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

Homecoming 2008
Saturday, October 11

Win a free hotel stay! Register for Homecoming by Wednesday, Sept. 17, and you are eligible for a chance to win one of four free hotel rooms for the Saturday night of Homecoming. Winners will be notified on Thursday, Sept. 18, by e-mail. Instruction on claiming your room will be given at that time. If you would like to book a hotel room for Homecoming, go to uwsp.collegehotelsguide.com and your booking will help the UWSP Alumni Association.

The UWSP Alumni Association thanks the Comfort Suites, Country Inn and Suites, The Fairfield Inn and The Ramada Inn for their generous room donations. For more information and a schedule of Homecoming events, see the back page of the Pointer Alumnus.
Eleven UWSP students volunteered at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, helping guests find information and bringing children from local orphanages to Olympic events. The trip was organized by Community Collaborations Internationale, a volunteer organization.
A professor of economics at the University of Chicago has received one of UWSP’s highest honors, the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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

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

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

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

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

List was the senior economist on the President’s Council of Economic Advisors for Environmental and Resource Economics from 2002 to 2003. He now works in the trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada. He is the co-editor of two top environmental journals and an associate editor for American Economic Review.

He resides in a suburb of Chicago with his wife, Jennifer (Ebersen) List, ’92, and their five children. The Alumni Service Award is given to an individual who has contributed freely of his or her time and effort for the benefit of UWSP alumni and the university. Oliva has led the world’s largest trivia contest through 90FM WWSP for the last 30 years, writing questions and organizing the many facets of the contest since 1978. A retired math teacher, he owns Mom’s Computers in Stevens Point.

“Without Jim, I don’t think Trivia would be as big as it is,” says Mike Wiza, a Stevens Point alumnus. “Jim has become the face of Trivia.”

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

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

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

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

**Annual Campaign for Point secures matching grant**

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

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

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

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

**Alumni Association invites you to Italy, India**

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

**Explore Italy and Florence, Rome, Paris**

**March 14-22**

This trip includes four tours and a four-night stay at the Four Seasons Hotel Firenze, Trevi Fountain, the Forum, the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, the ancient arch of the Florence, the Chianti Hills, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Renaissance city of Florence. The trip includes four-star accommodations, an optional elephant safari and double or triple occupancy.

**Discover the cities of Rome and Florence, Italy, on a seven-night trip**

**April 30-May 9**

This trip includes an optional tour to Delphi, Agra and Daipur to see historic palaces, mosques, museums and World Heritage Sites, including the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. The trip also includes a unique opportunity to stay in an ancient residence. Enjoy shopping for textiles, jewelry and more and take advantage of an optional elephant safari in the countryside. The trip includes first-class hotel accommodations, 14 meals and additional conveniences for $2,499 plus airfare per person with double or triple occupancy.

For more information, visit www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Travel2009.htm.
Raised in poverty in Mbumbuni, Kenya, with seven siblings by a single mother, Nicholas Matuku Syano, MS ’08, saw first hand the environmental degradation of his community and the destruction of native trees that provided food and fuel to the village.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alumna advocates on a global scale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The program’s unique elements make an impact on these ambassadors, says Ron Tschida, GEM’s communications coordinator who also traveled to India over the summer. “The students spend 10-12 weeks in their location, travel in small groups, work with local organizations and some stay with local families. All of that forces them to adapt and participate in local culture.” Reilly, along with Andrew VanNatta, a junior majoring in urban forestry, worked in Rajasthan, India, with the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), a nongovernmental Indian organization that assists rural communities in ecological restoration and the sustainable use of land and water resources. The two students assisted FES with a study of the 50-kilometer Menali River watershed near Bihawla and helped develop a management plan for the area. From the crowded, busy streets where the river’s presence draws a crowd to the dry, rocky ground that transforms into a river bed during the rainy season, Reilly and VanNatta adjusted to sights, sounds and cultures that were incredibly different from anything they’d experienced before.

VanNatta wrote that the environment itself is a strikingly extreme component of the country. “The first five weeks I’ve spent in India have been at the end of the dry season. Everything is a drab color, full of dust and, of course, heat (they say the 40-45 degree Celsius temperatures are mild compared to some years!). Following the first significant rain event (not quite the monsoon rains, but rather what they call the ‘pre-monsoons’) an amazing transformation occurs. The trees green up and grass begins to appear amid the rocks and barren soil. Rivers, once dry or stagnant, come to life. Birds abound in oases and aquatic animals spring forth. The layer of dust and dirt that has accumulated on everything (and everyone) is washed away and a new beginning is celebrated.”

UWSP graduate student Lindsey Wood

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

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

Sustainability Fair to be held at UWSP

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

Green initiatives on campus and for community use will be featured throughout campus with demonstrations, lectures, films, tours, organic foods, student organizational tables, promotions and giveaways. For more information, go to www.uwsp.edu/sustainability.
This May, eleven UWSP theatre students traveled to New York City, but it was far from a class trip to see a Broadway show. Rather, it was a first step toward their careers as working actors.

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

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

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

Endowment encourages studying abroad

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

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

Along with the general IPSE fund, several individual ‘named’ scholarships have been created through the endowment by retired and current faculty who have led semesters abroad. Marchant was a bequest from the estate of Pauline Isaacson, the first International Programs director. Alums are also helping fund the endowment. In October 2007, a group of alumni who studied in Great Britain during the fall semester of 1987 gathered for a Homecoming reunion and established the first “class” scholarship for students studying abroad in the United Kingdom. These were the first scholarships awarded through the International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE), established ten years ago to encourage UWSP students to study abroad and to help UWSP continue as a leader in international education.

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See World Heritage Sites through UWSP Adventure Tours

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

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

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

The 2009 schedule is as follows:

- **Italy, May 29 – June 10 (hiking)** - This cultural walking tour in Veneto starts with several days on beautiful Lake Garda nestled in the Italian pre-Alps and includes leisurely strolls in scenic Malcesine and other towns along the shores of the lake including Sirmione, Desenzano, Garda and Riva. More challenging hikes on Monte Baldo and surrounding mountains are optional and Verona is an easy day trip. We’ll walk through time, spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Its sites designated World Heritage Sites for their Paleolithic paintings and see abbeys and caves.

- **France, June 15 – 30 (bicycling)** – Enjoy the lush and fertile valleys of Bordeaux and Dordogne in southwestern France. The area is home to countless chateaux, tranquil medieval villages, prehistoric cave art and scenic natural beauty. The serene countryside is dotted with picturesque town markets, intriguing fortifications and breathtaking cliff vistas. We’ll visit artisans and craftspeople at work, explore caves designated World Heritage Site for their Paleolithic paintings and see abbeys and walled towns from the Middle Ages. The culinary traditions are renowned and the wines are plentiful; the area is simply brimming with vineyards.

- **England, June 27 – July 12 (hiking)** – The Jurassic coast of England covers 95 miles from East Devon to Dorset. World Heritage status was achieved because of the site’s unique insight into the earth sciences as it clearly depicts a ‘geological walk through time,’ spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Its rocks record 195 million years of history. Because of its unique formations, the towns and people of the area reflect a heritage not found in other areas of England. The hiking here will include a blend of coastal paths, forest walks, villages and coastal islands.

- **Norway, July 26 – August 11 (bicycling)** – We’ll explore historic and cultural sites in Oslo that will introduce us to the country and hike through coastal villages, exploring medieval towns, harbors and forts. Typical sights will include cobblestone streets, white clapboard houses, street markets and colorful cafes in seaside resorts. We’ll take a ferry to Bergen, known as the gateway to the fjord country, stunningly situated between mountains to the east and islands to the west. Its unique architecture has placed it on the list of World Heritage sites. There are many opportunities for cycling excursions from Bergen into the fjord country.

- **Poland, September 6 - 17 (hiking)** – For many years, UWSP has provided extraordinary study/travel programs in East-Central Europe for university students; now the first Adventure Tour program to Poland will be offered for adults who wish to experience the Polish language, culture and society. Krakow’s 1,000 years of history, its magnificent art and architecture and the stunning natural beauty of the Carpathian Mountains await us! We’ll hike the peaks and valleys of the southern mountain region, exploring local architecture from Bergen to the Carpathian Gorge (World Heritage Site) and Niedzica’s medieval castle. Glacial lakes and the colorful mountain town of Zakopane are additional highlights.

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

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

Recent retirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

October

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

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

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

Theatre and Dance: Never the Sinner
Oct. 10-12 & 16-19
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

First Nighters, Fri., Oct. 10, 5 p.m.
Alumni Reunion in L.A.
Sun., Oct. 19
UWSP Foundation Board meeting
Mon., Oct. 13
Dreyfus University Center

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

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

November

Alumni Association trip to China
Nov. 13-20
Theatre and Dance: Hair, the musical
Nov. 14-16 and 19-22
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters, Fri., Nov. 14, 5 p.m.

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

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

Wisconsin Dells Alumni Weekend
Nov. 21-23
Wilderness Resort

December

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

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

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

Junior Breakfast
Monday, Dec. 15

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

Women Alumni Basketball Game
Sat., Jan 24th.

February

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

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

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

March

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

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

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

Save the date!

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

Future 90 FM Trivia dates:
Trivia 41, April 16-18, 2010
Trivia 42, April 8-10, 2011
The UWSP baseball team won the WIAC tournament and qualified for its fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional tournament. While the Pointers fell just short of their third-straight appearance in the College World Series, the team finished the season with a 29-16 overall record and 16-8 in the WIAC. This year’s senior class was the winningest class in program history with an overall record of 136-62.

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

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

Softball

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

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

Women’s Golf

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

Six UWSP alumni and one team will be inducted into the 2008 UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame at a banquet held on Oct. 11 as part of the campus Homecoming festivities. Inductees will enjoy the Pointer football game from the chancellor’s box at Goerke Field and will be introduced at halftime.

The inductees selected for Hall of Fame induction include Charles Crandall, Stevens Point, former athletic trainer; Margaret Domka, ‘02, Greenfield, soccer; Marne (Bourio) Fox, ’97, Wausonia, Ill., basketball, Mike Gaab, ’83, Middleton, football; Leah (Juno) Salzmann, ’02, Greenfield, tennis, track and field and cross-country; and Kari (Groshek) Zdroik, ’02, Stevens Point, basketball.

Members of the 2002 national championship women’s basketball team will also be inducted, including Head Coach Shirley Egner, Assistant Coach Dave Petroff and Student Assistant Coach Shawn Lee, ’03, Stevens Point; players Amanda (Tosic) Banach, ’03, M.S. ’05, New Berlin, Carry (Beshongi) Bellanti, ’02, Beaver Dam, Mike Gaab, ’83, Middleton, football; Lawrence Doman, ’01, Neenah, cross-country, and Jessica (Granger) Petersen, ’03, Stevens Point; Diane Hawkins, ’06, Madison; Cassandra Heuer, ’05, Rochester, Minn.; Andrea Kramer, ’05, Milwaukee; Jenny (Kramer) Korth, ’05, St. Louis, Mo.; Kerri (Schreiber) Newberry, ’02, Galesburg, Ill.; and Natasha (Stern) Salmon, ’02, West Bend, cross-country.

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

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

Fox was a member of the All-WIAC defensive team and First Team All-Conference during her college career. She holds several WIAC records for free throws made in a game and season. She now serves as a WIAA basketball official and is a fund development manager for Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association. She is married to Randy Fox and has two stepsons.

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

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

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

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

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

**2000s**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Courtney Sikorski, ’05, South Bend, Ind., is pursuing a master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame. Shannon Sorensen, ’05, Akron, Ohio, is pursuing a juris doctorate degree at the University of Akron Law School.**

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

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

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

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

**Katrina Pfaff, ’04, Ames, Iowa, is a field development specialist in nematology at Becker Underwood, Inc. in Ames.**
Jeremy Krueger, '03, Tampa, Fla., is a resident in internal medicine at the University of South Florida-Tampa General Hospital. He graduated from Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in May.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick Rothfuss, '00, Stevens Point, author of the novel The Name of the Wind, has been named a 2008 National Book Award finalist for his debut novel. He and his wife, Heidi, recently moved to San Antonio. His wife, Kim, is a primate behaviorist, and they have two sons.

Diane Dieterich, M.S.E. '98, retired from UWSP in May. She worked on campus for 12 years between 1977 and 2008, as a tutor and typographer and in the Student Involvement and Employment Office. Thirty years ago she had begun a residency in pathology at The Ohio State University. She and her husband, Eugene, have a baby boy. “Life is fantastic!” she says.

Diane Girotto ('82, Mosinee, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, was recognized by the Recycling Connections Corporation (RCC) Board of Directors for his service to the board from 2002-2007. Tom was the organization president for three years. He is pictured here accepting a plaque from RCC Executive Director Karin Sieg (right), '82, Steven Point, and RCC President Jennifer Kingsley (left), '94, Junction City.

**Pointe Memory**

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

_Bruce Markert, '73, San Prairie_
Vivian (Zitlow) Weber-Pagel, ’70, Plover, organized a photo of all the UWSP alumnae at a Cooperative Educational Service Agency speech and language pathology conference held in April in Wisconsin Dells.

Mary Lou (Koch) Santovec, ’78, Jefferson, has authored Wisconsin Gardens and Landscapes through Trails Books after 18 months of travel and research. Available online through www.trailsbooks.com, it includes information and maps to gardens in zoos, parks, historic homes, hospitals, churches and private spaces open to the public as well as lists of garden clubs and groups. Mary Lou is married to Rick, who took many photographs of the gardens in the book. She has also co-authored two books.

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

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

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

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Attention Hansen Hall residents from 1988-1990

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Pointer memory

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-Mary Zabolio McGrath, ’86, Burnsville, Minn.

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

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Class of or last year attended
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Minor
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Title
City of employer

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

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

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

Activities, organizations, aesthetics and other groups participated in:

Would you consider getting involved in Alumni Association events in your area? 

Yes No
Sue (Schroeder) Schultz, ’70, master’s ’76, Omakaska, was named Mrs. Oktoberfest in La Crosse last September in recognition to her years of community service in the La Crosse area. Her husband, Marc Schultz, ’98, M.A. ’76, also became a part of the Oktoberfest royal family and the couple traveled to area festivals and parades in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Winnipeg, Canada. Both are retired from La Crosse County University Extension and are active volunteers.

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

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

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

Tom Schreel, ’74, Waukesha, is a promotional merchandiser director with Avicom Marketing Communications in Waukesha.

Joan Gresens, ’66, Stevens Point, retired from the UWSP Library in August.

Cynthia (Beversdorf) Burke, ’73, Jeffersonville, Pa., is a professional tennis player who now lives in King of Prussia, Pa. She retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 2001 after 20 years of service. She has taught high school in Plymouth and Mineral Point, Wis., and traveled extensively in England and Europe over the last 10 years. She is married to Robert.

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

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

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

1960s

Mary Zabolio McGrath, ’69, Barnsville, Minn., co-authored Ethical Dilemmas in Education: Standing Up for Honesty and Integrity and Reaching Students with Diverse Needs. She serves on the Board of Directors for Categorical Ideas and Activities in 2008, both with Rowman Education books.

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

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

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

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

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

"Transferring from UW-Madison to Stevens Point in 1961 was life changing. One of the most influential people I had the pleasure of spending thousands of hours with was Coach Robert Krueger, head Pointer basketball coach. He was a kind, thoughtful, loving people-person with the highest standards, a man who helped develop a lot of great basketball players."

-Stephen Rees

"As an athlete and enthusiast of the outdoors, I was excited to hear about the opportunity to participate in the Kavanaugh Expedition. The group of us spent a week on the Yukon River, exploring the remote wilderness and learning about the history and culture of the region."

-Mary Zabolio McGrath

"I had the opportunity to oversee the construction and launch of the new Student Union Building, which has become a hub for student life and events on campus.

-Peter Lokemoen

"Rowing in the 1960s at UWSP was a special experience, as we rowed against the best teams in the Midwest. It was a great opportunity to learn about teamwork, discipline, and dedication.

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

Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson, Brookfield, professor emeritus of geography and geology, died May 9 at age 91.

At UWSP from 1953 until his retirement in 1985, Anderson was a climatologist who served as chair of the department from 1955 until 1972. He was involved in the planning of the Science Hall and its large addition and established Gamma Sigma Upsilon, the honorary geography fraternity. He led seminars abroad to England, Greece and Malaysia.

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

James Arrowood

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

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

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2000s

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Ryan Weidman, ’95, Wisconsin Rapids

1980s

David Westphal, ’89, Fort Myers, Fla.

Steven Liebl, ’88, Cooke City, Mont.

Dolores Moore, ’87, Wisconsin Rapids

Wayne Voss, ’87, Madison

Brian Jablonski, ’86, Pewaukee

Donig Vartabedian, ’84, Schaumburg, Ill.

Scott Benton, ’82, Lake Bluff, Ill.

1970s

Susan Nelson, ’79, Shorewood, Minn.

Thomas Daniels, ’78, Stevens Point

Robert Bolstad, ’77, Waunakee


Merton Cherry, ’76, Arizona

Soifie (Glen) Kurzinski, ’76, Stevens Point

David Winderl, ’76, Lake Villa, Ill.

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

Rita Tomczak, ’75, Madison

Jane Reed, ’74, The Villages, Fla.

John Lemke, ’73, rural Kaukauna

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

Claudia (Hall) Taylor, ’73, Stevens Point

Thomas Andersen, ’70, Wisconsin Rapids

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

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

1960s

Russell Knutson, ’69, Australia

William Premace, ’68, Appleton

Garnet Smith, ’68, Laona

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

Karen (Young) Leahy, ’65, Stevens Point

James Malloy, ’65, The Villages, Fla.

Lawrence Start, ’64, Pullman, Wash.

Kenneth Weeden, ’64, Lake Geneva

Mary Ellen (Ferris) Bartel, ’63, Howard

Arthur Gessert, ’63, Brodhead

Patrick Kluck, ’63, West Allis

William Ziegler, ’63, Madison

Helene (Gaffney) Blos, ’62, Wisconsin Dells

Vincent Semo, ’62, Gordon

Mildred (Moe) Strozewski, ’62, Warrens

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

Anne (Meier) Klesmith, ’60, Stevens Point

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

1950s

Riley Leach, ’59, Iola

Hattie Moldenhauer, ’59, Randolph

Gladys Gerstenkorn, ’58, Pardeeville

Carolyn Nordlund, ’58, Stevens Point

Melvin Zahn, ’58, Shawano

Glen Zieher, ’58, Wisconsin Rapids

Richard Promen, ’56, Chatsworth, Calif.

Gudrun Trimberger, ’56, Neillsville

James Haebig, ’55, West Bend

Kenneth Hurbutt, ’55, Waupaca

Erwin Voelklner, ’55, Madison

John Hoehne, ’52, Neillsville

1940s

Edward Seefelt, ’49, Town of New Hope

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

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

Shirley Softer, ’42, Elk Mound

Rolland Rades, ’41, Brookfield

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

1930s

Marian Douville, ’39, Mosinee

Lila (Wilkins) Maddalena, ’39, Almond

William Siebert, ’33, La Crosse

Roy Ehlert, ’36, Beaver Dam

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

Stacia (Guth) Check, ’33, Plover

Mary Walloch, ’32, Wisconsin Rapids

Richard Green, ’31, Menomonie

Mae (Rath) Johnson, ’30, Stevens Point/Almond

Edith Gaffney, ’29, Portage County

Marjorie Spring

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

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

Previously she taught in Oconomowoc and Colfax and at UW-Eau Claire. She earned degrees at UW-La Crosse and Texas Women’s University in Denton. A scholarship has been created in her name through the UWSP Foundation.

Donald Aylesworth

Donald Aylesworth, Amherst, a professor emeritus of communicative disorders, died June 1 at age 76.

Aylesworth came to UWSP in 1964 and taught and served as an adviser for undergraduate and graduate communicative disorders students for 31 years. As a member of the Faculty Senate, he chaired both the Graduate Council and the Student Affairs Committee.

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

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

In Memoriam

Remembering UWSP alumni

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

In Memoriam

Faculty obituaries

Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson, Brookfield, professor emeritus of geography and geology, died May 9 at age 91.

At UWSP from 1953 until his retirement in 1985, Anderson was a climatologist who served as chair of the department from 1955 until 1972. He was involved in the planning of the Science Hall and its large addition and established Gamma Sigma Upsilon, the honorary geography fraternity. He led seminars abroad to England, Greece and Malaysia.

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

James Arrowood

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

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

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Friday, Oct. 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 11

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hansen Hall Reunion for 1988-1990
Partners Pub, 1 p.m.
Contact Kirsten Jensen-Porter, kmn87@earthlink.net

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

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

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
*Invitation only event

Sunday, Oct. 12

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

General Information

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

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

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

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

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

Student Activities

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, Oct. 10
Pointiators (Car push, tug-o-war, pool events)
MAC, 3 p.m.
Casting Call (reality TV talent casting)
Laird Room, DUC, 7 p.m.