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Greetings from Alumni Relations and UWSP

By now, you’ve seen the phrase, “UWSP: we change lives,” in the Pointer Alumnus, on the Alumni Association Web page, the Homecoming 2000 brochure and on correspondence from the Alumni Relations Office. If you’ve attended an alumni reunion in the past few months, you’ve heard it echo in the messages of the chancellor and other UWSP staff.

It is not an empty slogan—the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point changes the lives of its students with personal attention, advanced technology and three distinctive community values: wellness, environmental awareness and partnerships—the Central Wisconsin Idea. Whether you attended UWSP in the 1940s or the 1990s, these themes do ring true. UWSP has changed your life and continues to impact you today.

Meet Nicholas. As you can see, he’s on his way to becoming a member of the UWSP class of 2021. I’m Nicholas’ godfather—his dad and I were college roommates 20 years ago. Both his parents are Pointers, and are among a number of UWSP alumni that I consider to be my truest and dearest friends. I look forward to sharing stories with him of our exploits in Baldwin Hall, Partner’s Pub, Pointer basketball games, intramurals, road trips, living off campus and the myriad of other wonderful memories we have from our years at UWSP.

I’m sure you have similar stories to tell,
• of people you met while at Point that you still hold dear today,
• of your periodic gatherings to reconnect or meet new additions to your family,
• to relive some of the great times you had at UWSP.

I’ve heard stories firsthand from alumni of all ages about staff and classmates who changed their lives and continue to impact them years after they left campus.

Take a moment to tell us how UWSP changed your life. Write to UWSP Alumni Association, 208 Old Main Building, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or e-mail (alumni@uwsp.edu).

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming on September 30 or reunions around the country and hope you will stop by the office when you are back on campus.

Best wishes,

Brant Bergeron, ’85
Director of Alumni Relations

Frames, posters, watches bring out Pointer pride

The UWSP Alumni Association and Milestone Designs of Madison have teamed to offer a handmade sketch of Old Main. The sketch comes in a cherry frame priced at $60. Milestone also offers a 16-by 20-inch frame designed especially for your diploma, that features the same sketch of Old Main. An oak or gold frame is $85 and a black frame is $75.

Shipping for the items is $7, and they may be ordered directly from Milestone Designs, P.O. Box 45242, Madison, WI 53744.

Also available from the Alumni Relations Office is a full color 24- by 30-inch poster that features an award-winning photograph of Old Main taken on a glorious fall afternoon. Cost of the poster is $3 plus an additional $3 for shipping up to 10 posters.

A credit card that supports the UWSP Alumni Association is offered by MBNA American Bank. A portion of each purchase supports Alumni Association programs. To request the card, call 1-800-523-7666.

Josten’s, Inc., offers distinctive Seiko men’s and women’s watches that have a three-dimensional re-creation of the UWSP seal on the dial. Complete ordering information is available at Josten’s Web site (www.jostesalumshop.com).

Josten’s also offers the classic UWSP class ring, which is available in any class year. Ordering information is available from the Alumni Relations Office.

If you would like further information, call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at 1-877-POINT01 (877-764-6801).
Collaboration helps Wisconsin economy

Greetings!

After two years of study and discussion among UWSP, the Portage County Business Council and Mid-State Technical College, an agreement was forged to build a Business Education and Training Center in the Portage County Business Park. Construction will begin this fall and the facility will become fully operational by spring.

The center will provide education, training and technical services with on-site instruction and various distance learning methods which will offer greater convenience for employers and employees alike throughout Central Wisconsin. Services also will include programs for certification, licensing, testing, evaluation and assessment.

Through the partnership of these three institutions, employers will be able to take advantage of training and education delivery options that best fit their needs and schedules. A “client-centered” operation, this collaboration builds on concerted efforts by UWSP to continue our evolution as a regional campus.

The facility will become a major factor in the economic vitality of the state, helping retain existing businesses and attract new business to the area by providing the education and training that create and maintain quality jobs in Central and Northern Wisconsin.

The community will have a better prepared workforce while traditional and nontraditional post secondary students who use the facility will develop greater opportunities to use their skills in Central Wisconsin. The center will strengthen the university’s effort to be a better partner with area institutions and the private sector.

I am excited about this opportunity. All of us are enthusiastic about working together to provide more and better training and educational opportunities to the citizens of Portage County. Our goal is to enhance UWSP’s services to not only the citizens of Stevens Point, but ultimately to the surrounding communities of Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield and Waupaca.

Chancellor Thomas F. George

Distinguished Alumni Named

Three UWSP alumni were recognized by the Alumni Board of Directors for their service to the university and the community.

Bob Whitsett, ’77, Seattle, Wash., and Mary Williams, ’72, Stevens Point, were named Distinguished Alumni. Holly Bembeneck, ’74, Stevens Point, received the Alumni Service Award. Whitsett was guest speaker at the May 2000 commencement ceremony.

In addition to being president of the NFL Seattle Seahawks, Whitsett also serves as president and general manager of the NBA Portland Trail Blazers. He began his career in sports administration in 1978, interning with the Indiana Pacers. Since then, he has owned or managed the Seattle Supersonics, assistant general manager and marketing director of the Kansas City/Sacramento Kings, assistant general manager of the Indiana Pacers and director of business affairs of the Indiana Pacers. In 1994, The Sporting News named him the NBA Executive of the Year.

Whitsett received a master’s degree in administration from Ohio State University in 1978.

Mary Williams began her career in 1976 as special assistant to the chancellor for facilities management at UWSP. She assisted with the completion of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, the digging of Lake Joans, the construction of the Health Enhancement Center and securing of federal funding for Schmeeckle Reserve and state funds for Treehaven. Her responsibilities were later increased to include government relations and affirmative action. She retired in 1993.

Before becoming special assistant to the chancellor, Williams was the first teacher appointed as a UW-System regent in 1971. She taught English at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in Stevens Point and at UWSP. She served as executive secretary to the UWSP chancellor and as student activities counselor in the Dean of Men’s Office at UW-Madison. She also was an aide for administration and an advisor for aging issues and nursing homes for Governor Lee Dreyfus.

Committee boards on which she has been active include the Higher Educational Aids Board for the state of Wisconsin, the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors, Ad Hoc Committee on Minority and Educationally Disadvantaged Students, the Wisconsin Humanities Committee, the Governor’s Commission on Education in Wisconsin, the Supreme Court Planning and Policy Advisory Committee and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and Certification.

Holly Bembeneck, ’74, an Albertson Medallion recipient at UWSP, was recognized for service to the Alumni Association. She has worked in the UWSP Office of Conference and Reservations since 1976, starting as assistant director until she was promoted to director in 1978. She also is a regional director of her international professional association and has been involved with the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors and the Plover River Alliance.

Student honored for achievements

Maria Denk, Milwaukee, received the 12th annual Kathrin “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon where a plaque commemorating both Kitty’s life and the scholarship was unveiled.

A graduate of Waukesha South High School, Denk is a senior at UWSP majoring in French and English and is studying for secondary education certification.

The Sebold scholarship, worth a full year’s tuition, is intended to reward an outstanding UWSP student who demonstrates high potential for becoming a leader in a chosen field or profession. The award was established by D. David “Dewey” Sebold, Medford, former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza, in memory of his wife, Kitty. Both Kitty and Dewey graduated from UWSP in 1968.

Denk expects to take two more years to finish her majors and high school teaching certification. “The Sebold scholarship really gives me motivation to ‘hang in there,’” she says.

She works as a teacher’s aide at the University Child Learning and Care Center and as a receptionist in her residence hall and volunteers at the UWSP Tutoring and Learning Center.

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Points win first ever WIAC All-Sports Trophy

A big year in UWSP athletics was capped by winning the Pointers' first ever Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy. The Pointers won conference titles in seven of the league's 19 sports and edged UW-La Crosse by one point for the overall title. The Pointers were also crowned as the conference's Most Valuable Player in 1998-99.

Seven pointers inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Six former athletes and a former coach will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony Saturday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. in conjunction with Homecoming.

Inductees include Theo Blanco, ’89, Uppsala, Sweden; Tom Morris, ’90, Onekama, Mich.; Tim Naegeli, ’91, Racine; Dan Schwamberger, ’91, Madison; Nino Pisciotta, ’92, Denver; Collo, and Jeff Stepanski, ’88, Madison. Long-time Pointer swimming and diving coach Red Blair, Waupaca, also will be inducted at the 11th-annual ceremony.

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Pisciotta is the most decorated Pointer in UWSP history and a six-time NAIA national champion. He was a first team All-American 17 times, while also earning five honorable mentions as an All-American during his career. He was twice named outstanding male athlete. His best season was 1985 when he was a first team All-American in six events.

Jeff Stepanski was a two-time NAIA national champion swimmer in the 50-yard freestyle. He was also a first team All-American 17 times, while also earning five honorable mentions as an All-American during his career. He was twice named outstanding male athlete. His best season was 1985 when he was a first team All-American in six events.

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Baseball

It was a season-long rally for the Pointer baseball team, tying for their first back-to-back WIAC championships since 1962 after opening the season with four straight conference losses.

UWSP finished 28-11 overall and needed a dramatic rally in the tournament to tie for the title. The Pointers trailed UW-Oshkosh 14-10 in the bottom of the ninth inning in the conference title game, but scored two runs to pull out a 15-14 victory. The Pointers then lost to UW-La Crosse 6-2 in the league title game to finish in a three-way tie for the league title.

Junior pitcher Troy Brey was named the WIAC Pitcher of the Year, finishing second among all NCAA Division III pitchers in earned run average at 1.19, including a 6.1-9 record and three shutouts. With only one starter the Pointers hit for a single-season school record .339 batting average.

Track and field

Three individual national champions and a record setting men's indoor team finished in the top 20 at the NCAA men's indoor track and field championships.

Senior Dan Schwamberger, North Mankato, Minn., and junior Mike Mead, Neenah, each won NCAA Division III indoor titles while leading the Pointers to their highest ever indoor team finish at fourth place. Schwamberger won the 5,000 meters in 14:43.5 and Mead captured the high jump in 6 feet, 9 3/4 inches.

Senior Leah June, Brillion, won the women’s outdoor national title in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.1. The Pointer men were sixth at the outdoor championships, while the women were 24th in the indoor championships and 23rd at the outdoor meet.

The men’s team also placed second at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference outdoor meet and third at the indoor meet, while the women’s team was fourth at both the indoor and outdoor conference championships.

Softball

An incredible stretch of softball—six games in 30 hours—helped the Pointers sweep their three conference opponents this season.

The Pointers played four straight games on Saturday before succumbing in the title game.

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Seven current and former Pointer players had the opportunity to face the U.S. Olympic softball team in a pair of games as part of the team’s pre-Olympic tour in June.

The defending Olympic gold medal champions defeated the local team, led by former Pointer Coach Dean Shuda, 10-0 and 4-0. The Olympic team also held a three-hour clinic on campus, one of two clinics they conducted all year.

Sports

UWSP lands six Academic All-Americans

UWSP student athletes had an unprecedented six selections for GTE Academic All-American awards.

All-American winners are chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America for the award sponsored by GTE. UWSP had just three selections in the previous 20 years of the award.

Men’s track athlete Dan Schwamberger, North Mankato, Minn., and swimmer Brent Newport, Berlin, were both first team selections in their sports.

Schwamberger was a second team selection in cross-country, along with tennis player Tammy Byrne, Oregon, and football player Andy Palicki, Mineral Point. Swimmer Becca Uphoff, Madison, was a third team honoree.

The other GTE Academic All-Americans were football player Joel Horbey in 1997, basketball player Jon Julius in 1992 and basketball player Bill Zuiker in 1981.

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What a Year!

Here’s a look at a few of this year’s Pointer successes:

• Ranked eighth in Sears Director’s Cup which measures top overall Division III athletic program. This marks the second top 10 finish in three years.

• Fifteen of 19 sports nationally ranked at one time during the season.

• Fifteen sports finished in the top half of the conference standings.

• Twelve sports qualified teams or athletes for NCAA Division III tournament competition.

• Twenty-five athletes were named first-team All-Americans including athletes in 50 different events or sports.

• UWSP had five WIAC players of the year, five WIAC coaches of the year and five WIAC scholar athletes.

• UWSP finished fifth in Division III in both men’s basketball (1,617 game) and women’s basketball (1,152 game) records, leading WIAC schools in both sports.

• UWSP swimmer Randy Boelk, Embarrass, Minn., became the first ever NCAA Division III swimmer to compete at the Olympic trials in the backstroke, swimming in the 100 meter event.

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Blair was the recipient of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Master Coach Award and Distinguished Coach Award.

Tickets for the banquet are $15 and can be ordered by calling the UW- Stevens Point office at 715-346-3811 or 1-877-POINT01.
Alumni calendar of events for 2000

Fall: Marshfield Area Alumni/Friend Reunion
Marshfield, Location to be announced
Sept. 22: Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Reunion
Lake Delton
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Great Wolf Lodge
Sept. 30: Homecoming 2000
See page 20
October 12: Dane County Alumni/Friend Reunion
At Whitney’s, Madison

The UWSP Alumni Association continues to build its chapter program, forming volunteer networks in the nine most populous regions of the state. Alumni and friends from Northeast Wisconsin kicked off their chapter formation in May with a gathering at Titletown Brewing Company in Green Bay. Among the attendees were left to right, Becky (Kunish) Schleis, ’95, Kohler; Jeff Kohnle, ’95, Two Rivers; Matt, ’93, and Elizabeth Kohnle, ’91, Tisch Mills; Jennifer Endries, ’92, Green Bay; Amy (Hermann), ’92, and Mike Koel, ’92.

Alumni Events

Marchita Polum, ’50, Stevens Point, and Carol Christensen, ’50, Salinas, Calif., enjoyed reminiscing and catching up on current events at the 1950 Class Reunion held June 2 and 3.

Other events were held throughout the country

March 3 Central Wisconsin Educators Convention
D. C. Everest High School, Schofield
April 2 Portage County Alumni and Friends Reunion at the UWSP Open House
Héritage Room and Concourse in the University Center
April 15 UWSP Trivia 2000
A team of UWSP employees and alums answered phones for the annual trivia event. In addition, the Alumni Association was a trivia sponsor.
April 15 Destination Imagination (formerly Odyssey of the Mind)
The Alumni Relations Office hosted a hospitality room for alums with young people who were competing in the event.

March 25 Northeast Wisconsin Reunion
Titletown Brewing Company, Green Bay
June 2-3 Class of 1950 Reunion Weekend
Lindsecon, campus tours, cocktail reception, continental breakfast and reunion program.
June 30 South Wood County Alumni and Friends Reunion
Hors d’oeuvres and blues concert, Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids
August 17 Fox Cities Alumni & Friend Reunion
Picnic and Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Game at Fox Cities Stadium

Location to be announced
Jan. 13: Women’s Alumni Basketball Game
Berg Gymnasium
Feb. 3: Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
UWSP Campus
Feb. 3: Men’s Alumni Basketball Game/Pointers vs. UW-Platteville
Quandt Fieldhouse
April 23, 2001: Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership Day
UWSP Campus
June 1 & 2, 2001: Reunion Weekend
Reunion for all alums before 1957
Mark your calendar for future Homecoming dates
Oct. 6: Homecoming 2001
Oct. 5: Homecoming 2002

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Holiday Inn-Manitowoc
Oct. 28: UW-SP Legacy Luncheon and UWSP Family Day
Lunch on campus for alumni with children attending UWSP
Nov. 17 or 18: Atlantic Coast Alumni/Friend Reunion and Packer Party

Attending weekend activities for the reunion of the class of 1950 were, front row, left to right, Hildegard Kuse, Medford; Dorothy (Schmidt) Hovie, Neenah; Lorraine (Goth) Pospisil, Burlington; Joyce (Kruger) Natzke, Bonduel; Carol (Radichel) Christensen, Salinas, Calif.; Carol (Collins) Polka, Berlin; Myra Hill, Merrill; Marchita (Newton) Polum, Stevens Point; Esther (Murat) Berndt, Stevens Point; and Warren Lensmire, Junction City. Attending but not pictured were Bob and Marilyn (Esidor) Worth, Stevens Point; Donald and Margaret (Johnson) Sprise, Wisconsin Rapids; Carol (Link) Perger, John and Yvonne (Jacobson) Gurholt, Appleton.

March 25, April 2, April 15, June 2-3, June 30, August 17

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Alumnus scrapbook
New book published

Seeing Clearly, a novel by Julie Ray, is the most recent publication of the student-run Cornerstone Press at the UWSP.

The novel, intended for young people aged 12 to 18, weaves a summer romance into the story of a young woman with a genetic eye disorder called Best’s Disease. Ray, who suffers from the disorder, wrote the book to create awareness about the disease.

“Although the characters are fictional,” Ray says, “all of the information about the disease is what I have experienced.”

Formerly from Chippewa Falls, Ray graduated in May. She was a senior majoring in biology and zoology when the book, her first fictional work, was published last winter. Now she is a seasonal zookeeper in the reptile department at Chicago’s Brookfield Zoo.

Cornerstone Press is run by the editing and publishing class led by Dan Dieterich, professor of English. The course emphasizes all aspects of publishing, including editing and marketing. The class selects one or two manuscripts for publication each fall.

To order Seeing Clearly for $4.95, contact Cornerstone Press, c/o Dan Dieterich, Department of English, Collins Classroom Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481-3987 or call (715) 341-6177. Copies of the book also are available at the University Bookstore.

Manuscripts wanted

Do you have a manuscript you would like to have published? Consider UWSP’s Cornerstone Press, a publishing company that operates as part of the Editing and Publishing class offered by UWSP’s English Department.

Each fall, students in the class select one or two manuscripts for publication and take them all the way through the publishing process, including editing, design, printing, binding, marketing, and sales. They usually publish between 500 and 1,000 copies of the book and attempt to sell out by the end of the semester. The author receives an advance against sales as well as a commission on the sale of each book.

For more information, contact Dan Dieterich, Department of English at (715) 346-2849 or, by e-mail, at (Dan.Dieterich@uwsp.edu).

Faculty Obituaries

Paul Kelch

Paul Kelch, assistant professor emeritus of accounting, died June 25 in Madison at age 84. A pioneer in instruction in computers, Kelch was involved in their use beginning in the early 1950s. He was the first to teach data processing at his alma mater, Sul Ross State University, where he taught there for two years after military service. In 1965 he came to UWSP where he served for 18 years. He developed UWSP’s first computer course and became the first director of data processing. He also served as controller, director of budget planning and analysis, acting assistant chancellor for business affairs and executive secretary to Chancellor Lee Dreyfus. Later, he became faculty advisor to student groups in the Division of Business and Economics.

After retirement he lived in Bella Vista, Ark., for many years with his wife, Audrey, who survives.

Harry Smith

Harry Smith, emeritus professor of biology, died May 2 at his home in Stevens Point. He taught at both secondary and college levels for 40 years and at UWSP from 1963 to 1973. He served as adviser for the premedicine program. A native of Hayward, he grew up in the logging era and spent his early years as a professional guide on Hayward area lakes. His first education was in a make-shift school at a lumber camp with three classmates.

He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees at UW-Madison. He completed two years of medical school before economic conditions during the Depression forced him to drop out.

Before coming to UWSP he taught at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout. His first job in education was at Cadott High School as assistant principal. He also was the post commandant of cadets at Breek Academy in St. Paul, Minn., and was dean of the day school at Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam.

His wife, Agnes, survives.

Mary Shumway

Mary Shumway, professor emerita of English, died March 18 in Plover. Shumway taught creative writing, American literature and freshman English for 26 years. Her career at UWSP also included a two-year stint as affirmative action officer. Before coming to UWSP, she served as dean of women, coordinator of undergraduate studies and instructor in the Humanities Department at the San Francisco Art Institute.

Shumway described her interaction with students and faculty over nearly three decades as a “rich experience.” She received an excellence in teaching award before her retirement in 1991.

Shumway published five volumes of poetry and was a Robert Frost Fellow at Bread Loaf and a fellow at the MacDowell Colony. Her writing also appeared in anthologies and professional journals. She was recognized by the Academy of American Poets, the Society for the Arts, Religion and Contemporary Culture and the Midwest Publishers.


Her poems, influenced by the beauty and serenity of her youth in the Wisconsin Dells, use “natural imagery.” A theme of flight found in most of her work. She learned to fly at age 17 and became an experienced pilot in the 1940s when she was about 17. Taught by barnstormers who used neighborhood pastures for their landing strips, she said she learned the feeling of being “wild and free.”

Shumway held a bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago, a master’s degree from San Francisco State College and a doctorate from the University of Denver. She did post doctoral work at Princeton University.

Irene Yost

Irene Yost, assistant professor of education, died Jan. 19 at age 91. A native of Auburn, Iowa, Yost had a long career in public education that spanned teaching in rural one-room schools to helping develop a national testing system for Western Samoa in the South Pacific.

After teaching for eight years at UWSP, she retired in 1973. After retirement, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Western Samoa.

She was a guidance counselor and teacher at Lakehead Union High School for many years and was a longtime resident of Lake Tomahawk.

She held a bachelor’s degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and a master’s degree from UW-Madison.
How about an adventure tour in 2001?

Maybe your 2001 dream vacation is a 16-day bike tour through five European countries. Or how about crossing the Alps by bicycle? Maybe your summer vacation will see you hiking in Ireland. For a winter vacation, how about a January bike tour through the rain forests of Costa Rica. These are only a few of the UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours that combine a flexible itinerary with the services and benefits of group travel, according to Kim Breengan Koepke, coordinator of UWSP’s biking programs.

That’s not all—trips are a great bargain. The 12- to 19-day trips, priced from $1,500 to $5,000, include airplane fare from Chicago, lodging—often at three-star European hotels—with full breakfasts, many evening meals featuring local cuisine and experienced leaders. The trips often include lectures by participating experts and local guides and are designed to provide a feel for the culture of the countries.

Our trips are geared toward the athletic tourist who wants to enjoy a few challenges while exploring new cultures,” says the program’s director, John Munson, associate dean of the School of Health Promotion and Human Development. Participants of all ages range from seasoned bikers and hikers to beginners.

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Anyone interested in these opportunities should sign up right away because the rosters fill up quickly, according to Munson. However, latecomers may find openings, so it pays to check on availability. There will be a pretrip orientation in May.

To learn more about the trips, contact Trish Ramsay, hiking coordinator, at (715) 344-8952 or jramsay@uwsp.edu or Koepke, biking coordinator, at (715) 345-0570 or kkoepke@uwsp.edu. Information on all the tours is available on the Internet at http://www.uwsp.edu/acad/phbd/bikehike/index.htm.

Members of the 1999 Ireland Adventure Tour pedal along quiet back roads. Space is still available in upcoming UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours to a variety of destinations in Europe and Costa Rica.
Then...

More than a century of changes has transformed Stevens Point State Normal School into the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. To find out what it was like on campus through the years, the Pointer Alumnus solicited comments from several of our graduates.

Two alumni who studied to become high school teachers in the late 1930s were great admirers of Peter Michelsen, who was brought to campus in 1931 to develop the music program.

Dorothy (Richards) Swaze, '38, and Ulamae (Knutson) Bullington, '40, took all the music courses that were offered including band, orchestra, directing and chorus. Both women earned a bachelor's degrees, but at that time only a minor in music was available, and they both completed the minor.

Michelsen founded Alpha Kappa Rho, an honorary music society of which Swaze and Bullington were charter members. Director of music for many years, Michelsen Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Center was named for him.

“Our orchestra had some fabulous musicians who came to study with Mr. Michelsen,” Swaze says. “The Central State Teachers College band toured Wisconsin on Greyhound liners.

“We were accompanied by a chaperone, usually the wife of English Professor Frank Spindler,” Bullington says. “Bullington remembers Mrs. Spindler’s great pies that were served at picnics the band held at Red Bridge Park, now Iverson Park.

Bullington had the distinction of being the chief accompanist for the men’s and women’s glee clubs during her four years at the college. She played string bass and Swaze played tympani for the orchestra.

Both women lived in the city.

Bullington lived two blocks from Old Main on College Avenue, but Swaze walked two miles to campus. She always went home for lunch and would often return to campus on foot in the evening for activities. Because of the economic crisis of the Depression, she worked evenings and weekends during the school year and in summer she often worked 12 hours each day.

“I paid for my expenses by working at Taylor’s Drug Store for 25 cents per hour,” she says.

Although Swaze and Bullington earned bachelor’s degrees, many students began teaching with a two-year certificate. Sally (Bronk) Kubash, '53, was among the students who earned a two-year diploma in rural education from Central State.

“The courses were a little bit of everything, but focused on rural culture,” she says.

“We had to accomplish in two years what others took four years to do.” Her father paid her expenses for one year by selling one of his cows.

Kubash enjoyed helping one of her favorite professors, Edna Carlsten, art instructor, keep the art supplies in order.

“I commuted daily from Rosholt, and Professor Carlsten would give me a ride home in an emergency,” Kubash says.

“She liked the country and occasionally would stay for rolls and coffee.”

Kubash was a member of the Rural Life Club which sponsored “Hobo Day” during homecoming, with an award given to the best-dressed hobos. “It gave us a chance to wear jeans!” Kubash says.

Practice teaching during her second year was in the Rural Demonstration School, which stood where Delzell Hall is now.

“We observed, made lesson plans, taught two classes and were critiqued on our teaching methods,” Kubash says. “As time went on we were faced with a real challenge—having to plan and teach all six reading groups for one week.”

“One of the best memories was the mid-semester letter sent to our parents if we were low in a subject,” Kubash says.

“Thank goodness I only received one.”

“I have many fond memories of UWSP and I know my education has helped me in my profession,” Kubash says.

As new classroom buildings were completed in the late 1960s and early 1970s, lower classes were taught in Old Main. Professor Leon Lewis (above) taught one of the last classes before the wrecking ball demolished the east and west wings in 1979. The original section of the building was renovated and reopened in 1981 for administrative use.

“When Dena Zajdel, ’98, came to campus, a university education was an important stepping stone to get into the competitive job market. A college degree was increasingly becoming a requirement to land a white-collar job.

“We used the experiences gained in the classroom, internships and student clubs to build a resume we could present to prospective employers,” Zajdel says.

Clubs were focused on specific interests, both career-oriented and hobby-oriented, and the spectrum of interests was very large. Zajdel was a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

“Even though we were focused on the long-term goal of our careers, we were never afraid to take time to enjoy our college experience,” she says.

She lived in Steiner Hall her first two years. “Steiner girls are finer!” she says.

During off-hours, she and her friends escaped the confines of residence halls, especially when nice weather lured them outside. During the long winter months, snowball fights or building snowmen often provided stress relief.

“Then...”
A favorite hangout was the Basement Brewhaus in the University Center. Students could play pool or darts while listening to music performed live by student bands. The Brewhaus also provided a less formal atmosphere for study groups to meet and work on class projects.

The Green Circle, completed in 1996, was great for bike rides or walks. Schmeeckle Reserve, established in 1978 and named for Fred Schmeeckle who came to UWSP in 1923, had become a favorite place for students to relax. During nice fall and spring days, students studied in Bukolt Park and continued to enjoy Iverson Park.

“And as far as I knew, NOBODY EVER went to the Square,” Zajdel says, tongue in cheek.

The most significant change that took place during the 90s was the appearance of the Internet.

“I saw the Internet as it was just beginning to come to life and evolve into an everyday tool,” Zajdel says. When she began her college career in 1994, computers were merely high-tech word processors.

In four years, the Internet took over as the medium for research and communication. It had become the starting point for the band program there. Later she taught Suzuki with Marjorie Aber at UWSP, then established a Suzuki program in Wausau and taught there for 10 years. She also established the Lakeland Area Suzuki Program and taught students from Wausau, Minocqua, and the surrounding areas.

Ulmae (Knutson) Bullington, '40, made up her mind that she wasn’t going to stay in any one place for more than three years. So after teaching orchestra in Dunn County and then in Stevens Point, she took a civil service test and taught at UWSP, then established a Suzuki program in Wausau and taught there for 10 years. She also established the Lakeland Area Suzuki Program and taught students from Wausau, Minocqua, and the surrounding areas.

Learning to use the Internet. Her latest adventure is learning to use the Internet.

Many alumni remember the beauty of Central Wisconsin, including Schmeeckle Reserve, as part of their college experience.

Tomorrow River school district and one year in Two Harbors, Minn. She earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Minnesota in 1959 and a master’s degree at Alverno College in Milwaukee. She taught exceptional education in Dunn County and then in Stevens Point, for three years. So after teaching orchestra in Dunn County and then in Stevens Point, she took a civil service test and taught at UWSP, then established a Suzuki program in Wausau and taught there for 10 years. She also established the Lakeland Area Suzuki Program and taught students from Wausau, Minocqua, and the surrounding areas.

UWSP’s marathon trivia contest has been a unique event in Stevens Point since its creation in 1969. It is sponsored by 90FM, the campus radio station.

How about you? The alumni who contributed to this article would like to know what other members of their classes are doing now. They encourage you to fill out the form in the class notes section and mail it in.
Washington, D.C., writer puts words in their mouths

According to the “six degrees of separation” theory, you can link yourself to almost anyone on the planet through a chain of six contacts. If you were a student in communication or political science classes at UWSP between 1971 and 1975, you might be able to make an even faster link to two presidents.

Your first link could be Scott Dykema, a 1975 graduate of UWSP, who majored in communication and credits his alma mater for his interest in politics and international affairs.

Dykema shook hands with Bill Clinton a couple of times and worked for advisers of George Bush. He has written speeches and handled press for several well-known Washington, D.C. politicians since 1992 and wrote for former Commerce Secretary William Daley who is now running Vice President Al Gore’s presidential campaign.

In 1993 leaders from a group of seven industrialized nations met in Tokyo, Japan, at what was called the G7 Summit, to discuss a plan to finance Russia’s transition from communism. At that time, Dykema met Clinton and worked with his spokesperson, Mike McCurry, on press statements for the historic meeting.

Dykema worked on speeches and congressional testimony about Clinton’s proposed health care legislation, which was a responsibility of the Treasury Department where he was working.

He also worked under President Bush during the last year of his administration. His boss, Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady, was Bush’s closest economic adviser. Dykema was a spokesperson on international issues for Larry Summers who is now Secretary of the Treasury. He might have attracted media attention and been quoted as “a spokesperson for Larry Summers.” Now he shuns such acknowledgment.

As a speechwriter, my job is getting the boss in the paper,” he says. “The last thing I want is a byline.”

In practice this type of work has little to do with party politics, Dykema says, because he is not a political appointee. As a career speechwriter, his job doesn’t depend on who’s in office.

“I’ve never been in the position where I had to say something I didn’t believe in,” he says. “My job is to put the words of a speaker onto paper and help him define his voice. The speeches are not always about partisan issues, they are usually about what’s for the good of the country.”

He will be getting to know the speaking style of a new boss during the next two weeks during spring break visiting St. Petersburg (then known as Leningrad) and Moscow in Russia; Riga, Latvia; and Kharkov, Ukraine.

Two years ago Dykema came to the Department of Commerce as the senior writer, working on a good number of the 250 speeches given each year. Commerce Secretary Daley was the lead lobbyist for the Clinton administration in the debates on trade relations with China last spring and Dykema also wrote congressional testimony for him.

He needs to be well versed on a number of topics because the Department of Commerce serves businesses in the global market and sets policy for businesses that operate on the Internet. They also design and execute the census.

“UWSP helped me to become successful in my job,” he says. “It gave me the curiosity and skills I use every day.”

Two trips abroad while a student at UWSP and classes in international studies would be better nurtured in the nation’s capital. He credits her with making his career and he has lived in Washington ever since.

Dykema’s first semester abroad was in 1972 to Malaysia and the Far East led by Marcus Fang, director of UWSP’s Foreign Student Office. Dykema has since returned to Asia several times.

His second trip was to the Soviet Union with Robert Price, professor of Russian. He was studying with Price in the East European program. They spent two weeks during spring break visiting St. Petersburg (then known as Leningrad) and Moscow in Russia; Riga, Latvia; and Kharkov, Ukraine.

While in Russia, Dykema got to know a family who wanted to meet Americans. He eventually lost touch with them, but 10 years ago they found him again and now keep in touch through e-mail. He has returned to Russia several times.

When he was making a decision about graduate studies, Dykema asked his adviser, Professor Toby Goldberg of the communication faculty, whether he should go to the University of Minnesota or George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

“Go east young man,” she said. She told him that his future in international studies would be better nurtured in the nation’s capital. He credits her with “making his career” and he has lived in Washington ever since.

Among the jobs he has held was feature writing for Gannett news service. In 1980 he and another student opened a Washington bureau for Bloomberg, a financial wire service. He marks this as one of his successes and the office has since grown to more than a 60-person operation. However, even though government jobs don’t pay as well, he finds what he does now to be more interesting.

“Clearly UWSP has influenced me,” he says. “I came from a small town background and UWSP opened my view of life.”
Hickman brings fairness to her job

"My parents had the most influence on me," says Katie Schultz Stout. "Because four years prior to me, the university took me from dependence to independence and leadership—and that was a lot to learn."

Stout grew up in Appleton, the eldest of eight children. In 1965 she ventured 70 miles from home to Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point, a big step for her at the time. It was the beginning of her journey to becoming a leading educator in Wisconsin.

She began at the University of Wisconsin as a teaching assistant for a course in the division of instruction and professional development for the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC), a statewide teachers' union.

"The focus of all my professional work and personal advocacy has been toward educating young people as capable, responsible and concerned citizens," Stout says.

She wanted to become a teacher long before she came to college. Being the oldest in her family, she often had charge of her younger siblings, so she thought she knew a lot about teaching.

"But at the university, I realized that teaching was something totally different than I had imagined," she says. "I learned how to identify potential and to help children build on their strengths. My parents taught me to be a problem solving person, but at the university I learned to analyze why things happen and how people are impacted."}

Her first semester at UWSP included a class in European history with Professor Warwick Soroka, who had recently come to UWSP from Poland. Stout thought "How will I learn anything in this class when I can't even understand his speech?"

But when he shared his personal reflections on the world he had seen, including the time he spent in a prison camp, Stout says, "I learned the hurt he must have felt when he was treated unfairly too many times to stand for it.

"It was pretty crushing."}

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"What one of you wrote this?" Hickman asks, as the blame game begins. Darren says it was mostly Tanya. Tanya says it was Darren all the way.

Darren admits to having written some of it, but not the really bad words. Tanya starts to cry and asks having written anything except "Die, Die, Darren."

Hickman is determined to get to the bottom of the "Mystery of the Profane Note." Employing her best Sherlock Holmes logic, she quickly deduces from the handwriting that it was Darren who wrote the naughty words. With the proof on the table, Darren breaks down and confesses.

Hickman looks disappointed. "Is that respecting your classmates? Is it fair to accuses of something you did?"

It's apparent the problems have gone beyond the naughty words. Darren is showing a lack of respect and being unfair, and in Hickman's school, that doesn't fly. Hickman treated unfairly too many times to stand for it.

Growing up in Beloit, she was refused service at restaurants because she was African American. And when she was trying to find a job after being the first African American woman to graduate from Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point (now UWSP), she says she was frequently lied to for similar reasons. "I'd go into interviews and they would tell me they weren't sure if they had any openings. Then I'd see people coming out of the other room with contracts in hand. It was pretty crushing."

Crushing, but not defeating. She kept looking because there were always friends, classmates and teachers around to help her. "I have very fond memories of my college years. I had the chance to change people's perceptions of black Americans," said Hickman. "I never faced real prejudices as I had in my hometown. I was accepted in the restaurants in Stevens Point just like the other students. For the most part, people were just curious."

Hickman joined the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and still keeps in contact with the close friends she made.

Throughout her career, Hickman has achieved many great things at Burdge Elementary, winning numerous awards and cultivating a love of learning in her students. Burdge has been the site of several innovative programs over the years, including the Magnet Program. A federal grant offered to schools seeking to increase diversity, the money was used to develop a performing arts program. Burdge Elementary now has a singing troupe that has performed in Washington, D.C., Florida and other states.

As Hickman delves into her 41st year in public education, she is beginning to toy with the idea of retirement. Before that happens, Tanya and Darren will have to face the music that comes with passing dirty notes.

Hickman makes it clear that the offending note will be promptly mailed to Darren's parents.

"What else should your punishment be?"

"His head still down, he mumbles, "Maybe I should be expended."

"Expended?" asks Hickman. "I think you mean suspended. And no, we don't suspend anyone over something like this."

She reaches across the table and pets his little, limp hand. "I think you two will have to come to my office tomorrow after school. All right?"

Tanya and Darren give each other a sideways look and then nod in agreement. It's not so bad really, having to stay after school. There are much worse things than spending an afternoon with Hickman.

Alumna ranks UWSP among Great Schools

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The sound of 200 children eating their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches echoed through the hallways of Burdge Elementary School, the bubbly murmur is broken periodically by the ear splitting shriek of an excited seven-year-old. But next door at the Instructional Media Center (IMC), it’s calm and peaceful.

At the back of the room, behind a pile of paperwork sits the principal, Barbara (Williams) Hickman, eating her lunch and smiling to herself.

"If you ask me, it makes sense to wait until after lunch to talk with the kids who’ve been acting up; it cuts into class time. So instead, she waits in the nearby IMC to deal quickly and productively to address challenges."

After college Stout taught in Appleton where she had the privilege of teaching in the grade where she had attended as a child. After 14 years as a teacher, she became active in teachers' union bargaining.

"I learned to work with people, she says, "You get better results when you can understand the reasons of common acts, acknowledge differences and work together productively to address challenges."

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Her leadership ability, skills as a teacher and experience in union work, are important assets in her work with WEAC.

Her favorite project for the past year has been the Great Schools program, a statewide grassroots effort to encourage voters to support public officials who are committed to creating and maintaining the high quality public school system that has been a long tradition in Wisconsin.

WEAC started this effort when they saw the unintended consequence of spending caps aimed at controlling property taxes that were put in place six years ago. A recent joint study by Stout’s division of WEAC and the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators asked superintendents about mandated state revenue caps on building maintenance spending. They reported that to meet spending limits they made cuts in upkeep, technology and new building projects. The administrators said they tried to avoid cuts that would directly affect children, such as increasing class sizes to use fewer teachers or dropping subjects from the curriculum. However, they reported that they were beginning to be unable to replace retiring teachers.

"We want to bring the expertise of the community into our public schools," she says. "If a community decides that they have a great school, they can celebrate that," Stout says. "Then they can ask how to make the school even greater."

Barbara Hickman, '60, a 40-year teaching veteran, loves coming to school every day at Burdge Elementary School in Beloit.

Katie Schultz Stout, '70, is a leader in Wisconsin education.
Faculty Retirements

Don Last, 18 years of service
Don Last, a professor of political science, notes that natural re-source management, can claim to have more than 1,900 “friends.” He is the founder and president of 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, one of the leading conservation organizations in the state that had 1,900 members at last count. He also is an active member of a number of other statewide organization in involved land use and development issues.

Last has a 30-year career in higher education. He has taught a course on land use issues to teachers of kinder-garten through twelfth grade and serves as a natural re-source policy specialist for UW-Extension. He also writes the monthly publica-tion, “Law of the Land Columns.”

Through his leadership, UWSP and Wisconsin are beginning to take land use planning seriously. Last has worked with both the public and private sectors to promote proper use and stewardship of rural and urban lands. After retirement, last will continue to lead 1,900 Friends and share his expertise with local and county governments.

Barb Inch, 31 years of service
Barb Inch, director of marketing for UWSP Extension, has been a strong advocate for continuing education. Inch came to UWSP in 1969 as a specialist in educational psychology and served as associate dean of students, the early 1970s.

The National Continuing Education Association recog-nized her and two colleagues for exemplary programming in Learning Through Education Technologies. The programs taught kindergartern through tenth grade teachers from area schools about integrating technology into their classrooms.

One of her proudest accomplishments has been coordinating the annual Surveyors’ Institute, more than 700 surveyors from throughout the state. She also initiated Singlesama, an educational conference for divorced, widowed and single people. Other programs she created and coordinated are Continuing Education Day for Women, College Week for Women and UWSP’s Elderhostel.

Inch won a national Gold Award from the University Continuing Education Association for her strategic marketing plan for the Collaborative Degree Program. She assisted with researching and implementing an agreement between UWSP and the two-year colleges in Wausau and Marshfield. The program allows participants to earn four-year degrees in business administration and general studies from UWSP without leaving their communities.

Ruth Dorgan, 38 years of service
Ruth Dorgan, assistant professor of English, has enjoyed teaching writing. Shakespeare, the literature of vampires and the legend of King Arthur.

She taught “Writing to Sell and Selling What You Write,” subjects she knows well after spending 20 years writing for the Sunday Milwaukee Journal’s Wisconsin Magazine. Her first submission in 1973 was an essay about the mark “Jack in the Beanstalk.” She proposed that Jack was not a folk hero, but a juvenile delinquent who needlessly harassed the giant.

The essay was accepted in two days, giving her the unre-alistic notion that freelancing could be easy. But writing is hard work, she says. “I like to have writing classes, her numerous, sometimes controversial, essays brought her a certain amount of fame throughout the state, though it took her a while to realize it. One day her mail carrier said, “It’s so nice to have a celebrity on my route,” and she replied, “Really, who is he?”

Dorgan recently returned from a semester abroad to London. She will go abroad again later this year on a trip to Ireland with her sister. “County Cork is our second home,” she says.

Nancy Moore, 32 years of service
Nancy Moore, professor of English, has broadened horizons for women, investigated discrimination and was the first to teach a women’s studies course at UWSP. “I have seen the opening of horizons for women as the biggest trend that I benefited from,” she says. “In turn I have tried to open the doors for others.”

A Renaissance specialist, she taught classes from fresh man English to graduate literature and in recent years has taught Shakespeare. In 1973 she began teaching Women in Literature. UWSP’s first course in women’s studies, and in the mid-80s she introduced Canadian literature.

In the late 60s she notes that, although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 mandated equal pay for women, the law had not been implemented. When the Alumni Learning Resource Center was built, advertisements for help to move books stated that men would be paid $2 an hour and women $1.50. She also remembers a campus radio disc jockey who said women should maybe the proposed $2 an hour for announcing and would never hold those jobs.

In 1969 she helped organize and became the first president of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women. Later, soon after Chancellor Leo Dreyfus created an office for women at UWSP, a UW System initiative created the first Affirmative Action Office. Moore accepted a position as an officer in that new program.

She served as chair of the English Department, as acting dean of graduate studies and as an acting director of continuing education.

Bob Balas, 34 years of service
One of the highlights of Bob Balas’ career came when he was honored by his own students at the School of Communicative Disorders Awards ceremony with a lifetime achievement award.

“With all my years in the field as both a clinician and teacher, the position as an adviser has been the one re-specting experience in academia,” said Balas, professor of communicative disorders. “Interacting with students has been great.”

In addition to teaching both undergraduate and gradu-ate courses in audiologic and sign language, he has served as an associate dean and head of the school as well as the school’s academic co-ordinator.

Working on many university committees gave me a chance to interact with other faculty and staff on campus as well,” he said. “There is a myriad of hard-working people here, and collaborating with them has made my experience very worthwhile.”

Balas is also proud of his recent work facilitating the review and revision of the curriculum of the school’s undergraduate and graduate programs. Completing that was a major milestone and his legacy to the school, he said.

Before coming to UWSP, Balas was a teacher and chair of audiology and speech department at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., then the world’s only liberal arts college for the deaf.

Lynn Gilles, 21 years of service
Lynn Gilles, assistant professor of interior architecture, has taught basic and advanced computer aided design (CAD) for 10 years. She likes the challenge of new soft-ware, the problem solving and the hands-on teaching.

“Software was a new tool for computer aided design in the division and it appealed to me,” she said. “I have enjoyed teaching it because it’s constantly changing and it’s fun.”

Last fall she began teaching a basic computer course using a UWSP technology grant. Students use the soft-ware to create models of their designs, complete with ma-terials, furnishings and lighting.

“Strong computer design skills make students more marketable,” she said.

In the original home economics department, Gilles taught space planning, color and design, interior architectural design and on-time design. Recently, she has focused on interior architecture and the CAD classes.

After leading a study abroad to the South Pacific in 1996, she and Associate Professor Kathy Stump created a virtual design studio so that UWSP students could work on projects with architecture students in Australia on the Internet.

Byron Shaw, 32 years of service
Byron Shaw, professor of soil science and water science, is well known for his work on behalf of clean ground and surface water.

Shaw has directed the Environmental Task Force (ETF) since it started in 1973. The program provides data for education, research and public service programs and has been instrumental to policymakers at the local, state and national levels.

Colleagues and friends have initiated a scholarship in his honor. The Byron Shaw Water Resources Scholarship will recognize excellence by assisting an ETF student em-ployee or volunteer.

Shaw was one of the first to prove the presence of pesticides in groundwater. This discovery led to the passage of Wisconsin’s 1984 groundwater law, a model legislation for both the state and the nation.

Shaw has been the driving force for increased public awareness of the short-term and long-term vitality of groundwater throughout the state. He developed a series of drinking water programs known as the “homeowner package” that is still used to test for bacteria, nitrates and other impurities. His studies also have included farm animal runoff, phosphates and acid rain.

He also has served as a UW-Extension water quality specialist since 1977.

Shaw has received numerous honors during his career including the 1993 Wisconsin Idea Award in Natural Resource Policy from the UW-Madison Center for Resource Policy Studies and Programs and the Outstanding Service Award from the Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.
Robert Morris, 31 years of service
Associate Professor Robert Morris has taught everything from basic computing to complicated programming languages to build a dozen computer systems. When the computer information systems (CIS) major was new at UWSP, Morris taught several sections of "Introduction to Computing" every semester to 200 students in each class.

Since the early 1980s, he has taught six computer programming languages or operating systems for at least two years.

Shortly after Morris came to UWSP in 1969 he helped design the minor in CIS, which contributed to the development of the CIS major. He also served as computing coordinator for the department for seven years.

Morris and fellow mathematics and computing faculty member Matthew Liu taught the campus's first course in a programming language with Indiana University from August 1989 to August 1990. Morris taught computing and Liu taught mathematics to indigenous Malaysians who constitute about 60 percent of the population. Their mission was to increase the economic standing of the targeted group.

Patricia Paul, 30 years of service
Patricia Paul, associate professor in the University Library, played several roles in the library's development.

"I've enjoyed working with computers," she says, "and watching the evolution of using a single terminal to using a library automation system. There is always something to do and more things to add." "

Paul began her career as a library cataloger, using card stock and a Xerox machine. Her first job was to expedite the reclassing all of the materials from the Dewey Decimal system to the Library of Congress system. She became head of the cataloging department and in 1979, used a computer for the first time to enter catalog data.

In 1985 she became the library's automation manager, overseeing conversion of records and titles into a machine-readable format, a 10-year project.

Paul then became the coordinator of information services and in 1994, took a position as information technology librarian and collection development librarian.

The first on campus to teach a course on the Internet, she also created and managed the electronic reserve files on the Web.

Kathleen Buss, 17 years of service
Kathleen Buss, professor of education, recently co-authored Reading and Writing Literary Genres with UW-River Falls Professor Lee Karnowski.

According to Buss, she and Karnowski studied to both reading and writing in four main genres: fiction, traditional literature, fantasy and nonfiction. It contains seven chapters covering the teaching of realistic fiction, mysteries, fantasies, folk tales, modern folk tales, fantasy and biography.

During her tenure at UWSP, Buss was nominated for both the University Teaching Award and Outstanding Teacher in the School of Home Economics. She has shared her expertise with many area school districts and has made numerous national and regional presentations.

Arthur Hopper, 16 years of service
Upon his retirement, Arthur Hopper, professor and chair of theatre and dance, was the guest of honor at a musical event featuring alumna Susan Spencer, '89, and two other Broadway actors.

Hopper, who produced and directed the production, described it as "successful beyond my expectations." After the show's second performance, area friends and patrons of the arts announced an endowment with the UWSP Foundation to support his scholarship for an outstanding graduating senior to help gain national accreditation in 1985. He also was able to help his faculty colleagues develop professional degree granting programs in dance, acting, musical theatre and design technology.

The theatre and dance programs, which have developed national as well as regional reputations, are currently experiencing their highest enrollment ever.

Hopper says he is proud to leave the program in such a strong position with a solid curriculum and high quality students and faculty.

Leaving UWSP is an emotional step for Hopper. He says it will be difficult to no longer be involved in the development of young talent. It was a priviledge to be part of the Central Wisconsin community and its strong support of the arts, he says.

Stephen Pistono, 32 years of service
A specialist in the history of women and the history of religion, Professor Stephen Pistono has lectured in the community throughout his career, often sharing the podium with other faculty members.

Pistono and fellow faculty members developed a series of lectures on "Historical Bad Guys," "The Case for Jesus," "Dancing with Niccolos Machiavelli," Donald Dietrich lectured on Adolf Hitler and Hugh Walker talked about Mao Tse Tung.

In 1991 Pistono taught a workshop with Walker that traced the progress of women's studies at UWSP and Pistono's development of a non-major program with Indiana University from August 1989 to August 1990. Pistono taught computing and Liu taught mathematics to indigenous Malaysians who constitute about 60 percent of the population. Their mission was to increase the economic standing of the targeted group.

Mary Ann Baird, 38 years of service
One of the founders of the Division of Interior Architecture, Mary Ann Baird has seen the division grow from being part of home economics studies to an option in housing and interiors to a full-fledged degree program.

As head of the program during its early years, she was part of the curriculum, taught required courses, recruited new students and garnered money and resources.

Baird says the high point of her career was accreditation by the National Institute of Interior Design Education.

Specializing in architectural lighting design, she helped put into place the division's architectural lighting laboratory and lighting studio operation. She created a curriculum for interior architecture study abroad that keeps Western credit students earning credits on courses on campuses.

Baird has led six international study trips, traveling to England, Scotland, Greece, Turkey, most European countries, China and Israel, and will lead a summer trip to Germany, France and the Czech Republic next year. Besides serving 10 years as the division head and associate dean in the College of Professional Studies, Baird was acting dean of the college for one year. She also served as assistant campus planner from 1969 to 1975, helping plan two residence halls, the Fine Arts Center, the original portion of the College of Natural Resources, the first Science Building addition and the College of Professional Studies building.

She has received the University Service Award, Excellence in Teaching Award and Outstanding Teacher of the Year in the School of Home Economics. A scholarship in her name will benefit interior architecture students studying abroad.

Jyotsna Chander, 32 years of service
During her career, Jyotsna, "Jyoti" Chander, senior lecturer in mathematics, has been an advocate for women of color and women in science.

Chander began her career teaching mathematics in India before coming to UWSP. She helped develop the Women in Science program at UWSP and served on the UW System advisory board for the program. She was a member of the UW System "Expanding Your Horizons" network for young women in seventh and eighth grades. She received the University Mentor Award for her work as the founding advisor of the South Asian Network. She is also a founder and advisor of Women in Math and Computing.

"Students are sometimes afraid of mathematics," she says. "To overcome their fear, I tell them to think about the things they enjoy doing."

She has presented papers and lectured around the state on a variety of topics. She has received the Vice Chancellor's Merit Award, the Women of Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Minority Women's Network and the UW System's Women of Color Leadership Award.

She and her husband Jagdish plan to travel the globe. "We will get the best of what the planet has to offer," she says.

Jagdish Chander, 34 years of service
Jagdish Chander, professor of physics and astronomy, says he came to the U.S. from India because he saw it as the opportunity to be at the forefront of educational technology.

He came to UWSP after teaching physics in India. He earned a doctorate at Friedrich Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, where he participated in an academic exchange program sponsored by the German government.

A specialist in nuclear physics, Chander has concentrated his efforts on keeping the Women's Physics labs at UWSP compatible with the highest standards.

He was project director for a National Science Foundation-supported Undergraduate Research Participation Program from 1968 to 1972. Many physics students presented papers at regional conferences during their senior year under the program.

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Chander was part of an IDC (Institute for the Development of Communication) program in India. "I wanted to work with the students in the project," he says. "We visited several schools and I was very impressed with the students there."

He says the students were more knowledgeable than their American counterparts and asked complex questions.

"It was inspiring to see how I could help these students," he says.
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Hydrologic Technician for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Jessica Washburn, ’98, Tobu, Okla., is a video biologist at Impaction Productions. She also dances with the six-crewline dance troupe, NC-S, which performed in Spain in April. The company creates video art works for the New Year, she helped welcome the first U.S. sunrise of the millennium by participating in a nationally viewed project. She directed videoography for the performance of “First Dawn” in the Wisconsin Dells, for Harvest Moon in the U.S. eastern Maine, for the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, an internationally known leader in modern dance based in Washington, D.C.

Casey McCoy, ’98, Manhattan, Kan., is the rural fire fire training officer for the Kansas Forest Service, providing wildland fire training, military vehicles for fire use, Smokey Bear materials and cost sharing on fire equipment. He hopes to expand the program to address the urban interface and increase interagency involvement with other states in the Rocky Mountain region. “This is THE job I had hoped to find,” he says. “I owe a lot to the College of Natural Resources. UWSP is well known even in the plains and I think having a degree from UWSP had a lot to do with my being offered this position.”

Aimee Wolf, ’99, Middleton, is a personal care worker at Catalyst Home Health. She is also involved in power pacing at Harbor Athletic Club and has begun UW-Madison’s Medical School physical therapist assistant’s program. She and Todd Passini, ’99, were married in August. Todd works at the trainer audiovisual support at Harbor Athletic Club and plays hockey for the Madison Kodiaks. He also owns a firearms, an underground dog fencing business.

Beverly Brossel, ’98, Waukesha, is an enrollment specialist at National-Louis University in Evanston, Ill. Previously, she worked at a holistic product company in Napels, Fla. She visits classmates to her (universalchica@hotmail.com).

Jenny Balisle, ’98, Mishicot, is a registered social worker at Catalyst Home Health. She also married on the Green Circle Trail in Murphysboro, Ill., during the 20th anniversary celebration of the Steiner Hall Alcohol Exchange, an internationally known leader in the U.S.

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Maron Halushka, ’97, Weehawken, N.J., is a dancer with the Rock City Dancers and members of the New York Knicks. She also performs with the Torch Patrol, the dance team for the Women’s NBA team, the New York Liberty. She also designs showmanship for buyers at clothing companies. She recently finished a television advertisement for Adidas and several television shows for Reebok, performing in the company’s clothing at industrial shows. “New York is amazing,” she says.

Mary Mertz, ’97, Astoria, N.Y., is publications editor for the New York Philharmonic. She earned a master’s degree from Syracuse University and previously worked as an editorial researcher, writer and reporter for Ladies’ Home Journal.

Melissa Dier, ’97, Seattle, Wash., is assignment manager at Fox Sports Northwest, a sports cable network that broadcasts live shows covering professional and collegiate sports in the Pacific Northwest. The Seattle office is one of eight regional hubs. She previously worked at NBC News in Green Bay.

Peter Lefebre, ’97, Madison, is application administrator for Covance, Inc. His wife, Holly (Bottomley), ’96, is a Central U.S. zone manager for Beyond Hello, Inc. They wrote this story together, then married them (palefeber@yahoo.com) and (hlefeber@beyondhello.com).

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Scott Swanson, '93, is the manager of Badger Uniform Service in Appleton. “Thanks to my degree I’m happily advancing in my career!” says Scott Swanson, ’93.

Dawn (Day) HOURIGAN, ’93, Yorkville, is administrator of the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee. In March she produced “Final Respects: Dealing With Death in the Victorian Era,” a traveling exhibit offered by the Rogers Historical Museum in Rogers, Ark., at the Pabst.

Amy (Klawitter) ZEICKER, ’93, Appleton, has taught a diverse population of first graders at Jefferson Elementary school for five years. She and her husband, Paul, ’90, have two children.

Ken KRUG, ’93, Fond du Lac, is plant manager at BCI Builders, manufacturers of commercial playground equipment. He and his wife, Debbie, were married in 1996.

Dawn O'NEILL-NUMMER, ’93, Wisconsin Rapids, an artist and teacher, was a winner in the drawing division of the annual postcard contest at the John Michael Kohler Art Galaxy in Sheboygan.

JULIANNE, ’94, Cerro Gordo, Calif., received a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is an embryotech- nologist at the University of California, San Francisco.

Melinda (Shaw) COCHRAN, ’93, Bloomington, Ill., is a member of the faculty at Illinois State University. Besides teaching, she is a published poet and editor.

Joshua EDERLING, ’92, Madison, is an independent contractor with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1998 and completed medical school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, two programs that garnered the Four Star Award from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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Darryl Landeau, ’91, South Milwaukee, is an assistant manager at BCI Burke, manufacturers of commercial playground equipment. A customer service agent at Beckman Coulter in Madison twelve years ago, he was relocated to Milwaukee due to a business expansion at the time.

Leidy Moore’s “Blue Lagoon”

Paula (Bechtold) MEYER, ’96, Kaukauna, has taught Spanish for the last four years at Appleton North High School and taught in other area schools for the previous seven years. This year she moved to Spain inspired her to Chapman students there herself. She is in personnel administration at Illinois State University. She credits Professor Mark Hadiy, a psychology major, who served as a graduate assistant in Professor Mark Hadiy’s research on the relationship between childhood and personality and dietary treatments. She also taught topics such as nutrition and critical thinking in the graduate psychology major.

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Poetry anyone?

English professor emeritus, Richard “Doc” Doxtator has this question for his 7,000 former UWSP students: “What’s your favorite poem?” Please e-mail your tale and title how the poem came to be your favorite (docwort@webtv.net).

Joe Balazs, ’86, is the director of Aram Public Library in Delavan. He spent two semesters as an intern with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Library. Lisa (Fitz) OROCK, ’86, Oshkosh, teaches special education and is pursuing a master’s degree in plating with the UWSP Graduate School. She and her husband, Keith, have one daughter.

Connie Hedinhammar, ’86, Richmond, Va., teaches social studies at Central Wisconsin Community College. In May she received a master’s degree from the University of Virginia.

Brad Soderberg, ’85, Sun Prairie, is an accounting manager for the Clariant Corporation in Madison. He is one of two primary recruiters on Dick Bennett’s staff, dealing with numerous potential job candidates from the start of the process to the end. After playing under Coach Bob Naughton at UWSP and assisting him for the past five years, Soderberg says he knows exactly what the program is seeking. In an interview with Central Wisconsin Business, he said that things in every high school player he researches, skill, God-given talent and attitude are manifest in “Burnt Offerings,” he says, “but one of the three has to be attitudinal. You can’t take a player who has a bad attitude.”

Joseph Polman, ’85, Stevens Point, and his wife, Valerie, have three children.

Sara (Saindon) Rogers, ’85, Stevens Point, is a shift manager at the World of Westland Insurance. She and her husband, Larry, have four children.

Helen Krueger, ’85, Grand Prairie, Texas, is a forensic accountant with The Assmann Group, based in Denver, Colo. She previously lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., and worked at risk, youth and battered women’s organizations.

“I still feel the passion and dedication that all the UWSP faculty instilled in me.” – Wende (Rosier) Mahaney, ’84.
Carlsten Art Gallery honors former student

An art show entitled “Unconventional Wisconsin” will celebrate the memory of Dan Favor, an unconventional UWSW art and design student. Favor, a self-employed graphic designer and DVD artist, although Favor did not graduate, he attended UWSW from 1985 to 1990. He died in 1999 at age 37.

The exhibition will open Saturday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Carlsten Art Gallery of the UWSW Fine Arts Center. The show will run through October 11. During the opening, the Dan Favor Memorial Prize of $2,000 will be awarded. This is the largest prize for a juried art exhibition in Wisconsin, according to Diane Bywaters, UWSW professor of art and design.

Five judges donated their time and expertise to select the work of 21 current and former Wisconsin artists. The exhibition also will include Favor’s work.

Wisconsin artists were invited to submit works for the exhibition. All entry fees are used for the award. In addition, Eastbay of Wausau and The Noel Group of Stevens Point gave generous donations.

An endowment has been established to provide support for the continuation of the exhibition and for visual art experiences for children.

Donations for the continuation of the “Unconventional Wisconsin Exhibition” and the children’s visual art scholarship will be accepted during the exhibition, or can be sent to: Community Foundation of Portage County, P.O. Box 968, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or call 715-342-4454.
Bergman wants to be a millionaire
Gary Bergman, '67, a retired high school physics
mattcher at Holmen High School. He shook hands with Regis Philbin and got his autograph just before going on stage as a co-starring on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire". "I made the cut to see Regis say, "Gary, is that your final answer?" He's very happy to have his friend and mentor who provided airfare to New York for him and his wife, Sue, for lunch and limousine and meals during the stay. However, it may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He plans to enjoy it and return to Wisconsin in May, when he again became eligible to compete on the show. He still participates in the UWSP Trivia weekend sponsored each April by the student radio station, 90FM, which gave Bergman his start in trivia mania.

Dolly (Wakerhauser) Fischer, '77, Kaukauna, is a second grade teacher in the Northland School District. She enjoys over 20 years of teaching thanks to the start I received at UWSP," she says. Her education has proven invaluable in helping paralegal

Diane (Mooney) Baumann, '77, Verona, is a teacher's assistant at Verona Area Middle School. She also teaches as a substitute teacher at the Caring Center. Her son is a sophomore at UW-L.

Phil Katz, '74, Stevens Point, met with Miss America 2000 Heather French at the reunion of the Distinguished Alumni at Fort Campbell, Ky. French is an advocate for disabled and homeless veterans. "As the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, I have pledged to help homeless veterans fight the battles they face on our nation's streets," French says. "So they know I was there and can learn to support their life to these often forgotten men and women." Katz was appointed vice delegate to the Board of Governors of the 101st Airborne Association.

Pendy (Pokela) Hannes, '72, Green Bay, is a professional speaker and free-lance trainer. She and her husband, Dennis, co-authored a book, Attitudes Are Contagious... Are Yours Free of Infection?"

Robert Schlack, '76, Allis West, is a president of an executive search and technical placement agency in Milwaukee. He has been working in this field for 13 years.

James Hamilton, '75, Stevens Point, is executive director of the Stevens Point Hospital Auxiliary. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Stevens Point Area Chamber of Commerce and on the board of the Wisconsin Community Foundation. He and his wife, Jacalyn, have two daughters.

David Thomas, '75, Bandette, Minn., an area forest supervisor, has served 25 years with the Minnesota DNR. He still participates in the UWSP Trivia program, started a class to introduce food service to students and raised funds by catering several events with students. "I enjoyed working for court services in the Walworth County Courthouse and have met many interesting people. As the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, it is very rewarding to lend their support to these veterans," French says. "So they know I was there and can learn to support their life to these often forgotten men and women."

Teresa Marks, '75, Waunakee, is a senior custodian for Cooper Power Systems, manufacturers of electrical transformers. She sends data from their five national customers worldwide. She loves to travel and says Hawaii is her favorite destination.

Mary Ellen (Schuelke) Stobba, '74, Waukesha, is a senior social worker for court services in the Walworth County Courthouse. She has worked in the department for 25 years and has counseled many young court workers for senior citizens in the county.

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John Wheaton, ’59, lives in Plummer, Idaho, with his wife, Elvia. After a car accident in 1990, he retired from teaching high school and college economic development administration for western American Indian tribes. Conducting independent fishery research projects on the St. Joe River and Clearwater River in Idaho, he has developed a fish-dispatching device to immobilize and terminate ripe spawning salmon and steelhead for use in facilities where fish are dispatched for spawning. He is also completing a field program, Salmon and Steelhead Recovery for the Coeur d’Alene River, which will be available for presentation to sportmen’s clubs and other organizations through his office for a small fee. He can be reached on P.O. Box 123, Plummer, ID 83851, or e-mail (whetona@northwest.net).

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Brian Quast, '98, Sheboygan, died Jan. 25 at age 24 of injuries suffered in a caraccident. He was employed at Landscapes and was pursuing a degree in construction. He also served as assistant swim coach at South High School in Sheboygan. He was involved in many volunteer organizations at stake and national levels.

Theodore Mathies, '50, Milwaukee, died May 2 at his age at 27. In 1996 he joined the Wisconsin State Senate and Poland until 1998. He was employed at Wisconsin State University-Parkside in West Salem. He was also a long distance runner and was a truck coach at Stratford High. He is survived by his wife, Linda, one daughter and one stepdaughter.

Galen Reger, '63, Merrill, died Oct. 12, at age 78. He taught for many years in Merrill.

Marybelle (O'Brien) Lucas, '53, Racine, died Jan. 17 at age 78. She received her degree in her 50s and became a third grade teacher in the Mosinee school district. She was a champion of women's rights and worked to help others in need. She was active in many community and charitable organizations and was a volunteer at her local church. John Kennedy's campaign and hosted gath- erings at her home, including one attended by President Kennedy. She donated her body to the U-W-Madison Medical School for research.

Norma (Werner) Dixon, '39, of formerly of Stratford, died Dec. 26 at age 85. She received a teacher's certificate from the U-W-Madison in 1962 and was teaching before studying at Stevens Point. She taught at age 64. She was a teacher in the Mosinee school district. She taught for many years in the Shawano school system. She received her master's degree in 1983. He was the London bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal.

Ruth (Wagner) Beyer, '59, Eau Claire, died Jan. 3 at age 84. She was active in her church for more than 50 years. She was known for her strong interest in children, she was active in organizations such as scouting and PTA. She taught in several Wisconsin school before her marriage.

Glen Harris, '38, died Dec. 23. He was teacher and principal for over 40 years. Norman Hinkley, '38, Portage, died March 16 at age 84. He served in the Army during World War II. He taught music at Whitehall, Prairie du Chien and Portage and Green Bay High East, retiring in 1978. He was survived by his wife, Betty (Gust), '42.

Glen Harris, '38, Colton, died at age 85. He was a principal for the Kewaunee Unified School District for 31 years.

Elaine (Cooper) Meilahn, '36, Stevens Point, died March 24 at age 75. She taught in Kewaunee County school for many years before moving to Plover.

Robert Styes, '53, Plover, died Dec. 20 at age 72 following a battle with lung cancer. He served in the Army in Japan in the pacification forces. A lifetime educator, he taught in Bruce, Marshfield and Ashland, where he also served as principal. After working in textbook sales for a number of years, he was a Title 1 teacher in Neenah until his retirement in 1991. He donated his body for research to the U-W-Madison Medical School. He and his wife, Barbara, survived, lived in Port Edwards for many years before moving to Plover.

Allen Braem, '51, Fairfax Bay, Ark., died Jan. 3 at age 75. Also a homemaker, he attended Los Angeles City College until 1953. He served on the board of the Wisconsin State University System. After teaching for 25 years, he retired in 1978. He was a Democrat and a member of the Wisconsin State Senate. He was active in many community and charitable organizations. He was a member of the Wisconsin State University System.
Homecoming 2000 offers activities for the whole family

Celebrating cultures from around the world, UWSP students, alumni and friends will participate in activities the whole family can enjoy at Homecoming 2000, Saturday, Sept. 29.

Before the homecoming parade, alumni and friends are invited to enjoy coffee, juice and donuts in the Berg Gym Lobby. The parade, beginning at 10 a.m. on Isadore St. and ending at Goerke Park, will feature the Alumni Marching Band, campus organization and residence hall floats and community entries.

The Pointers will battle the UW-Oshkosh Titans in a football match at 1 p.m. Saturday at Goerke Park.

The College of Natural Resources will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an open house and social at the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other departmental reunions will be held at 11:30 a.m. See the schedule below for details.

The homecoming banquet features induction of this year’s honorees into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. in the Melvin R. Laird Room of the University Center.

Child care will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the University Learning and Child Care Center. To register, call (715) 346-4370 by September 15. An abbreviated schedule of this year’s events can be found on this page. A complete schedule is available in a brochure from the Alumni Relations Office, 208 Old Main, (715) 346-4100 or toll free 1-877-POIN'T01 and on the Alumni Web site (www.uwsp.edu/almun).

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