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Pointer alumni,

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.

Bernie L. Patterson, chancellor
(Above) Chancellor Patterson with UWSP Alumni Association President Ray Oswald at the 2011 University Awards on Oct. 8.

(Middle) The chancellor’s special purple and gold shoe fascinate a future Pointer.

(Bottom left) The chancellor greets recent graduate Martina Spears, ’11, at the Homecoming parade.

(Bottom Right) Chancellor Patterson recently visited the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility near Bayfield, where he chatted with Manager Greg Fischer about the components of the artificial wetland.
Greetings from the FIRST floor of Old Main!

That’s right, the Alumni Office has relocated as part of a multi-unit move involving several departments across campus. We are now located in Suite 134 of Old Main along with the UWSP Foundation as part of the advancement unit. We hope you will visit us in our new space the next time you are on campus.

Our most sincere thanks goes out to everyone in the alumni community for an amazing Homecoming 2011. The weather was perfect, the parade and picnic were fun for all ages. While we suffered a heartbreaking loss on the football field, it was great to see that the group reunions of athletes, departments, fraternities and sororities, championship teams and residence halls were in full Pointer spirit all weekend. With over 25 events, several thousand people and an overarching sense of purple and gold pride, we couldn’t have asked for a better weekend! Check out the photos and memories posted in this issue or at www.facebook.com/UWSPAlumni.

Our 2011 Awards Banquet topped off the weekend honoring alumni from each of the four colleges, trailblazers who have been out less than 10 years, an alumnus who has been at the top for more than 40 years and a congressman who has given back to UWSP in more ways than can ever truly be counted. For a sneak peek at what some of our guests saw, please click here. Nominations for the 2012 ceremony are open and may be found here as well.

Homecoming 2012 will be on Saturday, October 20, so mark your calendars now and plan to join the Pointer Spirit.

Laura Gehrman Rottier, ’02

The Alumni Affairs Office staff includes, clockwise from left: Terri Taylor, associate director; Mary Vils, administrative assistant; Dana Mallett, ’03, MS ’08, assistant director; and Laura Gehrman Rottier, ’02, director.
Four distinguished UWSP alumni were recognized at the 2011 Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 8, as the Alumni Association presented the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus 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 Communication; 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 also has 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 Novariris, 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 Infatuation, 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 Swankolab and Incredibooth apps. Dorshorst is president of Synthetic Infatuation, and Buick, named a thought leader by Social Axcess 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. He 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 Gephardt 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 an alumnus/a who has succeeded within 10 years of graduating; and the Lifetime Achievement Award, given for accomplishments over a 40-plus year period.

If you know of anyone who should be considered for recognition with any of these designations, please suggest their nomination using forms at the awards link at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) or contact Alumni Affairs at 715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu.
The Career Services Office reminds education alumni who graduated from 1976 to 2003 and established teacher credential files that these files will be shredded as of Jan. 1, 2013. The office policy has been to shred files after 35 years. This practice will continue until 2013 when all teacher credential files will be shredded. Transcripts have never been a part of credential files. All transcripts may be found through the Registration and Records Office.

Those in the education field know school districts no longer look to Career Services Offices to provide credentials as part of the hiring process, but rather expect candidates to supply these materials themselves (“self-credential”). In 2003, the Career Services Office discontinued creating credential files, so newer alumni are not affected by this.

Any alumni who want the non confidential contents of their teacher credential file should provide pertinent information when contacting the Career Services Office. A PDF of the request form (i.e. pertinent information) is available at www.uwsp.edu/career/studentsAndAlumni/services.aspx.

Career Services staff may be reached at 715-346-3226 or career@uwsp.edu to talk with alumni about their file or to answer questions related to job seeking or career changing. The office has moved from Old Main and is now located in Room 201 of the Student Services Center.
You may not know it but UWSP alumni have a great travel resource available to them in their own backyard—UWSP Adventure Tours.

“Wellness is our focus,” says program manager Trevor Roark, ’03. “Our participants enjoy adventure activities such as hiking, biking, snorkeling, rafting and much more. But don’t let the adventure intimidate you. The average ages of participants range from 45-65 and there are different levels of ability for each trip.”

In 2012, Adventure Tours will explore Costa Rica; travel and enjoy Vieques, Puerto Rico; hike the Isle of Man/Yorkshires; raft the Grand Canyon; hike in Switzerland/Italy; and hike the Grand Canyon-rim to rim. Trips are led by current and retired faculty members.

Additionally, UWSP alumni get $50 off and there are $100 bonuses for each traveler recruited. If you recruit three participants, you get $300, even if you don’t go on the trip, says Roark.

Visit www.uwspadventuretours.com for trip itineraries, registration and more information or contact Roark at 715-340-8186 or troark@uwsp.edu.
A well-known campus symbol at UWSP is receiving a facelift.

The cupola atop historic Old Main is surrounded by scaffolding as it undergoes repairs to re-establish structural support, update its paint job and moldings and replace current lighting with LED fixtures.

“The cupola serves as a primary symbol of the university, so maintaining its repair, integrity and appearance has significant meaning on many levels,” said Carl Rasmussen, campus planner.

Upon learning of the work being done to the cupola, James Eggert, ’65, and his wife, Kathleen, pledged $66,000 to the project. “I had never given back to my undergraduate school,” said James. “I thought it was time.” The cupola project and replacement of the weathervane helps “preserve the pride of place on the UWSP campus.” Eggert challenges other alumni and friends to help with other fundraising opportunities.

The 22-foot-tall cupola had begun to lean, sections of the fascia molding both above and below its columns had fallen off and paint was peeling, Rasmussen said. In addition,
the cupola is lighted at night with two 500-watt quartz light fixtures that have a short lifespan and require changing twice a year at a dangerous pitched-roof location 70 feet above ground.

“Advancement in LED technology will provide increased savings in energy consumption and because of their longer life, reduce the number of bulb changes,” Rasmussen added.

The work is being done by Ellis Stone Construction of Stevens Point, with a completion date of late fall.

(Above) Chancellor Bernie Patterson and Campus Planner Carl Rasmussen stand at the top of the cupola scaffolding during its repairs this fall.

(Below) There are great views of the campus and community during fall from on top of Old Main.
Students now living the suite life at UWSP

For the first time in UWSP history, students are staying in four-bedroom suite apartments as part of the Residential Living program on campus.

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](http://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.
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 UWS’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.”

“Al brings 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.
UWSP Theatre & Dance Department’s 2009 production of The Inspektor General featured, from left, now alumni Dan Olson, ’11, Ripon; Andrea Boehlke, ’11, Random Lake; Adam Ceschin, ’10, Astoria, N.Y.; and Emily McCarthy, ’10, Madison.

2011-12 First Nighters season begins

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.
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.
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.
The UWSP student chapter of the Society of American Foresters Timbersports Team won its first ever championship trophy along with eight other individual or team championships at the STIHL Collegiate Midwest Challenge held in April at Purdue University. The chapter is advised by Associate Professor Paul Doruska of the forestry faculty.

Andrew Gollnick, forestry major from Bangor, won the individual challenge and one-person buck contest and earned a spot in the 2012 Professional Series. He took fifth place in the Collegiate Championship held at the Oregon State Fair in August.

Also competing in the Midwest Challenge, Ben Hansen, a wildlife ecology major from Milladore, took first place in the men’s speed chop. Sarah Holter, a forest management major from Ettrick, took first in women’s speed chop. Anthony Lopez, a forestry management major from Naperville, Ill., took first in the men’s belt toss.

UWSP will host the 2012 STIHL Collegiate Midwest Challenge at its Treehaven Field Station next April. A forestry major alumni reunion is also being planned around that event. More information will be available next spring.
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 (LEAF), 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.

One of WCEE’s programs, the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP) turned 15 this year. KEEP’s goal of improving and increasing energy literacy in Wisconsin’s K-12 schools through teacher education has been successful because of various partners, including the WCEE and CNR. There have been over 5,000 teacher participants who have taken at least one of KEEP’s graduate level courses. A few months ago, KEEP introduced the Energy Education Certificate available through UWSP for K-12 teachers who are interested in enhancing their teaching portfolio and to verify their professional development in energy education. At least seven teachers have already earned this certificate.
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, ’68, 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 Science,” 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 1978.

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.
Campus News

NADF promotes aquaculture with a variety of partnerships

UW-Stevens Point is the only university in the state to offer an undergraduate minor in aquaculture—the art, science and business of cultivating aquatic animals and plants for fresh or marine waters.

Located north of Bayfield, the UWSP Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF) was created to promote and advance the development of commercial aquaculture (also known as fish farming) in a northern climate through demonstrations, applied research, education and outreach and by building relationships among commercial, tribal, state and federal agencies.

The NADF is reaching these goals through a variety of successful partnerships, such as dozens of applied research and demonstration projects with the Wisconsin aquaculture industry including the development of advanced culture practices for hybrid walleye, sauger, lake herring, yellow perch, lake and brook trout. The facility also offers workshops that range in topics from starting new aquaculture business ventures to biosecurity and rules and regulations. Robert Summerfelt, ’57, one of the members of UWSP’s 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Council and a professor emeritus of fish biology at Iowa State University, was a speaker there this summer.

“The NADF and its affiliated programs have helped create and retain over 480 jobs in the state’s aquaculture industry over the past five years by providing technical and business
support, and applied research results,” said Chris Hartleb, co-director of the UWSP-NADF.

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.

The NADF also provides technical assistance and educational workshops through partnership with the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association, including hosting high school students for hands-on training sessions and supporting internships for UWSP students throughout the state. Working closely with several Native American tribes, the NADF collaborates on research and projects with tribal hatchery programs and co-hosted the Midwest Tribal Aquaculture Workshop along with the U.S. Department of Interior–Bureau of Indian Affairs, Red Cliff Band of Lake Super Chippewa, Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, and UW–Extension.

“NADF’s partnerships allow us to expand our applied research, demonstration, education, and outreach programs so they serve not only the entire Wisconsin aquaculture industry, but those interested in aquaculture throughout the Midwest,” said Hartleb.

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

• 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.

• (Above) 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.
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.

• 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) 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.
• 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.”

(Above) Angela Leopold, a senior graphic design major from Park Falls, took first 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 illustration major, won $250 for second place.

(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.

• 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.

• 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.
• Konna Jahns, a junior interior architecture major from Ripon, won the $1,000 ASID Wisconsin Student Scholarship.

• (Left) 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.”
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.”
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.”
There is no “typical day” for the man who leads a nation.

Jon Greendeer, ’04, Stevens Point, the president of Wisconsin’s Ho-Chunk Nation, serves 7,250 tribal members and more than 3,300 Nation employees (about 70 percent of whom are not Ho-Chunk), but also feels a responsibility to the general public served by Ho-Chunk businesses.

“Ours is politics like nowhere else,” he said.

So Greendeer takes to the road quite a bit, driving from his home in Point to the Ho-Chunk headquarters in Black River Falls, to Madison to work with leaders in state government, to the various communities across the state where members of the Nation live, or even to Washington, D.C., to work with the federal government.

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.

Greendeer provides a tour of his office to students during the Ho-Chunk Nation
Youth Services Youth Expo.
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, Rio, 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.”
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.
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 in Coldwater, Mich., creating sets for *The Full Monty, Working, Out of Order* and *On Broadway: An Irving Berlin Songbook.*
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 Majewski 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.

Softball

Despite its young members, the Pointer softball team put together a successful season, finishing with a 23-15 record while going 6-10 in the WIAC. The team’s 23 wins marked the 18th consecutive season it finished with 20-plus wins. The team closed out the season with a four game win streak.

Five Pointers were honored with All-WIAC postseason awards. Elyse Nelson was the lone Pointer on the first team while Katie Krueger, Kim Liegel and Katie Shulfer received honorable mention. Jena Ansorge was named to the all-sportsmanship team.
Baseball
The Pointer baseball team captured its first outright conference title since 2002, compiling a 20-4 WIAC record and 34-10 overall. The team also won the WIAC tournament for the sixth time in seven years and ninth time overall and was awarded an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the 13th time. The Pointers had 20 wins in conference play for the second time in school history. Video of their WIAC tournament win is here.

UWSP collected multiple All-WIAC awards, led by Pat Bloom, who received Coach of the Year, and Cody Koback, who was named Position Player of the Year and received first team honors as an outfielder and pitcher.

Other All-Conference selections on the first team were Joel Delorit, Dan Douglas, Sean Gerber, Ryan Iverson, Justin Jirschele and Scott Williams. Casey Barnes and Eric Fritz received honorable mention while Kevin Thomas was named to the all-sportsmanship team.

The Pointers also re-wrote the school record book, setting seven individual records and two team records.

Track and Field
The men’s and women’s outdoor track season was recognized in four events at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships. The relay team of Tom Wenzler, Babatunde Awosika, David Litsheim and Joshua Schwinn placed fifth at the championships, earning them All-American status. Also earning All-American status was Litsheim, fifth in the 800-meter run; Dan Sullivan, second in the 1500-meter run; and Claire Roberts, fourth in the 1500-meter run.

Eight members of the UWSP track and field teams were honored by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as members of the 2011 Division III All-Academic team, including Litsheim, Wenzler, Joel Heroux, Jesse Klotz, and Zach Scott-Keyser on the men’s side while Roberts and Erin Kline were honored on the women’s team.

The men and women finished fourth and fifth respectively at the WIAC championships, winning two events apiece. Jamie Clarkson and Schwinn also were nominated for the Larry Zirgibel All-Sportsmanship team.
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 Titan athletics. 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 Titan men’s basketball regional and national television package 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 Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The 2011 inductees include:

Jaclyn (Schmitt) Czaikowski, ’06, Stevens Point, was the captain 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 phlebotomist at Bio-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 undefeated his 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-started two small businesses, one in Brazil and another in San Diego.

Ann Ninnemann, ’06, Plover, the head women’s hockey coach at UWSP since 2006, was a team MVP and leader in points, assists and goals during her years on the UWSP 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.
Andy Palzkill, ’99, Mineral Point, a four-year football player, holds the UWSP record for the longest interception return for a touchdown and tied the school record for most interceptions in a single season. He earned 1st team WIAC All-Conference Defensive Back, All-Region Defensive Back and three All-American designations. He was a member of the WIAC Conference Championship teams in 1998 and 1999. He has a master’s degree and has worked as a high school counselor and football coach. He has now returned to his hometown and alma mater, Mineral Point High School, as a school counselor and varsity assistant football coach. A “Pointer” in both high school and college, he is also a member of the Mineral Point Pointers Hall of Fame.

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 in 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 Idalski, ’01, were the only western team to make it to the NCAA National Championship game. After winning the NCHA Conference playoffs over UW-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 also headed the Diversity Task Force and 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 Solutions, Inc, in Amherst Junction, 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, faculty and staff 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 histories of a small town in southern Spain that resulted in a 2007 book. He received numerous awards, including the University Scholar Award, Justus F. and Barbara J. Paul Faculty Award and the 2011 Eugene 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 a son, daughter and granddaughter. 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 27 years on 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 and receive an award. 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, taught at UW-Stevens Point since 1984. She won 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 Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) State Board, helping award educational scholarships. She and her husband, John, have three daughters.

**Sue Clark Kubley**

Sue Clark Kubley, ’78, 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, hobbies, leading the 4-H Plover Clovers 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 volunteering 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, and 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 organizations 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 earned two degrees 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 here, he says, but looks forward to composing choral and instrumental music, travel, photography and yoga in retirement. He and his wife, Maureen, 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 Station, taught environmental education and resource management, led the youth programming and camp management major and minor and led summer and winterim study abroad programs. He co-authored an award-winning environmental book for kids and was also active in many professional and local 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 teach his courses on 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, Carrol, have six children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild between them. Besides time with this 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 in her retirement. Sprouse earned a degree at Garland Jr. College and continued her education at Boston University and UWSP. She and her husband, Tim, 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 leading semester 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.

Padmanabhan 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 chaired a chancellor search committee. He is a Katz 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 Knutzen Hall. He then was a director of residence life, campus services 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, Patti 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 faculty and research mentor. At UWSP he chaired the Chemistry Colloquium Committee and was active with the American Chemical Society. He was also a state handball champion in Colorado and Wisconsin. Before returning to UWSP in 1990, he was a professor at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. He now enjoys fishing, golfing and travel with his wife, Amy Boyd, who retired from UWSP Health Service.

Classified staff retirees included, Fidelis B. Asuquo, ’77, ME ’80; Richard Bartosh; Amy Boyd; Gerry Graff, ’71; Catherine Ladd; Rose Ligman; Bonnie Maher; Karen Sannes; Richard Stephens; Sybil Strupp; Mary Talbot; Ella Weetz; 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 Christensen 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.

Kati Koster, ’10, Malibu, Calif., is a master of public policy candidate at Pepperdine University. She studied theatre arts, dance, Spanish and international studies at UWSP, and credits the creative process she learned from UWSP professors, including Dance Professor Emeritus Susan Gingrasso (pictured here with Kati), with helping her learn problem solving for her future career.

2010s

Theresa Kroes, ’10, Fond du Lac, is the 6-12 grade choral director for the North Fond du Lac school district.

Amber Wuttke, ’10, Elkhorn, played a fantastikal at the Bristol Renaissance Fair over the summer, acting as a mythological creature from medieval times. Joining her were Sam Nolte, ’11, New Richmond, and Amanda Ellis, ’07, Oostburg. She also mentioned that Adam McAleavey, ’06, Chicago, Ill., was director of the street cast; Casey Adams, ’04, Grove City, Penn., was a stage manager; Arne Parrott, ’10, Dousman, was a street musician; and James Freer, ’09, Oostburg, was part of the Barely Balanced comedy acrobatic troupe. Amber successfully auditioned as a character performer for Disney World Resort and Cruise Lines, where there may be an opening this fall. She also had done costume design at the Emerald City Theatre in Chicago and the Suitcase Shakespeare Company, a traveling company co-founded by McAleavey.
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 Schaefers are just one of thousands of couples who met at UWSP. The Pointer Alumnus would 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, ’82, 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.

2000s

Curt Hansen, ’08, Hartford, plays Gabe in the national tour of the Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning play, Next to Normal (www.nexttonormal.com). He also played the role in the St. Paul, Minn., production of the show, recently appeared in the Broadway production of Hairspray and has appeared on the television shows The Good Wife and Big Time Rush.

Danny McHugh, ’08, Saint Paul, Minn., is performing in the national tour of musical Rock of Ages, playing Joey Primo and as an understudy for Drew and Lonny (www.rockofagesontour.com). He has had several roles around the nation and with Holland America Cruise Lines.

Pheng Xiong, ’08, Chippewa Falls, has accepted a job as an admissions counselor at UW-La Crosse. “This new opportunity will be very rewarding,” he says. Previously he was a degree audit coordinator at UW-Stout.

Sverre Sundgaard, ’07, Cottage Grove, Minn., is an infantry platoon commander and marine infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Reserve Unit.
out of South Texas. He is deployed in Afghanistan and when he returns he plans to go to flight school. Sverre reports that his unit works alongside British, Danish and other coalition forces in Afghanistan. “It’s an experience to say the least,” he says. He adds, “Since I departed Stevens Point in 2007, I miss it every day.” Sverre returned stateside at the end of September and at that time may be reached at sverre.sundgaard@usmc.mil.

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 Artesa Vineyards and Winery in Napa Valley, Calif. He and his wife, Tamara, 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 Marian University in May. Craig is a production supervisor at Del Monte Foods in Plover.

1990s

Jenny Balisle, ’98, Richmond, Calif., exhibited work in the Downtown Art Center in Los Angeles with another artist in April. The exhibit, Two Compasses, featured pen and ink drawings from small to large scale that employed line, repetition and delicate labor in an investigation of memory.
Jenny’s work, inspired by patterns in nature and manmade environments, has been shown in exhibitions in Museu Brasileiro in Sao Paolo, Brazil; Los Gatos Art Museum; Wexler Gallery in Philadelphia, Penn.; and Rochester Contemporary Art Center in Rochester, N.Y.

**Paul Gregg,** ’97, New Franken, a choir and theatre director at Luxemburg-Casco High School, was a member of the professional choir for the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall’s 20th anniversary professional training workshop in February. He is married to Elizabeth (Hurckman) Gregg, last attended ’96.

**Marci Waldron-Kuhn,** ’96, Luxemburg, has worked for the Mishicot school district for eight years, spending the last two working with colleagues to develop a comprehensive guidance program for grades 6-12. In 2001 she won the High School Counseling Professional of the Year Award from the Wisconsin Association for College Admissions Counselors. She is married to Darren Kuhn, ’95.

**Gene DeLisio,** ’95, Stratford, was inducted into the Marshfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame at Loyola. He was recently promoted to technical user representative/project supervisor with United Parcel Service. He gave the alumni charge to graduates at the UWSP fall 2010 commencement ceremonies and recently wore Pointer gear on a mission trip to Mexico where he worked with the indigenous people in Chiapas and disadvantaged youth in Veracruz. He is a member of the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors.
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.

Matthew Halada, ’01, Appleton, reports that his niece, Kimberly Granada, Elcho, is attending UWSP this fall. Pointers celebrating Kimberly’s high school graduation in May are, from left, Matt’s wife, Allison (Merz) Halada, ’03, MS ’05; Kimberly; Matt; and brother-in-law, D.J. Drayna, ’00, New Berlin.

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 in marketing/real estate. He and his wife, Traci (Pirk) Hartzheim, ’00, have a daughter and son.

Michael Bernhagen, ’87, Waukesha, 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 communication 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
Steve Janiszewski, ’85, Sublimity, Ore., was among those honored with Industry Leader Award certificates from the 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, Yogi 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 Kulongski.

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, Joey, Law & Order, Tru Calling, Oz, Numb3rs, Guiding Light and One Life to Live. Her movie roles have included The Stepford Wives and the road comedy Sex Drive.

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 baseball at Amherst College and the University of
Rob Bignell, ’98, Saugus, Calif., published *Hikes with Tykes: A Practical Guide to Day Hiking with Kids* through Atiswinic Press. It is available at http://hikeswithtykes.com. Rob is a long-time hiker, editor and journalist who hikes with his son, Kieran, about twice a week. He has served in the Army National Guard, taught middle school in New Mexico and Wisconsin and has won several journalism awards for newspaper work. He was managing editor of *The Prescott Journal* when it won Wisconsin Weekly Newspaper of the Year.


Chuck Anderson, ’87, Raleigh, N.C., is vice president of Business Development for GeoDigital International, a company that offers laser-based solutions for field data acquisition, mapping and visual infrared inspection. He led his firm in developing a National Carbon Monitoring System with NASA and leads the Vegetation Management group for utility, forestry and conservation clients. He is also active on Capitol Hill, working on forest-based carbon and biofuels initiatives. He credits Forestry Professor Emeritus Bob Engelhard with encouraging him to earn an MBA from Duke University and the CNR for “preparing me for the future.”

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-Feyridge*, 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.
A few Pointer athletes joined the ranks of professional athletic teams this spring. Also playing professionally is Jordan Zimmermann, last attended ‘07, Auburndale, a pitcher with the Washington Nationals. Zimmerman, who had Tommy John surgery in 2009, made 25 starts and pitched 161 1/3 innings in 2010-2011, his first full season since the surgery.

The Pointers who recently began playing sports professionally include:

• Football standout Jared Jenkins, last attended ’10, Milwaukee, signed a free agent contract with the National Football League’s St. Louis Rams. A two-time All-American punter, he was UWSP’s second-leading receiver with 273 receptions and 34 touchdowns.

• Current student and pitcher Scott Williams, Baraboo, signed a free agent contract with Major League Baseball’s Washington Nationals and reported to the team’s Gulf Coast League affiliate in July. He was invited to spring training with the Nationals next year. Williams became UWSP’s all-time winningest pitcher in 2011, recording his 27th victory in his final start in 2011.

• Centerfielder/pitcher Cody Koback, last attended ’11, Plover, was a 10th round draft pick for the MLB Boston Red Sox and reported to Fort Meyers, Fla., in July. Koback led the Pointers in several categories, was the 2011 WIAC Position Player of the Year and Midwest Region Position Player of the Year.

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.
For the most up-to-date information on Alumni Association events, to make reservations or plan your own events, go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni, call 715-346-3811 or 877-764-6801 or email alumni@uwsp.edu.

Tickets for campus events, unless otherwise noted, are available through University Information and Tickets, www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378 or at the door if not sold out in advance.

**November**

WCEE 20th Anniversary Banquet
Sat., Nov. 5
Memories Banquet Hall, Plover

Men’s Basketball Pointer vs. Badgers Alumni Event
Sat., Nov. 5, 6 p.m.
Pooleys/Kohl Center, Madison

Alumni Weekend in the Dells
Nov. 11-13
Wilderness Resort, Wis. Dells

Theatre and Dance: Thoroughly Modern Millie
Nov. 11-13 & 16-19
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., Nov. 11

Performing Arts Series: St. Louis Brass
Mon., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Family Day
Sat., Nov. 12
Residence halls and campus

**December**

Performing Arts Series: Chapter 6 (a cappella)
Wed., Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Theatre and Dance: Afterimages 2011
Dec. 8-11
Studio Theatre, NFAC

Fall Commencement

Sat., Dec. 17
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Quandt Fieldhouse

**January 2012**

Winterim classes
Jan. 3-19

Spring semester begins
Mon., Jan. 23

**February 2012**

Performing Arts Series: Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co.
Thurs., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Arts Bash
Sat., Feb. 4, 7-10 p.m.
NFAC courtyard

Theatre and Dance: The Normal Heart
Feb. 10-12 & 15-18
Studio Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 10

**March 2012**

Theatre and Dance: A Streetcar Named Desire
March 2-4 and 8-10
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., March 2

Performing Arts Series: The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion
Tues., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater
2011-12 EVENT CALENDAR

April 2012

Performing Arts Series: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Thurs., April 5, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Theatre and Dance: Spring Awakening
April 13-15 and 18-21
Studio Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., April 13

WWSP 90FM Trivia 43
April 20-22

May 2012

Communicative Disorders 50th Reunion
May 4-5
UWSP campus

Theatre and Dance: Danstage 2012
May 4-6 & 9-11
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., May 4

Spring Commencement
Sat., May 19
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Save the date!

Future Homecoming date:
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012

Future 90 FM Trivia dates:
Trivia 44, April 19-21, 2013
Trivia 45, April 11-13, 2014
Trivia 46, April 17-19, 2015
Trivia 47, April 15-17, 2016

Performing Arts Series: St. Louis Brass
Mon., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
April 5, 7:30 p.m.
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 1969 as an instructor of learning resources then served as director of public services for 15 years and was promoted to library director in 1986. 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, retiring 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 affiliation for Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, chartered and hosted UWSP’s Board of Visitors, advocated and volunteered for the Special Olympics at UWSP and was a charter member and president of the Women’s Athletic Foundation, founded in 1980 as a support group for women’s athletics.

She also participated in Friends of Treehaven, was involved with the Suzuki Foundation, led two semesters abroad in Great Britain and served as a member of the Friends of the Natural History Museum. She helped end curfews for women in the 60s and strengthened the student development model.
In Memoriam

In the community she was a charter member of several boards, including the Stevens Point Community Foundation (now the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin) and YMCA Foundation. She was also involved with Camp Manitowish-YMCA, Bethany Home, F&M Bank Central, Portage County Business Council, St. Paul Methodist Church, Portage County Library Foundation, Monteverdi Master Chorale Board, Chamber of Commerce Communiversity Committee, Kiwanis and Zonta International.

She was recognized by the Academy of Letters and Science, Wisconsin Women’s Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel and the University Child Learning and Care Center.

A native of Appleton, she earned degrees at UW-Madison and Michigan State University. Prior to working at UWSP, she was assistant dean of women and director of residence halls at Ohio State University.

John Thomas

John Thomas, Linwood, professor emeritus of music, died June 2 at age 81.

Thomas taught organ at UWSP from 1963 to his retirement in 1992 then continued to teach part time for three years. He developed the organ major in 1972 and in 1982 was the featured soloist at the dedication of a new organ in UWSP’s Michelsen Concert Hall.

He was the founder and former dean of the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He also was an organist at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church and other churches. Thomas served in the U.S. Army and taught at Greenville College before coming to UWSP. He was an Eagle Scout and served Boy Scouts for 60 years. He was also a Master Mason and member of the Evergreen Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Connie. His wife, Mariko, survives, as do five sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Zofia “Olenka” Soroka

Zofia “Olenka” 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 he 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.

**Donald Stetzer**
Donald Stetzer, emeritus professor of geography, died Aug. 6 in West Salem at age 84.

Stetzer taught at UWSP from 1968 until his retirement in 1990. He was a specialist in the fields of economic geography and enjoyed overseeing research projects and helping students understand complex ideas. Previously he taught at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle. He held degrees from the University of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice.

**Bill Sylvester**
Bill Sylvester, a CNR forestry professor emeritus and Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame inductee, died Aug. 18 at age 96.

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 23 million trees in Wisconsin during his career. During that time he also helped Dorothy (who later married Jacque 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.

In 2009 Sylvester was treated to a luxury “dream trip” to Treehaven, where a tree was planted in his honor. In recent years his family established an endowment to support Treehaven in honor of Sylvester and his late wife, Ruth. He is survived by three daughters.
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Kathy Wachowiak

Kathy Wachowiak, director of Telephone Support, died April 4 at age 62.

She first worked as the coordinator of the UWSP Transportation Services before transferring to Information Technology and the Telephone Office. Previously she worked as a dental secretary and as a secretary at University Hospital in Madison.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe. Their daughter and two grandsons survive.

UWSP alumni remembered on 9/11

Two UWSP alumni who died on Sept. 11, 2001, were memorialized on Friday, Sept. 9, as UWSP recognized the tenth anniversary of the tragic events at the World Trade Centers, Pentagon and on-board United Airlines Flight 93.

The service held on the front lawn of Old Main remembered Dennis Johnson, ’75, commissioned as an Army officer through UWSP ROTC, and Patricia Statz, ’83, a theatre major, both killed when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Johnson was deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon and Statz was a civilian assistant to the deputy chief of staff for Army personnel. Families of both alumni were present to receive memorial plaques featuring the UWSP seal and the name of their family member.

The service also included the posting of the colors by UWSP ROTC and words from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson, Jr., and faculty members Edgar Francis and Susan Brewer of the History Department and Jeffrey Guse of the Political Science Department. A moment of silence was held in honor of all who lost their lives on 9/11.

In addition to the service on Sept. 9, UWSP offered a free public lecture by Francis on Sept. 8 that discussed “The Middle East: Ten Years After 9/11” and on Sept. 12, a free public panel discussion was held on campus that discussed “Reflections on 9/11 and the U.S. Constitution.”
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Theresa Kroes, ’10, Onalaska, died June 25 at age 23 as the result of a traffic accident. She was to begin teaching junior and senior vocal music in North Fond du Lac in the fall and had taught four days of summer school when she died. She is survived by her parents and a brother. Memorials may be made to the UWSP Foundation.

Bonnie (Hansen) Garrigan, ’95, Nekoosa, died April 27 at age 37 after a battle with cancer. She worked as a receptionist for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and was the lead singer of the Austin Healey Band. She is survived by her husband, Kevin, and two children.

Stephanie Golke, ’93, Butternut, died at her home May 10 at age 42. She graduated from the Green Bay St. Vincent Hospital Medical Technology program then worked for Marshfield Clinic at their Park Falls Hospital, Lake Center in Minocqua and Phillips Clinic. She is survived by a partner, Timm Morgan.

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 studies from Indiana University Bloomington and worked for Seventh Generation, an environmental company. He also wrote newspaper reviews and was a tour escort for choirs traveling in Europe. He played a variety of musical instruments and enjoyed the outdoors.

Robert Stair, Jr., ’91, Janesville, died April 7, 2010, from injuries sustained in an auto accident at age 41. He was a sales manager for Frito Lay and an avid sports fan. His wife, Jodi, and a daughter survive.

Robert Zimmerman, ’84, Appleton, died at home March 25 at age 57. 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 Humana Insurance in De Pere. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Karen, and three children.

Susan (DeGoey) Lineberger, ’82, Plover, died May 20, at age 59. She worked in marketing and advertising for the last 20 years, volunteered 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. Memorials may be made to the UWSP Foundation for the Schmeeckle Program Support Fund Moses Creek Restoration Project or online at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeeckle/Donate.

Debra (Hagstrom) (Pintar) Samsa, ’80, Appleton, died January 23, 2010, at age 53. She earned an additional bachelor’s degree at UW-Green Bay and a master’s degree at Marian College. She taught in Kaukauna for 18 years, organizing a Family Math Night and the annual Music of the Planets production. She also helped with the science and technology committees and school website. She also played piano for the Kaukauna Community Players and senior communities and played organ for St. Aloysius Church. She is survived by her husband, John, and a daughter.
Jean (Ecker) Barber, ’78, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, died June 14, 2010, at age 54 after a battle with cancer. She earned a master’s degree in education at the University of Toronto and taught in Hamilton for over 23 years. She is survived by her husband, Stephen, and two children.

Bruce Tourbier, ’78, Rosendale, died Dec. 17 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 was a certified crop adviser, representative for the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, a member of several agri-business organizations and a member and president of the Laconia Wrestling Club. He also tended his own apple orchard. He is survived by his wife, Amy.

Michele “Shelly” Heinrichs, ’77, Madison/Stoughton, died Jan. 30 at age 55. She earned another bachelor’s degree in accounting from Edgewood College and graduated from the UW School of Radiology. She taught X-ray technician classes at Madison Area Technical College and worked at both UW Hospital and Meriter Hospital. She enjoyed travel and photography and was a member of the Dane County Shamrock Club, Madison Catholic Women’s Club and professional organizations.

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, Margy, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Kevin Paulson, ’77, Medford, died November 23 at age 58. He worked in road construction and for Liberty Homes and the Ed Brecke mink ranch. He spent three years in California. He is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Nick Bacon, last attended ’76, Milwaukee, died May 30 at age 56. He served in the U.S. Navy for 10 years and was a Gulf War veteran.

Jeffrey Thompson, ’76, West Salem, died Feb. 19, 2009, from brain cancer at age 54. He worked for Chartwells food services at UW-La Crosse and enjoyed the outdoors and preserving the environment. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Thompson, ’77, West Salem, and three children.

Terrance Browne, ’75, Madison, died Feb. 24 at age 63. He is survived by his former wife, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Kathleen (Hunt) Anthony, ’74, Highlands Ranch, Colo., died August 7, 2009, at age 56 after battling cancer. She taught science at St. Mary’s High School in Cheyenne, Wyo., then at Bow Memorial School in Bow, N.H. She is survived by her husband, Rick, and a daughter.

Paul Renard, ’74, Eden Prairie, Minn., died June 3, at age 59 while sailing near his cottage. He worked for The Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay then for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 30 years. He retired in 2010 and enjoyed painting and the outdoors. He is survived by his partner, Wendy.
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Shirley (Day) Lechleitner, ’73, Edgar, died at home April 26 at age 74. She taught in Colby then in Edgar for 23 years. She and her husband, Leonard, operated the Snack Shack Restaurant for many years. He survives, as do four children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gary Miller, ’72, Pardeeville, died at home on Feb. 5 at age 61, having suffered from esophageal cancer. He owned a plastering business for many years and enjoyed the outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Judy, a daughter and granddaughter.

DeWayne Schwalenberg, ’72, Anchorage, Alaska, died March 1 at age 64 while scuba diving with his wife, Patty, in Cabo San Lucas. He was a 20-year resident of Anchorage and worked for the Stevens Village Tribal Council as a natural resources director.

Nancy Yugo, ’71, Madison, died April 8 at age 64 after battling cancer and a progressive neurological condition. She earned a master’s degree in psychology from UW-Madison then had a long career with American Family Insurance. She was active with a folk dancing ensemble and enjoyed singing. She is survived by her husband, Michael Kuharski.

Geneva (Knudson) Wunderlich, ’70, formerly of Stevens Point, died August 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 Plover until her 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.

Jerome LaValle, ’69, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, died Oct. 25 after suffering a stroke at age 64. He was a high school band director until 1987.

Stanley Novak, ’69, Stevens Point, died April 1 at age 98. A World War II veteran, he served in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the Good Conduct Medal and several other medals, ribbons and badges. He worked for Consolidated Papers as a shipping clerk for 36 years, retiring in 1974. He also volunteered with the Stevens Point Police Department for 20 years and was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps for 18 months. His wife of 36 years, Dorothy, preceded him in death. His son survives.

Allen Seilheimer, ’68, New Auburn, died Nov. 23 due to complications from chemotherapy at age 59. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and was a commercial beekeeper in New Auburn, operating throughout Wisconsin, Texas, Florida and California. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and two sons.

Janice (Nichols) Eberly, ’67, Friendship, died April 30 at age 65. She taught music at Wild Rose, Adams-Friendship and Delhi, Iowa, schools. She and her husband, Richard, founded two ministry groups then joined a Baptist ministry. Her husband survives.

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 past president of the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association and volunteered for the Richard Bong Recreation Area and the Caledonia Historical Society. He also taught woodworking at Central High School in Paddock Lake. His wife, Judy, two children, four grandchildren and a great grandson survive.

Frank Wergin, ’65, Chicago, Ill., died April 28 at age 69. He was a district executive for Boy Scouts of America and a travel consultant in Chicago. A world traveler and history buff, he visited Africa, Australia, South America and Asia. His wife of 43 years, Cheryl, survives.

William Barnes, ’64, Eau Claire, died Jan. 2, 2010, of cancer at age 72. He served in the military, taught at Lodi High School then earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. in botany from UW-Madison. He taught plant ecology and botany at UW-Eau Claire 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 preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

Fern (Kullar) 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 her youngest 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 was a bookkeeper for Herrschner’s Needlecraft. In the community she was a charter member of Stevens Point Campers and an officer in the Stevens Point Rebekahs. Her husband, Lee, preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children, Carole Sands Dziegielewski, ’58; Nancy Sands Carew, ’62; Jeannine Sands Langlois, ’66; and Roger Sands, ’67, as well as nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. A donation by the Lee & Fern Sands family trust was made to the UW-Stevens Point Foundation in her name.

Robert Buchacek, ’62, Germantown, Tenn., died Nov. 19 at age 70 from complications of polycystic kidney disease. He earned 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 sports, music 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 education at UW-Oshkosh. He worked in sales and marketing for Appleton Coated Papers and then taught for more than 30 years, first in Sheboygan and then Appleton, where he was also a guidance counselor and won the H.H. Helble 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, three daughters and six grandchildren.

Edna (Herman) McNown, '61, MS '68, Mauston, died at home April 16 at age 96. She taught in Cassian township rural schools then in Antigo. After she was married she worked at the Army Ordnance Camp in Camp Bowie, Texas, during World War II. After returning to Wisconsin, she taught in Thorp, Antigo and Aniwa. She was the principal and a teacher at 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 six great-grandchildren.

William Bablitch, last attended '60, Madison/Kailua Kona, Hawaii, died February 16 at age 69. A Stevens Point native, Bablitch earned a degree at UW-Madison, a law degree at UW-Madison Law School and a master of laws degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He was Portage County district attorney then a Wisconsin state senator and majority leader, all while continuing private practice as an attorney. He was instrumental in saving UWSP’s Old Main from demolition and keeping its Founders Room in its historic style. He was elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1983 and reelected in 1993, retiring at the end of his term in 2003. In 1981, he received the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award and in 2004 the UWSP Alumni Association William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award for his public work. He served on the UWSP Board of Visitors for 10 years. He also taught at New York University Law School and was a lecturer for the Wisconsin State Bar, American Bar Association Appellate Section and Appellate courts in several states. Later in life he was a partner at the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich in Madison. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Anne Milne, a daughter and two granddaughters.

Arlington “Andy” Anderson, '58, Fond du Lac, died Dec. 20 at age 81. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and received a Purple Heart. He earned a master’s degree in education from UW-Oshkosh and taught in Mayville, Weyauwega and Fond du Lac, retiring in 1989. He volunteered at the Wisconsin Veteran’s Home in King and was recognized for 3250 hours of service. He was also active in his church and the American Legion. His wife, Meroe, a son and two grandchildren survive, as does his sister, Dorothy (Anderson) Youngson, '37, Waupaca.

David Shafton, last attended '57, Stevens Point, died April 26 at age 76. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a degree from UW-Madison and UW Law School. He practiced law in Madison then in Stevens Point until his retirement in 1997. He was active in civic affairs, was a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Portage County Bar. He served as
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president of the Stevens Point Noon Optimist Club and was a member of the Stevens Point Elks Lodge.

Vernita (Sullivan) Bahr, ’56, Birnamwood, died July 8 at age 75. She taught at Bear Creek for six years then had a 24-year career at Galloway and Elderon elementary schools. She also co-owned Bahr’s Ben Franklin in Wittenberg with her husband of 45 years, Michael, who survives. They retired to Post Lake near Elcho, where she enjoyed gardening and hobbies. She is also survived by four children and seven grandchildren.

Kathleen “Kay” Pierce North, ’51, Key West, Fla., died May 16 at age 81 after suffering a head injury 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 1979, where she worked at DePoo Hospital. She is survived by three sons, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Mary Jane (Buss) Zdroik, ’51, MS-HEC ’72, Rosholt, died July 29 at age 83. She taught at a number of high schools and received a master’s degree from Loyola University and UWSP. She was involved in local churches, the Portage County Library Board and Commission on Aging. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard, a son and a grandson. She is survived by two sons, including Michael Zdroik, ’83, Rosholt; a daughter, Mary (Zdroik) Olstad, ’85, Madison, Miss., and eight grandchildren.

Norman Reineking, ’41, Marshfield, died March 7 at age 90. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in the banking industry until retiring in 1982. His wife, Sophie, three children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Marguerite “Peg” (Sargeant) Felio, ’40, Wausau, died April 19 at age 92. She was a teacher in Rib Mountain, Weston and Rothschild and a leader in the Happy Valley Pals 4-H group. She was also active in her church. Her husband of 55 years, Henry, preceded her in death as did a son. She is survived 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 1952. She directed a church choir for more than 30 years, taught piano lessons and worked as a substitute teacher. She also was active in the schools and in civic organizations. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

Jean Neale Stassel, last attended ’47, Anchorage, Alaska, died July 18 at age 84. Her grandfather, Oscar Neale, worked at UWSP and was director of rural education when he retired in 1944 then he served as a Wisconsin state senator. A residence hall on
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Jean, her brother, Jim Neale, last attended ’48, and other family members have donated $1.9 million to UWSP to create the Neale Alumni Honors Scholarship, Robert and Ventura V. Neale Memorial Scholarship, Oscar W. Neale Memorial Celebration of Teaching and the Oscar W. Neale Fellowship. Jean spent part of her life in Stevens Point then moved to Alaska with her husband, Fred Stassel, ’49. She was a mother, substitute teacher and commercial fisherman on the Kenai Peninsula, and was active in many community and civic organizations. She earned degrees at UW-Madison and Alaska Pacific University and tutored students in remedial reading. Her husband of 62 years survives, as do five of their six children.

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

Eugenia “Jeanne” Mansavage, ’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 Chicago and Stevens Point until her retirement in 1984. She also volunteered at St. Michael’s Hospital gift shop for 18 years.

Corinne Sandmire Seago, ’40, Columbia, S.C., died February 17 at age 91. She taught home economics in Richland Center and Pittsville then did graduate work in nutrition at UW-Madison. She served a dietetics internship with the U.S. Army then was commissioned as an Army officer and was a hospital dietician at several bases across the U.S. In later years she was a homemaker, artist and hospital volunteer. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilna, and is survived by a daughter and three grandchildren.

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

Genevieve (Hintz) Fortune, ’38, MS ’68, Stevens Point, died April 30 at age 91. She taught for 34 years, first in a one-room schoolhouse in Arnott, then in Ellis, then retiring from Emerson Elementary School in Stevens Point in 1985. Her husband, Michael Fortune, ’49, died Dec. 31, 2010. She is survived by eight children, all Pointers, as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. (See Class Notes for more on this Pointer family.)

Albert Totzke, ’38, Edgar, died May 4 at age 95. He and his wife of 66 years, Agnes, farmed in the town of Frankfort. He also served as the town’s assessor and member of the Edgar school board for 12 years. Agnes preceded him in death, and he is survived by six children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Myrtle (Hoff) Stoltenberg, ’34, Waupaca, died March 27 at age 96. She taught in Scandinavia, Owen, Minneapolis, Nelsonville and Wittenberg, where she taught
elementary school for 23 years and retired in 1978. She and her husband, Howard, retired at Sunset Lake in Amherst Junction and wintered in Arizona. He preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ruth Wahlin, ’32, Stoughton, died Sept. 14, 2005, at age 91. She did office work for Stoughton Trailers and worked at Mill Fab with her husband, Harold, until his death. She is survived by four children, 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Stanley Lepak, ’32, Milwaukee, died May 6 at age 97. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, stationed in India, then taught fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary in Milwaukee for 24 years. He was well known for his woodworking skills. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and a son. Surviving are two daughters and four grandchildren.

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 James Baker during the first Bush administration in 1989 and took the top post in 1992. Previously he served the Nixon administration as executive 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. In subsequent years he offered companies advice on international politics as a consultant and president of Kissinger Associates 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 adviser to Hillary Rodham Clinton as she prepared to take the role of secretary of state. He also advised Sen. John McCain’s presidential campaign. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene, and three sons. He earned a degree from UW-Madison and served in the U.S. Army before joining the Foreign Service.
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