Baeseeman joins Gore’s climate change education team

An Inconvenient Truth, a documentary about global warming and the crusade of former Vice President Al Gore, has grossed over $20 million, won two Academy Awards and brought the issue of global warming into America’s living rooms.

To bring the message of An Inconvenient Truth to more people, Gore has created The Climate Project and chosen 1,000 people from all walks of life to spread awareness and challenge people and governments to take action against the effects of global warming. Jenny Baeseeman, ’98, Kent, Ohio, is one of those chosen few.

An assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Kent State University, and a UWSP Alumni Association Board member, Baeseeman has studied firsthand how climate is changing. She has taken three research trips to Antarctica and has been working with other scientists on the International Polar Year (IPY), a large scientific program focused on the Arctic and the Antarctic that was launched in Paris in March and continues until March 2009. She heard about The Climate Project through her IPY colleagues, applied with 5,000 others and was notified of her selection in December.

“I got my own personal Christmas present from Al Gore,” she said. Baeseeman spent three days in Nashville, Tenn., in January, training with Gore, scientists and public speaking experts on how to present an effective slide show about climate change, talk about scientific concepts and answer questions. Among the 1,000 are scientists, authors, celebrities, filmmakers, meteorologists, teachers and even a few priests and ministers, she said. The volunteers are to make at least 10 presentations this year to those who have not seen An Inconvenient Truth or who want to learn more about the threat of climate change.

“Our main goal is to educate,” Baeseeman said. “There are many things we can do to slow global warming, from using fluorescent light bulbs to hanging your clothes outside instead of using a dryer.”

Baeseeman has already made several presentations, the first in February at a meeting of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and another at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Sanibel, Fla. One of her UWSP classmates, Toni (Daddato) Westland, ’98, Fort Myers, Fla., works there and hosted her visit. She hopes to come to UWSP in the future.

Baeseeman is also involved in the Decade of Environmental Decisions project, www.decadeofed.org, which will be launched with IPY in March. The site encourages people to make environmental decisions that add up to significant global change.

Alumni to celebrate milestone reunions this summer

The UWSP graduating classes of 1957, 1982 and 1997 have a lot to celebrate this year.

These classes will together mark their milestone 50th, 25th and 10th college reunions respectively in a two-day event at the UWSP campus on Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23.

“Milestone Reunion Weekend is about connecting alumni to campus and to each other, across generations. There will be activities for individual classes and segments of classes as well as time for all alumni to meet each other and share common Pointer experiences. The weekend will culminate in the Milestone Awards dinner on Saturday which will honor all three classes,” said Laura Gebman Rottier, ’02, director of Alumni Affairs.

“This is the first year we are trying a combined reunion, and of course the Dreyfus University Center is under construction, so we’re hoping for a good turnout and good weather.”

Campus tours start off the weekend on Friday, offered at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the flagpoles in front of Old Main. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a picnic lunch will be served on the front lawn of Old Main.

After lunch, two “Alumni College” workshops will be held. From 1-1:45 p.m., “Genealogy” will be held in University Library 310, led by Ruth Steffen. From 2-2:45 p.m., Professors Emeriti Donald Showalter and Marvin Lang will lead “Chemistry Can Be Fun.”

City tours will be offered at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. a study abroad reunion will be held and at 6 p.m. a milestone social will be held, both events taking place at the Holiday Inn.

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An Inconvenient Truth

Jenny Baeseeman met former Vice President Al Gore during a training session for The Climate Project in January. UWSP is also making efforts to affect climate change as one of the UW System’s green campuses. For more, see the Energy Independence article on page 7.
What is your favorite Pointer memory?

College is the time in our lives that we learn and grow into the adults we are to become. As such, college is also the time we create lasting memories and lifelong friendships. What is your favorite memory from UWSP?

Getting an A on an extremely tough assignment? Attending a play or sporting event with friends to cheer on the team or appreciate the artistic talents of your friends? Joining a group or club that helped you learn about yourself while helping others?

Perhaps you met your future spouse on campus. I know I did. My favorite memory by far is running through the sprinklers kitty corner to Schmeeckle on one of our first dates (and yes, it was a little cold)!

Whatever your favorite memory may be, we encourage you to keep in touch with the friends in those memories and with UWSP so that we can share your stories with all of your Pointer family. We asked a few of our current students what their favorite memory of UWSP is so far…perhaps you can relate to their stories!

“My freshman year here, the men’s basketball team, the women’s basketball team, and us (women’s hockey team), were all at our respective Final Four National Tournaments at the same time. I believe it was the first time in history that had happened. I thought that was pretty cool, and really good for our sports program. The men’s basketball team won the championship (their first of two in a row), women’s basketball got fourth place, and we got second place.”

— Julie LaClair, ’07

“I love to spend my free time in summer walking through Schmeeckle and hanging out on the beach. Summer is my favorite season in Stevens Point because there are so many great outdoor adventures to take advantage of. Lake Emily and Sunset are awesome places to hang out and picnic, and the water is always at a perfect temperature. Summer is my favorite season, but even when school is in session, there are always fun things to do. I really like to attend random student organization meetings…you always learn something new, and they usually have free food!”

— Aaron Mullins, ’07

If you would like to share one of your favorite Pointer memories, don’t be shy. You can do so by logging on to the Connecting Point at www.uwsp.edu/alumni or by e-mailing or writing the Alumni Affairs Office. A selection of these favorite memories will be featured in the fall issue of the Pointer Alumnus.

With warm thoughts and memories,

Laura Gehrman Rottier, ’02

members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered for a meeting at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction last October. Picture are, from left to right in the back row: Grant Winslow, ’89, DePere; Mary Ann Nighbor, ’67, Stevens Point; Shannon Loecher, ’93, Minneapolis; Mimi, president; Mary Wesocz, ’75, Stevens Point (vice president); Michael Kornmann, ’80, Webster; Tamara Butts Moore, ’92, Colorado Springs, Colo.; David Bruha, ’82, Wisconsin Rapids; Tom Kilmith, ’80, Plover; Gordon Faust, ’58, Waunakee; Scott Thomas, ’88, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Tom Girolamo, ’82, Madison (past president).

From left in the front row is Terri Taylor, Alumni Affairs; Joanne Loefler, ’88, Seymour; Laura Gehrman Rottier, ’02, Alumni Affairs; Patricia Curry, ’58, Wisconsin Rapids; and Allen Barrows, ’48, Stevens Point.

Board members not pictured include Patrick Braatz, ’84, Beaverton, Ore. (president elect); Jenny Baessman, ’86, Keep, Ohio; Eric Stacher, ’92, Denver, Colo.; Bruce Bay, ’65, St. Louis, Mo.; Jeffrey Buchanani, ’90, Madison; Jean Ann Day, ’92, Stevens Point; Andrew Halverson, ’01, Stevens Point; Melissa Hardin, ’87, Madison; Betty Jenkins, ’63, Stevens Point; John Jokela, ’89, Schofield; Carol Lagerquist, ’66, Green Bay; David Marie, ’79 & ’81, Plover; Judith Miller, ’86, Wausau; Patty Nolan, ’70, Stevens Point; Tammy Oswald, ’97, Milwaukee (member at large); Cindy Polzin, ’01, Madison (member at large); Elaine Schumacher, ’74, Ormond Beach, Fla.; and student representatives Gina Neuville, ’08 (Future Alumni Association president); Ross Cohen, ’07 (Student Government Association president).

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Alumni winners announced

Among the benefits of being an alumnus of UWSP are the regular prize drawings offered to those who have a relationship with the UWSP Alumni Association and take advantage of alumni programs.

Nick Wohlt, ’70, Weyauwega, won two Midwest Airlines tickets and 50,000 InterContinental Priority Club Points by entering a drawing for those who had become Advantage members through a Sentry Insurance promotion offered with the UWSP Alumni Association. (For more information, see the Benefits Section at www.uwsp.edu/alumni.) The club points are the equivalent of two nights in a Holiday Inn or Crowne Plaza hotel. Nick plans on using the tickets for a trip to Orlando.

Jim Wanserski, ’72, Wausau, won United Flight miles in another Sentry Insurance drawing. (For more on Jim, see Class Notes.)

The winners of the Homecoming 2006 hotel stay giveaway include William Heit, ’96, Sun Prairie; Jan Jawsorki, ’84, Milwaukee; Joey Robinson, ’98, Northfield, Minn.; and Fay Rusch, ’87, Sheboygan Falls. These winners qualified for the drawing by registering online for Homecoming activities at www.uwsp.edu/alumni.

Alumni trip to Ireland set for fall

This fall, enjoy a trip to Ireland, where legends live large, luminous lakes spread out over green hills and valleys, lush wood slopes run into breathtaking sandy white beaches and castles are as common as pubs.

The UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation is sponsoring a seven-day trip to Ireland Friday, Sept. 28, through Thursday, October 6, with travel in the southern part of the country including Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney, Blarney, Glendalough, Waterford and Kinsale. Excursions include the Dingle Peninsula, Muckross House and Gardens, Blarney Castle, a tour of Dublin, the Waterford Crystal Factory and the ancient monastery at Glendalough.

The trip includes round trip airfare, four nights in Killarney and three nights in Kilkenny in first-class accommodations, a full Irish breakfast daily, transfers, deluxe motor coach transportation with an experienced Irish guide, luggage handling, taxes and an experienced hospitality representative for $2,049 per person.

Braatz new Alumni Association president

The president-elect of the Alumni Association, Patrick Braatz, ’84, Beaverton, Ore., is enjoying the view these days.

Not only does he look forward to beginning his two-year term as head of the UWSP Alumni Association this fall, he enjoys his job as executive director of the Oregon Board of Dentistry as well as the impressive scenery beyond the windows of his downtown Portland office.

“I look out my window and see a view of Mount St. Helens as it’s continuing to blow off steam,” he says. “When I look to my right I have a magnificent view of the snow-covered Mount Hood. It’s just awesome.”

Braatz became a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1986 at the request of former Alumni Affairs Director Karen Engelhard, ’59, Stevens Point. “The opportunity to work with her was something I could not pass up.” He also has served as vice president of the organization.

“It is my hope that during the next two years the Alumni Board will be able to put into place outreach programs that will allow our alumni to reconnect with the UWSP, giving them an opportunity to see how much UWSP has grown and developed into a highly respected well rounded higher educational institution,” said Braatz.

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Get to the Point... The Connecting Point

If you have not had the chance to log on and join The Connecting Point at www.uwsp.alumni, there is no time like the present! This free online community of UWSP alumnus has already seen nearly 1,700 members log in and update their information. “Our goal is to reach 2,000 by the end of June,” says Laura Gehman Rottier, ’02, director of Alumni Affairs. “Hopefully we can even surpass that.”

Through The Connecting Point and other avenues, the Alumni Affairs Office has received almost 9,000 e-mail addresses, which makes for easier and up-to-date communication with alumni.

At The Connecting Point, you can access and search an online directory of alumni, create a list of favorite contacts and find a list of upcoming alumni events. If you have news to share, you can add it to the Points of Contact section, which offers the categories of Career, Birth and Adoption, Marriage and Commitments, Education, Catching Up, In Memoriam and General. By accessing your Pointer Homepage, you can update your profile, view your contacts and view recent alumni updates and new memberships. You may also sign up for a permanent e-mail address which never changes and affiliates you with UWSP. All messages are then forwarded to an e-mail address you provide and change as needed. This can be a benefit for those applying for jobs or moving often.

The Connecting Point keeps our alumni connected to each other and to our alma mater,” said Gehman Rottier.

Scott Schultz golf outing, August 13

With a reputation for good fun, good food and good fellowship, the sixth annual Scott Schultz Memorial Golf Outing will be held Monday, August 13.

The event generates income for several scholarships given in honor of Schultz, a 1971 alumnus who served as Student Government Association president and was the mayor of Stevens Point for eight years. Schultz later worked in the UWFoundation and was executive director of the Community Foundation of Portage County when he died suddenly at age 51. The scholarships acknowledge incoming students who, like Scott, have provided outstanding service and leadership to their school and community.

“Scott did so much for the university and the community during his life, it is appropriate that we honor his memory and his contributions with these scholarships,” said John Jury, a committee member and longtime colleague.

“What do you get for winning? Well, that’s a different story,” says Brant Bergeron, ’85, Plover, past Alumni Affairs director and committee member. “There is a competitive element for the good golfers, but there are also some ‘different’ challenges that make it fun for all ability levels. Scott would have loved the companionship this event creates.”

The golf outing offers men’s, women’s and mixed gender competitions with hole prizes and surprises for all. This year, the event will be held at the Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola, between Stevens Point and the location of many Schultz family members. Alumni and community members are encouraged to get their four person teams together and register with the Alumni Affairs Office (715) 346-3811.

More than 20 tourneys participated in the 2006 Schultz golf outing, including the group of Jim LaMar, ’73, Stevens Point; Brian Milkowski, Mosinee; Buck Bergeron, Coleman; and Brant Bergeron, ’85, Plover.
Specht’s estate funds scholarships

The estate of Ellen and Raymond Specht, former faculty members at UWSP, has established scholarships to assist students studying English and cartography at UWSP. Endowments in the amounts of $75,000 each for the Ellen Specht English Department Scholarship and the Raymond E. and Ellen Specht Scholarship in Cartography have been created through the UWSP Foundation. Both scholarships will be awarded annually to outstanding students in each major, with recipients selected by faculty within the English and geography departments. The gifts were made in memory of Ellen and Ray Specht and to assist students studying English and cartography at UWSP.

The endowments were established in the will of Ellen Specht, who died last February at age 88. She worked at UWSP between 1951 and 1970 as a lecturer in the English department and as a librarian, and also assisted with university publication design including the campus yearbook. Raymond Specht, who died in 1995, came to campus in 1947 and served as a teacher, coach and administrator before retiring in 1982. As the campus planner from 1966 to 1981, during the campus’ largest growth period, he was responsible for the development and construction of more than $100 million in new buildings. The Specht Memorial Forum/Sudiali was named in his honor in 1996.

Students enjoy working on Annual Campaign for Point

By Kyt Burton

When I came to UWSP in 2003, I was fresh out of high school, with an optimistic outlook and an empty bank account. Although my parents – amazing people that they are – pay my tuition, there are a lot of other things a college student needs: books, a decent computer, pizza... I needed a job. I found an ad for Phonathon Callers on UWSP’s student employment Web site. Talking to alumni and raising money for my school seemed like a natural fit for me, so I applied. Halfway through my first semester at UWSP, I started working on the Annual Campaign for Point.

I soon found that my job was a lot of work; it’s hard to call people you’ve never met. It’s even harder to convince them to give money, no matter how good the cause. Some nights I heard the beeping of hundreds of answering machines, and not a single human voice. But I wasn’t about to give up. I knew the importance of the calls I was making. The alumni whose pledges I collected over the phone provided scholarships, research materials, and other important resources to UWSP students.

Working on the Annual Campaign meant more to me than just a part-time job. My parents always urged me to make the world a better place, and I was making a positive impact here at UWSP. I loved talking with alumni about what they’d done in college and where they’d gone since. I loved raising money for my school. I loved being a Phonathon Caller!

In 2005, I became a student manager for the Phonathon. I miss talking with alumni, but I love working with other students who are eager to help our school! As a Phonathon student manager, I’ve learned a lot about what the UWSP Foundation does. Our goal is to improve education here at UWSP through private support, which means that our success depends on our alumni. This year we’re trying to raise a half-million dollars for UWSP students. I know that’s a lot of money, but if each alum gave just ten dollars (and I know some will give more), we’ll meet our goal. In the first semester alone, we received over $350,000 in pledges. If these pledges are all returned, we’ll have raised 70 percent of our goal already!

I’m really proud of the things I’ve learned and the work I’ve done here at UWSP! When I graduate in May, I won’t just have a degree in psychology. I’ll also take with me all the experiences I’ve had while working on the Annual Campaign for Point. And although I’ll be leaving the Phonathon, I know that it’ll be in good hands with the excellent team of student managers and Phonathon callers I’ve had the privilege of working with this semester. In order to better introduce the UWSP Phonathon team, I’ve collected info about a few of our student callers in the profiles below.

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Provost Helm to retire in July

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Virginia Helm will retire from UWSP in July, having served as head of Academic Affairs and in a one-year term as interim chancellor since coming to the university in 2002.

Helm made the announcement during her State of Academic Affairs address January 24. With her husband, Tom, retired, Helm felt the time was right. “This is something I have looked forward to for a long time,” she said, “even while enjoying a long and active career in higher education.”

“UWSP is a very special institution filled with faculty and staff who are capable, caring and dedicated to our wonderful students and to the institution,” she said. “I feel privileged to have spent five years in this university and town.”

Chancellor Linda Bunnell said she “will miss Helm both professionally and personally,” adding, “Virginia has a good sense of the culture here and is extremely positive about the campus. She kept UWSP moving forward while she served as interim chancellor, and gave me great support as chancellor.”

The search process for Helm’s replacement has already begun. Helm was interim chancellor during the 2003-04 academic year, serving as the first female leader of the campus in its 109-year history. While she was vice chancellor, faculty development opportunities increased and she initiated the University Evening program in which noted faculty present a public lecture or performance. Online courses and participation in Winterim session doubled, new programs in Web and digital media development and health sciences were created and a partnership was formed with UW-Madison to provide a doctoral program in audiology.

This spring, she is spearheading the university’s reaccreditation activity and strategic planning initiative. She is also active in several community and education organizations.

Before coming to UWSP, Helm was executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Ind. She also spent 25 years as a professor and administrator at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. Helm was a high school English teacher for five years before working in higher education.

Helm plans to retire to Chicago, where she and Tom have a residence. “Just being there provides opportunities to do the things we so enjoy,” she said, “such as concerts, plays, walks by Lake Michigan and in Lincoln Park, browsing in bookstores, reading, working out to keep the flab at bay . . . nothing very demanding.”

“Eventually I look forward to becoming involved in some kind of outreach through a church or agency,” she added. “Chicago offers lots of opportunities along that line too.”

Dreyfus University Center project moving forward, naming ceremony set

The Dreyfus University Center remodeling project continues on schedule, according to Susan Crotteau, center assistant director, even as the snow falls on campus.

As students, faculty and community members look forward to the fall completion, a naming ceremony date has been set for Friday, October 12, at 1 p.m. Members of the Dreyfus family are scheduled to attend the event, which will be open to the public. The building will not yet be open at that time, but those attending will get a brief sneak peak inside.

“We’re so proud to add Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus’ name to the UWSP University Center, as students were at the center of the governor’s leadership during his time here,” said Toddi Knueckhahn, director of the UWSP Foundation. “This event will not only celebrate his many contributions to our university, but to our state.”

“This is truly a center for our students, as this is a student funded project,” said Crotteau, who, over the past months, has spent many hours in a hard hat, giving tours of the construction area to various student and staff groups and working with the contractors. Construction is expected to be done at the end of October, but it will take several months for all the departments to relocate back into the building.

A series of grand opening celebration events is being planned for the first part of the spring semester 2008.

As the Alumnus went to press, the new two-story atrium was enclosed as was the new larger Laird Room, which now holds 225 more people. Also taking shape is the sloped floor theatre on the southwest corner, adjacent to the Communication Arts Center.

A larger dining area, featuring various food stations and both booth and table seating, a brick-oven pizza parlor and one consolidated checkout area, has been created in the area previously occupied by the Pointer Express, Wooden Spoon, Taco Bell and Encore Room. Much of the existing wall surfaces in this area, such as the brick in the old Encore Room, have been retained, Crotteau said, to give alumni visitors a sense of recognition and to mix the old and the new.

Per students’ request, she said, numerous lounge areas have been added throughout the building for informal studying and meetings. The project has focused on students and their needs out of the classroom, she said.

While construction continues on the Dreyfus University Center, the campus and alumni can look forward to a Friday, October 12th, naming ceremony that will honor UWSP’s past president and chancellor, Lee Sherman Dreyfus.

UWSP among top universities again

UWSP continues to rate highly among the top public universities in the Midwest, according to the U.S. News and World Report.

The 2007 ratings released in August named UWSP seventh in the top tier of Midwestern public master’s degree-granting institutions. UWSP ranked sixth in 2006.

UWSP was found to have 93 percent of its undergraduate classes taught by regular faculty, which is the highest in the UW System. UWSP also had one of the highest graduation rates among the UW comprehensive universities.

U.S. News and World Report uses several indicators of academic excellence to rate campuses, including academic reputation as assessed by peers, retention, faculty resources, students, financial resources, graduation rates and alumni giving. Schools are organized by mission and region.

UWSP makes a big economic impact

UWSP contributes $378 million to the Central Wisconsin region annually, according to a report issued by Dennis Winters of NorthStar Economics, Inc., a private economic consulting and research firm in Madison.

Released in early January, the 37-page report also states: UWSP’s nearly 9,000 students spend almost $78 million in the region each year; the university is responsible for nearly 5,700 jobs in the region and nearly 6,400 jobs statewide; and UWSP students contribute almost $46,000 volunteer hours and $2.7 million worth of time to local community services.

“UWSP is part of the very fabric of the community and greater region,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. “Its students and workforce are vital to the communities and businesses of all of Central Wisconsin. We’re here to stay and we will do our part to meet the needs of the region and the state.”

“We hope that the support of the private and public sector throughout the region will encourage Governor Doyle to continue his investment in UWSP in his upcoming budget,” Bunnell added.

Documentary filmmaker to give lecture

Ken Burns, a renowned documentary filmmaker and historian, will give a presentation at the University Theatre on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., as part of Sentry Insurance’s Invitation to the Arts program in conjunction with UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Tickets are available at the University Box Office, (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378, for $10 a person. All proceeds will benefit fine arts programs in Stevens Point high schools.

During his presentation, Burns will highlight his many past productions and divulge information about his upcoming projects. One of his highly anticipated works, The War, a seven-part series about World War II, will debut on public television in September.

Burns has more than 30 years of filmmaking experience, with many of his films focusing on history to life. His repertoire includes the Academy Award nominated Brooklyn Bridge and the Emmy Award winners The Civil War, Baseball and Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson. One of his techniques, the use of embedding still photographs in motion pictures through panning and fading, was named The Ken Burns Effect and is a staple in documentary filmmaking.

“More Americans get their history from Ken Burns than any other source,” says historian Stephen Ambrose.

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Master Sgt. Michael Butcher, military science, retired from active duty military in October after 23 years of service. Currently the senior military instructor at UWSP, Butcher served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, where his battalion was awarded the Presidential Valorous Unit Citation and he won the Bronze Star. He began teaching at UWSP in November 2006.

Diane Bywaters, art and design, was commissioned by Wisconsin Percent for Art to create three paintings for the West Bend National Guard, a helicopter medical rescue unit. The 22 by 80 inch oil paintings will feature aerial images of the West Bend area in summer, fall and winter framed within stainless steel structures reminiscent of medical stretchers. The works will be installed in 2007.

Robert Kase, chair of the Music Department, was honored with the first Proneathus Award in Music for Outstanding Alumni of the University of Minnesota-Duluth. A professor at UWSP since 1986, he was recognized for demonstrating passion and humanity as a trumpet educator and performer.

Joan North, dean of the College of Professional Studies, won the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award from Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership. As a founding member of WWHEL, North has supported the advancement of women and minorities in higher education throughout her career. She has served UWSP since 1985.

Don Showalter, professor emeritus of chemistry, received the Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach from the American Chemical Society. He was recognized for improving public appreciation for chemistry through his many demonstrations and involvement in the PBS series “The World of Chemistry.” He retired last spring after 23 years at UWSP.

Christine Thomas, master’s ‘79, dean of the College of Natural Resources, was named a Distinguished Alumna at Central Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in biology in 1972. She also received CMU’s 2006 College of Science and Technology Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mark Tolstedt, communication, was elected the national president of the Broadcast Education Association. He has been on the group’s board of directors for three years and is currently its treasurer-secretary. He will serve as vice president in 2007 and as president in 2008.

Charles Rochester Young, music, was a Wisconsin Teaching Scholar for the 2005-06 academic year. As a result he completed a project on the study of improvisation through foreign language teaching and learning models. His strategies were implemented into a music theory course with positive results.

Shirley and Lyle Krause had eight minutes to race and donate to UWSP in 2003. The documentary Triviatown, filmed during the 2004 Trivia weekend, debuted in 2006 and won Best Film at the Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison and Best Documentary at the Westchester (New York) Film Festival. Directed by Brett McAdams and Patrick Cady, it was screened at the Central Wisconsin Film Festival in Stevens Point in November 2006, of which time it was proclaimed “The Official Movie of Stevens Point in 2006.”

For more information, see the Health Science Department Web site at www.uwsp.edu/hlthsci.
UWSP selected for energy independence project

In a ceremony at the Noel Fine Arts Center in September, Governor James Doyle named UWSP as one of four state universities selected for an energy independence project that will target renewable energy options and aggressive conservation efforts. The pilot program aims to make their campuses completely energy independent within the next five years. Selection was based on leadership support, existing participation in a green power program and existing air permit fuel options. Also chosen were UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls.

“We are honored to be among the chosen campuses to help lead the state toward energy independence,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

UWSP already has a number of energy conservation efforts in place, including participation in Wisconsin Public Services NatureWise alternative fuel program, solar water heating systems in three residence halls, rain gardens, a green roof on the library, use of energy conservation elements in new building projects and campuswide sustainability practices.

UWSP co-sponsoring walking marathon

UWSP is working with other community and statewide health providers and promoters to sponsor the third annual Walk Wisconsin walking marathon on Saturday, June 2, which encourages Wisconsinites to take more responsibility for their own health. A free Kid’s Walk Wisconsin with shorter distances will take place the evening of Friday, June 1.

In the first two years of the event, over 2,800 participants have walked over 36,000 miles on the scenic trails in and around Stevens Point. In this third year, committee members have set 25,000 miles as a goal. In addition to the 36.2 mile marathon, a 13.1 mile half marathon and 6.5 mile quarter marathon are also offered.

Organizers believe that in training for a distance walk, participants will become positively addicted to this simple, inexpensive and extremely beneficial form of exercise.

“Walking is an exercise that can be enjoyed by most ages and ability levels,” says Terry Aittama, Employee Wellness coordinator at UWSP and organizing team member. “It is a great way for families and friends to spend quality time together while improving their health.”

The 2007 event, “Walk Wisconsin... Naturally,” features the natural environment of our state, and not coincidentally, the walk will be held on National Trail Day. Students from UWSP’s Environmental Education program will be on hand to provide interpretive talks along the course.

The walk is not a race, but a challenge intended to encourage a healthy lifestyle. All participants will receive a sports pack, water bottle, event shirt, numerous nutrition stations, a finish medalion, a finish line picnic and, of course, good old-fashioned Stevens Point hospitality the entire day. For more information or registration forms, call (715) 342-2699 or go to www.walkwisconsin.com.

This is a great way for alumni and friends to get together and see wellness lessons in action, says Aittama. For group lodging opportunities, contact the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau at (715) 344-2556.

Alumna and professor published by Cornerstone Press

A book about travels to distant lands and a book about the lands close by were published this fall by Cornerstone Press, the student-run publishing company at UWSP. Miss Adventures, a book by alumna Lisa Greyhill, '85, Clarendon Hills, Ill., and The Soul of a Place, by UWSP Associate Professor of Forestry Michael Demchik, are now available for purchase in Stevens Point at the University Store at 200 Division St., Book Finders and Book World as well as online at www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone. They have two sons.

Bill Cosby to perform at UWSP

Comedian Bill Cosby will perform two shows at UWSP on Friday, October 12, during Homecoming weekend.

Shows will be held at the Quandt Fieldhouse on campus at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets for both shows will go on sale on Monday, April 23. Reserved seating prices are $41, $37, $33 and $31, based on location. A $2 service charge will be added to each ticket.

After April 23, tickets will be available at the University Box Office at 200 Division Street in Stevens Point, by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or going online to tickets.uwsp.edu. Visa, Mastercard or Discover is accepted.

The show is sponsored by Centertainment Productions, the student-run production company on campus.

Alumnus named L&S development officer

Mark Williams, '88, Iola, was named director of development for the UWSP College of Letters and Science.

In this role, Williams will cultivate private gifts for the college as well as enhance the work of the college through fundraising and communications.

“The motto of Letters and Science is ‘enriching student success,’” says Williams. “I plan on contributing to that.”

Mark understands that fundraising is not so much about just collecting checks but instead is truly about making a positive difference in the lives of our students and our faculty,” said Lance Grahn, dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Previously, Williams was the group publisher for F+W Publications in Iola. Returning to his alma mater has been a positive experience, he says. Among the many technological improvements and new faces in faculty and staff, he noted one important aspect has not changed in the 20 years since he graduated.

“The campus community is still the same,” he said. “And that’s great.”

Manzke named executive assistant

Robert Manzke, '97, Plover, was named the executive assistant to Chancellor Linda Bunnell at UWSP. Formerly the leadership and employment development coordinator for the UWSP Student Investment and Employment Office for six years, Manzke also served as the adviser of the Association for Community Tasks organization.

He has worked on several campus committees, including accreditation, Open House, University and Chancellor Leadership Awards and the American Democracy Project.

In the community, Manzke has served as an adjunct faculty member at Mid-State Technical College. He is active with the Greater Portage County Rotary Club, United Way Volunteer Center Advisory Board, Leadership Portage County, Portage County Job Center Advisory Board and Wesley Foundation.

Before joining the UWSP administration in 2000, he held academic positions at Silver Lake College, Western Wisconsin Technical College, UW-La Crosse and Winona State University. He earned a master’s degree from UW-La Crosse in 1999. His wife, Amanda (White) Manzke, '96, is a school psychologist for the Wisconsin Rapids school district. They have two sons.
Students transforming Leopold trees

Faculty and students of the College of Natural Resources Paper Science and Engineering Department transformed trees from the 2006 Leopold Memorial Reserve near Baraboo from pulp to paper to create a limited edition run of Leopold's seminal work, A Sand County Almanac. The pulp from the trees was converted into approximately 2,000 pounds of paper on November 21 for a limited edition (1,500 copies) run of Leopold's Almanac. Spectra Printing Corporation of Stevens Point converted the paper into books on behalf of the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

“This is a wonderful educational opportunity for our students,” said John Lazar, lab manager for UWSP’s paper science and engineering department. “It’s a great opportunity for the students to take part in this paper conversion as this campus is well versed on the legacy of Leopold and what he and his family means to forestry and conservation.”

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Vruwink, has been a constant source of inspiration for Zach’s Computers, he has a full-time load of credits and is working a few hours each week doing Web design for UWSP Career Services. He also plans on pursuing a position with the Student Government Association. After graduating he wants to try his hand in law or politics. His aunt, Wisconsin State Representative Amy Sue Vruwink, has been a constant source of inspiration for him. He’s keeping his options open as far as Zach’s Computers, and may take half of his ownership if it continues to grow at its current pace.

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As the winner of a nationwide Chevrolet advertising competition for college students, the Eagle native designed a 30-second commercial for the Chevrolet HHR line of cross-over SUVs and two cars. The ad, featuring an HHR swarmed by men hoping to touch and wash it with their own clothing to the shock of the women inside, aired during the Super Bowl on Feb. 4. These commercials cost an average of $2.6 million.

Crabb was attending UW-Milwaukee last fall when she entered the competition as an assignment in a journalism class. More than 800 teams of students entered the contest from 230 schools; five teams were selected as finalists. Crabb was the youngest finalist and the only solo competitor. The finalists made an all-expense-paid trip to Detroit in October to learn about advertising, the cars and present the ads to both Chevrolet and advertising executives for a final decision.

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Grapa reflects on her walk across America

These days, looking back at her eighth and a half months of hiking over varied terrain, Robin (Laatsch) Grapa, ‘01, Oshkosh, finds it surreal that she walked across America.

“I still can’t believe we did it,” she said. She and her mom, Patty Laatsch, reached their goal at the Point Reyes National Seashore at the Pacific Ocean on Friday, October 27, after 266 days on foot following the path of the American Discovery Trail after completing the trail at the Point Reyes National Seashore on Friday, Oct. 27.

Robin (Laatsch) Grapa (right) and her mom, Patty Laatsch, were presented with a plaque by the American Discovery Trail after completing the trail at the Point Reyes National Seashore on Friday, Oct. 27.

“After spending so much time together, it was also hard for me as mother and daughter to be apart. ‘We missed each other a lot,’ said Grapa. The two continue to work together to raise money for AAAMD/DSIF and will hold their third annual fundraising walk between resorts in the Phillips area on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Grapa has begun making presentations to talk about her battle with aplastic anemia, the hike and the importance of blood donation, which helped save her life. She looks forward to giving this talk at UWSP the evening of Monday, April 23, at the College of Professional Studies as part of a two-day blood drive sponsored by the Department of Health Sciences.

“I hope to encourage people to donate blood and be added to the bone marrow registry. You can make such an impact by doing something so simple,” she said. “I also want to encourage people to live their dreams, to get out there and do what they love.”

Grapa and Laatsch’s hike was first profiled in the fall 2006 issue of The Alumnus. For more information, see www.ourhike.com.

Krahn on the job with Packer players and coaches at Lambeau Field.

As far as where he sees the Packers next season, Krahn was very optimistic.

“The start of this past season was rocky, but it was fun seeing the young players mature, blend and work with each other,” Krahn said. “We kind of got on a roll, and hopefully it will carry over into next season. If I were to make a prediction, I’d say that the Packers go 11-5 and make it to the playoffs.”

Though he isn’t coming back for a second season with the Packers, Krahn looks back at his experience and feels an excitement that he hadn’t felt while on the job.

“With the season now over, it makes you think how surreal everything is,” he said. “It makes you really soak in it all and cherish everything that you have in front of you.”

Grapa and Laatsch’s hike, by the numbers:

- Total miles hiked: 4,613.9
- Total days: 267
- Average miles hiked/day: 18.9
- Longest day: 30.4 miles
- Pairs of shoes worn out: 9
- States hiked across: 13
- Liters of water consumed (estimated): 801
- Steps taken (estimated): 10,846,000
- Money raised: $119,000
- Close animal encounters: wolves, bears, scorpion, rattlesnake, coyotes, fox, bulls

Save the Date: Grapa will make a presentation at UWSP on the evening of Monday, April 23.
Keep fit...by surfing the Internet

By Stephen Kaiser

Most people don’t see the Internet as a tool for getting or keeping fit. For James Young, ’98, Neenah, the Internet is a integral part of his business as a personal trainer.

Young discovered a love for sharing his expertise in health, wellness, strength and conditioning while working as a fitness director at a private health club in Neenah for eight years. This sparked an interest in finding new ways to keep people interested in staying on track with their fitness plan.

In 2001, he started Jimmy Fitness LLC and a Web site, www.jimmyfitness.com, for online personal training. The site offers comprehensive information on strength training, cardiovascular workouts, nutrition, flexibility and mental toughness. Those looking for more extensive professional advice can sign up to have Young create personalized exercise programs and a nutrition plan as their personal online trainer.

In 2003, Young developed a software program called Gym-E-Trainer, which consists of interactive videos of real people performing a large array of exercises. A Web site, www.fitfine.com, supports the Gym-E-Trainer line, which includes video kiosks for use at a gym or fitness center as well as a DVD At Home Exercise Guide. The software is especially geared for 24-hour fitness centers and corporate wellness centers where personal trainers might not always be available.

“What influenced me to develop the Gym-E-Trainer software was people continuously asking me for fitness information when I was not available due to training or other activities,” Young said. “I needed a way to give them a relative quick answer to their questions without having to be there 24/7.”

This is not a replacement for working with a real trainer, said Young, but rather a means to assist people when they need it in a way that is easy to follow. “Personal training is more than just showing people exercises,” he added, “it’s about motivation, personal contact, and getting to know what makes a person click, and ultimately achieve their goals.”

“People have been very pleased because they now have something to go to everyday and stay motivated,” Young said. “New information can be uploaded at any time from the staff at the fitness center, which gives the program a unique quality that others lack.”

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Jenny (Osnep) Trzeciatowska, '05, and Mike Trzeciatski, '01, Plowerville, were married last May. Both work at Sentry Insurance. Jenny as a claim representative and Mike as a programmer/analyst.

Mariol Mayorga, '05 master’s, Cartago, Costa Rica, moved back to her home country in February 2006, and she and her husband, Jon Kohl, welcomed a son, Dion Kohl. This past February she began a position as an environmental education faculty member with the University of Costa Rica.

Amanda Nchedta, '05, Stevens Point, is a radio operator coordinator with Protective Services and a graduate student in education at UWSP.

Amanda Telischak, '05, Chicago, teaches yoga and creative movement at Bubbles Academy arts school. She has performed with Chicago Dance Crash and with Weave Sound Painting Orchestra, a multidisciplinary group of musicians, dancers and actors.

Monica Stark, '05, Madison, is an assistant scientist with PPD in Middleton.

Rebecca (Holz) Biernasz, '04, Little Chute, married Wesley Biernasz in Milwaukee last August. The wedding was attended by several UWSP alumni, including members of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and Phi Sigma Chi fraternity. The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World.

Cynthia Atchison, '04, Stevens Point, is a transportation underwriting technician for Sentry Insurance. She and Allan Flattor, '02, Stevens Point, will be married in Stevens Point in May 2007. Allan works as a program analyst at Sentry Insurance.

Jessica Buhr, '04, Hatley, is a second grade teacher in the Wausau school district. She and her husband, Dick, welcomed their son, Wyatt Dixon, on Dick’s birthday in June.

Jennifer (Steinhauer) Fleener, '04, and Daniel Hetzer, '05, Portage, were married in September. Jennifer teaches Spanish at Westfield High School and was selected for Who’s Who Among American Teachers as a second-year teacher in 2005. She will lead a second group of students to Costa Rica this summer and is pursuing a master’s degree in education at Viterbo University. Jason is a wildlife technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the state game farm adjacent to MauKenzie Environmental Center in Pouyette.

Ryan Green, '04, Casasovia, teaches English in Seoul, South Korea.

Melissa Kreuz, '04, Gilbert, Ariz., is a sixth grade teacher in Chandler. Previously she taught fifth grade in Bullhead City, Ariz. She says a Point friend visited and enjoyed the sun so much that he moved to the Phoenix area as well.

Miranda (Homan) Shanks, '04, Portage, teaches English and is the pool director for the Portage school district. Her husband, Douglas Shanks, '05, Portage, is a customer service representative at M & I Bank in Madison.

Christopher Elie, '04, Milwaukee, is a school program specialist for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Next August, he will chaperone an ecology course for high school eco-scholars through Belize and Beyond, a partnership between WE Energies and the zoological society. The group will spend a week in Belize learning about different conservation programs and tropical forest ecology. "This will be an amazing experience," he writes, "and I love it in part to my background as a Pointer in the CWR." Friends are encouraged to keep in touch at dan.uest@yahoo.com.

Lindsay Stillman Vander Heiden, '04, Greenleaf, is a fitness professional for Thrivent Financial in Appleton. She is married to Robert Vander Heiden.

Daniel Herzer, '04, and Jessica Schipp, '05, Janesville, will be married in October. Daniel works for Parts Unlimited as a graphic designer and Jessica is a financial representative for AGS in Madison.

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Katie (Snoesenbeger) Aschenbach, ’99, master’s in Psychology, ’97, Lawrence, Kan., received the 56th Legacy Award from the Lawrence Education Association and Kansas University Credit Union for her work as a speech and language pathologist in the Lawrence school district since 1997. She is pictured, (above) with representatives of LEA and KUCU. Her husband, Todd Aschenbach, ’99, is a post-doctoral research associate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Kansas-Lawrence, where he earned a master’s degree in Ph.D.

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Jeremy Schabow, ’93, Hartland, his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Nina, welcome Jenna Michelle in August.

Pam (Gifford) Punney, ’82, Lodi, married Glenn Punney in February. She previously resided in Fort Worth, Texas, and worked for Teakwood Lane Gems about Prior to that, she worked in health promotion for Baylor All Saints and Weight Loss Management Associates.

Guy Adkins, ’91, Chicago, Ill., stars as Oscar Lindquist in the National Wildlife Federation’s Brownie Challenge opposite actress Molly Ringwald in Chicago. The tour began in September and will stop in Milwaukee in July. A Chippewa Falls native, Guy has performed in many shows in Chicago and won several theatrical awards.

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She enrolled at UW-Oshkosh to study journalism, but she only stayed two years before returning to Central Wisconsin. She then transferred to UWSP graduating in 1997. “I had a son and I realized I wanted him to grow up in the same schools, she continued to live in Stevens Point but spent much of her time in Marshfield to become acquainted with the community.

Her experiences as a reporter and editor have given her a different view of the university. These days, she says she feels connected to the entire campus, not just the Communications Division where she studied journalism.

“I didn’t realize that the university was such a part of the community,” Nellessen-Lara says. “I wasn’t ready to try new things.”

Althea (Boorman) Ockerman, ’55, has set for sharing and educating, she added.

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5. Would you prefer a combined newsletter that included sections for all four colleges in addition to the regular sections of The Pointer Alumnus, or would you prefer separate publications? (Currently we offer separate publications.)
   - Combined format
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   - Electronic
   - Newspaper tabloid (current format)
   - Magazine
   - Other (please specify)

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 Please consider getting involved in Alumni Association events in your area? Yes  No

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Katherine (Peterson) Adams, ‘77, died July 28 at age 82. She taught in Mount Horeb then in Taylor, Dane, Marathon and Clark counties. A son, daughter and stepdaughter survive.

Lawrence Hicks, ‘75, Green Bay, died at age 53 on Nov. 8 after a long-term illness. He was an environmental consultant for DNR and Associates of Sheboygan then president of Geosciences, Inc. in Minneapolis. A daughter survives.

William Fiala, ‘73, Bruce, died August 1 at age 59. He was retired after 36 years as a soil scientist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. His wife, Wendy, and three children survive.

Wayne Bartels, ‘72, Portage, died at age 56 on Oct. 22 as the result of a woodworking accident. He taught English at UW-Madison then taught in Monroe. He began teaching English at Portage Junior High School in 1977 and became principal in 1994. In 1990 he was honored as Wisconsin Principal of the Year. He planned to retire in June 2007. He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Burmeister), ‘72, and two daughters. A memorial scholarship fund has been established.

Arthur Seboe, ‘72, Plover, died Sept. 16 at age 75. He worked at United Parcel Service in Stevens Point for 33 years, receiving the Circle of Honor Award for 25 years of safe driving and retiring in 2003. He enjoyed bowling and fishing. His wife, Lynn, and three children survive.

Claudia (Litau) Trebiatowski, ‘71, died Nov. 25 at age 57. She was a volunteer with the Girl Scouts, the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and the YMCA. She is survived by her husband, Jack, and two children.

Herbert Post, ‘69, died Nov. 7 at age 76. He was a forest ranger and conservation warden in Spring Green and Park Falls and retired as a fire control dispatcher in 1980. He was active in his church and with the Boy Scouts, and is survived by his wife, Donna (Dulon), ‘53, and four children.

Peter Voos, ‘69, Mosinee, died of a heart attack at age 77. He worked in social sciences in Stevens Point for 35 years, as well as coached football and basketball. He started at the High School then continued in Stevens Point in 2002, to continue teaching. His wife, Ann, and two children survive.

Allan Gellenbeck, ‘67, Antigo, died August 19 at age 60. He graduated from the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in 1968 and was a funeral director for Bradley and Penrose/Kraemer funeral homes. He was active in the Antigo business, civic and arts community. His daughter survives.

Evelyn (Kring) Rathke, ‘67, New London, died June 30 at age 91. She taught in Lincoln County, Merrill, Bloomer and Oconto. After her husband, Wilbert Rathke, ‘33, died at age 60, she earned a bachelor’s degree and taught in Stevens Point until she retired in 1980. She was active in several civic and professional groups. Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Gail (Rathke) Zoppa, ‘70, and granddaughters, Amanda Zoppa, ‘05, both of New London.

Bette (Plandoo) Klinger, ‘66, Schofield, died Oct. 19 at age 86. She taught elementary school for 25 years, mostly in Merrill. She was a founding member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was active in civic organizations. Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Gail (Rathke) Zoppa, ‘70, and granddaughters, Amanda Zoppa, ‘05, both of New London.

Lucille (Mau) Clifton, ‘62, formerly of Stratford, died Oct. 25 at age 94. She taught in Brandon, Minn., and taught special education in Stratford and Marshfield. After retiring in 1975, she joined the Service for America volunteers in 1983 as assistant vice president of Loss Control. She was a volunteer host parent at UWSP. His wife of 55 years, Elvira ‘55, died in 2001. One son survives.

Douglas Graham, ‘50, Joliet, Ill., died June 20 in the U.S. Army and earned graduate degrees at UW-Madison and Eastern New Mexico University. He taught in Osceola and Mauston then was a science teacher, administrator and planetarium director at Joliet Junior College. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and four sons.

Wayne Hager, ‘50, Plover, died July 8 at age 84. He served in the U.S. Army, earning several European battle ribbons and medals. Later he earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison then taught in West Allis and Milwaukee before moving to Plover. His first wife, Helen, preceded him in death. His wife, Susan, and six children survive.

James Curry, ‘53, Prairie du Sac, died July 5 at age 77. He worked in payroll at Badger Army Ammunition plant and helped start the Military Chemcial Company. His wife of 50 years, Gloria, and three daughters survive.

Roger Graham, ‘52, died Nov. 20 at age 74. He worked as an insurance agent, car salesman, advertising salesman and in numerous other jobs. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and six children.

Harriet (Marking) Carrier, ‘51, Edgerton, died August 4 at age 80. She taught fifth grade for 36 years in Waupaca, then retired in 1983 as vice president of personnel. In retirement she lived on Lake Kaukashine in Hazelhurst and in Wausau. She is survived by her husband, Michael, and two children.

1980s

Mark Glaeser, ‘89, Brillion, died June 5 after a 19-year battle with cancer. He worked as a telecom manager for Ariens Corp. in Brillion and is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Dura), ‘88, and two children.

Kim (Onsim) Russell, ‘88, Merrill, died Oct. 31 at age 40. She was a receptionist for the Lincoln County Department of Social Services. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and two children at home.

Mary (Brill) Fortune, ‘86, Fondu Lac, died Dec. 25, at age 60. An active volunteer in the community, she is survived by her husband, Michael, ‘87, and two sons.


2000s

David MacArthur, master’s ‘06, Plauchu, died of natural causes while hunting on Nov. 18 at age 36. He held a degree from UW-Marshfield/Wood County then taught physical education, coached boys’ basketball and was the activities director for the Colby school district. In 2006 he was named the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-star Assistant Coach. He is survived by his wife, Carla, and a daughter. A memorial scholarship will be established.

Amy (Fleury) Savage, master’s ‘04, Rhinelander, died July 21 at age 41 as a result of a boating accident. She taught first grade at Pelican School in Rhinelander. She survived by her husband, Michael, and a daughter.

Bernard Cunningham, ‘35, Wausau, died August 12 at age 92. After earning a master’s degree at UW-Madison, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a teacher and administrator for 40 years, the last 31 years with the Wausau School District. He served on several professional and community organizations and received the Milford H.超强 and Richard N.超强 awards. Two sons also survive.

Fern Werner, ‘34, Oshkosh, died Dec. 9 at age 93. He taught for 50 years, the last 32 in Merrill. A volunteer at the Grand Opera House for 16 years, she was honored for her work in 2003. She was also selected among Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and was a member of many professional educational organizations.

Dorthy (Krause) Wiesman, ‘31, died March 10, 2006, at age 93. She taught at Balsam School in the town of Crex when after her marriage she was a librarian at the Stratford Library. She was also active in her church. Her husband, Clifford, preceded her in death and three children survive, including Glen Wiesman, ‘69, Schambaugh, Ill., and Theone (Wiesman) Neumann, ‘78, Marysted.
In Memoriam ~ faculty and friends

Robert Coppinger


Carol Huettig

Carol Huettig, Rosholt, a specialist in adapted education, a former professor and swimming and diving coach at UWSP from 1981 to 1989, died Oct. 9 at age 56.

Hettig was recognized around the world for her contributions to adapted physical education. She was one of the originators of the campus special needs physical education program and was instrumental in coordinating the Wisconsin Special Olympics summer games in Stevens Point. Huettig was named the Wisconsin Intercolligate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Coach of the Year in 1982-83 and 1984-85 and won the UWSP Excellance in Teaching Award.

She also taught at Carthage College, Texas Woman’s University and in Dallas public schools. She held degrees from Dakota, Ill., Sheboygan Falls and Minocqua, where she became an artist and carver of traditional Native American figures, receiving national recognition for his work. His collection of Menomonie Clan artifacts is on permanent display in the Albertson Learning Resource Center.

Her daughter, Carol Huettig is still teaching at Carthage College.

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In 2005, he was presented with the Laird National Leadership in Art Award. His wife, Joan, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Floy, and three children.

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This year she will send two students to study abroad and change their lives forever.

For information about The Hansen Society, the UWSP Foundation’s planned giving society, or to find out more about leaving part of your estate to UWSP, contact:

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“UWSP: Connecting to the Future”

_Over the years, Pauline Isaacson has contributed time, effort and hard-earned money to UWSP._

Pauline Isaacson died in 2004.
Athletes named to regional teams

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B - A UWSP alumni event was held at the Kohl Center in November as the UWSP women’s basketball team played UW-Madison. From left, Sara Schmidt, ’04, Brookfield, and Diane Hawkins, ’56, Milwaukee, both women’s basketball alums; and her sister, Ann, ’56, Phillips.

C - Alumni and friends of UWSP gathered in June at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago last June. Enjoyed an alumni tour of the Lincoln Park Zoo are, from left, Bruce Thill, ’70, Arlington Heights, Ill., and his wife, Rocky; Robert Wyman, ’56, Green Bay; Bruce Thill, ’70, Arlington Heights, Ill., and his wife, Rocky; Green Bay; and Grant, ’89, and Elona (Schoblocher) Windows, ’86, DePere.

D - Pointer wrestlers posed proudly with members of the 1955-56 championship wrestling team in the Health Enhancement Center in October as part of the 50th reunion festivities. In attendance were John Boyne, ’56, Phillips, Fla.; Dave Hurbut, ’56, Lakewood; Terry McMahon, ’56, Union Grove; Gerald “Jiggs” Meuret, ’59, Schefield, John Roberts (former coach); Stevens Point; Dan Smith, ’56, Coloma, and Ron Widinsky, ’58, Phillips.

E - Members of the 1955-56 championship football team gathered at Greenie Field in Stevens Point Oct. 13-14 for the 50th reunion festivities. In attendance were John Boyne, ’56, Phillips, Fla.; Jack Charlesworth, ’58, Brookfield; Dave Hurbut, ’56, Lakewood; Phil Kunske, ’59, Merrill; Fred Kesly, ’57, De Pere; Bob Marks, widow Ethel Marks, ’57, Centennial, Colo.; Norbert “Nahbe” Miller, ’57, Stevens Point; Terry Pease, ’56, Plover; Kevin Jerome, ’56, Almond; John Roberts (former coach); Stevens Point; Ron Krieg, ’69, one of Toy Box’s founders.

F - Also celebrating 50 years, members of the Class of 1956 gathered October 13-14. Pictured, top row, from left, is Phyllis (Knop) Nordgren, ’56, West Bend; Lois (Schroeder) Allmon, ’56, Racine; Ray Strick, ’57, Stevens Point; Anne (Weisbrodt) Moore, ’56, Kaukauna; Kathleen (Hellick) Flanagan, ’56, La Crosse; and Robert Wyman, ’56, Beaver Dam, on the bottom, from left, Betty (Kostad) Jordan, ’57, Downingtown, Pa.; Faith (Pietrowski) Wilde, ’56, Woodruff; Raymond Wilde, ’56, Woodruff; Rosemary Astell, ’56, Hartford, and Tony (Walker) Wyman, ’58, Beaver Dam.
April

Department of Music recitals and concerts:
- All events will be held in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC) at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
  - Faculty Recital with Triol Canma, Monday, April 2
  - Brian Martz faculty recital, Thursday, April 5
  - Composers Concert, Monday, April 9
  - Symphony Orchestra, Saturday, April 14, Sentry Theatre
  - Flute Choir, Monday, April 16
  - Opera performance, Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21
  - Jazz Ensemble, Monday, April 23
  - Mostly Percussion Ensemble, Tuesday, April 24
  - Wind Ensemble, Wednesday, April 25
  - Soiree Musicaie, Friday, April 27
  - Campus Band, Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m.
  - Chamber Jazz Ensemble, Monday, April 30

Clothing as Metaphor Exhibit runs until Sunday, April 8, Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

World Poetry: Celebration of Languages
- Sunday, April 1, 2 p.m.
  073 Debolt Center

Department of Theatre and Dance: Songs for a New World
- April 13-15 & 18-22
  - First Nighters – Friday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.
  - Jenkins Theatre, NFAC

Alumni Association Board meeting
- Saturday, April 14, UFSP campus

Juried Student Exhibition
- April 15-29, reception Sunday, April 22, 2-4 p.m.
  - Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

UWSP Festival of the Arts
- Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - NFAC courtyard

May

Department of Music recitals and concerts:
- Concert Band, Tuesday, May 1
- Symphony Orchestra, Wednesday, May 2
- Combined Choirs, Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m.
- Jazz Ensemble, Monday, May 7
- Central State Chamber Orchestra, Saturday, May 12

Department of Theatre and Dance: Danstage 2007
- May 4-6 and 10-12
  - First Nighters, Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.
  - Jenkins Theatre, NFAC

Portage County Cultural Festival
- Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Stevens Point Area Senior High School

BFA Exhibition
- May 6-18, reception, Friday, May 11, 3-6 p.m.
  - Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

Alumni Association Senior Breakfast
- Monday, May 14, 9 a.m.
  - Deloit Center 073

Alumni Association Awards Luncheon
- (Invitation only event)
  - Saturday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
  - Country Springs Hotel, Stevens Point

Spring Commencement
- Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
  - Frankston Forum/Sundial (weather permitting)

International Programs Roundup
- Thursday, May 24, 3-6 p.m.
  - Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard

Summer Session
- Three-week session, May 29-June 15

Alumni Association Ireland trip
- Informational meeting
  - Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m.
  - Founders Room, Old Main

Ken Burns, documentary filmmaker lecture
- Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
  - Sentry Theater

Alumni Association trip to Spain
- Thursday, April 20-29

Performing Art Series: Tokyo String Quartet
- Sunday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
  - Sentry Theater

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop
- April 25-29
  - www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow

Letters and Science Research Symposium
- Saturday, April 28
  - Science Building

June

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps
- June-August, youth summer camps
  - June-July, family camps
  - www.uwsp.edu/enwss

Walk Wisconsin
- Kids Walk, Friday, June 1
  - Main event, Saturday, June 2
  - Stevens Point Green Circle
  - www.walkwisconsin.com

Special Olympics Summer Games
- Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, June 6
  - Games, June 7-9
  - www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

Point Arts Camps
- Middle School Music, June 17-23
  - High School Music, June 24-30
  - High School Studio Art, June 24-30
  - www.uwsp.edu/cofac/FineArtsCamp

Summer Session
- Eight-week session, June 18-August 10
  - www.uwsp.edu/summersession

Alumni Association Milestone Reunion Weekend
- 10th (1997), 25th (1982) and 50th (1957)
  - June 22-23
  - UWSP campus

UW System event
- June 28-29
  - Freshwater Center, UW Milwaukee campus

July

Alumni Association Madison Mallards Tailgate
- Friday, July 13
  - Warner Park, Madison

2nd Annual National Wellness Conference
- June 14-19
  - www.nationalwellness.org

Delta Zeta Sorority Reunion
- July 20-22
  - Door County, Wis.

2007 American Suzuki Institute, session one
- July 29-August 4
  - www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute

Alumni Association Green Bay Reunion
- Thursday, August 2
  - Foxy Lady Cruise, $30/person

2007 American Suzuki Institute, session two
- August 5-11
  - www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki/Institute

Waupaca Boat Cruise
- Thursday, August 9
  - Clearwater Harbor, Waupaca

Scott Schulz Memorial Golf Outing
- Monday, August 13
  - Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola

Volleyball Reunion
- Friday, August 24, 7 p.m.
  - Berg Gym/HEC room 146

September

Fall semester begins
- Tuesday, September 4

Alumni Association trip to Ireland
- Sept. 26 - Oct. 6

October

Alumni Association Board meeting
- Friday, October 12
  - UWSP campus

Dreyfus University Center Naming Ceremony
- Friday, October 12, 1 p.m.
  - Reserve Street entrance

Homecoming 2007
- Saturday, Oct. 13
  - UWSP campus

Future Homecoming Dates
- Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008
  - Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009

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Athletic Hall of Fame induction
- Invitation only event
- Saturday, October 13
  - Country Springs Hotel

UWSP Foundation Board meeting
- Monday, October 15

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UWSP System Spirit Day/ Posters in the Rotunda
- Wednesday, April 18
  - State Capitol, Madison

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