Students living the suite life

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- Allen Barrows, '48
- Reuben Belongia, '40
- Judith Carlson, '63
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- Lewis Drobnick, '40
- Lorraine Dudley, '36
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- Marion Fey, '25
- Mary Hermanson, '77
- William Horvath, '62
- Raymond Hutchinson, '71
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- Rose Koth, '45
- Kenneth Kulick, '52
- Diane Loeser, '86
- Bruce Menzel, '51
- Sheila Miech, '78
- James Neale, '48
- Clarence Novitzke, '50
- Patricia Okray, '54
- Robert Piekenbrock, '86
- Chet Polka, '52
- Scott Schultz, '72
- Doris See, '48
- Robert Spoerl, '82
- Frederick Stemmeier, '84
- John Taylor, '41
- Richard Toser, '53
- Donald Vaughn, '38
- Donald Walker, '43
- Donald Wendorf, '66.

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On the Cover
Students moved in to UWSP’s new suite-style residence hall this fall, see page 10.
Greetings from Chancellor Bernie Patterson

Having just spent the weekend at Homecoming celebrating all it means to be a Pointer, not only for alumni but for members of the campus and community, I can tell you there is a lot to be proud of here at UWSP. Our campus is growing, our students are thriving and our alumni are sharing our excitement as we reach the heart of the fall semester.

Homecoming is not the only reason that I find this the most exciting time on a college campus. It’s a new year, with new hopes, new dreams and new challenges. In my State of the University Address, “Telling Our Story,” I shared some of the great stories of Pointers who have achieved incredible success through UWSP; it all begins again in the fall with our new and returning students, faculty and staff. Click here for video of the State of the University Address.

There is more work to be done and more challenges to meet, and those are outlined in the university’s new Strategic Plan. This road map for the future was completed in the spring through the work of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and with the input of hundreds of students, faculty and staff members and alumni. I invite you to take a look at the outline included in this issue and at www.uwsp.edu/strategicplan.

As alumni, I encourage you to continue the legacy mentioned in the Strategic Plan by engaging with UWSP, taking part in alumni gatherings and events, contributing your time and resources and returning to campus when you can. Thanks for all you do to keep the Pointer spirit alive.

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Four distinguished UWSP alumni were recognized at the 2011 Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 8, as the Alumni Association presented the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Council.

Made up of representatives from each of the university’s four colleges, the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Council includes Henry Leck, ’69, Indianapolis, Ind., the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Fine Arts and Communications; Robert Summerfelt, ’57, Ph.D., Ames, Iowa, the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Letters and Science; Jenny Baeseman, ’98, Ph.D., Tromsø, Norway; the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Natural Resources, and Jeff Polzer, ’88, Ph.D., Newton Center, Mass., the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Professional Studies. The four were honored for exceptional professional achievement and recognition and reputation beyond immediate environs.

Leck, an internationally recognized choral director, is an associate professor and director of choral activities at Butler University. He founded and is the artistic director of the Indianapolis Children’s Choir, one of the largest of its kind in the world with 17 choirs and more than 2,500 students. He has also conducted the National Youth Choral Festival in Carnegie Hall, and a variety of choirs in nearly every state and every continent except Antarctica. He is well known as a specialist in choral techniques, children’s voice and Dalcroze Eurhythmics, has published Creating Artistry through Choral Excellence and created four teaching DVDs.

Summerfelt, professor emeritus at Iowa State University, has served on the faculty at four major Midwest universities and as a visiting professor at two others. He has advised 600 undergraduates and 400 graduate students, and 40 graduate students have completed their degrees under his supervision. His diverse research interests are represented by 186 publications in fish biology (telemetry, age and growth, physiology), parasitology, aquaculture, aquatic toxicology and lake aeration. In the last 20 years, he and his students have published 40 articles on the culture of walleye, including four major reviews. Over the summer he gave a presentation at the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, a field station of UWSP.

Baeseman is the founding director of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), an international and interdisciplinary organization with 2,600 members from more than 74 countries. APECS provides hands-on leadership training and professional development for young scientists and educators interested in the earth’s polar regions. Baeseman runs the APECS international office in Norway, has taken three trips to Antarctica to study microorganisms living in extreme environments and worked at the International Arctic Research Center in Fairbanks, Alaska. A native of Central Wisconsin, she is also a member of the UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Polzer is the UPS Foundation Professor of Human Resource Management in the Organizational Behavior Unit at Harvard Business School. He studies how people collaborate in diverse teams by focusing on the interplay among individual expertise and identity, interpersonal processes such as conflict, and team performance. He also studies the use of communication technologies to foster global collaboration. He has taught courses in the MBA, executive and doctoral programs at Harvard, and has conducted executive training sessions for organizations such as IBM, Novartis, Merrill Lynch, Citizens Band and Ernst & Young.

Success and service recognized

Four UWSP alumni and a former U.S. congressman were honored at the October 8 award ceremony alongside the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Council.

Scott Thomas, ’88, Jacksonville, Fla., received the Alumni Service Award; Lucas Allen Buick, ’05, Sausalito, Calif., and Ryan Dorshorst, ’06, San Francisco, Calif., were recipients of the UWSP Trailblazer Award; Tom Nikolai M.D., ’52, Marshfield, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Dave Obey, former U.S. representative of Wisconsin, has won the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award, presented by Chancellor’s Advisory Council.

Thomas, a current member of the UWSP Foundation Board and former member of the UWSP Alumni Association Board, created the Don Maki Scholarship in his uncle’s name to assist students studying abroad. He and his wife host annual UWSP alumni events at their home and create unique opportunities for alumni to experience behind-the-scenes tours at local businesses. A consultant for medical device companies that have included Novartis, Johnson & Johnson and others, he received a U.S. patent for a process improving a medical device and authored several invention disclosures for medical devices. He is also a U.S. Coast Guard instructor and honor guard member and certified Six Sigma black belt.

Buick and Dorshorst partnered to form Synthetic Inflatuation, a brand and Web consultancy now headquartered in San Francisco. They build software for Apple’s iOS platform, including Hipstamatic, named iPhone App of the Year by Apple in 2010. They also designed the Swanklab and Incredibooth apps. Dorshorst is president of Synthetic Inflatuation, and Buick, named a thought leader by Social Access in January, serves as CEO of Synthetic Corp, managing all new business, partnership and sponsor relations for Synthetic brands.

Dr. Nikolai, a native of Central Wisconsin, worked in the field of endocrinology for 34 years, treating thyroid disease and Type 1 Diabetes. During his tenure, he discovered and described the cause, treatment and outcome of two new thyroid diseases. His research was featured as a chapter in the book, The Thyroid, considered the foremost authority on thyroid disease. Nikolai served twice as president of the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation and was instrumental in establishing the clinic’s development department.

Obey served Wisconsin’s 7th Congressional District for 21 consecutive terms from 1969 until 2011. As a member of the Democratic Party, he served as chair of the House Committee on Appropriations for many years. He retired from Congress in January and currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS) which is a nonprofit organization within the University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension, and as senior counsel at Gehrardt Government Affairs.

Nominations sought

The Alumni Association is honored to be able to recognize its successful alumni with awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Alumni Council Award, given annually to a graduate of each of the four colleges; the Alumni Service Award, for alumni or friends who give of their time and talents; the Trailblazer Award, for alumni/a who has succeeded within 10 years of graduating; and the Lifetime Achievement Award, given for accomplishments over a 40-plus year period.

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The Suites @201 Reserve, UWSP’s first new residence hall in more than 40 years, welcomed its upperclassman residents this fall after many years of planning and a year and a half of construction.

The opening was celebrated in an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 7. Tours were offered as part of the Homecoming festivities.

“This is a great opportunity for our upperclassmen to have apartment-style living and still maintain the benefits of living on campus,” said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson. “They get the best of two worlds.”

The $25.5 million-dollar project was built to the highest green building and performance measures, fitting with UWSP’s focus on sustainability. Although it was built to the minimum of a LEED Silver certification, it may qualify for a Gold Rating, which will be decided in December.

The five-story, two-elevator building, constructed at the site of the former Hyer Hall, will house about 328 residents in 82, four-bedroom suites and one hall director apartment. Five of the suites, one on each floor, include accommodations for community advisers (CA) that offer a private corridor entrance into the CA’s room.

The suites are completely furnished with a full kitchen, three-compartment bathroom (sink, shower, toilet), a living room and four bedrooms. In addition to the suites, the hall includes common areas and laundry facilities.

**UWSP’s strategic plan set in motion**

UWSP has created a plan that will guide its mission, vision, values and goals for the future.

The university’s strategic plan was created under the direction of Chancellor Bernie Patterson, with the input of a Strategic Planning Steering Committee and more than 200 UWSP students, staff and faculty members who worked on task forces to develop strategic themes, goals and action steps.

Work on the plan began in the fall of 2010 and was completed in May 2011. The plan includes four areas in which UWSP will focus, with each carrying initiatives on which the action steps are based:

- **Advance Learning**
  - Create a culture of student success
  - Increase opportunities for learning
  - Cultivate an inclusive and ecologically responsible world view among all constituents

- **Enhance Living**
  - Create and enhance an environment for all that is conducive to learning and individual development
  - Provide a campus culture that encourages engagement, responsibility, respect and inclusivity
  - Develop sustainable relationships between the university and its partners—local, state, regional, national and global

- **Develop and Leverage Resources**
  - Facilitate and encourage access to university resources through development of long-term partnerships
  - Make the most effective use of human and physical resources
  - Evaluate university operations, policies and culture to encourage and support collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurship

- **Respect and Advance Our Legacy**
  - Engage and expand our community through outreach and collaboration
  - Honor and perpetuate our institutional story

For more on the strategic plan, including the action steps that follow these four areas and initiatives, go to www.uwsp.edu/strategicplan.
New TNR mural dedicated September 30

A new mosaic mural installed in the west lobby of the Trainer Natural Resources (TNR) Building was dedicated on Friday, September 30.

The 20-by-5-foot mural was designed by UWSP student Jennifer Lila, an art major from Stevens Point who won a student design contest. Robert, ’82 and Kim Spoerl of Waupaca sponsored the design and construction with a $10,000 donation to UWSP.

The dedication event included words from Chancellor Bernie Patterson, College of Natural Resources (CNR) Dean Christine Thomas, College of Fine Arts & Communication (COFAC) Dean Jeff Morin and the Spoerls. Lila talked about her design concept, which she says “reprises the ceramic mosaic on the outside of the building, honoring the work of Professor Richard Schneider.”

Lila’s design was chosen in a contest held November 2010 through February 2011, which represented collaboration between the CNR and COFAC.

Starting in late June, Lila spent hundreds of hours in the studio, sometimes sleeping there; scraping, cutting and shaping approximately 2,500 pounds of clay to complete the carving. Assisting her were faculty mentors Guillermo Penafiel and Anne-Bridget Gary. The mural was completed Sept. 5.

Thompson named UW-Stevens Point Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Al Thompson, Jr., former dean of Student Life and associate vice president for Student Affairs at Eastern Washington University, is UWSP’s new vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Thompson returned to Wisconsin, having previously directed programs at UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse for a total of 20 years. He succeeds Bob Tomlinson, who retired from the position in 2010 after 15 years at UW-Stevens Point.

“I am looking forward to working with Chancellor Patterson and the university as we provide outstanding services to UWSP’s students,” said Thompson. “I am eager to step into the role of vice chancellor to lead our Student Affairs Division to continue to create a culture of transformational experiences for our student body.”

“You bring years of varied experiences in student affairs to UW-Stevens Point,” said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. “The work he has done to promote diversity, reach out to the community and assist students in all aspects of their education ensures that his leadership will continue the thriving student-centered environment at this university.”

Prior to his work at Eastern Washington University, Thompson was assistant to the chancellor for Affirmative Action and Diversity and a member of the graduate faculty at UW-La Crosse from 1997 to 2008. He worked at UW-Platteville from 1988 to 1997, serving as the assistant to the chancellor for Minority Affairs, and director of Multi-Cultural Services and the Ethnic Studies program. Thompson also coordinated minority studies programs and served as a residence hall director at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

He has a long record of community service, including membership on the executive boards of the La Crosse and Platteville’s Rotary Clubs, the United Way of La Crosse and Platteville and several local school organizations. He is also a member of several professional organizations and has served as an invited speaker and guest lecturer on diversity issues.

Thompson holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in counselor education and student development at the University of Iowa. He also earned a doctorate of education in leadership at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.

He and his wife, Telitha, have two children. He enjoys playing golf and basketball, traveling and being involved in service organizations.

The 12th annual CNR Student Research Symposium, held in April, featured 67 students with 18 oral presentations and 34 posters. Since 2000, 592 students have presented applied research and community service projects. The 2011 event was made possible through support of the John and Anne Meyer Fund for the CNR.
The talented students and faculty of the Theatre and Dance Department will present musicals, dramas and comedies as part of its 2011-12 production season.

Offered annually through the Alumni Association and held in conjunction with the Department of Theatre & Dance and University Dining Services, the First Nighter’s program offers socialization opportunities as well as the chance to meet with the College of Fine Arts & Communication’s dean and faculty members and hear details about the plays from the directors themselves.

Seats are still available for the three shows in the Jenkins Theatre for the First Nighter’s program, in which participants enjoy a sit-down meal at 6 p.m. and the opening show of each production at 7:30 p.m. The cost to attend the three shows is $150 per person. Participants may also share the dinner/shows with others if they cannot attend all performances.

To join the First Nighters program, call Alumni Affairs at 715-346-3811 or register online at www.uwsp.edu/alumni by clicking on “Calendar of Events.” To buy tickets for any of the Studio or Jenkins Theatre productions, call Information and Tickets at 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378 or go online to http://tickets.uwsp.edu/index.php.

2011-12 First Nighters season begins

Theatre and Dance season 2011-2012

Thoroughly Modern Millie
Jenkins Theatre, Nov. 11-13 & 16-19
First Nighters, Friday, Nov. 11
Based on the popular movie, this 2002 Tony Award winner for Best Musical includes a full score of new songs and high-spirited dance numbers. Full of the intrigue and jazz of the 20s, Millie Dillmount has just moved to New York City in search of a new life. This musical will have audiences dancing the Charleston.

Afterimages 2011
Studio Theatre, Dec. 8-11
This all student show features student choreography, dance and direction.

The Normal Heart
Studio Theatre, Feb. 10-12 & 15-18, 2012
In 1980s New York City, a small group of friends battles ignorance, fear and government indifference during the early days of the AIDS crisis. Selected as one of the 100 greatest plays of the 20th century by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain, the show electrified Broadway in its acclaimed 2011 revival. It is not appropriate for young audiences.

A Streetcar Named Desire
Jenkins Theatre, March 2-4 & 8-10
First Nighters, Friday, March 2
The play begins on a steamy afternoon in the heart of New Orleans as Blanche DuBois arrives on the doorstep of her younger sister Stella and Stella’s sexy yet brutish husband Stanley. Tennessee William’s masterpiece delivers an unforgettable dramatic ride filled with love, loss and the dream of what’s to come. It is not appropriate for young audiences.

Spring Awakening
Studio Theatre, April 13-15 & 18-21
The winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the show celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with a power, poignancy and passion audiences won’t forget. Adapted from Frank Wedekind’s 1891 expressionist play about the teen years, the contemporary rock score by Duncan Sheik was hailed as the Best Musical of 2007 by The New York Times. It is not appropriate for young audiences.

Danstage 2012
Jenkins Theatre, May 4-6 & 9-11
First Nighters, Friday, May 4
The show presents an evening of extraordinary dance and choreography by UWSP faculty, students and guests.
Military Science moves into new space

After spending 40 years in spaces split on two floors of the Student Services Center, the Military Science Department has moved into a new addition to the Health Enhancement Center (HEC).

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday, Sept. 1, at the new military science classroom located by the Strength Fitness Center at the north end of HEC’s first floor. The new facilities include offices, a 32-seat classroom, 10-seat tactical laboratory, a student computer lab and storage areas.

“Our location places us in the midst of campus activity among student living, academics and athletics,” said Major Eric Beuerman, professor and chair of the Military Science Department. He added the new space is not just about the completion of a year of construction, but many years of planning and effort by many to provide a quality facility for ROTC at UWSP.

Previously the department was housed in the Student Services Center, with half of the department on the second floor and the other on the mezzanine level at the other end of the building.

“The new space has already proven to be a terrific place for the cadets to learn and gather, and for the cadre and staff to work. We now operate cohesively rather than separately, as we did within the previous building for over 40 years,” added Beuerman.

In line with UWSP’s dedication to sustainability, the new construction adheres to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

Family dedicates scope to Treehaven in son’s memory

Ryan Wilson was a promising wildlife and biology major at UWSP when he died in a swimming accident in May 2010. He was on a break from UWSP’s six-week summer camp field-training course at Treehaven Field Station near Tomahawk.

In his memory, his family donated money for the purchase of a high-power Leupold spotting scope to be used for wildlife spotting at Treehaven. The scope was dedicated in July with the engraving “Wildlife Spotting Scope – Donated in memory of Ryan S. Wilson – 2011.”

“The scope is something that Ryan would have loved to make available for his fellow students,” said his mother, Miriam Wilson of Cadott. In dedicating the scope, she offered words that summarized her son’s philosophy of life: “Make your own path, stay focused. Have a lot of friends and be a good friend. Work hard, play hard. Take all reasonable opportunities and make them good.”

Wilson had aspired to become a biology instructor and international wildlife biologist. An honor student, he was recognized in 2010 as one of six outstanding sophomore biology students at UWSP. He also tutored for the Biology Department. He was the 2008 class valedictorian at Cadott High School and a National Honor Society and 4-H club member.
WCEE to mark 20 years

The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, housed within the College of Natural Resources (CNR), is marking 20 years of partnerships that have led Wisconsin to be at the forefront of environmental education in the United States.

To celebrate, the WCEE is hosting an anniversary banquet from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Memories Banquet Hall in Plover. The event will feature local foods, highlights of WCEE’s past, present, and future, a tribute to its partners and musical entertainment by Tom Pease. The cost is $30. To learn more or to register, visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/banquet.htm or call 715-346-2014.

Established by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1990 and placed at the CNR, the WCEE houses several statewide programs, including a master’s degree for environmental education, Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP), Learning, Experiences & Activities in Forestry (LEAP), Global Environmental Teachings (GET), Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network, Governor’s High School Conference on the Environment and an environmental education resources library.

The WCEE is in the process of transforming its programming to focus on education for sustainability.

Saunders Sebold scholar

Incoming freshman student Madalyn Sawdey of Medford received the Kathrin M. “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship to attend UWSP this fall. The $1,500 award, given by D. David (Dewey) Sebold, 68, Medford, in memory of his late wife, Kitty Saunders Sebold, 66, is given to a high-achieving student from Medford Senior High School based on their academic merit and leadership ability.

“I will be studying Clinical Laboratory Sciences,” Sawdey says. “I’ve always liked the sciences and I’d like to work in the medical field.” She intends to eventually work in a hospital laboratory.

Sawdey adds that she is “so thankful” for the Sebold support. “When I was chosen to receive the award, I’ll be honest, I was struggling for money. It was very nice to learn I’d received this scholarship.”

Sebold is a former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza. Kitty was a social worker.

Business and Economics receives scholarship gift

Students in business and economics will have more opportunities for financial assistance thanks to a donation from the Seramur Family Foundation.

The foundation gave an additional $100,000 to the already established John C. Seramur Economics and Business Scholarship, which has financially impacted scores of students since 1979.

John C. Seramur, retired president of the former First Financial Savings and Loan Association (now known as Associated Bank), established the scholarship along with the Seramur Family Foundation to recognize high scholastic achievement and potential of economics, business administration and managerial accounting students at UWSP.

Recently, the facility began a partnership with Nelson and Pade, Inc., the Montello-based leader of the aquaponics industry (www.aquaponics.com) that designs, sells and educates customers on the simultaneous raising of both fish and plant crops in integrated culture systems. This partnership allows Nelson & Pade, Inc. to offer Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) and undergraduate/graduate credit through an accredited university for participation in Nelson and Pade Inc. workshops, and allows UWSP to offer aquaponics courses to students across the U.S. for the first time.

“Aquaponics is a hugely popular area right now, from backyard farmers to commercial scale. You can’t go to a farmers market without seeing products from an aquaponics business,” said Hartleb, who is working on expanding UWSP’s partnership with Nelson & Pade.

In June, the NADF hosted the “Coldwater Fish Culture,” and Aquaculture Field Day and Vendor Fair that offered presentations on research about coldwater species such as arctic char, coho salmon, Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout for fish farmers and hatchery personnel from across the U.S.

For more information, visit: https://campus.uwsp.edu/sites/cols-ap/nadf.
Campus News

Campus Briefs

- UWSP was once again ranked as one of the best public universities in the Midwest according to U.S. News and World Report. UWSP was ninth among the Midwest master’s degree-granting universities and leads all Wisconsin regional universities in the number of graduates who go on to earn research doctorate degrees. UWSP was also named Wisconsin’s “Greenest University” by the Princeton Review.
- Sociology has been renamed the Department of Sociology and Social Work with the addition of a new social work major that was recognized by the Council on Social Work/Commission on Accreditation. The major prepares students for entry level positions in a number of social-service agencies and organizations that work with issues of developmental disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, aging, poverty, homelessness, corrections and medical services. The major also prepares students for entry into graduate school in social work and to sit for the state certification exam in social work.
- (Left) The Moses Creek Restoration Project in Schmeeckle Reserve has been completed, recreating the natural meanders of the creek and restoring historic wetland floodplain. New trails and boardwalks now provide access to the wetland, which has been planted with trees, shrubs and marsh vegetation. The $1.3 million restoration project, funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, was completed with student assistance.
- A new agreement between UWSP and Mid-State Technical College gives students who complete associate degrees in health care field programs a smooth transition from MSTC to UWSP to complete bachelor’s degrees in health care administration or health care informatics. UWSP also has agreements with Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

- Paul Fowler, executive director of the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology at UWSP, was elected to the board of directors of the Central Wisconsin economic development group, Centergy.
- The Employee Wellness program, led by Sallie Scovill, assistant professor of health promotion and human development, earned the Governor’s Worksite Wellness Bronze Award, and UWSP was the only UW university to receive any level of the award.
- (Left) Tyler Marchant, ‘95, an assistant professor of theatre and dance, won the Broadway Alliance Award for Best New Play for his direction of Freud’s Last Session. The show, most recently staged at the Marjorie S. Deane Little Theatre in New York City, is moving on Oct. 7 to New World Stages, the largest Off-Broadway complex in NYC. Marchant is pictured second from the left with members of the production.
- Melissa Baker, assistant professor of forestry, led a project in which her students created site plans for Tomahawk’s Bradley Park. Students met with officials to create the plans then presented them to the Tomahawk Park Planning Board and community members.
- Emmet Judziewicz, associate professor of biology and forestry, was one of three biologists to collaborate on the discovery of a new species of sunflower. The Asteraceae is only found in Isle Royale, Mich. The findings will be chronicled in the journal Brittonia, published by the New York Botanical Garden Press.
- Michael Estanich, assistant professor of Theatre & Dance, has been named the regional director for the North Central Region of the American College Dance Festival Association.
- Kevin Burns, ‘91, MS-NR ‘94, a Treehaven forest ecologist, worked with UWSP students to develop a forest management plan for the Lincoln Hills School Juvenile Correction Facility grounds. The hope is to expand into natural resource management training and educational opportunities with the school in the future.
- Jennifer Collins, assistant professor of political science, won the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Ecuador this fall. She is investigating the government of President Rafael Correa and his “Citizens’ Revolution.”
- (Above) Angela Leopold, a senior graphic illustration major, won $250 for second place in a poster design contest sponsored by the Shawano County Tourism Council, winning $750 and the usage of her poster in promotions for the county’s October Miles of Art event. Hannah Herkert, a freshman promotion and human development, won $1,000 for second place.
- Twenty students studied in Kenya for the first time over the summer under the direction of CNR Assistant Professor Holly Petrillo, who developed the course based on a permaculture curriculum that integrated ecological, social and economic aspects of sustainability. After the four-week class, five students stayed in Kenya to complete internships.
- Kevinah Jahs, a junior interior architecture major from Ripon, won the $1,000 ASID Wisconsin Student Scholarship.

Student Briefs

- Students from 12 of the 13 departments in the College of Letters and Science (COLS) took part in the college’s 12th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in April. More than 100 posters and presentations were featured, which was the event’s highest participation. “This gives the students the opportunity to work with our faculty, side-by-side,” says Mark Williams, COLS marketing specialist. “With this kind of research, we do what many universities can’t, and we do it really well.”
- Matt Vollmer, Chilton, was awarded the Madison chapter of the Public Relations Society of America’s solitary scholarship. He is the fourth UWSP communications major to win this $1,000 award in the last seven years. Vollmer is president of UWSP’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

(Above) Tony Fuller, a philosophy and biology graduate, is attending Duke Medical School this fall. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Fuller was president of the Black Student Union, president of the Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement, president of Omicron Delta Kappa and a tutor at the Tutoring Learning Center.

(Above) Britta Peterson, a senior from Luck majoring in wildlife ecology and member of the women’s varsity basketball team, was WIAC Player of the Year and Central Region Player of the Year. She was also honored for her 2010-11 play when her jersey was displayed in the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame’s “Ring of Honor.”

Photo by Beatrice Copeland

The Moses Creek Restoration Project in Schmeeckle Reserve

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As Cindy Polzin, ‘01, Madison, tells it, her job is to make friends. Polzin, a member of the UWSP Alumni Association Board and the president-elect of the organization, works at the Capitol in Madison as a legislative liaison between members of the State Senate and Assembly and the governor. Although her job varies from day to day, her focus is to make sure that legislators from both sides of the aisle know she is available to them to discuss everything from state storm damages to public policy.

“When sessions are taking place, I make sure they see me. If they need something from the governor, I’m the one to go to,” she says. “It’s really about becoming friends with people and getting that trust level. If they don’t trust you, you are not doing your job.”

A Pound native, Polzin began her Pointer journey as a young girl while on a trip to Stevens Point with her mom. She recalls, “I remember saying to her, ‘I’m going to go to school here.’ ” She made good on that promise in 1997, choosing UWSP over UW-Madison because Point felt more like her hometown—small, friendly and comfortable. “I wanted to be a name, not a number,” she said.

Majoring in political science and public administration was something Polzin had wanted to do since discovering her love of politics in high school. Her favorite professor was Dennis Riley of the Political Science Department.

“Professor Riley always started classes on a light note,” she said. “That’s something I try to do by starting my meetings on a light note before getting down to business. Professor Riley was a great mentor to have, and UWSP is lucky to have him.”

Her senior year she was elected president of the student body. “Having that opportunity to talk to students has done nothing but help me, especially in this career,” Polzin said. She also credits the good friendships she made with a variety of people at UWSP with preparing her to work with legislators of both political parties.

The summer before her senior year, she interned with Congressman Paul Ryan in Washington D.C. After graduation she worked for Steve Foti, the majority leader in the Wisconsin Assembly. Polzin then did some campaign work for now Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen and worked for the Justice Department for three years before taking her current position.

Polzin advises current students interested in politics to take advantage of opportunities to volunteer their time in a campaign or political office, saying “I would not be where I am now without those experiences.”

She also advises high school students to pick UWSP when choosing a university. “UWSP has everything you could ever want in a university,” Polzin said. “It has world-class professors and classes. The student body is great. You will meet friends you will have for the rest of your life. And I think I speak for thousands of UWSP graduates when I say that.”

Public art created by UWSP students

Works of art created by UWSP students have been installed on the campus and at Goerke Park, the home stadium of the Pointer football team.

**Pointer Dog**

A new large-scale iron sculpture, has been installed on a grassy knoll west of the Trainer Natural Resources building. Created by senior art student August Kochanowski of Junction City, the 2,500-pound, eight-foot tall dog was commissioned by student members of the Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Council (CGSAC). “It’s an amazing experience to have my work in a permanent public setting while still an undergraduate,” said Kochanowski, who is majoring in three-dimensional art. He came up with the concept in fall 2008 when given an assignment to create a sculpture using planar forms.

“I started designing with hardboard, quickly cutting the paper then folding it, and I captured the essence of a dog,” he adds. After winning a contest sponsored by the CGSAC, he worked on the final sculpture for three months with the help of family and Metal Crafters.

The second installation, set into the gates into the stadium at Goerke Park, depicts athletic achievement through a spray-painted mosaic of a running athlete who is creating “dust” in the form of bold geometric forms.

The project was created by UWSP Student Art League member and junior graphic design major Samantha Feld of Vernon Hills, Ill., through a partnership with the Arts Alliance of Portage County. It was first unveiled at Chancellor Bernie Patterson’s inauguration in April as a representation of student research.

“I loved working on the Goerke field project,” said Feld. “I think public art is a very important aspect of any community, as it creates a meaningful encounter to all who see it and leaves a legacy for generations to come. This was my hope for the project; to create a sense of pride from within the community for what Goerke field represents.”
Alumnus leads the Ho-Chunk Nation

Elected on June 7, Greendeer took the oath of office on July 6 in Black River Falls. He was presented with an eagle feather by a Ho-Chunk veteran after taking the oath, representing his protection as he leads the executive branch of the Nation.

His duties also include working closely with the Nation’s other units of government, the Legislative branch which appoints among itself the Nation’s vice president, Greg Blackdeer, ’04, Black River Falls. Other branches include the General Council, a group made of all voting members over the age of 18, and the Judiciary, as well as directing 11 executive departments, such as Housing, Education, Health, Heritage Preservation, Business and Social Services.

“I’m usually the last to leave the office,” he said. But he would not have it any other way, he added. “To say my work is a privilege is an understatement. I’d do anything for the Ho-Chunk people.”

An enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation with additional Oneida heritage, Greendeer previously served the Ho-Chunk Nation for three years as the Executive Administrative Officer, the essential “right hand” of former President George Lewis, who asked him to join his staff shortly after Greendeer graduated from Point.

While he has served as an administrator before, this role is very different. “It’s actually about the responsibility. When things go wrong, it’s your call to duty to take care of it.” Greendeer considers himself a hands-on, blue collar guy. He would like to take the unique structure of the Nation and bring the government into the laps of the people, but he won’t do anything that gives the sense of being progressive at the expense of their culture.

“My first priority is to preserve the Ho-Chunk way of life as best as we can,” he said. “To be a strong leader I have to be compassionate but not be afraid to step up and make tough decisions. I have to create solutions and be a better person. The university gave me the confidence and understanding of how to implement change.”

Greendeer’s journey to Point was not a straight one. Denied admission, he decided he would not give up but rather begin his college career at UW-Marathon County, where he excelled as Student Association vice president and also started a Native American student organization. After earning his associate’s degree there, he was able to transfer to UW-Stevens Point and finally reached his goal of becoming a Pointer.

Intending at first to study natural resources, Greendeer instead developed an affinity for political science and was soon deeply involved in the Student Government Association and the University Council.

“The whole Department of Political Science is amazing,” he said. “You could not pick a better one. The professors are as much students of their discipline as the people they teach. That’s an incredible quality—to learn from your students. It made me feel like a peer and it nurtured my desire for a career in political science.”

Despite his rocky start, Greendeer is very proud to be a Pointer, and even his six-year-old daughter, Kai, knows when they drive by the campus, “there’s Daddy’s school.” He has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2008 and his family, which includes his wife, Christine, and eldest daughter, Brittany, returns to campus often for games, parades and other activities.

The Ho-Chunk Nation also values education, he said, as it is the only tribe that he is aware of that requires their representatives to have four year degrees. Given the expectations of the academic capital, Greendeer says, the Nation must stimulate scholastic growth. He is connecting with educators and integrating college courses at schools with large percentages of Ho-Chunk students and bringing them to UWSP, acting as a role model himself by attending these visits with them.

There are several UWSP alumni working in the Ho-Chunk offices, he said, due to its location, reputation and majors such as natural resources, anthropology and sociology, which are of special interest to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“The university does prepare people for leadership, if they so choose to want it,” he said. “UWSP creates ways for people to make decisions. In my position, I have to be able to handle the volatility of tribal politics. I have the confidence to know that I may not have the answer but coming from UWSP, I know how to find it.”

“My grandmother said it best when I was deciding to run,” said Greendeer. “She asked me, ‘Do you know how lucky you are?’ referring to my education. Then she said, ‘You tell me who would be better to run the Nation than my grandson?’ So it’s good to have that education behind you. There’s a whole world of experience beyond that classroom.”
Alumna named Wisconsin’s Elementary Teacher of the Year

Marsha (Kostechka) Herman, ’82, Sun Prairie, received a wonderful surprise on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at a special all-school assembly at Westside Elementary in Sun Prairie, where she has taught for 20 years.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s State Superintendent Tony Evers announced that she had won Wisconsin’s Elementary Teacher of the Year Award, which was a surprise not only for Herman but for the staff and students at the school.

Herman received the $3,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship Award for 2011, which made her eligible for the state honor. Three other teachers were chosen for the award at the middle school, high school and special services levels. One of the four will be chosen to represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year program.

Herman has taught kindergarten and first grade at Westside and previously taught for 10 years in the Merrill and McFarland school districts. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and completed her Master Educator license last year. She and her husband, Larry, have two children, a daughter who teaches in the Twin Cities and a son studying physical education at UW-La Crosse.

Alumnus receives inaugural artist award

Andrew Broomell, ’11, a theatre design graduate, was presented with the inaugural Melvin R. Laird Exceptional Artist Award on spring commencement day in May. The $5,000 annual award is given to the most exceptional graduating student artist at UWSP as chosen by the Laird Endowment Advisory Board.

Broomell, now pursuing a Master of Fine Arts Degree in scenic design at the University of California-Irvine, said of the award, “This is one of the chief catalysts in my professional development, allowing me to focus on my coursework and production work with the materials I need.”

Over the summer, Broomell was the head scenic designer for the Tibbets Opera House production of On Broadway: An Irving Berlin Songbook.

(Below) Broomell designed this set from the Tibbets Opera House production of On Broadway: An Irving Berlin Songbook.

(Left) Pictured with Broomell are John Laird, River Falls, and Karen Engelhard, ’59, Stevens Point, Alumni Association director emerita, both members of the Laird Endowment Advisory Board.

UWSP Athletics

By Travis VenderLooy, '12, sports information student assistant

The UWSP athletic program continued to improve on its recent success as the swimming and diving, baseball, softball and track and field teams all performed to expectations in the second half of the academic year.

Swimming and Diving

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving team concluded another successful season, each bringing home Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships. This was the men’s 12th consecutive year and the second straight for the women.

The teams also were honored with numerous All-American selections. Joey Clap, Sam Davy and Ryan Farmer each received individual honors while the relay team of Clapp, Farmer, Davy and Matthew Olp brought home four. Lisa Clemens, Jessica Nordstrom, Kelly Kading, Andrea Wagner and Ashley Magevski brought home three All-American selections as members of relay teams and Kading was an individual women’s All-American selection.

Other major award winners at the WIAC Championships were Davy, named Swimmer of the Meet, and Olp, named the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete along with a spot on the All-Sportsmanship Team. For the women, Beth Ann Abraham received the Judy Kruckman Co-Scholar-Athlete and was also selected to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

Baseball

The Pointer baseball team captured its first outright conference title since 2002, going 6-10 in the WIAC. The team’s 23 wins marked the 18th consecutive season finishing with 20-plus wins. The team closed out the season with a four game win streak. Over the summer, Broomell was the head scenic designer for the Tibbets Opera House production of On Broadway: An Irving Berlin Songbook...

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Montgomery named new athletic director

Daron Montgomery, a Florida native who formerly was the senior associate athletic director at the University of Detroit Mercy, is UWSP's new athletic director, replacing Frank O'Brien who retired after 20 years on campus.

“Daron brings a terrific breadth of experience to apply to one of America’s top Division III programs. He also understands how much Pointers Athletics mean to our students, community and state,” said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. “We couldn’t be any happier to enter this new era under Daron’s leadership.”

As second in command for Detroit’s athletics program, he oversaw 19 varsity sports and served as the lead development officer for the Titans. Montgomery also oversaw ticket operations and sales, group sales and game management/event operations for all home athletic contests.

Montgomery assisted in the year-long application process for Detroit’s bid to host the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Final Four® and attended the Final Four as a member of Detroit’s “Future Hosts” travel party from 2004 to 2008. As tournament manager for both the 2008 NCAA Men’s Basketball Midwest Regional and 2009 Final Four, Montgomery was responsible for working with NCAA Men’s Basketball Committee and NCAA staff members in multiple key areas, with an emphasis on game management and specific responsibilities for supervising a game management crew of more than 60 members.

He helped increase the Titans men’s basketball regional and national television packages to a record 13 games during the 2010-11 season, in addition to negotiating the inaugural Detroit Titan Court Report, a 30-minute monthly show which was nominated for a Michigan Emmy.

Montgomery also coached Detroit’s women’s tennis team for nine years and was chosen as Horizon League Coach of the Year in 2002 by his colleagues.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in sports management from Lenoir-Rhyne University in 1995 then played two full-time seasons with the Hickory Crawdads minor league baseball team, then a Class A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. He earned his master’s degree in athletic administration from Ball State University in 1998. He and his wife, Karen, have two daughters.

A Stevens Point Journal interview features Montgomery here.

Athletic Hall of Fame 2011

Five individuals and two teams were inducted into the UWSP’s Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 15. The 2011 inductees include:

Jaclyn Schmitt Crailkowski, ‘06, Stevens Point, is a member of the women’s hockey team in 2005, and during her career was MVP, NCHA Player of the Year, and a two-time All American. She also led the team in points, goals and assists. She currently holds school records for game-winning goals (27), overall points (127), goals (72) and assists (55). She was part of the NCHA playoff champion teams for three years and NCAA runner-up in 2004 and also played hockey for Team Illinois. She now works as a physical therapist at Bie-Life. She and her husband, Nick, have two children, Boyd and Ellie.

Jeremias Francioli, ‘00, San Diego, Calif., a native of Brazil, won an NCAA swimming title in the 200 backstroke and was named the team’s freshman year. He was on two national winning relay teams and was a 19-time All American. He also represented Brazil in the junior national championship, European Cup and Olympic trials. He earned a master’s degree from Marquette University and is currently vice president of sales for CNL Securities. He has also co-owned two small businesses, one in Brazil and another in San Diego.

Ann Ninnemann, ‘06, Platteville, the head women’s hockey coach at UWSP since 2006, was a team MVP and leader in points, assists and goals during her years in the UWSP’s women’s hockey team, which she captained for three years. She is first in school history for assists, third for overall points (124) and third in goals (55). She was part of the NCHA playoff champion teams for three years and NCAA runner-up in 2004. She was the first to both coach and play in the Women’s NCAA Division III Final Four. In 2007 the team was third in NCAA National Tournament. She will complete a master’s degree at UWSP in December.

Yan White, ’07, Plover, assistant wrestling coach at UWSP for the last seven years, was one of two wrestlers to compete in the national championship match three straight years. He won the title in 2001 and was runner-up the following two years. He was a three-time WIAC champion at 197 pounds and compiled the second-best winning percentage at UWSP with a 103-15 career record.

He was UWSP’s Male Athlete of the Year in 2001 and 2003. He will be inducted into the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III Hall of Fame in March 2012. He and his wife, Tori (Brown) White, ‘06, have one son, Trig.

Members of the 1998 and 1999 Swimming Medley Relay (Jeremias Francioli, ‘00; John Stevens, ‘00; Randy Boelk, ‘01; and Dave Willoughby, ‘00) won the national championship and broke a national record in 1998 then broke their own record and won again in 1999. They were the first (and only) WIAC team to win a relay at the NCAA championships.

The 2004 Women’s Ice Hockey Team, led by Coach Brian Ildalaki, ’01, were the only western team to make it to the NCAA National Championship game. After winning the NCHA Conference playoffs over U-W-River Falls and UW-Superior (in double overtime), the team advanced to the quarterfinals and faced Gustavus Adolphus College in another double overtime win. In the Final Four, they beat Manhattanville College then lost to Middlebury College in the finals.
Anne Abbott
Professor Anne Abbott taught and directed Health Promotion and Human Development since 1987. She has been on the Stevens Point Task Force on Campus Climate working group and Equity and Affirmative Action Committee. Abbott worked with Employee Wellness for many years and helped create the cardiopulmonary rehabilitation and health promotion and wellness fields. Her retirement plans include a new business, Abbott Consulting in an Amberton function, as well as time with her partner, Sarah, and their two children. She holds degrees from East Tennessee State University, Florida State University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Gail Allen
A circulation supervisor at the University Library, Gail Allen worked at UWSP for 36 years, and enjoyed helping students and faculty with their media and instructional material needs. In 2006 she won a Friend of Communication Award. Allen will stay in Stevens Point in retirement, attending LIFE program classes and arts events, taking yoga and Tai Chi and volunteering. She has a degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Richard Barker
Spanish Professor Richard Barker taught at UW-Stevens Point for 23 years, during which time he spent many years researching and collecting oral traditions from the early human settlers in southern Spain that resulted in a 2007 book. He received numerous awards, including the University Scholar Award, Justinian Award and the 2011 Eugen Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award. Last year he translated a memoir for Cornerstone Press. He and his wife, Carmen, hope to someday move to Spain but for now will stay in Stevens Point and enjoy a variety of hobbies and time with their son, John. He has an 18-year-old daughter. He holds degrees from Hamilton College, The University of Iowa and the University of Oregon.

Kyoko Fuller
Kyoko Fuller enjoyed her work with the Suzuki program on campus because she was able to work with many of the same students and their families during her 36 years of the job. She has also enjoyed performing and traveling to the 25th International Youth Music Festival in Vienna in 1996 to direct a Suzuki group of 37 students. Her retirement plans include gardening, traveling and time with her four grandchildren. She also has a daughter and three step-sons with her husband, David, and holds a degree from the University of Tennessee.

Jeanne Herder
A senior mathematics lecturer, Jeanne Herder, ME, ’79, had served at UW-Stevens Point since 1984. She was the Teacher of the Year Award in 1986 and enjoyed engaging students in conversation and helping them overcome their fear of mathematics. She also enjoyed taking advanced course work in statistics. Herder earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Colorado and previously taught mathematics at P.J. Jacobs in Stevens Point. In retirement she will serve as president of the Wisconsin chapter of the Philadelphia Education Fund organization (P.E.O.) State Board, helping award educational scholarships. She and her husband, John, have three daughters.

Sue Clark Kuleby
Sue Clark Kuleby, ’76, served as an academic counselor and adviser to the Hmong and South East Asian American Club during her 24-year career. She received the UWSP University Leadership Mentor Award five times and was again nominated this year. Her retirement plans include volunteering with the Asian American club, hosting the 4-H Clover Clowns Club, presenting on Asperger’s Syndrome and traveling internationally and to all the U.S. states (20 more to go)! She and her husband, Michael, have a daughter at UWSP and a son at Mid-State Technical College. She holds a graduate degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Jerry Lineberger
As associate director of University Centers for 36 years, Jerry Lineberger was a Student Employer of the Year and won an Academic Staff Excellence Award. He was also a part of the planning of the recent remodeling of the Dreyfus University Center. He enjoyed working with “outstanding student and Centers staff,” but looks forward to working with a variety of community agencies in retirement. He holds degrees from Berea College and Cardinal Stritch University.

Diane Lueck
Diane Lueck, ’92, MS-NRS ’95, served at UW-Stevens Point for 36 years. She began as a secretary and art department program assistant. The rest of her career was dedicated to natural resources. She was heavily involved in the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program, as an instructor, outreach manager and its international director, and won awards for her work. She is also a member of numerous natural resource research and worked as a UW-Extension natural resources director. Lueck calls her five years as a lecturer of natural resources the highlight of her career. She worked at UWSP and another at UW-Madison. She is married to Gary Lueck, also a lecturer at UWSP.

Roger Nelson
Roger Nelson’s name has been synonymous with musical theatre at UW-Stevens Point, as he directed or music directed 27 musical theatre productions and accompanied 89 outreach concerts for the university, community and civic groups during his UWSP career. He will miss the gifted, hardworking and intelligent students he has mentored, but looks forward to composing choral and instrumental music, travel photography and yoga as retirement. He and his wife, Martha, will remain in Stevens Point. Nelson earned degrees at Northwestern University and spent 20 years as an actor, singer, music director and teacher in New York City before coming to UWSP in 1996.

Joseph Passineau
During his 23 years at UW-Stevens Point, Professor Joseph Passineau directed the Central Wisconsin Environmental Education and Resource Management Program. He also directed and was the University Scholar Award, as well as also active in many professional organizations. He and his wife, Lyn, who have two children who are Pointers, look forward to outdoor activities, traveling and volunteering in retirement. He has degrees from the College of St. Thomas and Utah State University.

Thomas Rowe
A professor of psychology since 1972, Thomas Rowe appreciated the freedom he had at UW-Stevens Point to develop and maintain his own as well as the chance to advise students. Having his book on the war on drugs published and spending a semester abroad in Australia were also highlights of his career. Rowe and his wife, Carole, had six children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild between them. Besides time with his family, Tom now spends his retirement traveling, directing the local bridge league and golfing.

Susie Sprouse
Providing quality child care services to the UWSP community was the best part of Susie Sprouse’s 33-year career as a teacher and director of the Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center. She won a federal grant to create an infant/toddler program at the center and helped the center win several state awards for its quality care. She feels fortunate to have worked at UWSP with many friends and mentors, and hopes to volunteer, enjoy the outdoors and travel. Sprouse earned a degree at Garland Jr. College and continued her education at Boston University and UWSP. She and her husband have a daughter.

Robert Stowers
Robert Stowers taught three-dimensional design in the Department of Art and Design for 25 years. He was the first UW-Stevens Point faculty member to earn a Fulbright Scholarship, which he spent in Hungary. He found working with students kept him young. He also enjoyed spending abroad trips to Germany and Poland. In retirement he will continue work as a residential designer as well as woodworking and traveling. He and his wife, Eva, share a young son and he also has two older children and two grandchildren. His degrees are from Michigan State University and Notre Dame University.

Josephine Sudevan
Sudevan embodied service and scholarship during his 27 years at UWSP. He was the Faculty Senate chair for two terms, chaired the Department of Psychology and served as a chancellor search committee. He is a Katsz Distinguished Professor Emeritus, L&S Academy Distinguished Professor and served as a teaching fellow and visiting professor numerous times. A highlight was research with colleagues in the Cognition Laboratory and Beck Psychophysiology Laboratory. Sudevan has degrees from the University of Kerala in India and the University of Rochester, New York. In retirement he is writing, traveling, riding and building bicycles, collecting stamps and continuing his research.

Robert Tomlinson
The vice chancellor for Student Affairs for 12 years, Bob Tomlinson enjoyed working and interacting with students and staff. He first worked at UWSP for three years as director of Knutezen Hall. He then was a director of service centers and student affairs at several universities before returning to UWSP in 1999 as a vice chancellor. He served as president of the Southern Association of College Student Affairs and twice was Teacher of the Year in the College of Graduate Studies at South Dakota State University. He was president of Phi Kappa Phi at UWSP and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He earned degrees at Indiana State University and Mississippi State University. In retirement he enjoys golfing, fishing, landscaping and volunteering and looks forward to U.S. travel with his wife, Pam Tomlinson, who coordinates scholarships at UWSP. They have a son, Jeff, who attends UWSP.

Tom Zamis
An associate professor of chemistry, Tom Zamis, ’76, won several awards for teaching and worked with many students as a research mentor. At UWSP he chaired the Chemistry Colloquium Committee and was active with the American Chemical Society. He has also been a state fair champion in Colorado and Wisconsin. Before returning to UWSP in 1990, he was a professor at the Colorado/ School of Mines in Golden. He enjoys fishing, golfing and traveling with his wife, Amy Boyd, who retired from UWSP Health Services.

Classified staff retirees included, Fidelis B. Assuquo, ‘79, RFE; Richard Bartosh; Robert Rowan, Staff, ’71; Catherine Ladd; Rose Lignman; Bonnie Maher; Karen Sannes; Richard Stephens, Sybil Strupp; Mary Talbot, Ella Weete, Carol Wake, ’02; and Jim West, ’73.
35-year reunion of semester abroad at Peace Haven, London

Thirty-three members of UWSP’s semester abroad in London in the fall of 1976 celebrated 35 years of friendship on Aug. 6 with a reunion in Verona at the home of Linda Christiansen and Jack Miller. Members of the group, who studied at Peace Haven in London, continue to reminisce, share photographs and keep in touch on their Facebook page under “Peace Haven.” A video created from photos of their stay in London is also available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXkSRyu18PI

For information on planning reunion events with the help of the UWSP Alumni Affairs office, email alumni@uwsp.edu, call 715-346-3811 or go to www.facebook.com/UWSPAlumni.

Puppy Love…How did you meet your Pointer partner?

Allison (Groshek) Schaefer, ’03, Rockville, Md., met her husband, Ahren Schaefer, ’03, at the 1999 Welcome Back Dance at Berg Gym. The Schaefer’s are just one of a couple of couples who met at UWSP. The Pointer Alumni Magazine and The Pointer like to hear about how you met your significant other while studying together at Point. Selected stories and photos will be included in the spring issue. Submit them to alumni@uwsp.edu by February 14, 2012, for consideration.

Tanya Wolf, ’11, West Bend, is working on the Missouri Department of Conservation’s elk research project for six months. She is working with Dan Zekor, ’02, Columbia, Mo., chief of the Department of Conservation’s Resource Science Center. The first restored elk herd of 34 adults and five calves was released on June 1.

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Marie (Rowan) Burns, ’06, Phoenix, Ariz., is a lead financial adviser of the Southwest wealth management group at Clifton Gunderson in Phoenix. Previously she worked for Clifton Gunderson as a financial adviser in Stevens Point. She is married to Joseph Burns.

Bruce Curtis, ’03, Santa Rosa, Calif., is the e-commerce marketing manager for a Vineyards and Winery in Napa Valley, Calif. He and his wife, Tamera, have two daughters and moved to California from Wisconsin almost four years ago.

Allison (Groshek) Schaefer, ’03, Rockville, Md., earned a master’s degree in bioscience regulatory affairs from John Hopkins University. She is a contractor at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Frederick, Md. Her husband, Ahren Schaefer, ’03, is an analyst for the U.S. State Department in Washington D.C.

Jill Wick, ’02, Santa Fe, N.M., is an aquatic habitat specialist for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish in Santa Fe.

Holly (Pozorski) Busse, ’02, Stevens Point, and Craig Busse, ’03, welcomed their daughter Emma Anne in March. She joins her sister, Grace Edyth. Holly, a second grade teacher in Stevens Point, earned a master’s degree in educational technology through Maran University in May. Craig is a production supervisor at Del Monte Foods in Plover.

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Seven of the 13 graduates from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ law enforcement academy last fall were CNR alumni. Five of the seven were assigned to permanent stations as conservation wardens in July after 20 weeks of extensive hands-on training under veteran wardens. They are the first new wardens stationed in three years. One alumnus completed training as a Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission conservation warden and the other was trained as a DNR forestry ranger.

Pictured are, from left to right, Aaron Young, ’94 (DNR forestry ranger); Alan Erickson, ’99; Thomas Dickson, Ryan Propson, ’10; Shaun Tymco, Chris Shea, ’10; Jessica Coley, Kirk Konichek, Brad Kacizek, ’94 (CLIFWC conservation warden); Kyle Dilley, ’09; Ben Mott, ’08; Maackenzie Hannen and Shaun Deeney.

Gene DeLisi, ’95, Stratford, was inducted into the Marshfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame last October. He was also named Radio Reporter of the Year by the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association in 2010. Gene has served as sports director of WDLB/MOSQ, Marshfield, since 1985.

1980s

Mark Hartzheim, ’89, Minocqua, was elected chairman of the town of Minocqua after serving as a town board supervisor for 15 years. He has also worked in radio sales/station management and is marketing/real estate. He and his wife, Traci (Pirk) Hartzheim, ’00, have a daughter and son.

Michael Bernhagen, ’87, Wausau, director of Community Engagement and Care Partner Relations at Rainbow Hospice Care in Jefferson, co-created “Consider the Conversation,” a documentary about the struggle with communicaion and preparation at the end-of-life. The film was produced with 70 hours of interviews and multiple perspectives on end-of-life care with patients, family members, health care workers, clergy and national experts from across the U.S. It is available at Amazon.com and was released to public broadcasting stations. For more, go to www.ConsiderTheConversation.org. His wife, Denise (Alt) Bernhagen, ’87, is in post sale management and integration for Xerox in Brookfield.

Timothy Santel, ’87, Petersburg, Ill., has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office of Law Enforcement since 1989. He is currently the resident agent in charge in Springfield, Ill., supervising federal wildlife law enforcement programs in Illinois and Missouri. He is married to Gina (Meyerhofer) Santel, last attended ’87.

Thomas Clark, ’86, Shrewsbury, Mass., has been named the Toronto Blue Jays 2011 Pro Scout of the Year. The Amherst native has scouted for the Blue Jays since 2007 and has contributed to the draft selections of Ricky Romero and Travis Snider and the acquisitions of Edwin Encarnacion and Shawn Camp. Previously he was a national crosschecker for the Blue Jays for three years. He also was an amateur scout in the New England area for the Oakland Athletics and coached college basketball at Amherst College and the University of Massachusetts and for the Cape Cod League.

Maureen Ferriter, ’85, Newburgh, Maine, is an elementary school guidance counselor and operates a hobby farm. She and her partner, Carol Oebel, have three daughters, one adopted from China and two adopted from Mumbai, India. “I loved UWSP,” she says. “My semester abroad was the biggest influence for me. I fell in love with Asia and it’s the reason I adopted children from Asia.” Her parents live in Point so she sees the campus every year.

1970s

Helen (Rackow) Johannes, ’72, MST ’95, won the 2011 EPIC Award for Fantasy Romance for her novel, The Prince of Val-Feuridzi, published by The Wild Rose Press and available at Amazon.com and other online retailers. The EPIC ebook Awards are given annually for achievement in e-publishing.

1960s

Mary Zabolio McGrath, ’69, Burnsville, Minn., earned a Master of Arts degree in Catholic studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

Paul DeLong, ’85, was named Conservationist of the Year by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation in April. The division administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, DeLong was honored for leading the state’s forestry program and protecting forests as a support to the state’s fish and wildlife, its papermaking and printing industries and tourism industry.

DeLong manages 470 permanent employees and many seasonal workers and oversees the Managed Forest Law program. His leadership has seen the green certification of Wisconsin’s public and private forests, the maintenance of large blocks of forestland and addressed the use of forest biomass for energy and the increasing threat of invasive species. DeLong and his wife, Abby, have two children.

Steve Janiszewski, ’85, Sublimity, Ore., was among those honored with Industry Leader Award certificates from Oregon Governor’s Office of Film and Television. He and colleagues of the Oregon State Parks Department were recognized for the park’s support of the film industry. Notable movies filmed in the Silver Falls and Columbia River Gorge state parks include The Hunted, Twilight, Yoga Bear and Without a Paddle. Janiszewski, the Oregon State Parks Capitol-Cascades district manager, is pictured second from the right as the award is given from then Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski.
Professional teams


Williams named to marketing post

Mark Williams, '88, Iola, is the assistant to the dean for Advancement and Marketing for the College of Letters and Science at UWSP, focusing on marketing, communications, public relations, functions, events and coordinating efforts with University Relations and Communications and college outreach groups. He previously was the college’s director of development.

“Mark has been a remarkable resource for the college, and his development efforts in recent years have increased fundraising dollars,” said College of Letters and Science Dean Chris Cirmo. “His new position will afford him use of his experience in publishing and marketing, and we look forward to his assistance in moving the College of Letters and Science ahead as The College-at-the-Core.”

Before coming to UWSP in 2006, he was a group publisher with Krause Publications in Iola and its parent company, F+W Media.

“the opportunity to use my background in advertising and marketing at UWSP, my alma mater, is a dream combination for me,” said Williams.

Class Notes

Andrea Anders, '97, Los Angeles, Calif., is a cast member of USA Network's series, Necessary Roughness, playing Laura Radcliffe. She also recently starred in ABC’s Mr. Sunshine and the critically acclaimed Better Off Ted. Anders has also had television roles in The Class, For Your Law & Order, Tru Calling, Oz, Numb3rs, Guiding Light and One Life to Live. Her movie roles have included The Stanford Wives and the road comedy Sex Drive.

Pointer athletes join professional teams

In Memoriam

Allen Barrows

Allen Barrows, ’49, Stevens Point, emeritus director of the library, died July 8 at age 86. Barrows returned to his alma mater in 1989 as an instructor of learning resources then served as director of public services for 15 years and was promoted to library director in 1993. For more than a decade, he was involved in planning for the computerization of the library. He retired in 1987. He was on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received the American Arena Ribbon and WWII Victory Medal. After earning his bachelor’s degree, he worked at his family’s restaurant for 20 years than earned a master’s degree in library science at Indiana University at Bloomington. He also served on the Portage County Board and was a member of the American Legion and local Elks Club.

His wife, Adeline, survives.

Helen Godfrey

Helen Godfrey, Stevens Point, a longtime administrator and assistant chancellor emerita of Student Affairs, died Sept. 19 at age 77 after a long illness. Godfrey served UWSP for 33 years as the associate dean of students, executive director of Co-Curricular Services, assistant chancellor of University Relations and assistant chancellor of Student Development. She retired in 1999 as assistant chancellor for Student Affairs. She was known for her efforts to enhance the learning environment at UWSP and as an ambassador of the institution in the community and state. She founded and provided ongoing support for the Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center (renamed in her honor in 2002), achieved national recognition for her leadership role in the computerization of the library. He retired in 1987. He was involved in planning for the computerization of the library. He retired in 1987. He was on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received the American Arena Ribbon and WWII Victory Medal. After earning his bachelor’s degree, he worked at his family’s restaurant for 20 years than earned a master’s degree in library science at Indiana University at Bloomington. He also served on the Portage County Board and was a member of the American Legion and local Elks Club.

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Zofia “Olenna” Soroka

Zofia “Olenna” Soroka, a retired member of the UWSP library staff, died May 22 at age 91 having suffered from Alzheimer’s disease. Soroka was a member of the library staff from 1964 until her retirement in 1985.

A native of Sodale, Lithuania, she grew up in Poland at the brink of World War II. As a young woman she was in the Polish military resistance and smuggled medicine to Jewish inmates at the Majdanek concentration camp near Lublin, Poland. She and her husband, the late Waclaw Soroka, escaped communist Poland after the war and came to the U.S. in 1954, settling in Stevens Point where she taught history at UWSP for many years. She helped bring Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul, to Central Wisconsin in 1976.

Soroka is survived by three children and nine grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the UWSP Foundation, designated for the University Library.

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A Milwaukee native, he earned degrees at the University of Michigan and Yale University. Before teaching at UWSP, Sylvester worked at Trees For Tomorrow as the chief forester. It is estimated he was instrumental in the planting of 25 million trees in Wisconsin during his career. During that time he also helped Dorothy (who later married Jacques Vallier) and Gordon Kummer purchase the land and develop the property that would become Treehaven, UWSP’s field station and CNR summer camp. He then taught forestry at UWSP from 1969 to 1981, and became an expert in using computers for forest management. In addition he served as a UW Extension forestry specialist.

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Robert Stair, Jr., '91, Janesville, died June 10, 2010, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident at age 41. He was a sales manager for Frigo Lay and avid sports fan. His wife, Jennifer, and a daughter, survive.

Robert Zimmerman, '84, Sylvan Park, died at home March 25 at age 77. He served in the U.S. Navy and later earned a master's degree in business from UW-Whitewater. He was a systems analyst, most recently for the Wisconsin Insurance Board. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and two children.

Kevin Paulson, '77, Appleton, died Nov. 14, 2010, age 54 after a battle with cancer. He earned a master's degree in education at the University of Vermont and taught in Hamilton for over 23 years. She is survived by her husband, John, and two children.

Bruce Toubier, '71, New Berlin, died Dec. 5 at age 55. He earned a master's degree in agronomy at UW-Madison and worked as an agronomist at Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. He also served as an advisor, representative, for the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, a member of several agric. business organizations and was a member of the Lacota Wrestling Club. He also owned his own apple orchard. He is survived by his wife, Amy.

Michael Kersten, '77, Wausau, died April 4 at age 69. He taught at D.C. Everest School Forest until his retirement in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Paul Renard, '74, Eden Prairie, Minn., died June 3, 2010, while camping near his cottage. He worked for The Wildlife Sanctuary in Iowa and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 30 years. He retired in 2010 and enjoyed boating and the outdoors. He is survived by his partner, Wendy.

Jean (Knodson) Wunderlich, '70, formerly of Stevens Point, died Aug. 3 at age 91. She earned a degree from Bethany Lutheran College then was married. After the death of her husband, Rev. Herbert Wunderlich, Geneva earned a degree at UWSP and taught in Junction City and Plaue in 1963-1965. She volunteered at her church, at nursing homes and with hospice. She is survived by seven children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Stephanie Golke, '95, New Lisbon, died April 27 at age 37 after a battle with cancer. She worked as a receptionist for Marshfield Clinic in De Pere. She is survived by her husband, Kevin, and two children.

Kevin Lineberger, '82, Plover, died May 20, at age 59. She worked in marketing and advertising for the last 15 years and served as a board member for United Way and was on the board of directors for Community Industries. She also enjoyed outdoor activities. Her husband, Jerry Lineberger (a retired UWSP employee), and two daughters survive. A service may be made to the UWSP Foundation for the Schmeeckle Program Fund. Memorial Services were held at Pine Creek Restoration Project or online at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/about/remember.

Susan (DeGoey) Schwalenberg, '95, New Auburn, died Nov. 23 at age 54. She was the lead singer of the '95, Nekoosa, died April 26 at age 74. She taught in Colby then in Marshfield prior to retirement in 1985. She volunteered at her church, at nursing homes and with hospice. She is survived by seven children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Kathy McCormick, '74, Stroudsburg, Pa., died May 19 at age 64. She worked as a white collar worker at Hi-Bred International Inc. She was the lead singer of the '95, Nekoosa, died April 26 at age 74. She taught in Colby then in Marshfield prior to retirement in 1985. She volunteered at her church, at nursing homes and with hospice. She is survived by seven children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Nancy Yugo, '71, Madison, died April 8 at age 64 after a battle with cancer. She taught science and environmental science at Madison Memorial High School. She is survived by her mother, Betty, a brother and two sisters.

David Hinz, '93, Williston, Vt., died Nov. 21, 2005, at age 39, after a ten-year battle with cancer. He earned a master’s degree in German literature and culture studied at Indiana University Bloomington and worked for Marshfield Clinic in their Park Falls Hospital, Lake Cities School of Business, and Phillips Clinic. She is survived by a partner, Tim Murdock.

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Tom Mohns Inc. Construction. He also served as a project manager for the U.S. Navy for 10 years and was a certified crop consultant. He was a commercial beekeeper in New Auburn, and was a member of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, a member of the Wisconsin Crop Growers Association, a member of several agric. business organizations and was a member of the Lacota Wrestling Club. He also owned his own apple orchard. He is survived by his wife, Amy.

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Ferdinand "Fred" Zimdars, Jr., '67, Burlington, formerly of Racine, died March 11 at age 71. He worked for many years for the Racine Department of Parks and Recreation, retiring as director. He then was a project manager for Mohns Inc. Construction. He was president of the Wisconsin Recreation Association and volunteered for the Richard Bong Recreation Area of the Caledonia Historical Society. He also taught woodworking at Central High School in Padlock Lake. His wife, Judy, two daughters, four grandchildren and a greatgrandson survive.

Frank Wergin, '66, Chicago, Ill., died April 28 at age 69. He was a district executive for Boys of America and a travel consultant in Chicago. A world traveler and history buff, he visited Africa, Central Asia, South America and Asia. His wife of 43 years, Cheryl, survives.

William Barnes, '64, Eau Claire, Jan. 2, 2010, of cancer at age 72. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Lodi High School then earned a master’s degree in education and Ph.D. in botany from UW-Madison. He taught plant ecology and botany at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Florida from 1972 until his retirement in 1999 and authored many articles in scientific journals. He won several canoe races including a national championship in 1992. He was also an avid cross country skier. He was predeceased by his wife, Hellen, and is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

Fern (Kullart) Sands, '64, Wauwatosa and formerly of Stevens Point and Plover, died June 2 at age 95. She returned to college as a non-traditional student when she was in her mid-60s and went to high school, and majored in English education. She also earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison then taught in area schools. Later she served as chief of police for Herrschers Needlecraft. In the community she was a member of the Daughters of the U.S. Point Campers and an officer in the Stevens Point Rebekahs. Her husband, Lee, preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children, Carol Sands, Sandy Dziegielewski, ‘58, Nancy Sands Cawey, ‘62, Jeanne Sands Langlois, ‘66, and Roger Sands, ‘67, as well as nine grandchildren, 12 greatgrandchildren and three greatgreatgrandchildren. A donation by the Lee & Fern Sands family trust was made to the UW-Stevens Point Foundation.
Marguerite "Peg" (Sargent) Felo, 40, Wausau, died April 12 at age 92. She was a teacher in Rib Mountain, Weston and Rothschild schools, and in the Happy Valley Falls 4-H group. She was also active in her church and in the family business. Her husband of 55 years, Henry, preceded her in death as did his mother, Pat, by two daughters, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and foster children.

Barbara (Felker) Mellin, 47, Tomah, died July 9 at age 86. She and her husband, William Mellin, 48, moved to Tomah in 1958 from Littleton, Colo., where they owned a music store for more than 30 years, taught piano lessons and worked as a substitute teacher. She also was active in the schools in civil service and the arts. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane (Busi) Zdroik, 83, Madison, died July 29 at age 83. She taught at a number of high schools and acquired a master's degree from Loyola University and UW-Madison. She was involved in local churches, the Portage County Library Board and Cooperative Extension. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard, a son and a grandson. She is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane (Lennon) Stassel, last attended '57, Stevens Point, died April 26 at age 76. She served in the U.S. Army and earned a degree from UW-Madison and UW Law School. She practiced law in Madison then in Stevens Point until his retirement in 1997. He was active in civic affairs, was a member of the Bar Association of Wisconsin and was an economics professor at the Stevens Point Noon Optimist Club and was a member of the Wisconsin Surveyor Association.

Vernon (Sullitt) Bahr, 56, Baraboo, married July 18, 1986, a passenger on board the “Spirit of San Diego” in San Diego in 1978. She was a homemaker, artist and hospital volunteer. She was predeceased by her husband, William, and her brother, Jim Neale, last attended '48, and other family members. She donated $1 million to UWSP to create the Neale Alumni Scholarship Fund. She was a member of the Stevens Point Kiwanis Club and was a member of the Stevens Point Elks Lodge.

Kathleen (Dorothy) Donahue North, '51, Key West, West Florida, was born in Wausau on May 16 at age 81 after suffering a heart attack in a fall. She taught for several years in Wisconsin, gave private piano lessons and also worked for Hi-Liter Graphics Publishing Company in Burlington. She was married to Rev. Art North for 36 years and moved to the Florida Keys in 1975, where she lived until her death. She is survived by her son, a stepdaughter and two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Jean Neale Stassel, last attended '57, Anchorage, Alaska, died July 18 at age 84. Her granddaughter, Oscar Neale, worked at UWSP and was director of rural education when he retired in 1984 while she worked as a Wisconsin state senator. A residence hall on campus is named for her. Jean, her brother, Jim Neale, last attended '48, and other family members donated $1 million to UWSP to create the Neale Alumni Scholarship Fund. She was a member of the Stevens Point Kiwanis Club and was a member of the Stevens Point Elks Lodge.

Genevieve (Hinzl) Fortune, '38, MS '68, Stevens Point, died April 30 at age 91. She taught for 34 years in Cago and Stevens Point until her retirement in 1984. She volunteered at St. Joseph’s Hospital gift shop for 18 years.

John Neale, last attended '57, Stevens Point, died March 21 at age 92. She taught in a rural school then joined Hardware Mutual (now Sentry Insurance) in 1944 and worked in Cago and Stevens Point until her retirement in 1984. She also volunteered at St. Joseph’s Hospital gift shop for 18 years.

Corinne Sandmire Seago, 82, Sycamore, Ill., died February 17 at age 91. She taught home economics and art at UW-Madison. She served a dietetics internship with the U.S. Army then was commissioned as an Army officer and was a hospital dietitian at several bases across the U.S. In later years she was a homemaker, artist and hospital volunteer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilma, and is survived by six children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Garbrecht, '45, Merrill, died March 27 at age 92. She was a computer programmer and worked in Fort Worth, Texas, Philadelphia, Pa., and Arizona.

Robert Buchacek, '62, Germantown, died Nov. 19 at age 70 from complications of polycystic kidney disease. He enjoyed an advanced degree at the University of Iowa, served in the U.S. Army, and worked for DuPont as a chemist for 25 years. He enjoyed photography, woodworking and the beach. He is survived by his wife, Anne, two children and three grandchildren.

William Haack, '61, Appleton, died May 13 at age 71. He earned a master's degree in teaching education at UW-Oshkosh. He worked in sales and marketing for Appleton Coated Papers and then taught for more than 30 years in Sheboygan and then Appleton, where he also was a guidance counselor and won the H.H. Hill Outstanding Educator Award in 1992. He enjoyed an active retirement, working on various home projects and enjoying outdoor sports. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Carol Ann (Erickson) Haack, '61, Stevens Point native, Bamboo and three grandchildren.

Edna (Herma) McNown, '43, MS '69, Madison, died at home April 16 at age 96. She taught in Cassian town schools and in Usingtown, then in Antigo, after she was married she worked at the American Legion Post 45 in Camp Bowie, Texas, during World War II. After returning to Wisconsin, she taught in Thorp, Antigo and Anaqua. She was the principal of the East Elementary in Antigo until she retired in 1980. Her husband, Dr. William McNown, preceded her in death. She is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Mary (Okay) Bennett, '44, Janesville, died April 12 at age 86. She taught in Florence and worked at the ASCS office in Janesville for several years. She was preceded in death in by a daughter and her husband, Robert Bennett, '50. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Eugenia Jeanne Haack, '40, Stevens Point, died March 21 at age 92. She taught in a rural school then joined Hardware Mutual (now Sentry Insurance) in 1944 and worked in Cago and Stevens Point until her retirement in 1984. She also volunteered at St. Joseph’s Hospital gift shop for 18 years.

Lawrence Eagleburger, last attended '50, Charlottesville, Va., died June 4 at age 80. The former secretary of state won the 1976 Distinguished Alumnus Award and was a member of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors. Eagleburger was deputy secretary of state under President James Baker during the first Bush administration in 1989 and took the top post in 1992. Previously he was the Nixon administration’s assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was President Jimmy Carter’s ambassador to Yugoslavia and was assistant secretary of state and undersecretary of state in the first Reagan administration. He went on several trouble- shooting missions and spent much of his time abroad in the Balkans. He offered companies assistance in international politics as a consultant to President Kissinger and as a consultant with a law firm. He also chaired the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, was a member of the Iraq Study Group and served as an advisor to Hillary Rodham Clinton as she prepared to take the role of secretary of state

Ruth Wahlen, '32, Stoughton, died Sept. 14, 2005, at age 91. She did volunteer work for Stoughton Trailers and worked at Mill Fab with her husband, Paul. Her daughter married a mill worker and is survived by four sons, five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Stanley Lepak, '29, Milwaukee, died May 6 at age 97. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in India, then taught fifth grade at Hinsdale Elementary in Milwaukee for 24 years. He was well known for his military skills. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and a son. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

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