no student has dropped out of the program solely because of the computer purchase requirement, Stumpf said.

"Considering the salary expectations in the field I'm going into, I believe I'll easily be able to pay back my school loans," said Aaron Heiss, Neenah, a senior majoring in interior



Laboratories in the Division of Interior Architecture are fully equipped for students who have their own laptop computers.



Donna Zimmerman, assistant professor of interior architecture, and senior Jennifer Shuh use laptop computers in classes and laboratories. Shuh purchased the laptop computer even though it won't be required until September.

architecture. "I don't think it will be difficult and the laptop is just part of the package."

Heiss also is comfortable with troubleshooting his own computer. "By working so extensively with the computer as a student, I feel I'll be ready to go into any job situation," Heiss said. The computers will be only two or three years old when students get their first jobs, so they should be reasonably up to date. Most students won't have to face another computer purchase before they find that first position.

"The laptop is an exciting and practical addition to our curriculum," said Jane Kangas, technology committee chair in the Division of Interior Architecture, who teaches sophomore level Computer Aided Design. "This equipment becomes another medium for our design students. We teach with pencil, pen and brush, why not the computer?"

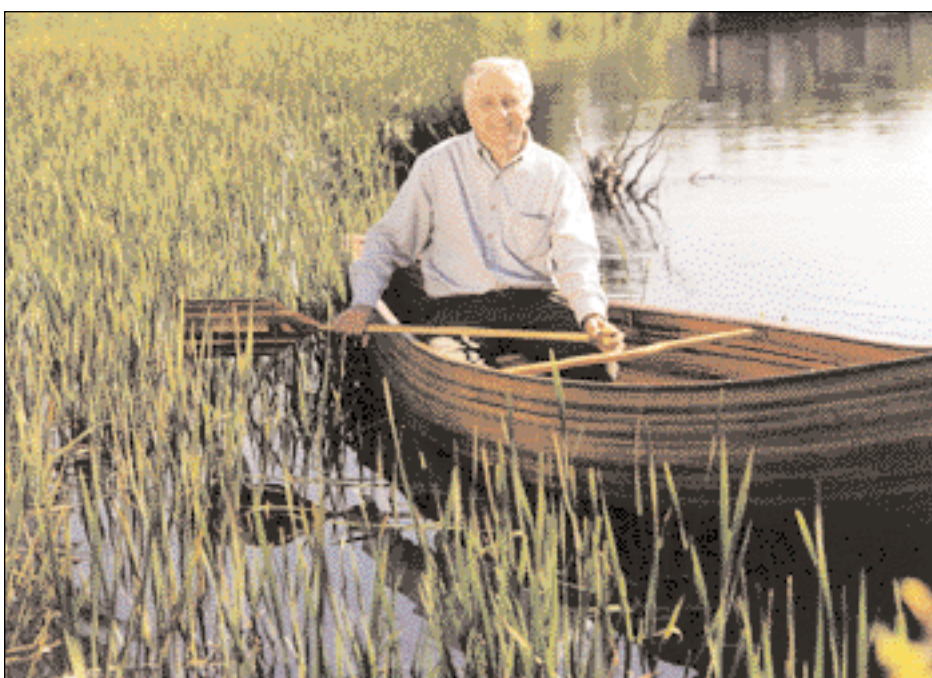
On an annual field trip to one of Chicago's leading design firms last October, sophomore Nick Fendt learned firsthand that professional designers and potential employers were impressed with UWSP's requirements for computer proficiency and commended the laptop purchase. "We saw the real potential for using computers in the workplace," he said.

"Because so many students have access to this kind of technology, it is changing how we teach and how they learn," Stumpf said. "By giving students problems to solve, they become problem solvers. That is a valuable skill to have in the job market."

Grant assists Portage County lake assessment

UWSP faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduates will do a systematic analysis of 29 lakes in partnership with Portage County over the next two years.

"A Snapshot of Portage County Lakes at the Turn of the Century" will use a \$184,339 grant to assess changes in water quality and habitat during the past 30 years. They will begin with College of Natural Resources research done during the 1970s and 1980s.



Byron Shaw, emeritus professor of soil and water resources, collected data on area lakes, which will be used in a new study to assess changes in water quality over the past 30 years.

"Thanks to previous baseline work by Byron Shaw and other faculty and student researchers, data compiled during this study will give county planners a true measurement of changes in the health and vitality of our area lakes," said Nancy Turyk, water quality specialist for UWSP's Center for Watershed Science and Education. "With Portage County in the throes of state-mandated land and water use planning, this type of data will prove invaluable as the county seeks to maintain and even improve water quality in the coming years."

According to Turyk, all but six of the 29 lakes have previous research data to draw upon. The lakes to be studied are Adams, Amherst Millpond, Bear, Bently Pond, Boelter, Collins, Ebert, Emily, Fountain, Helen, Jaqueline, Jonas, Jordan Pond, Lime, Lions, McDill Pond, Onland, Pickerel, Rinehart, Rosholt Millpond, Severson, Skunk, South Twin, Spring, Springville, Sunset, Thomas, Tree and Wolf. All 29 lakes are either spring fed, seepage or drainage type lakes.

Robert Freckmann, emeritus professor of biology, will oversee an aquatic plant inventory, with emphasis on sensitive and exotic plant colonies. Ronald Crunkilton, professor of natural resources, will assess eight of the lakes' fisheries, including an overview of sensitive fish habitat in each lake.

Tim Ginnett, assistant professor of natural resources, will undertake a bird study on 10 of the lakes, evaluating the numbers and species of birds found near developed and less developed lakes.

On all of the lakes, Eric Wild, herpetologist in the biology department, will study amphibians and reptiles, supervising frog call, salamander and turtle surveys.

Robert Bell, chair of the Biology Department, will begin an algae study on all 29 lakes next spring, with a focus on algae impacts on water quality.

In an assessment of vegetation, staff members will map shorelands in order to get an overall picture of shoreland health in both developed and undeveloped shorelines.

The information will be presented to the community on several occasions. Summary reports will be compiled and distributed to people who live around the lakes and to town and village boards.

Project support is provided by UWSP, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Lake Protection Grants Program and Portage County citizens.

classroom and community

Student is top intern in nation

Competitive swimming isn't the only thing Randy Lantinen does well.

The senior business administration major and captain of the UWSP swim team was named the top intern in the nation last summer by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

Lantinen of Bovey, Minn., an intern at a district agency of Northwestern Mutual, sold the most insurance policies among 1,200 interns throughout the country.

Another intern at Northwestern Mutual, Aaron Johnson, a senior business and economics major from Seymour, placed third in the nation. Both students work at the agency headed by Bob Taylor of Stevens Point. Lantinen sold 37 policies over the summer and Johnson sold 24. Both interns achieved the Power of Ten Award for selling 10 life insurance policies.

For more than 30 years, Taylor and his staff have given area university students opportunities to learn about the financial services industry while becoming licensed representatives and earning sales commissions.

For the past six years, the internship program has been named among the top 10 in the country by Random House/Princeton Review, ranking among elite employers such as CNN, The Washington Post and the U.S. Supreme Court. Both Lantinen and Johnson plan to continue with the company once internships are completed. Johnson says it has taught him what to expect in the "real world."

The interns can work independently almost from the moment they enter the door. Lantinen and Sara Behm of Readfield earned the Pacemaker Award for selling five policies each within the first two weeks of their internships. Behm, a UWSP graduate in business administration and German, stayed on with the company to work in marketing, recruiting and training, as well as sales. Taylor has been in insurance for 34 years and serves as a strong mentor and role model. He says he is pleased with the quality of the UWSP student interns who come from majors such as communication and psychology in addition to business.

When he selects the interns, Taylor says he is looking for "a few good people." From about 100 applicants, he chooses up to six interns each summer who appear to be



UWSP interns and a former intern meet with Bob Taylor, head of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network's District Office. Pictured, from left, are Sara Behm of Readfield, a May UWSP graduate, Taylor, senior Aaron Johnson of Seymour, and senior Randy Lantinen of Bovey, Minn.

self-motivated, independent and ambitious. But the motivated, self-starters can also plan on receiving hands-on, individualized attention from Taylor. "This field is not for everyone," he says, "It's tough and competitive, but we also have fun."

The interns set their own hours, are in charge of their own portfolios and are expected to make a total commitment to the process. Taylor says recruiting topnotch interns helps to strengthen the agency as well as the company in general.

"Working with college students takes time, but it's well worth the effort," Taylor concludes.

Volunteers support UWSP music programs

The fifth annual Soiree Musicale will take center stage at UWSP on Friday, April 25, thanks to the help of a devoted band of volunteers from the Stevens Point community.

Why do these intrepid Stevens Point natives take to the streets encouraging their fellow citizens to spend \$60 each on tickets for this gala performance?

"When those kids line up on stage to say thank you for the scholarships supported by the money we raised, I cry every time," said Dr. Anne Schierl, a retired physician who is a volunteer member of the Soiree Musicale Committee. "My personal dream is to give the entire community the opportunity to see these talented students and faculty members."

The Soiree Musicale has been a great success since its inception in 1999, raising more than \$20,000 last year and a total of more than \$90,000 over the past five years. All of the money goes to the students in the form of scholarships.

"Thanks to the scholarship dollars raised by this event, we have increased the quality of our performing ensembles and teaching studios," said Bob Kase, professor and chair of the Department of Music. "Our talented students will go on to become successful musicians, teachers, composers and bring even more quality to Stevens Point."

When first begun, the event depended on corporate support, but now ticket sales have taken over. "That early support from area businesses was critical," said committee member Bob Worth. "It represents thousands of bucks."

Why does Worth volunteer for the event?

"I've been connected with the university all my life," he said. "I was in the Phi Sig Band after graduation and I came back every year at homecoming for events with Professor Michelsen. Then I became involved with UWSP's Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. I guess I'm a professional alumnus."

Worth was named UWSP Distinguished Alumnus in 1982 and received the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award last year.

In addition to raising money for outstanding students, Dick Hofmeister volunteers as a member of the Soiree Musicale Committee because he loves music. "I'm a graduate of UW-Madison," he said. "I got to know Don Greene (retired music department chair) because he was involved in the Stevens Point community. Because he wanted to make the university's music accessible to the community, I was willing to help."

Tickets for the event are available from committee members, the University Box Office; Room 103A University Center or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or the college's Development Office at (715) 346-3056.

Hofmeister's wife, Lois, and Worth's wife, Marilyn, also are volunteers on the Soiree Musicale Committee, as are Don and Diana Greene. Other committee members, from Stevens Point, include Bob and Mary Williams, Chuck and Vikki Nason, John and Gail Prais, Gretchen and Rodger Beyer, and Wisconsin Rapids resident Leslie Arnedt.



Students and faculty members rehearse while Dick Hofmeister looks on. Hofmeister, a local music lover, volunteers for the Soiree Musicale committee to help raise scholarship dollars for students.

Students raise funds for charity

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) students at UWSP have raised \$1,600 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin. The organization grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

About 300 students in 13 UWSP residence halls sponsored money-raising events ranging from a service auction to pie-throwing contest to a coin drop in a fish tank.

A competition to see which hall could construct the most creative mosaic, sculpture or picture using the money raised was held before the funds were donated to Make-A-Wish.

NRHH is an organization that provides recognition for those who excel in residence hall leadership. The group's advisers are Heather Kind Keppel, residence hall director, and Julie Zsido, assistant director of student development. Keppel is a 1999 graduate of UWSP.



May Roach Hall residents created a mosaic with the money they raised for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

GEM Education Center continues to grow

Over \$3.5 million in support from public and private sources has assured continued development of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center in the College of Natural Resources.

Several grants to support GEM were shepherded through the legislative appropriations process by U.S. Congressman David Obey and U.S. Senator Herbert Kohl.

Established in 2000, the center provides a unifying theme and vision for the college's future, according to CNR Dean Victor Phillips.

The GEM Education Center will be a world-class, 100,000 square-foot facility with a 10-year development timeline calling for \$66 million in construction and equipment and \$34 million for staffing and programs. Most of the funding to date has come from federal agencies, but grants and gifts from the private sector will become increasingly important, including funding from industry, foundations and individuals.

GEM funding has made possible several staffing additions.

Michael Dombeck, former USDA Forest Service Chief, was named GEM Pioneer Professor and UW System Fellow of Global Conservation in 2001. A 1971 graduate of UWSP, Dombeck is widely regarded as one of the nation's leading conservationists.

Wes Halverson, hired in July 2001, is the administrator of the \$1 million GEM watersheds program grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Halverson has over 20 years experience in watershed education and curriculum development in the U.S. and abroad.

Jeri McGinley was hired in October 2002 as GEM executive assistant. She acts as the "clearinghouse" for all GEM-related activities, assists Dombeck in his work as GEM Pioneer Professor, and facilitates communications with GEM partner institutions.

Brian Kermath, GEM research associate, provides direct assistance to Dombeck in researching, analyzing and summarizing data on major national and international conservation and environmental issues. He also assists Dombeck in the preparation of media pieces.

Although most of the nine GEM program areas and the GEM facilities are in the planning stages, work is already underway within the GEM programs of Watershed Management and Smart Growth Land Use Planning. Funding for the latter is enabling the college's new Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) to assist Wisconsin municipalities in developing land use plans by the state-mandated deadline of 2010. Michael Dresen, extension land management specialist, is director of CLUE for the College of Natural Resources and Cooperative Extension at UWSP.

Partnership agreements have been signed with institutions and organizations that share program interests with GEM. For example, an agreement was reached in June 2001 with the Autonomous University of Chapingo, Mexico. The collaboration focuses on forestry, ecotourism and biodiversity in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Another GEM cooperative agreement was signed in April 2002 with the National Wildlife Federation, one of nation's largest conservation organizations with over four million members.

Online calendar highlights events

A new online calendar offers one location for viewing a variety of UWSP events.

The calendar, located at <http://events.uwsp.edu/>, also is accessible from the top left corner of the UWSP home page at www.uwsp.edu.

The listings include UWSP sponsored events for academics, athletics, educational opportunities, guest speakers, multicultural programs, music, Performing Arts Series, theatre, special events, student organizations and more.

Visitors may use a search form on the site to find events containing a certain word or phrase. For example, if looking to attend a homecoming event, enter "homecoming" in the search box and a list of events containing that word will appear.

The site also contains an advanced search tool that allows users to find events by date, location, sponsor or type. Events may be viewed by day, week or month. A "Help" link also is available to guide visitors.

The calendar was created by Sasithorn Zuge, a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Computing, with assistance from Peter Zuge of Information Technology, Assistant Professor and faculty technology consultant Rebecca Stephens of the English Department and Calendar Manager Carrie Heibler of News Services.

Faculty Publishes

Breining writes on theatrical censorship

Daniel Breining, assistant professor of foreign languages, is the author of *Dramatic and Theatrical Censorship of Sixteenth Century New Spain* published by The Edwin Mellen Press of Lewiston, N.Y.

Breining's book is a study of the development of instructional dramas in colonial Mexico aimed at converting the indigenous population to Christianity. At the time, anti-theatrical dictates were enforced by the authorities of New Spain and the works were censored. The works discussed give insight into censorship policies of the archbishop and other authorities of the region.

Breining has taught Spanish in Stevens Point and was a translator for several agencies. He has taught music in Mexico City, performed in Spanish stage productions and played co-principal bassoon with the Orquesta Filarmónica in Mexico City.

The book is available through the publisher.

Faculty Publishes

Klessig creates "Woodland Visions"

Lowell Klessig, professor emeritus of natural resources, is the author of *Woodland Visions - Appreciating and Managing Forests for Scenic Beauty*, a 36-page educational primer.

"I wrote this publication with a focus on appreciating and managing woodlands for the beauty they provide because landowners receive very little professional assistance with aesthetics management even though it is one of the principal reasons for owning woodland," Klessig said. "My hope is that woodland property owners can be better able to enjoy and enhance the scenic beauty of their land."

Klessig's book offers a wide range of advice for those managing hardwoods, pine forests or mixed forest ecosystems.

The book is available for \$12.80 through UW-Extension offices throughout the state or by calling toll free (877) 947-7827.

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Come with us to the City of Lights

Alumni and friends of UWSP are invited to travel to France for nine days of sightseeing in Paris and the French countryside from Sunday, Sept. 14 to Monday, Sept. 22.

Activities in and around the "City of Lights" will include visits to such striking and historic buildings as the Palace of Versailles and Abbey Mont St. Michel, visits to art museums including the legendary Louvre, tours of the renowned gardens of Claude Monet, the American Cemetery at Normandy and the Omaha Museum. Time will be allowed during the trip for participants to explore France on their own.

Cost of the trip will be \$1,999 each for twin occupancy and \$2,588 for single occupancy. Cost will include motor coach from Stevens Point to Chicago's O'Hare Airport for departure to France via scheduled air transportation and return to Stevens Point. An additional charge of \$95 per person will cover various taxes.

The final payment is due no later than Mon., July 14. For more information, contact the UWSP Alumni Association at 1-877-764-6801 or Mayflower Tours at 1-800-728-0724.

Big Band plays at Indian Crossing

The UWSP Big Band Express swing band appears each August at Waupaca's Indian Crossing Casino, with proceeds from ticket sales funding scholarships for students in UWSP's jazz studies program.

The annual event hosts more than 600 patrons, dancing and listening to swing music of the 1930s through the 90s. Some of the musicians have toured Europe and performed at intercollegiate jazz festivals throughout the U.S.

Music faculty artists who have headlined performances include trumpeter Bob Kase, bassist Catalin Rotaru, trombonist Brian Martz, saxophonist David Hastings and jazz pianist Matt Buchman. Other members of the band include an all-star selection of faculty members, students and alumni of UWSP's Music Department.

When tickets are available in July, they may be purchased at the University Box Office, Room 103A in the University Center or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Tickets also are available at the casino on Highway Q, Waupaca, at a slightly higher charge.

Cornerstone Press publishes "Buckridge Chronicles"

"Buckridge Chronicles" by columnist Dick Hall of Oshkosh has been published by Cornerstone Press at the UWSP.

Edited and published by students from Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing class, the paperback is for sale on the Internet and at the University Bookstore for \$15.95.

Hall, whose work has been published in several magazines and newspapers, has worked for 40 years to make his woodlot into a sustained environment. His writing is practical, common sense information he learned while working in his own forest.

"Like all woodlots, it is wonderfully unique upon the landscape and it has taught me much," the author writes. "Woodlots are moderators of wind, year-round habitat for wildlife, cleaners of air and water, the only form of agriculture dependent on wild species in natural communities, and places of unique living cycles and natural beauty."

His collection of personal essays and sketches was chosen from among 10 manuscripts submitted to the class. It is illustrated with line drawings of the 160-acre woodlot in southern Wisconsin.

The book was printed by Badger State Industries of Madison.

The book also can be ordered by writing to Cornerstone Press, c/o Dan Dieterich, UWSP Department of English, Collins Classroom Center, Stevens Point, WI 54481-3987 or by calling (715) 341-6177.

Manuscripts sent to Dieterich will be considered by the class for publication next fall.

Volunteer group marks 25 years

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT), the student volunteer service-learning program at UWSP, has served schools, agencies and individuals in the community for 25 years.

When the organization was formed in 1977, it included six programs with about 56 students. Last year 1,205 UWSP students contributed 7,532 hours of community service to 90 programs sponsored by 15 agencies and 22 schools.

The organization has five major programs: tutoring, individual volunteering, community group projects, Hunger Clean Up and the UWSP Blood Drive.

"The Homework Center would not run without our UWSP student volunteer tutors," said Mary

Kampschoer, resident services coordinator for the Stevens Point Housing Authority. The center offers students from public housing a place to study and complete homework in the evenings.

Over 400 UWSP students tutor in local public and private schools.

More than 300 students served the community, assisting the elderly and disabled, caring for children and serving as victim advocates for Portage County and private agencies.

Group volunteers from residence halls and student organizations help with events such as the Diaper Drive for First Home, Red Cross events, holiday basket collections and Bowl for Kids Sake.

The Hunger Clean Up, held in April, involved 150 students doing yard work and cleanup in the community. This year they raised over \$1,700 for the local Operation Bootstrap and the National Campaign to Fight Hunger and Homelessness.

Two American Red Cross blood drives sponsored by ACT last year collected 423 pints of blood. An additional blood drive for The Blood Center included 300 volunteers and collected an additional 134 pints.

ACT members participated in the Alternative Spring Break in San Antonio, Texas, last March where they volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the San Antonio Homeless Shelter.

The program is led by a 10-member student executive board, which meets weekly to direct daily operations, plan volunteer activities and set goals. While paid for seven hours each week, the board members often work up to 20 hours a week. Additional leadership is held by volunteer student program coordinators, who coordinate the efforts of multiple volunteers in each of the agencies and schools in the ACT network.



A UWSP student volunteer helps at the Homework Center, a program of the Association for Community Tasks.

Faculty Publishes

Wildlife expert publishes guide

Neil Payne, professor emeritus of wildlife, has self-published *More Wildlife on Your Land: A Guide For Private Landowners*.

The book gives options for managing land for wildlife as well as for wood, crops and cattle. It describes how to alter habitat or change land management practices to attract more wildlife from songbirds to deer. The book contains more than 100 figures and charts, as well as color photos taken by Payne's son, Mark, a park ranger at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay, and a 1994 graduate of UWSP.

The book is available through Barberie Publications, P.O. Box 212, Plover, WI 54467 for \$19.95. More information is available on the Web site, www.uwsp.edu/wildlife/npayne.

Faculty Publishes

CD features harpsichord

Gasparo Records' new classical CD release features UWSP's Barbara Harbach performing Bach's popular "Goldberg Variations," a work generally regarded as the most difficult and ambitious composition written for harpsichord.

Associate Professor Harbach is recognized as one of the world's foremost performers of the keyboard music of Bach, garnering high praise from both critics and audiences.

"Harbach has received unanimous acclaim for her performances, and I must add my voice to that ever-enlarging chorus," wrote *The New Records* critic. "Her musicianship is superb, and places her in the front rank of those who practice in the Baroque art in this country, if not the world."

The opening aria is followed by 30 variations of increasing complexity.

In her third year at UWSP, Harbach previously was a professor of music at Washington State University and has served on the faculties at UW-Oshkosh and SUNY-Buffalo. She is widely known as a pioneer in documenting the music of women composers.

The CD is available from Gasparo Records, Peterborough, N.H. at www.gasparo.com, and through Vivace Press, (715) 343-5844 or www.vivacepress.com.

Environmental Ed expanded

A UWSP program to increase the nation's environmental literacy received \$2.5 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for fiscal year 2003. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee has approved \$2.5 million in funding for National Environmental Education Training Partnership (EETAP) for fiscal year 2004.

This will bring national funding for the program to a total of \$10 million. UWSP's College of Natural Resources was selected three years ago to administer EETAP and to coordinate activities among 10 other organizations across the country.

"Congressman Dave Obey has been a staunch supporter of our efforts throughout the years, and Senator Herb Kohl and his staff also have played a positive role in supporting UWSP's environmental education initiatives," said Richard Wilke, UW System distinguished professor of environmental education.

Last year's accomplishments include supporting an instructional Web site, distributing *National Guidelines for Teaching* and helping develop national standards for teacher preparation in environmental education through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. In addition, an online course in the fundamentals of environmental education was made available to undergraduate and graduate students worldwide. EETAP has worked intensively with leaders in eight states to make curriculum and training available to teachers and students.

Continued funding of the program means that UWSP will be able to offer additional outreach services including enhanced preservice education of teachers, an issue Wilke has pursued throughout his 27-year career at UWSP. In addition, UWSP will expand its collaboration with professional education organizations such as the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and National Science Teachers Association to expand environmental education for organization members.

George C. Becker

George Becker, emeritus professor of biology, died at his home Nov. 4 at age 85.

An expert on Wisconsin fishes, Becker taught many courses including general zoology, comparative anatomy, embryology and organic evolution at UWSP from 1959 to 1979.



George Becker

“George was an inspirational and accomplished teacher,” said Emeritus Professor Virgil Thiesfeld, former chair of the Department of Biology. “His students had great respect for him and worked harder than they ever had before. I remember George as a loyal colleague who

was always willing to be of assistance to his colleagues and to students.”

Becker did intensive research on the fishes of Wisconsin, bringing his wife, Sylvia, three sons and many of his students into the fish collection process.

As curator of fishes in the UWSP Museum of Natural History, he created one of the finest fish collections in the Midwest. After he retired, the collection was named in his honor. It was the source of much of the data for his publications, including *Fishes of Wisconsin*, published in 1983 by the University of Wisconsin Press. The book became highly regarded as the ultimate source on the subject. It includes keys to all the fish families, photographs, distribution maps, as well as information on each species’ status, habitat, biology and importance.

He was widely published in fish biology journals and other publications. In 1976 he published the book, *Inland Fishes of the Lake Michigan Drainage Basin*.

Becker won numerous honors, including the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award in 1962 and the Sigma Xi Excellence in Research Award. He was honored by the Citizens Natural Resources Association for his research and service and was an officer of the Wisconsin Academy of Letters and Science and the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology.

He held a bachelor’s degree in music from Milwaukee State Teachers College and he played violin in the Stevens Point Civic Symphony. He held two master’s degrees and a doctorate from UW-Madison.

William Stielstra



William Stielstra

William Stielstra, emeritus professor of history, died Jan. 5 at University House, a retirement home in Seattle, Wash.

A native of Michigan, he came to UWSP in 1965 as vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and held those posts until he joined the History Department in 1971.

After four years of military duty during World War II, Stielstra began a 38-

year career in higher education as a history professor and dean of men at Alma College in Michigan. He also served as assistant dean of men at Purdue University in Indiana.

While teaching was his joy, his greatest satisfaction came as a student personnel administrator, especially when he could deal directly with young people. Giving comfort to college students frustrated by the Vietnam War was “the most significant part of my career,” he said upon retirement.

Over the years, he and his family hosted an Italian exchange student, a family of Vietnamese refugees and an Ethiopian medical student now on the staff of Mayo Clinic.

Stielstra led study trips to Germany and England while a professor at UWSP and a semester in China (Taiwan) in 1985 with his wife, the year they retired.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, a retired learning disabilities specialist for the UWSP Gesell Institute and the Stevens Point schools.

A remembrance of George Becker

by Michael Dombeck

Standing in the long registration line at college, I was fresh out of Hayward High School in 1966. A robust barrel-chested, neatly dressed man said, “Can I help you?” He glanced at my registration slip and in a booming voice he said. “Yes, we still have seats left in general zoology.” As he handed me a perforated computer punch card, he asked, “By the way, Dombeck, where are you from?”

Nearly a month later, as I walked into my first general zoology lecture, a friendly voice yelled, “Hello Mike Dombeck, how are things in Hayward?” I looked up surprised, how does he know who I am? That was my introduction to George Becker who would become my teacher, adviser, mentor, fishing partner and lifelong friend.

George approached all endeavors with boundless energy and tremendous enthusiasm. He possessed a rare intellect and had mastered the arts, letters and sciences. He wrote numerous scientific works, including his seminal work, *Fishes of Wisconsin*, which remains the ultimate source of information in the state for both scientists and anglers.

His skill as a teacher was incredible. He had the ability to motivate students to put forth 100 percent and love it. He had a flawless command of his subject and expected the same of his students. I took several of his classes and got a master’s degree under his instruction.

He loved fishing, whether seining fishes for study or fishing with a fly rod on a brushy, mosquito infested trout stream or going after brookies, walleyes or muskies on a Canadian lake with loons providing the background music. We were on Eagle Lake in Canada and caught a 25-pound musky the day Richard Nixon resigned the presidency and landed a 40-pounder the next day. George gobbled down the walleye fillets cooked on a wood fire and beamed with delight as we discussed the week’s events.

He was not a Nixon fan and publicly protested the terrible waste of the Vietnam war. He did not shy from controversy, championed social and environmental issues and worried about human population growth. He was a critic of fish poisoning programs and was concerned about biodiversity before our nation knew how rapidly species were disappearing.

In the 1970s, the Beckers bought 40 acres across the road from my parents. A champion of clean air and water, Sylvia and George gardened organically and worked toward an ecologically sustainable lifestyle. George loved visiting, had a great sense of humor and would erupt in uncontrollable laughter at a funny story.

I had the honor of serving as head of this country’s two largest public land management agencies, the Bureau of Land Management the U.S. Forest Service. My mantra became the “health of the land.” Immersed in Washington D.C.’s political landscape, I often quietly wondered what George would do. Even in his later years he kept in touch cheering me on during conservation wins and encouraged me when I was down. I was honored to be treated like one of the family. He was a dedicated husband, father, teacher and friend. The world is a better place because of him.

Michael Dombeck is GEM Pioneer Professor and UW System Fellow of Global Conservation at UWSP.

Seldon Faulkner



Seldon “Scotty” Faulkner

Former theatre professor Seldon “Scotty” Faulkner died Jan. 25 at age 73 following a six-year battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

He came to Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point (now UWSP) in 1965 as chair of the Department of Speech and Drama. He oversaw the division of the department into the Communication Department (now the Division of Communication) and the

Theatre Arts Department (now the Department of Theatre and Dance) which he chaired for 11 years. Under his leadership, UWSP became known as a major center in the state for drama and dance, hosting annual state high school drama finals.

He was well known as a director of musical comedies. The USO asked him and the school to take shows overseas for tours of military bases.

Faulkner also served as director of the Arts and Lectures Series when it was formed, was on the faculty committee that planned the Fine Arts Center and was instrumental in establishing the campus radio station. He also served as chair of the Portage County Bicentennial Commission.

In 1973, he traveled in Europe under a research grant to study theaters in Germany. When he returned, he helped secure federal funding for a library “Showwagon” that traveled through Central Wisconsin performing plays for children.

He held a bachelor’s degree from Shurtleff College in Alton, Ill., a master of arts degree from St. Louis University and a doctorate from the University of Iowa. Before coming to UWSP, he was on the faculty at St. Louis University and at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

In 1978, he resigned from UWSP to become chair of speech and theatre at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and later served at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. He returned to Wisconsin to retire in the Madison area in 1994.

His struggle with Alzheimer’s disease was documented in a 1998 *Wall Street Journal* article entitled “A Daughter’s Odyssey, A Home for Dad.” The story by Ellen Graham led to improvements in dementia care and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Barbara Knowlton



Barbara Knowlton

Barbara Knowlton, emerita senior lecturer in Spanish, died Nov. 12 at her home. She lost her battle with lung cancer at age 71. She is survived by husband, Robert, emeritus professor of history.

“Barbara was a gifted Spanish teacher,” said Neil Lewis, professor and chair of history. “In addition, she possessed one of the best organizational minds in the university, and due to her uncanny gift of being able to

get to the heart of almost any complexity and clarify the most confused of issues, she was eagerly sought after for committees that could use her gentle guidance.”

Knowlton came to UWSP in 1965, took a short hiatus in the early 70s and retired in 1994. In her more than 20 years of service, she taught up to three sections of Spanish every semester. She said she “never met a student she didn’t like.”

She received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and studied at the National Autonomous University of Mexico City.

She was active in both university and community governance, serving on the Faculty Senate and as a longtime member of the Stevens Point Planning Commission. She also was a board member of the United Ministry in Higher Education and active at her church.

Knowlton served as president of the Stevens Point League of Women Voters and on the state level as a board member and vice president.

She was treasurer of the Portage County Historical Society, a member of the PEO Sisterhood and of the Fortnightly Study Club. She also volunteered with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and at the Riverfront Arts Center.

Memorials may be made to the Robert J. and Barbara Bullock Knowlton History Scholarship at UWSP by contacting the UWSP Foundation at 715-346-3812.

CORRECTION

An error was made in the obituary for Frank ‘Pat’ Crow, emeritus professor of history, who died March 7, 2002, at age 87. He was preceded in death by his wife, Luella, and is survived by his son, Frank Crow, Jr., and his daughter-in-law, Susan Crow. An endowment in his name was established for scholarships in the Department of History through the UWSP Foundation.



Class Notes

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

2000s

Jessica Ott, '01, Milwaukee, is head women's basketball coach, assistant sports information officer and senior women's administrator at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Eva McGillivray, '01, Detroit, is assistant sports information director at Wayne State University. She previously served as interim sports information director at Augusta State University in Georgia and was on the sports information staff at the University of South Carolina-Aiken.

Rebecca (Fredrick) Rogge, '00, Baton Rouge, La., is residence life coordinator at Louisiana State University (LSU). She and her husband, **Matthew**, '00, were married in July and both hold master's degrees from Iowa State University. He is pursuing a doctorate in fish diseases at LSU.



Betsy Skowbo, '00, is playing Hermia in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, with the Milwaukee Shakespeare Company, where she is a company member.

In the fall, she played Hero in *Much Ado About Nothing* and last winter she played Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*. *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* theater critic Damien Jaques said, "Skowbo is a prototype Juliet. Delicately pretty and able to look younger than her years, she speaks Shakespeare's language extremely well and projects an ethereal aura." Twenty-two performances in the Vogel Hall of Milwaukee's Marcus Center were offered free to more than 8,500 young people. For the 20th Annual Shaw Festival in Milwaukee, she had the role of Ellie in *Heartbreak House*, by George Bernard Shaw, and Daphne in Noel Coward's *Present Laughter*. During the summer, she appeared as Rose in the regional premiere of *A Hotel on Marvin Gardens* at Milwaukee's Chamber Theatre. "We had the good fortune to have the playwright and former artistic director of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Nagle Jackson, in town to direct the show," Skowbo said. "It was a remarkable experience!"

Brian Bergman, '99, Malko Turnovo, Bulgaria, is a volunteer with the Peace Corps, working at the Strandja Nature Park. The largest protected area in Bulgaria, the 290,000-acre park has a variety of habitats from the Black Sea coast to the interior highlands. His responsibilities include feeding vultures, tracking wolves, counting migrating birds, guiding tourists and environmental education. In July, he served at the 2002 Peace Corps Basketball Camp in Rouse, Bulgaria. The three children from Bergman's town received UWSP tank tops and stickers. Bergman says, "Please contact me if you have information on jerseys or basketballs for next year's campers." Contact him at gq_forester@yahoo.com.

Kari (Sulzer) Peterson, '00, Wausau, is an account executive at Schultz and Associates, an advertising and marketing firm. She is responsible for new sales and account management.

Jessica Kissner, '00, Port Edwards, has roles as the new music teacher, Jenny, and Oscar the Grouch in the Sesame Street Live production of *Everyone Makes Music*. The production will be on the road until the beginning of June. For show times and more information go to www.sesamestreetlive.com. Kissner also has performed with the Lawrence Welk Dinner Theater in *Oklahoma!*, *West Side Story* and *Can Can*.

1990s

Scott Kober, '99, Sheboygan, has taught special education in kindergarten through sixth grade for three years at a rural school in northwestern Alaska, located just above the Arctic Circle. He taught in a boys' residential school in Massachusetts for six months after graduation. He usually comes back to Wisconsin for a summer visit and would like to receive e-mail at koberfam@yahoo.com.

Lori (Luedtke) Elmhurst, '99, Mayville, is a chiropractic assistant at Mayville Chiropractic Center. She and her husband, Brian, have one son.

Monica Monfre, '99, Washington, D.C., is resident director at The Catholica University of America and advises the Urban Dance Group on campus. On weekends, she teaches English as a second language classes.



Adriane Fang and Vickie Carson

Adriane Fang, '94, New York, N.Y., met **Vickie Carson**, '77, Glasgow, Ky., at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. Fang was being filmed for the Wolf Trap Foundation production "Face of America," which uses dance and music to interpret national parks. She has been a member of Doug Varone and Dancers since 1996 and has taught and staged Varone's work. Carson is public information officer for Mammoth Cave National Park and coordinates media and filming in the park. A 23-year veteran of the National Park Service, she also worked at Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky and the Intermountain Regional Office in Denver. Fang and Carson met again when the piece was on stage at Wolf Trap.



Pointer Jerseys were given to Bulgarian children.

Kurt Steinke, '99, Sussex, is assistant manager at Naturescape, a private turf grass consulting company. He consults with managers of golf courses, parks and athletic complexes and homeowners on safe and environmentally sound management practices. While studying for a master's degree at UW-Madison, he made presentations to national audiences and consulted at locations such as Lambeau Field, Miller Park and several college athletic fields.

Jamie (Kain) Cisco, '97, Streamwood, Ill., and her husband, Russell, have one son.

Jeffrey Hale, '96, Atlanta, Ga., is relationship manager at Invesco Retirement.

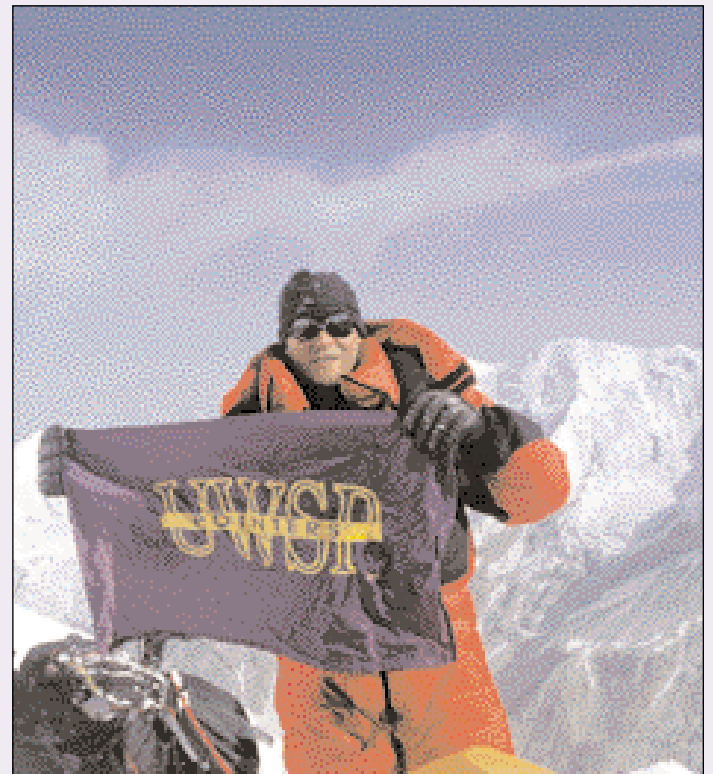
Ryan Scott, '96, Eugene, Ore., is an independent practitioner in psychology and counseling and director of Vista Counseling and Consultation. He holds a doctorate from the University of Georgia, completed his residency at the University of Oregon and holds a master's degree from Indiana University.

David Perrodin, '96, Portage, is assistant director of special education for CESA 5. He holds a master's degree from UW-Superior and is licensed as a school principal and director of special education and pupil services.

Chad Witt, '95, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a commercial sales representative for Push, Pedal, Pull fitness equipment. He and his wife, Lisa, have one daughter.

Irene Jorata, '95, LeHigh Acres, Fla., is plant protection and quarantine officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Fort Myers, Fla. She holds a master's degree from Minnesota State University.

Justman climbs to new heights



Jeffrey Justman with a UWSP flag on Mt Dhaulagiri

Jeffrey Justman, '96, master's '98, leads climbers on expeditions to the Himalayas in Nepal, and he aims to plant the UWSP flag on one of the highest peaks. Justman is a professional mountain guide with Rainier Mountaineering, the largest mountain guiding company in the U.S.

Last spring he led a trip to the seventh highest peak in the world, Dhaulagiri, which is 26,794 feet. After three attempts on the summit, 150 mile per hour winds and three meters of snow tuned them back. The climbers reached 25,300 feet, where they planted UWSP and American flags.

This spring, he plans to return to Nepal to lead a team to the summit of the eighth highest peak in the world, Manaslu, at 26,788 feet. The climbers will have to finish their attempt on the peak before May when the monsoon season could again drive them off the mountain. He will plant the U.S. and Pointer flags in Tibet.

Justman and his team climbed last spring to raise money for the family of Babu Chiri Sherpa, who died on Mount Everest in 2001. A portion of the money will go to build schools in Babu's village.

That climb was his first time in Tibet. It took two months and was "the toughest and steepest I have ever done," Justman said. Not only is it physically hard, but the extreme altitude makes it mentally and emotionally taxing. The most important thing however is that everyone came down off the mountain safely. "In elements with the temperature reaching well below zero it's nice to be able to wiggle your fingers and toes," he said.

Nestled between India and China, Nepal has been a politically turbulent region in the past few years. "With the fear of violent events, tourism is way down," Justman said. "However, not once were we afraid nor anywhere in unexpected danger."

His first adventure in mountaineering was a climb on Mt. Rainier while a student at UWSP. "It was physically difficult and mentally challenging in addition to having emotional and spiritual aspects." As a health promotion major, Justman had focused on the spiritual and social aspects of wellness. "When I returned from climbing Mt. Rainier, I knew that experience was what wellness was about. I wanted to apply what I had learned on the climb and use it to help people communicate. I wanted to bring the power of adventure to others."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1996, Justman worked with youth in an alcohol and other drug rehabilitation program that had a wilderness component. He did an internship with the program and then spent the summer working with youth. He liked interacting with people and enjoyed experiential learning, so he decided to get a master's degree in communication focusing on interpersonal and organizational communication.

"UWSP affected my life profoundly," he said. "I came back to UWSP for a master's degree because I knew it was the best program for me. It also gave me the opportunity to teach Communication 101, which showed me that I love teaching."

Justman led climbing expeditions to the Ecuadorian Andes in December and to Argentina in January. He also presents slide shows and presentations for audiences in such venues as elementary schools, community groups and corporations. He would like to hear from fellow UWSP alumni at personaleverest@yahoo.com. He will post dispatches on the progress of his next climb at www.mountain-link.com.

Pooh learned success at UWSP

Phoukham “Pooh” Vongkhamdy, '91, Bemidji, Minn., is state outreach coordinator and manager of the Asian American Employment Program (AAEP) for the Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS).

A native of Laos, Vongkhamdy grew up on a family farm that produced rice, fruit, vegetables, sugar cane and tobacco, all within a few acres. They also raised silk worms for fabric production, pigs and chickens. When his parents divorced, he took a leading role in helping his mother with the farm. He plowed using water buffalo and carried water from the Mekong River in a yoke on his shoulders.

At age 16, Vongkhamdy left Laos to escape the oppressive communist regime at the end of the Vietnam War. He crossed the Mekong River into Thailand in a canoe and, since he knew the area, he helped another family cross the river. In return, they paid a Thai guard to take them directly to the refugee camp, avoiding an unpleasant stay in jail before being declared as refugees. Once inside the camp, food and shelter were supplied by the United Nations.

After about five months, a family in St. Cloud, Minn., sponsored Vongkhamdy to come to the U.S. His new family in Minnesota provided room and board so that he had plenty of time to study. This was an extreme change from the rural life in Laos, where he would miss many days of school in order to help with planting and harvest on the farm.

He did well in high school and was admitted to the University of Minnesota at Morris. After his sophomore year, he happened to go to a retreat at a state park near Bemidji. A park ranger told him how much he enjoyed living at the park and working in the state forest. This seemed like the dream job to Vongkhamdy. The natural setting reminded him of his childhood. He learned about the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point and its high rating in natural resources. When he visited the campus, he realized that it was the perfect place for him.

“The people I met at UWSP taught me how to succeed,” said Vongkhamdy.

During semester break, he stayed with the family of his college roommate, **Patrick Greenwell**, '91, who now lives in Green Bay. He met Patrick's parents, **Sally Clanton**, '77, master's, '93, director of UWSP News Services, and **Dave Staszak**, associate vice chancellor and director of International Programs, who offered him support and advice for which he is still grateful.

Vongkhamdy did two student internships during his college career and has had several positions in field offices in Minnesota since graduation. While serving as soil conservationist at the field office in Waite Park, he met his wife, **Souksady**, also a native of Laos, and they were married in 1995. They have two children.

In an interview with Nancy L. Torner for the Center for Rural and Regional Studies in Marshall, Minn., he talked about some of the racism he encountered when he reached the U.S. Even after living in Minnesota and Wisconsin for 20 years, he still encounters misconceptions, he told her.

As state outreach coordinator and AAEP manager, it is now his job to help employers and others overcome these misconceptions and to ensure that all NRCS recruitment, employment and advancement activities are free from discrimination. He also assists district conservationists, who provide help for underserved and minority land users, small farmers and tribal governments.

Part of his job is recruiting the next generation of employees for the NCRS. He enjoys making presentations in high schools and telling young people about opportunities in natural resources where they can have the pleasure of working outdoors and make a difference in the environment. “The new generation will change lots of things,” he said.

“I don't think I am the most successful of UWSP's alumni,” Vongkhamdy said. “But I have to say I have accomplished something good in life that I didn't think I would be able to do.”



Pooh Vongkhamdy and his family visit Stevens Point to renew college friendships.



Regina (Stodola) Siegel

Regina (Stodola) Siegel, '95, Onalaska, also known as “Mrs. Wisconsin,” uses her crown to promote parental involvement in education. The Emerson Elementary

School principal has spent her one-year term attending parades and speaking before groups throughout Wisconsin. Her husband, John, an officer with the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, was named Husband of the Year at the Mrs. Wisconsin pageant. The couple has two children. Each contestant had to submit an essay on why her spouse should receive the award. This is the first time a husband and wife duo was crowned. In addition to an 11-day all expenses paid trip to Hawaii for the Mrs. America contest in September where she placed in the top 10, Siegel received thousands of dollars in prizes including a diamond necklace. In 1995, she was named third runner-up in the Miss Wisconsin Pageant and was named Miss Midwest.

Melissa Vollrath, '94, has a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Neurobiology. She holds a doctorate in neuroscience from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

Tracy (Ahles) Paul, '94, Edgar, is bookkeeper and part owner, with her husband, of a 150-head dairy farm. After teaching for five years, she says, “This lifestyle is never boring.”

*“If anyone asks me if they should get a master's degree at UWSP, I say, ‘Go for it! You'll never regret it!’ ” —
Barbara (Sire) Jensen, master's '93*

Scott Pritchard, '93, head baseball coach at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. serves on the Central Regional Advisory Committee for NCAA Division III baseball. He guided the 2000 and 2001 Blue Jay squads to St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles and back-to-back berths in the NCAA national tournament. He coached at UWSP for three years.

Barbara (Sire) Jensen, master's '93, Portage, teaches part time at Madison Area Technical College at their facilities in Portage and Reedsburg. She is president of The Writers at the Portage and a member of the Wisconsin Regional Writer's Association. “I'm happy to say my technical college students have benefited from my degree. Not only in what I learned at UWSP but also because of my age. I tell my students that when I was 40 years old, I went back to get my master's

degree. Many older students tell me I inspired them. If anyone asks me if they should get a master's degree at UWSP, I say, ‘Go for it! You'll never regret it!’ ”

Glenn Proudfoot, '93, College Station, Texas, is pursuing a doctorate at Texas A&M University. He was a research associate at Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute before serving a six-month tour as an AmeriCorps volunteer. He returned to the institute until 1998 when he was awarded a Sloan Fellowship. In 1997 he was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to serve as a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Team for the ferruginous pygmy-owl, which he now studies.

Shannon Allen-Gryzwa, '92, Waukesha, is a family physician at Waukesha Health Care in Mukwonago. Her husband, **Jeff**, '93, teaches high school in the Elmbrook school district. They have three boys.

Dawn Jeanquart, '92, Honolulu, Hawaii, is a staff sergeant in the Air Force. She is a linguist, assigned to the 324th Intelligence Squadron at Hickman Air Force Base.

Timothy Crain, '92, Chicago, teaches music at De Paul University. He holds a doctorate in historical musicology from Florida State University.

Alan Stone, '91, New Berlin, is a hydrogeologist at Hyde Environmental and is working toward a master's degree in environmental engineering at Milwaukee School of Engineering. He previously worked for RMT.



photo by Greg Zocher

Kristanne and Patrick Connolly

Kristanne, '94, and **Patrick Connolly**, '94, Madison, are founders of the Connolly Dance Company, a nonprofit, contemporary dance touring company specializing in athletic lifts and throws. Their original choreography is often commissioned by dance companies and the seven-member troupe has performed for audiences of all ages in seven states from Seattle to New York. They performed for the International Dance Festival and Dancers Responding to AIDS: The Remember Project at Saint Mark's Church in New York City. Supported with a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board, they performed at Replay for Life events for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. The company maintains a repertoire of 32 original works, six with commissioned scores. Committed to educational community outreach, they continually present lecture demonstrations and master classes in conjunction with performances. Connolly Dance Company has enjoyed presenting performances and educational programs most notably in the past year through the Children's Art Festival at the Madison Civic Center, the Madison Art Center's Art Fair on the Square, and Concerts on the Square with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. “Above all, we want people to walk away with a sense of fulfillment and a better understanding and appreciation of the beautiful art form we call dance,” Kristanne said. The troupe's Web site can be found at www.connollydance.org and they welcome e-mail at Connolly@msn.fullfeed.com.

International programs are in the Blahnik blood



Brook Blahnik



Brent Blahnik

Brook James Blahnik, '98, Arlington, Mass., and his brother, **Brent Blahnik**, '00, West Chester, Pa., are both international programs administrators. Brook is U.S. admissions coordinator for Interstudy, a British nonprofit educational organization that provides opportunities for college students to study abroad. Brent is assistant director of international student services at Delaware County Community College in Media, Pa.

Both brothers credit semester abroad experiences in England while at UWSP for their career choices. Brent followed his brother to Stevens Point, specifically because Brook's experience in London was so successful.

“One of the most significant, life-changing experiences I had while at UWSP was the semester abroad in London,” Brook said. “The hard work and dedication of the International Programs Office staff is, in my opinion,

one of the best examples of why UWSP is a great place to get an education.”

Brent's semester abroad helped him clarify his professional goals, so he began looking for ways to remain involved in the excitement of international education. He had the additional experience of an internship at the International Students House in London, England. He also worked in the International Programs Office, promoting study abroad and helping prepare students.

“During that semester overseas, I learned more about history, political science and international affairs than I ever imagined I could,” Brent said. “The experience I had as an international student helped me to develop independence and a strong self-concept. The second sojourn abroad not only helped me develop a basic understanding of the administration of international educational programs, it provided me the unique opportunity to improve my communication skills.”

Brent is working on a master's degree in higher education administration and hopes to continue his involvement in international studies as an administrator.

“The events of September 11, 2001, have in many ways caused some Americans to fear globalization,” Brent said. “Yet as the world becomes more and more interconnected, international education is an indispensable means of encouraging peace. It fosters cultural empathy and creates understanding. I am thrilled to be working in a field that empowers individuals with global knowledge and understanding.”

Craig Pelke, '91, Wauwatosa, is area supervisor of the aquatic and reptile center at the Milwaukee County Zoo. He took part in the Humboldt Penguin research in Algorrobo, Chile, in May and was involved with a rattlesnake research project in Southwestern Wisconsin. He is headstarting endangered ornate box turtles for the Milwaukee County Zoo and the DNR.

John Schmitt, '91, Hoffman Estates, Ill., vice president of global accounts for Information Technology Financial Solutions (ITFS) of Transamerica Distribution Finance, is in charge of new business development for manufacturers, distributors and resellers with credit lines of at least \$7.5 million. He previously served as director of corporate development at ITFS as senior account executive at Transamerica Distribution Finance and was with Deutsche Financial Services for seven years.

1980s

Susan Spencer, '89, New York, N.Y., her husband, Andrew Varela, and their new baby boy were featured on a segment of the television series, "A Baby Story," on The Learning Channel that aired in November. Spencer and Varela continue to appear on Broadway in *Les Misérables*. She has the roles of a Factory Girl and is an understudy for Fantine, while Varela plays Brujon and is the understudy for Jean Valjean. Parts of the half-hour segment of "A Baby Story" were filmed while Spencer was on maternity leave. It included the story of the last few weeks of pregnancy, an emergency c-section and a follow up six weeks after the delivery. The episode took viewers backstage at The Imperial Theatre and included film of Varela's performance onstage as Valjean.

Bob Micheel, '89, Sparta, soil and water conservationist at the Monroe County Land Conservation Department, received the 2002 Conservation Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He has designed and installed many conservation practices that reduce erosion. Most recognized for his work improving

trout habitat and for helping farmers draw up nutrient management plans, he also has been involved at the state level developing nutrient management standards.

Michael Breaman, '88, St. Charles, Mo., is regional operations manager in the Ohio Valley Region for GE Capital. His wife, **Sue (Opitz)**, '88, is a special education paraprofessional with the Francis Howell school district. They have three sons.

Kevin Shibilski, '87, Stevens Point, was appointed secretary of the Department of Tourism by Gov. Jim Doyle. Shibilski supervises programs and operations of the department and directs a staff of approximately 55 employees. He has represented the 24th Senate District in the State Senate since 1995. Doyle has made it known he considers tourism the state's second largest industry and an important part of his formula for rebuilding Wisconsin's economic future.

Linda Obertin, '84, Orchard Park, N.Y., was named Woman of the Year for 2002 by the American Payroll Association (APA) at their 20th annual congress in San Antonio, Texas. Senior director of payroll for Sodexo in Buffalo, N.Y., she has served on the board of her local chapter and on national committees for the APA. She has written for the group's membership publications and is a regular speaker at APA events.

Lynda (Johnson) Goodman, '84, Waddell, Ariz., is owner and president of Teacher Lynda's Swim School in Peoria, Ariz. She and her husband, Chris, have two children.

Darell Zastrow, '82, Madison, is director of the Office of Forest Sciences in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. He and his staff oversee the application of forest sciences with the DNR and foster partnerships outside the agency to advance the practice of sustainable forestry.

Carl Moesche, '81, Gresham, Ore., is a scouting supervisor for the Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau in Ontario, Calif., and has worked in professional baseball for 20 years. He was a scout for the 2000 gold medal winning U.S.A. baseball team and is co-author of *Day by Day in Baseball History*, published by McFarland and Company, with the proceeds going to the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS

Foundation. The foundation is working to end ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease and to provide support for sufferers. Moesche also wrote, *Day By Day in Pro Football History*, with the proceeds going to National Football League charities.

Sally McGinty, '81, Lindhurst, Ill., is president of McGinty and Associates, an information technology consulting firm. She retired from the Navy after 20 years of service. She is married to Marc Violante.

Debbie Schmidt, '81, Houston, is a lieutenant with the Harris County (Texas) Sheriff's Department, where she has worked for 17 years.

Beverly Yelczyn, '80, Missoula, Mont., is National Environmental Policy Act coordinator and IDT leader for the Forest Service in Lolo National Forest. She says, "Even though I've lived out west more years than I lived in Wisconsin, I still think of myself as a cheesehead."



Mary Eagon Jacquart

Mary Eagon Jacquart, '80, St. Paul, Minn., was named the national Outstanding Career and Technical Educator by the Association for Career and Technical

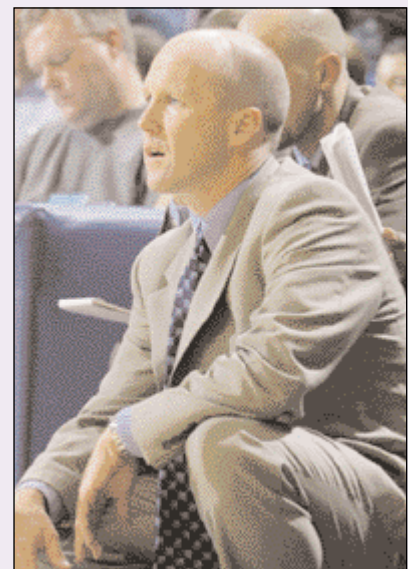
Education. As systems director of the Educational Grants Program for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, she administers the more than \$19 million Carl D. Perkins Fund, which supports career and technical education programs in Minnesota schools. She was influential in developing the first Minnesota State Plan for vocational technical education and was part of a state School-to-Work program. She volunteers as a mentor for high school students and helps with St. Paul's Kids Vote, a program to interest students in the political process. Collaborating with Adair County Human Services, she also developed four parenting classes to provide court-ordered education for abusive and teenage parents.



Shawn Becker, '94, Hartford, (center) is a guidance counselor. He hopes to hike the Appalachian Trail from north to south, and began work on his dream last fall. Averaging a mile or two an hour, he finished the first leg of the trip in November. He will do the remainder of the trail in the summer. On a previous trip, he hiked with **Kurt Swenson**, '98, Shawano, (left) and **Terry Bothun**, '97, Milwaukee, (right) on the Wisconsin Glacier Trail.

Soderberg heads SLU Billikens

Brad Soderberg, '85, St. Charles, Mo., has been head basketball coach at St. Louis University (SLU) for just under a year.



courtesy St. Louis University

Before that, he had been assistant coach at UW-Madison for six years under Head Coach **Dick Bennett**, master's '79. The two first met at UWSP when Soderberg played for Coach Bennett, who was named as a UWSP Distinguished Alumnus in 2001. Bennett retired as Badger head coach three games into the 2000-01 season and Soderberg served as interim head coach for the rest of the year.

After he left Madison, Soderberg was pleased to be picked up as assistant coach of the SLU Billikens. Then he was thrilled to get the head coaching position last April when Coach Lorenzo Romar retired.

"I enjoy coaching very much," he said. "Whenever the team struggles, it's hard, but I enjoy the profession."

With Soderberg as assistant coach, the Division I Billikens finished fifth overall in Conference USA last year, which was their best league performance since 1997-98. Soderberg's career head coaching record is 131-73.

"Brad Soderberg coaches as he played," Bennett said. "He faces every challenge head on no matter how difficult. I identify him as one of the warriors in the coaching profession."

Soderberg has watched Bennett work from the time he was a high school student through their championship days at Madison.

"Brad remains one of my best and brightest pupils," Bennett said. "He has taken the little I could give him and improved it significantly."

"We've been close since the days when I played for him," Soderberg said. "Whenever I call he has the right words to help me through whatever problem I bring to him."

At Pacelli High School, Soderberg played football and basketball under the coaching of his father, Don Soderberg. He started at Ripon College, but he yearned to play with Coach Bennett. He transferred to UWSP in 1982 on the chance that he could make the team.

His gamble paid off, and in addition to going all the way to the national championships, he coached as a graduate assistant for Bennett during his fifth year of college.

He remembers fellow player **Terry Porter**, '85, as a "remarkable and inspiring teammate." Porter, who enjoyed a long career as a player in the National Basketball Association (NBA), now coaches the Sacramento Kings.

"At UWSP, we were all playing at the highest level we could. It is inspiring to see one of our buddies as a 17-year veteran in the NBA."

Soderberg was a guard and team captain for Bennett's 1984 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) runner-up. He and Porter started all 32 games in the Pointers' backcourt in 1983-84, and Soderberg was a first-team all-conference and all-NAIA District 14 selection.

As kids, he and his six siblings spent most of their free time in the gym at Pacelli or on the football field with their dad. His sisters and brothers have all been involved in sports and three are now teachers.

"Mom is the glue that holds the family together," Soderberg said of his mother, Kathy Soderberg, student services coordinator in the UWSP Admissions Office. "There is a lot of volatility in a coach's family. She was always there, cheering us on, but there also were some agonizing defeats to deal with. I have incredible respect for my mother."

Soderberg is now dealing with life in the coach's family from the other side. He and his wife, **Linda**, '84, have been married for 17 years and have three children.

With the experience of being a child who's dad was away many weekends, he ekes out family time whenever he can, taking his family along on some recruiting trips. Like his dad, he has the kids come to the gym whenever he can.

"I'm trying to be the best father and husband I can be while pursuing my dream of coaching," Soderberg said.

Quilt recalls semester in London

Like many other students over three decades, Erin Pease, Marathon, was part of a UWSP International Programs semester abroad, even though she wasn't a student at UWSP. She came back with the makings of a memory quilt.

Erin learned about UWSP International Programs when her brother, **Eric Pease**, '99, Missoula, Mont., traveled to Krakow, Poland, and had a great experience.

Erin was so impressed with UWSP's programs that she took the semester abroad as a transfer student while she was studying for her bachelor's degree at UW-La Crosse. During her semester in London in the fall of 2001, she and her mother, Kathy, hatched the idea of making a memory quilt. Kathy sent Erin the squares, which her fellow students inscribed as mementoes of the trip. When Erin returned home, she and her mother selected fabrics and created the quilt, using the memory squares. Erin and Kathy entered the quilt in the Point to the Stars Fall 2002 Quilt Show in Stevens Point hosted by the Star Point Quilters Guild.

Erin will receive a bachelor's degree at UW-La Crosse in May. She has kept in touch with the friends she made at UWSP and they traveled together to New York and Washington, D.C. last year.

Eric will receive a degree in environmental law at the University of Montana at Missoula in May. He had been a history major before he went to Poland, but he was so impressed with the pollution he saw in Europe that he decided to become an activist for the environment.

Their sister, **Keely Pease**, '03, Marathon, will receive a master's degree in speech and language pathology at UWSP, also in May. She did her undergraduate work at UW-Eau Claire.

Their mother has been quilting for 26 years, so quilts have been a part of the Pease household all their lives. Each of the siblings will receive a new quilt when they graduate in May. "We are so pleased to have such a wonderful campus nearby," Kathy said.



A quilt that honors the fall 2001 semester abroad in London was shown at the Point to the Stars quilt show in Stevens Point.



Jim "Willy" Derleth

Jim "Willy" Derleth, '82, New Orleans, is a visiting professor of political development at Payson Center for International Development and Technology Transfer at Tulane University. In October, he was selected by the U.S. Department of State to supervise Kosovo's municipal elections, his third electoral mission in the Balkans. Between 1999 and 2001, he was a Fulbright Lecturer in China and was principle investigator for the Canadian International Development Organization project, which evaluated the development of a civil society in China. "UWSP opened up the world," Derleth said. "Before I went on our semester abroad to England in spring 1980, I had never been out of the Midwest." Since then he has lived abroad for more than five years and worked or visited over 80 countries. "Point was the starting 'point' for this wonderful—and still continuing—journey," he added.

Steven Petr, '80, Oshkosh, retired as senior airlift liaison director of Alaska after 21 years with the Air Force. Having served in 18 countries and 49 states, he has held positions including director of international arms control treaty compliance, director of base realignment and closure, director of educational programs for the office of the Secretary of Defense, chief inspector general for wing exercises, chief of operations, chief of plans and evaluations division, chief of training division and senior instructor navigator. In 1991 he received a master's degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He and his wife, **Lynne (Bocher)**, '79, would like to hear from classmates at petrsteven@hotmail.com.



Christine Thomas

Christine Thomas was appointed to the Natural Resources Board by Governor Jim Doyle.

Christine Thomas, '79, Plover, professor of resource management and associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Natural Resources at UWSP, was appointed to the



Greg Alderete

Greg Alderete and its combat vehicle, the Stryker. He served in Korea, Central America, Germany, Operation Desert Storm, Mogadishu, Somalia and Bosnia and has received numerous decorations. Upon retiring from the Army as a lieutenant colonel after more than 24 years from being commissioned at UWSP, he received the Legion of Merit Medal for outstanding meritorious service. He invites classmates to e-mail him at alderete74@yahoo.com.

Greg Alderete, '78, Steilacoom, Wash., is senior material planner at C3I Systems Group. He is involved with the digital modernization of the Army

member of the board of trustees of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, which manages more than \$58 billion in assets of the Wisconsin Retirement System. He also serves as an elected representative on the Teachers Retirement Board, one of several that oversee the Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Kim Wisniewski, '77, New Berlin, has been senior account executive at WKLH Radio in Milwaukee where he has worked for 13 years. As coach of the New Berlin West sixth grade boys' basketball team, he led them to victory at the Division II State Championship last April. He would love to hear from friends at KimWisniewski@msn.com.

Jeff Van Dien, '75, Overland Park, Kan., is vice president of marketing and business development at National Cinema Network. He has developed marketing programs for the CNN Accent Health Channel, Shelfvision instant coupon machines, Retail Sports Television Network and pop radio in 24,000 locations.

Patrick Ruesch, '75, Vesper, has a gallery and gift store in the Rapids Mall, Wisconsin Rapids. An award-winning wildlife artist, he was named 1999 Artist of the Year by the Northwoods Whitetails Center. In addition to his original paintings and limited edition prints, he creates items such as greeting cards. Work by other artists also is available on consignment.

Terrance (Kawleski) Kawles, '74, New York, N.Y., was sited in the 2001 *Music Index* for co-authoring the article, *Music as Business: A Bibliography*, published nationally in 2000. He also co-authored *Music as Therapy: A Bibliography* and *Music and Psychology: A Bibliography*.

Wayne Anderson, '74, Wausau, is executive chef at Casa Loma restaurant in Marshfield. His colored pencil and India ink work titled *Least Bittern and Buck Moths* was displayed at Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. This was his sixth entry in the Birds in Art show at the museum.

1970s



Michael Knapstein

Michael Knapstein, '79, Madison, is president of Waldbillig and Besteman advertising agency, which received first place in the Executive Consumer Choice Awards of *In Business* Madison magazine. The company was named as the favorite advertising agency in Madison among more than 600 business leaders in the greater Madison area. "While we have received many awards in the past, this award is particularly gratifying because it comes from the leaders of our business community, many of whom are our clients," Knapstein said.

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Stacey (Varney) Ennis, '79, Sun Prairie, owns a business, holds a black belt in karate and is training in kickboxing. She has three children and enjoys riding her Harley.

Bob Mather, '78, Madison, is director of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Forest Management. With his team of 16 employees he is responsible for management, planning and policy development of the forestry program, including directing section chiefs and other specialists in the DNR's forestry division.

Wayne McCaffery, '77, master's '90, Stevens Point, teaches economics and personal finance at Stevens Point Area Senior High. He is a

Golden Apple Awards announced

Golden Apple Awards recognize teachers who use innovative methods that meet the changing challenges of today's classroom. Winners in 2002 included three UWSP alumni.

Mary Liebau, '86, Stevens Point, teaches special education at PJ Jacobs Junior High School; **John Platten**, '92, Amherst, teaches first grade at Plover-Whiting Elementary School; **Cheryl Polster**, '78, master's '81, Amherst, teaches fourth grade at Amherst Elementary School.

Liebau has designed her classroom so that students with disabilities can learn independently and encourages each student to be an active learner.

Platten incorporates music into many classroom activities to promote feelings of friendship and teamwork among the students.

Polster teaches her students how to do research, including recording weather measurements that were reported to WSAW in Wausau.

Another three UWSP graduates were named Teachers of Distinction in the Golden Apple program. **Kris Hesch**, master's '93, Plover, has been teaching for 28 years, the past 21 years at Plover-Whiting Elementary School; **Jean Kostuck**, '73, master's '86, Stevens Point, teaches U.S. history, including advanced placement, to 10th- and 11th- graders at Stevens Point Area Senior High School; **Fran McKinney**, master's '79, Stevens Point, has been teaching for 28 years and currently teaches children with identified exceptional needs or handicapping conditions at Jackson Elementary School.



John Platten



Mary Liebau



Cheryl Polster

Rock hounds garner national award



Doug Moore, '89, Stevens Point, and fellow "rock hound" Don Kelman, Marshfield, won national honors from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) for their work on a slide program, "In Search of South Dakota's Fairburn Agate." Moore is a photography program manager and natural resources instructor at UWSP. The slide show includes tips on collecting and commentary by **Roger Clark**, '63, an Appleton attorney and authority on the stone. It documents collecting trips to the Badlands and Black Hills in search of the Fairburn Agate, a banded quartz gemstone that is the most rare and most colorful in North America. The program features information on natural history and geology, aerial photos and close-ups of agates. "We braved eyestrain, heatstroke, rattlesnakes, getting stuck in gumbo mud and aching backs to search an estimated 100 tons of rock, which yielded about 10 Fairburn agates," Moore said. While collecting is not allowed in Badlands National Park, they were able to take stones from the surrounding national grasslands. The slide show was distributed to program libraries of the AFMS, serving about 1200 mineralogical societies.

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My love of live theatre has been well nurtured over time, for which I am grateful.

Edie Kraus



Edie Kraus

Cynthia Bertsch, '72, Fond du Lac, is director of prospect and grant research at Marian College in Fond du Lac. In August, she received the Margaret Fuhrly Grant from the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement, which was given for her commitment to the profession of advancement research through leadership, mentoring and volunteerism.

Charles Emerson, master's '72, Plover, retired after more than 17 years as coordinator of music for the Stevens Point school district. He began as elementary and junior high band director in 1967 and has performed with the Stevens Point City Band, the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra and the American Wind Symphony of Pittsburgh. He received the Distinguished Administrator's Award from the Wisconsin School Music Education Association. His oldest son, **Andy**, '99, teaches band for the Somerset School District. His youngest son, **Dan**, is majoring in music at UWSP.

Christine Breunig, '70, Windsor, is executive director of Community Coordinated Child Care, a referral agency providing consultation and training for family child care providers in Dane, Dodge, Sauk, Jefferson and Columbia counties. Previously she directed adult community education and re-entry career development programs at state technical colleges and was an elementary school principal for 14 years.

Daphne Copeland, '69, Lake Delton, is child protective services lead social worker for the Juneau County Department of Human Services. A social worker for 18 years, she now is a supervisor. She has two grown children and operates "Reiki in the Forest" from her home. Reiki is a healing and self-healing method that uses touch to bring spiritual balance.

Patrick Maney, '69, Forest Acres, S.C., wrote *Young Bob, A Biography of Robert M. La Follette, Jr.*, in 1979. Maney is chair of the History Department at the University of

South Carolina. *Young Bob* has been issued as a second edition by The Wisconsin Historical Society Press. The son of Wisconsin's most prominent senator, Robert La Follette Sr., "Young Bob" was a key architect of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Maney also wrote *The Roosevelt Presence: The Life and Legacy of FDR*.

Marc Schultz, '68, master's '76, Onalaska, retired as associate professor of community natural resources development and department head for the La Crosse County Extension Office. He has helped La Crosse County residents with economic and environmental projects since 1981. His wife, **Sue (Schroeder)**, '70, master's '76, is senior lecturer and coordinator of the La Crosse County Nutrition Education Program with UW-Extension, teaching food stamp recipients about nutrition. She received a YWCA award as one of the Outstanding Women in the Coulee Region.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Nelson, '02, is the newest staff assistant in Congressman Dave Obey's Wausau office. "I'm so excited to meet people and make connections," she said. "If you have any issues for the seventh district, you will have to go through me, literally, because I will be answering the phone." She would like to hear from friends by e-mail at emn043@yahoo.com and says, "Keep changing lives through student involvement." Four out of five of her coworkers are fellow Pointers, including **Jeff Burhandt**, '00, **Renee (Ristau) Daniels**, '79, **Terry (Gunderson) Shulta**, '81, and **Doug Hill**, district director for Obey, who is seeking a master's degree in communication at UWSP.



Martha (Wruck) Polacek, '61, Westfield, operates Martha's Ethnic Bed and Breakfast. She retired as elementary art teacher for the Westfield school district. She previously taught home economics in Montello and Westfield. Information about her business is on the Internet at www.wbba.org/Inns/BB66.htm.



A group from the 1971 fall semester abroad to Britain held a reunion in July at The Granary in Oshkosh. Pictured from left to right, are: **Bill Kellner**, '72, Nashota; **David Berkey**, '73, Iowa City, Iowa; **Jane Hill Maradik**, '73, Paladine, Ill.; **John Ernster**, '72, Cedarburg; **Linda Bliss**, '73, Scottsdale, Ariz.; **Jackie Jansen**, '73, Plainfield; and **Shawn Nehmer**, '74, Windsor. The group has plans for another reunion in Door County. Anyone interested in attending should contact Linda Bliss at bliss@whatatrip.com.



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1960s



Alen Grischke

Alan Grischke, '68, Wausau, an attorney at Grischke, Molinaro and Laughlin, was appointed to the Natural Resources Board by Gov. Jim Doyle.

Marcella (Fuehrer) Thompson, '68, Appleton, retired as director of dietary and housekeeping services at Riverview Manor nursing facility. Her husband, **Robert**, '74, retired after teaching in Stevens Point public schools for 35 years. They plan to travel and spend time with their children and grandchild.

Lela Jahn, '62, San Francisco, is a financial planner and owner of Jahn Investment Advisors. She strives to educate women about finances. After graduation, she became a Methodist missionary and spent three years in Brazil, seven years in Chicago, five years in Kenya and then an additional three years in Brazil.

Mary Ann (Steinke) Korb, last attended '59, Stevens Point, retired

1950s

as a unit secretary on 5E at St. Michael's Hospital. Her husband, **Joseph**, '56, retired as central services clerk from Consolidated Papers, now Stora Enso, in 1994.

"I have great admiration and respect for the outstanding teachers I had at UWSP."—**Robert Summerfelt**, '53,

Robert Summerfelt, '53, Ames, Iowa, has been a professor at Iowa State University for 26 years and was chair of the Department of Animal Ecology for nine years. His wife, Deanne, is retired from Iowa State University. They have three sons and six grandchildren. "I have great admiration and respect for the outstanding teachers I had at UWSP," he said.

Kay (Pierce) North, '51, Cudjoe Key, Fla., a pastor's wife for 36 years, is a retired teacher. She has three sons, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



A group from the 1982 Britain fall semester abroad held a 20th reunion in July 2002. Pictured from, left to right are: (front row) **Sheryl (Zomchek) Klein-Wassink**, '83, West Bend; **Rich Tobias**; **Eileen (Steingeldt) Burns**, '82, Kimberly; **Kathy (Klimowicz) Simenson**, '85, Kansasville; **Lori (Moran) Wylly**, '82, Woodridge, Ill.; (back row) **Chris Koehn**, '84, Cascade; **Mary (Mortell) Ferrone**, '84, Stevens Point; Emeritus Professor **Jay Cravens**; **Gwen Cravens**; **Kathy Kottke**, '81, Milwaukee; **Marcia Konkol**, '83, Luxemburg; **Carol (Rausch) Rietveld**, '84, Appleton; **Cass (Carter) Huber**, '84, Duluth, Minn. The group plans to meet periodically. Anyone who would like to be included may contact Katie Simenson at simenson@execpc.com or (262) 878-4474.

It's a small world



On a ferry from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia last July, UWSP Communication Professor Rich Dubiel (center) ran into **Don**, '63, and **Judy Haseleu**, '63, from Barronett. Noticing the Packer hat, Dubiel asked if they were from Wisconsin and, to his surprise, found out they were UWSP alumni.

Obituaries of alumni

1990s

Carolee (Cutting) Schueller, '98, died Oct. 19 at age 34. She was president of The Cutting Company and was scheduled to graduate from UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in May. She was involved with various humane societies, participated in shi-tzu rescue clubs and was a member of several professional organizations. Her husband, Randy, survives.

Susan (Meyer) Holz, '97, Antigo, died June 21 at age 47. She attended the Wisconsin College of Cosmetology in Green Bay and was a hair stylist at D & M Fashions and Main Attraction in Antigo. She did barrel racing in rodeos and had worked at Holz Quarter Horses in the town of Rolling since 1997. Her husband, Randy, survives.

Ryan Wallock, '97, Stevens Point, died Dec. 8 at age 29. At UWSP, he was one of the founders of Gamma Sigma Chapter of Theta Xi Fraternity and held positions of secretary and vice president. He worked in the shipping department at Stora Enso and at Michelle's Restaurant in Stevens Point. A memorial scholarship will be established in his name with the UWSP Foundation.

1980s

Dawn Monreal-Koch, '89, died Sept. 30 at age 36. She graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2001. Her husband, Uwe, and one daughter survive.

Dawn Roggenbauer, '82, Waupaca, died May 13 at age 41. She worked at the Counseling and Wellness Center. She is survived by her long-time companion, Charlie Thiele.

Roy Olson, '80, Lake City, Colo., died Feb. 10 at age 45. He was a surveyor in the Gunnison and Lake City areas and had recently started his own surveying firm.

Helen (Loesch) Nelson, '80, master's '88, Madison, died Sept. 30 at age 84. After retiring from Marathon County Hospital as an administrative secretary, she attended UWSP and, at age 70, became the oldest person to earn a graduate degree. She worked to promote cooperation between the campus and senior citizens in the Stevens Point community until moving to the Meriter Retirement Center in Madison. An avid bridge player, she traveled to tournaments around the U.S. and enjoyed playing bridge with people around the world on the Internet.

Tom Thies, '80, Homewood, Ill., died August 15. While at UWSP, he served as a resident assistant in

Knutzen Hall and worked at the former University Print Shop in the University Center. He was supervisor of the graphic design department at Cameo Container Corporation in Chicago. He and his wife, **Julie (Pudleiner)**, '82, shared a lifelong concern about environmental issues and a passionate appreciation of the outdoors. For information on a memorial fund in Tom's name to benefit The Nature Conservancy-Illinois Chapter's acquisition of the Indian Boundary Prairies, call **Mark Wurl**, '81, at (608) 358-2448.

Margery (Kramer) Fitzgerald Roth, master's '80, died Oct. 19 at age 68. She taught for 23 years in Wausau at John Marshall, Longfellow and Hawthorn Hills Elementary Schools, retiring in 1992. She volunteered in a wide range of community activities and professional organizations. During her retirement she enjoyed traveling

to Europe and playing bridge. Her husband, Roger, survives.

1970s

Donna M. Yanda, '79, Stevens Point, died July 22. She was a programming and planning analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 22 years. She compiled all the information for the maps in the book *Fishes of Wisconsin* by George Becker. Her husband, Mike Jelinski, and two daughters survive.

Gerald Kolinski, '77, Stevens Point, died Nov. 4 at age 49. He worked most of his life in retail sales in Stevens Point and was manager of JR Liquor. A Little League coach, he loved baseball and also enjoyed taking his sons to UWSP basketball games.

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Richard Benson, '76, Amherst, died Jan. 20 at age 49 of cancer. A native of Stevens Point, he was an accomplished organist and a passionate musician. He had received two Fulbright Scholarships while studying toward his master's degree in applied music at the University of Iowa. Under the scholarships, he studied organ in Spain for two years at the University of Barcelona. After graduation, he played for churches in Boston, Mass., and in Madison including Glenwood Moravian Church from 1994 to 1998. His performance at a recital in Boston was described by a music historian as "more beautiful and passionate" than renditions by internationally acclaimed masters. Most recently, he played at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca and Trinity Lutheran Church in Stevens Point. He also performed at events such as the dedication of the Founders Room in Old Main. While at UWSP, he was a student of John Thomas, emeritus professor of music, who considered Benson to be his most talented student. He also studied piano with Anita Wray, Stevens Point. A scholarship fund in his name has been set up with the UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St., Suite 212, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

John Becker, '76, Elgin, Ill., died Aug. 26 at age 48. He was director of technical management at Cardinal Healthcare Corp. in McGaw Park, Ill. His wife, Paula, and two children survive.

Barbara (Carter) Pendergast, '75, Whiting, died Sept. 9 at age 59. She was a learning disabilities teacher at Bannach Elementary School and was employed in Stevens Point area public schools for nearly 28 years. She is survived by her husband, Francis.

Larry Newby, '72, Cedar Grove, died May 9 at age 52. He taught seventh and eighth grade science at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Port Washington from 1974 until February 2002 when he became ill with lymphoma. As one of the school's technology experts, he was the driving force behind the development of the video production facility, which was named Newby Productions in his honor. He held a master's degree from Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. His wife, Eileen, survives.

Betty (Fletcher) Fredrick Martin, '72, New London, died March 17 at age 77. She began her 28-year teaching career in rural schools in 1944 and retired from the New London School District in 1981. She taught elementary, remedial reading and special education.

David Damitz, '71, Sheboygan, died Aug. 26 at age 56. While teaching at Fox Valley Technical College, he furthered his education as a computer analyst. He taught in Australia for two years. Following his teaching career, he was a computer analyst with Kohler Company. He volunteered in the community, served on the Green Bay Council of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was a member of St. Dominic Catholic School Board. His wife, **Louise (Wojtalewicz)**, '70, survives.

Jerome Logan, '70, Kenosha, died Sept. 5 at age 54. He held a master's degree from Columbia University in New York and was senior underwriter at AIG in Chicago. Previously he worked at Hartford Insurance in Indianapolis and at CIGNA Insurance in Chicago.

1960s

Lilyan (DeKeyser) Gordon Bergner, '69, Green Bay, died in May at age 86. She taught for many years at St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School. Her husband, Joseph, survives.

Albert Jeske, '67, Colby, died Sept. 9 at age 87. He farmed in Brighton and taught at various country schools in Marathon County and at Owen-Withee, retiring from the Nekoosa School District. He was a member of the Brighton Town Board and Unity School Board. His wife, Edna, survives.

Elnor (Schroeder) Biagioni, '65, Antigo, died Aug. 9 at age 71. She taught for 33 years in the Antigo Unified School District and was a member of several professional and community organizations. Her husband, Kenneth, survives.

John Novak, '65, Van Nuys, Calif., died Aug. 29 at age 60. He worked throughout Central Wisconsin and in California for the General Telephone Company. His wife, Lynn, survives.

Georgina (McDowell) Schwala, '63, Manitowoc, formerly of Wisconsin Rapids, died Sept. 5 at age 92. She began teaching in a one-room school, and then taught special education until she retired in 1974. She was a member of the Moose Lodge of Wisconsin Rapids for more than 40 years.

Nina (Sischo) Engel, '62, Spencer, died Feb. 20 at age 88. She and her husband, Mike, who survives, started a nursery and built greenhouses during World War II. She taught in Clark and Marathon counties and was principal in Riplinger. She also taught in Spencer for seven years.

James Francel, '62, Mount Prospect, Ill., died Aug. 28 at age 63. He worked in the insurance industry for 30 years and served with the Illinois National Guard for six years. His wife, Catherine, survives.

Vera (Goodman) Kidney, '62, Pardeeville, died Sept. 26 at age 81. Before attending UWSP, she graduated from Columbia County Teachers College. She taught for 27 years at Garrison School and at Marcellon Stone School until it closed. She then taught in Marcellon and Pardeeville. She was founder and leader of the Buffalo Brownies 4-H club. In retirement, she became a professional crafter in woodworking, painting shirts and designing Battenberg shirts.

1950s

Emalee (Berth) Payne, '59, Eau Claire, died Sept. 4 at age 64. She taught third and fourth grade at Marshall Elementary School in Wausau in the 1960s and recently was a substitute teacher at Robbins Elementary School. She and her husband, Bill, who survives, ran WOKL radio and WECL radio, both in Eau Claire.

Walter Whitworth, '58, Tuscon, Ariz., died at age 68. He served in Japan as a radio operator with the Army from 1954 to 1956. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in ichthyology from Oklahoma State University and became a fisheries research biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Warm Springs, Ga. In 1964 he joined the faculty of the Department of Agriculture at the University of Connecticut, where he created an extensive teaching and research col-

lection on the fishes of Connecticut and the U.S. Collecting fish took him and his family to many national parks and forests. In addition to writing for numerous professional journals, he published *Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut* in 1968. He completed several sabbaticals, including one at the Zoological Institute of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. He returned to Bulgaria in 1989 as a Fulbright lecturer. Honored as an outstanding faculty member and conservationist, he founded the Southern New England Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. After retirement, he traveled extensively with his wife, Shirley, who survives, and became a gifted miniaturist, creating many detailed scale models of buildings and period scenes.

Harry Averill, last attended '56, Woodruff, died March 13 at age 68. After serving in the Army for two years, he was a manager for Thorp Finance in Whitewater and Wausau. He was a patient account manager at Saint Mary's Hospital in Wausau, MIS manager at Wausau Hospital and network administrator at Rhinelander Clinic and Ministries Hospital. He retired in 2000. A member and officer of several community organizations, he was past president and a 50-year member of the Silver M Club of Merrill. He also was a member of the Pointer football team. His wife, Germaine, survives.

Lyle Lueschow, '55, Marathon, died July 21 at age 87. He held a master's degree from UW-Madison. A certified school business manager and registered school business administrator, he taught in Marathon County schools for eight years, at Emery Junior High School in Fort Atkinson for seven years and was business manager for Fort Atkinson Public Schools for 14 years. After his retirement in 1977, he tutored at Pinewood Academy, a private school in Eagle River. In addition, he was an assistant manager for Sears in Marshfield and an assistant production manager for Roddis Plywood. He was a member of many community and professional organizations and spent winters in Tequesta, Fla. His wife, Linda, survives.

Grace (Swarick) Arnett, '55, Wisconsin Rapids, died Sept. 14 at age 94. She taught for 37 years in Central Wisconsin country schools and at St. Vincent de Paul School in Wisconsin Rapids. She was a member of several community organizations.

Harold Edmund, '50, Merrill, died April 12 at age 96. He taught in Chat, Cloverbelt, Irma and Morse and was the supervising teacher and superintendent of Lincoln County schools. He retired as superintendent of the Elcho School District. He served as a Sunday school superintendent of the former Bethany Lutheran Church in Irma. A member of many community organizations, he served on the Lincoln County Fair Board, the Merrill School Board and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Merrill Evening Lions Club. After retirement, he had a saw filing business. His wife, Irma, survives.

1940s

Marie (Andres) Schuetz, '45, Wisconsin Rapids, died March 7 at age 85. She taught for 40 years at Grant, Woodside, Mead and Saints Peter and Paul schools.

Russell Fredrick, '42, White Bear Lake, Minn., died June 24 at age 83.

He worked at BASO in Milwaukee and at 3M. An Army veteran, he served in Africa, Italy, France and Germany during World War II. His wife, **Ilsa (Wood)**, '43, survives.

Alice (Wichman) Wright, '41, Whitewater, died June 20 at age 80. She taught in various schools in Clark and Chippewa counties. Her husband, **Clayton**, '40, preceded her in death.

1930s

Grace (Hoffman) Sievwright, '39, Madison, died May 20 at age 84. She taught elementary school in Wausau for four years, in Neenah for one year and in Madison for more than 34 years.

Howard Newby, '39, Almond, died Aug. 5 at age 84. He taught in a one-room school in Lanark and seventh and eighth grades in Amherst. During World War II, he worked on the Alaska-Canada highway and at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. In 1946 he began as a teller and bookkeeper at the Portage County Bank in Almond. He retired in 1981 as president and chief executive officer of the bank. He was a member of the volunteer fire department and was the Almond village clerk and village president for several years. He served as a director of the Central Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce and was on the Wild Rose Community Memorial Hospital board of directors. A charter member of the Almond Lions Club, he was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and was a delegate to International Lions Conventions in Miami, Fla., and Taipei, Taiwan. In 1976, he was named Outstanding 4-H Alumnus by the 4-H leaders of Portage County.

Vivian (Schnick) Curran, '38, Taylor, died Sept. 30 at age 86. She taught home economics in Hixton, Alma Center and Melrose until retiring in 1968. A member of numerous community organizations, she was a 50-year member of the Jackson County Homemakers organization and was a 4-H leader for more than 25 years.

Calvin Cook, '38, Wausau, died July 24.

Frances Weibel, diploma '37, '46, Kenosha, died Aug. 23 at age 88. She taught elementary school in Marathon, Taylor and Marinette counties. Beginning in 1951, she taught at Durkee and Southport schools in Kenosha, retiring in 1979. She was a member of many community organizations.

Helen (Piehl) Ward, '36, West Bend, died Sept. 25 at age 90. She taught middle and high school in Richland Center, Madison, West Allis and Two Rivers, retiring in 1972. She was a member of several community organizations. In 1974 she and her husband, Leonard, moved to Ft. Myers, Fla. After his death, she returned to Wisconsin.

Howard "Bud" Kujath, '35, Lombard, Ill., died March 5 at age 91. Before entering college, he worked at Briggs & Stratton in Milwaukee and interpreted for German immigrants. After graduation, he taught mathematics and science in Westfield then became a school administrator. He earned a master's degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. and taught for one year at Maine Township East High School in Illinois. He was superintendent of schools in Cedarburg and in Waupun. A member of many community and professional organizations, he served

as president of the Wisconsin School Superintendents from 1956 to 1957. Before moving to Beacon Hill Retirement Community in Illinois, he enjoyed winters in Sun City, Ariz.

Eleanor (Hanaway) Petrie, '33, Richmond, Texas, died Sept. 22 at age 90. She taught elementary school in Wisconsin and South Dakota. She and her husband, Roy, who preceded her in death, built and operated Petrie's Bowling and Bar in Greenleaf for 29 years.

Jeanette (Marshall) Gliniski Persike, '32, Wausau, died July 24 at age 90. She taught in Stevens Point for 13 years and in Rhinelander for eight years.

Frieda Issacson, '32, Waupaca, died Aug. 3 at age 90. She taught at Simonis School in Alban and at Fleming School in Amherst. She was organist at North New Hope Lutheran Church where she was a lifelong member.

Albin Ropella, '31, Stevens Point, died July 14 at age 91. He served in the Army during World War II, was a rural schoolteacher, a camp foreman in the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked for the Works Progress Administration. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for more than 34 years as a clerk, a city carrier and a rural carrier until retiring in 1975. He was a member of numerous professional and community organizations.

1920s

Geneva (Nichols) Erickson, '29, Marshfield, died Sept. 17 at age 91. She and her husband, William, who preceded her in death, farmed in Lamont, Iowa, Richfield, Marshfield and Curtiss. The couple was married for 70 years. Geneva also taught in rural schools at Veffkind District #8 and Nasonville. She was principal and a teacher at the Riplinger and Curtiss schools. She served as an officer and member of several church and community groups and served on the Abbotsford School Board.

Genevieve (Leahy) Loughrin, '29, died May 11 at age 91. She taught at Maple Hill School in Lebanon, then farmed with her husband, William, who preceded her in death.

Adeline (Goetzke) Hosig, '27, Mauston, died Sept. 12 at age 94. She taught in Mauston and she and her husband, John, who preceded her in death, operated the A.W. Hosig Co. dry goods store until their retirement. She was organist at Bethany Lutheran Church for many years.

Margery (Keith) Woodward, diploma '27, Beaver Dam, died Aug. 18 at age 94. She received a bachelor's degree at UW-Whitewater in 1964. She taught in Oconto Falls, Berlin and Juneau, retiring in 1973 after 25 years. While living at Hillside Manor in Beaver Dam, she was active in numerous groups.

Alma (Chapman) Center, '25, Manitowoc, died May 19 at age 106. After graduating from high school she began her 37-year teaching career at a one-room school in Tarr Valley. She also taught at Greenfield, Tunnel City, Glendale, the Phelps area, Hoppville, Jacksonville and Tomah. She was a grade school principal for nine years in Wisconsin Rapids.

Ida Mae (Pickering) Allan, '22, Whitewater, died Sept. 23 at age 103. She taught at Garfield School in Manitowoc and was a charter member of the Thelia Club.

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