Noels complete funding for Fine Arts Center

Two UW-Stevens Point alumni known throughout the world for their humanitarian projects sent the following poem along with a pledge to UWSP:

Roses are red
Daffodils are yellow,
Here’s a million dollars
For violins and cellos.

John, ’71, and Patty Noel, ’70, of Stevens Point, co-founders and owners of Travel Guard International and the Noel Group, have pledged $1 million to help fund the addition to the Fine Arts Center. The Noels are both natives of Wausau and John was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1999.

This is the largest single gift ever received by the UWSP Foundation. The donation completes the funding for the project that will break ground in 2003. Recently Gov. Scott McCallum and the State Building Commission pledged $25 million of the $26 million needed if UWSP raised the additional money to add and refurbish classroom space in the building.

The addition and remodeling will bring 43,000 square feet of new classroom and rehearsal space to the departments of art, design, music, theatre and dance, including a large lecture hall and a loading dock.

Dean of Fine Arts and Communication Gerard McKenna says everyone in the college is excited about the possibility that all arts activities at UWSP eventually will be housed under one roof.

The dance program, now partially housed in the Health Enhancement Center, will move to the new building, as will a portion of theatre arts now in the Learning Resource Center. This will free up space for a computer repair facility in the library and other programs in the HECC.

The American Suzuki Talent Education program also will be moved to the Fine Arts Center, vacating a house at the corner of Reserve and Main streets.

The Noel Group, founded in 1982, is the leading travel insurance company in the country. The service, travel, insurance and real estate business employs about 500 people in 14 worldwide locations.

"This contribution to the Fine Arts Center comes from all of the employees of the Noel Group," John said. "It is their hard work and astonishing customer service that brings us the financial strength to make a contribution like this. We thank them for making it possible. I would encourage other area businesses and individuals to consider how they may be able to support this valuable community asset."

The Noels have founded humanitarian projects throughout the world including Make A Mark, which funds sustainable building projects in developing countries, and the Compass Scholar Program, which encourages academic achievement, leadership and citizenship for high school students of color in Wisconsin schools. As part of their commitment to cultural diversity, the Noels helped support a class at UWSP called Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin.
Alumni mourn and celebrate Greetings from the Alumni Association

It's with a heavy heart that I report the death of fellow Pointer alumnus and UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors member, Scott Schultz, '72. Scott died on Sunday, May 13, of a heart attack at his home in Stevens Point. (A complete obituary appears on page 14.)

Scott's dedication and service to UW-Stevens Point dates back more than 30 years—from his days as a student leader, as associate director of Alumni Relations from 1978 to 1987, as mayor of the city of Stevens Point from 1987 to 1994 and when he returned to campus in 1994 as director of leadership gifts in the UWSP Foundation Office.

I think Scott was the epitome of what it is to be a Pointer: passionate about his family, his community and his faith. Scott was willing to say “yes” when others said “no,” to put the needs of others before his own and he understood how important it was to “give something back.” He will be missed.

While we mourned the death of a friend in May, we celebrated the generosity of a couple who also understand that “giving something back” is a key element of being a Pointer. John, '71, and Patty Noel, '70, of Stevens Point have pledged $1 million to help fund an addition to the UWSP Fine Arts Center.

“Altruism, generosity and kindness are clearly their signature trademarks,” said Chancellor Tom George during the ceremony announcing the gift. “What I found equally compelling was a comment Patty made about her husband John during the celebration. “If John had just two pennies to his name, he’d give you one if you needed it.”

Consider giving something back to UWSP, it may be $10 or $50, it may be $500, it may be a million. UWSP changed your life—you can help change the lives of others!

Best wishes from UW-Stevens Point!

Brant Bergeron, '85
Director of Alumni and University Relations

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Pointer Alumni

Pointers show pride with tattoos

You may be aware of a recent surge of interest in tattoos. So have we at the Pointer Alumnus. In fact we've heard of a number of people who've gotten tattoos related to UWSP. If you have a tattoo with a UWSP theme, please let us know. Do you think yours looks better than this one, which we saw recently on campus?

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to engaging its students and the entire student-centered excellence, technology enhanced learning and partnerships. These are the guiding principles we believe will forge a successful future for our campus and for Central Wisconsin. While every university might state that it strives for student-centered excellence, UWSP can clearly lay claim to an aggressive approach to serving students. Our campus ensures that what faculty and staff do in their classrooms, in their research, and in their interaction with students, makes excellence the first priority. Faculty-student collaboration is one of the most important elements for fostering student-centered excellence. Examples of this are faculty-led student research projects and symposia in all four of the colleges. For instance, several students of Doug Henderson, professor of psychology, have become interested in the subject of adoption and have studied the dynamics of the process. Last year three of Henderson’s protégés published their research and presented their work at national conferences. This year two more of Henderson’s students followed their example. Other programs that are integral to nurturing student success include staff members assisting students in volunteer work off campus. Through the Association for Community Tasks last year, students donated 9,000 hours of service to the Central Wisconsin community. More than 170 student organizations offer professional, academic, and recreational activities to all UWSP students. Also, with the numerous centers, administrative offices and community businesses provide students with hands-on experiences in the form of internships. In another program, new students are supported through Freshman Interest Groups that match a faculty mentor with students in residence halls who live, study and socialize together. Student-centered excellence is not just a catchy phrase. Rather, it is a basis for maintaining the high standards for which people recognize UWSP. At UWSP we have found that technology can encourage students and faculty members to work in teams. In the past few years, several cross-discipline technology-based courses have been developed by faculty members who are excited about collaborating with their colleagues in other departments. Technology-enhanced learning is a means by which our faculty can further challenge students to develop their skills in areas such as critical thinking and communication. A newly developed minor, technology and new media arts, includes courses from across the College of Fine Arts and Communication as well as from the English department in the College of Letters and Science. These cross-discipline courses encourage students to work together and to use the latest technology to expand their academic and professional horizons.

In the interest of forming partnerships, UWSP proposed an initiative called the Central Wisconsin Idea. This is an effort encompassing Stevens Point, Waunauk, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, Waupaca and neighboring areas to provide the very best economic and social environment for the citizens of Central Wisconsin. With UWSP as the stimulus and coordinator, the initiative involves partnerships among higher educational institutions, local schools, private businesses, foundations, governments and municipalities in order to make Central Wisconsin as desirable a place to possible to live in the state and the country.

The Central Wisconsin Idea builds on our Collaborative Degree Program in which students majoring in business administration and general studies take classes at UWSP, UW-Marshfield/Wood County and UW-Marathon County. This summer officials from UWSP, Mid-State Technical College, Portage County Business Council Foundation and Portage County broke ground for the construction of a state-of-the-art business education and training center at the Portage County Business Park. This center provides a setting for nurturing a closer relationship with business and industry in Portage, Marathon and Waupaca counties. The possibilities are endless for UWSP to be a catalyst for partnerships.

Chancellor Thomas F. George

Foundation update

Dear Alumni and Friends,

My tenure as president of the UWSP Foundation is drawing to a close and I am proud to report on the accomplishments we have made over the last year.

Giving to the UWSP Foundation has reached an all-time high. During the last fiscal year (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001), total gifts and pledges totaled more than $2.3 million. This includes a $1 million pledge to the College of Fine Arts and Communication from UWSP alumni John and Patty Noel. It is the single largest pledge in the history of the university.

During the last year, 25 new scholarship and program funds were established at the foundation, bringing the total number of funds it manages to more than 400. These funds support a multitude of programs and departments on campus.

Following the foundation’s audit in August, a complete annual report will be prepared and mailed to all donors. In November it will also be available electronically on the UWSP Foundation’s Web site at www.uwsp.edu/foundation or you may call 1-800-858-5267 to request a copy.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the foundation’s executive committee as the past president for the next two years. This is an outstanding university and an outstanding foundation. I am proud to be a part of both – and to have the opportunity to give something back to a place that has done so much for me and thousands of other graduates like me.

Best regards,

Judi Carlson

Chancellor Foundation President

Judi Carlson, ’63

Possible accomplishments

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2000 Annual Fund campaign,” said Peg (Zabrowski) Zwicker, ’94, director of annual giving for the UWSP Foundation. She reported that giving to the Annual Fund over the course of the last 12 months resulted in a total of $373,422. Of that amount, $254,110 came as unrestricted gifts.

Unrestricted gifts are very important to UWSP because they are flexible dollars that can be used to respond to needs and opportunities that state funding cannot support,” Zwicker said.

For example, since worldwide paper consumption is growing and papermakers are examining the use of waste materials other than wood in the papermaking process, the Department of Paper Science received funding for a research project that examines the use of corn stalks as an alternative raw material in the papermaking industry. The project also will explore the potential market for corn stalk pulp.

At the North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference, a College of Natural Resources graduate student received funding to publish a paper on the potential market for corn stalk pulp. The project also will explore the potential market for corn stalk pulp.

Carlson cites Foundation accomplishments

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UWSP Foundation President
A member of the UWSP Alumni Association board since 1995 has been honored. A stalwart supporter of alumni programs, Doris (Ockerlander) See, ’48, Wausau, has received the Alumni Service Award.

“There are many miles of memories for which I can express my appreciation,” See said in accepting the award. “As a student, I traversed this campus, then known as Central State Teachers College. It was a small campus compared to the ever-expanding campus today. A law of nature is ‘Grow or Die’ and UWSP is very much alive, led by the invigorating and challenging Chancellor Tom George, who has great rapport with the faculty, the students and alumni. In receiving this Alumni Service Award, I am but a reflection of the service this university has given me and continues to give. The music of this university is beautiful, and because its service to the community, students and alumni is long and lasting, I’m grateful.”

The Alumni Service Award recognizes volunteers and UWSP staff who work consistently for the alumni association.

Doris (Ockerlander) See

Holly Vander Heiden, Kaukauna, is the recipient of one of the premier scholarships at UWSP, the Kathrin “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Award. UWSP’s first full tuition scholarship, it is awarded at the annual Distinguished Alumnus Luncheon in May. It rewards an outstanding UWSP student who demonstrates high potential for becoming a leader in a chosen field or profession. D. David “Dewezy” Sebold, Medford, former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza, established the award in memory of his wife, Kitty, who was a social worker. Both Kitty and Dewey graduated from UWSP in 1968. Kitty died of cancer in 1973.

“I greatly appreciate everything Mr. Sebold has done for UWSP and the students here,” Vander Heiden said. “This scholarship takes a huge burden off my shoulders.”

A junior at UWSP she is majoring in forest management and urban forestry with a minor in soil science. An outdoorswoman all her life, Vander Heiden sought a field of study that would give her a career where she would not be confined to an office. She chose to come to UWSP because of the opportunities in the College of Natural Resources.

A note from Career Services

To maintain our quality service to teachers, yet address dwindling storage space, the Career Services Office would like alumni to know that teacher credential files are now kept for 35 years, and then are destroyed. Questions regarding this can be directed to Career Services by calling 715-346-3226 or by e-mail to john.clark@provia.com.

The office is located in Room 134, Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Weix honored by alumni

A stalwart supporter of alumni programs, Tom Weix, ’93, Antigo, has received the Alumni Service Award.

“Four years ago, the UWSP Alumni Association approved the creation of the Alumni Service Award. It is given to an individual who demonstrates a level of service to the University beyond that expected of an alumni group member. The individual must clearly recognize the need for service and have given that service for a significant period of time. I am so honored to be a recipient of this award.”

Pointers Men’s Soccer Club alumni still kicking

Alumni members of the UWSP Men’s Soccer Club participated in the twelfth annual Pointer Club Indoor Soccer tournament held recently at UWSP’s Quandt Fieldhouse.

Student members of the club started the tournament as a fundraiser. After graduation, many alumni players continue to participate in the tournament, using the opportunity to get together with former teammates and give back to the club. An unwritten rule of the tournament is that alumni teams advancing to the ‘money round’ of the tournament donate their prize money back to the club.

All men’s soccer alumni are invited to attend an alumni versus alumni soccer match and reconnect with the club. The match will be held during homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 12:30 p.m. For more information call John Clark at 616-554-5501 or send e-mail to john.clark@provia.com.

Since the early 1970s, UWSP has had an active Men’s Soccer Club. The club has made seven appearances in the Association of Collegiate Club Soccer (ACCS) National Tournament since 1988. Last fall the club finished in second place overall at the national tournament. To get to the finals, they beat Pepperdine University, Arizona State, Long Beach State and Minnesota, finally losing to Texas A&M in the championship match.

Men’s Soccer Club alumni still kicking

Homecoming reunion planned

Alumni members of the UWSP Men’s Soccer Club participated in the twelfth annual Pointer Club Indoor Soccer tournament in Quandt Fieldhouse. Team members included, first row left to right, Joel Stiltig, ’96, Racine; and John Clark, ’90, Grand Rapids, Mich.; second row, Bryan Woodbury, ’95 Neenah; Lance Porukisa, ’92, Appleton; Andy Gill, ’94, Fond du Lac; Jon Zylstra, ’94, Milwaukee; and Jason Muever, ’93, South Elgin.

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Six inducted into Hall of Fame

Six Pointer athletes who will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame are Jon Julius, ’93, Lisle, Ill.; Kirk Baumburger, ’89, Medford; Susie Lindauer, ’94, Appleton; Lori McArthur, ’83, Green Bay; Kevin Deates, ’90, Stevens Point; and Tom Weix, ’93, master’s ’99, Antigo.

The UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have achieved outstanding success in their sport, contributed significantly to the development of their sport and demonstrated high potential for becoming a leader in a chosen field or profession. Alumni are selected in three categories: Achievement, Merit and Honorary. The selection process is based on athletic achievement, community service and professional success.

Julius was the 1992 UWSP and conference Most Valuable Player in basketball. As conference scoring champion, he recorded the best field goal percentage in a game, 12 of 12.

Baumburger holds the record for the most attempts in a football season, the most completions in a season and in his career and the most pass yards in a game and a season. He was drafted in the 9th round by the Green Bay Packers in 1990.

Lindauer was NCAA Umbro All American in soccer and UWSP Athlete of the Year in 1992. Among her records were most goals and most points scored during her college career.

McArthur was Pointer softball catcher for three years and field hockey goalkeeper for four years. She played on conference championship softball teams in 1982 and 1983 and in the 1982 NCAA national tournament. In field hockey, she holds school records for shut-outs in a season and career. She was the 1982 UWSP Outstanding Female Athlete.

Deates led the Pointer football team in tackles during his junior and senior years. He was twice named All Conference Defensive Tackle and was All State Linebacker. He is now assistant football coach and assistant athletic director at UWSP.

Weix was a two-time All American wrestler and twice placed second in national meets. He holds several records at UWSP including the most career wins.

The six will be honored at a banquet and induction ceremony in the Laird Room of the University Center on Saturday, Oct. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. For ticket information call the UWSP Alumni Association before Oct. 1 at 1-877-764-8801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.

UWSP finishes sixth in Sears Cup

UWSP achieved its highest-ever finish in the Sears Director’s Cup standings with a sixth place finish among 395 NCAA Division III schools in 2000-01. The standings measure the top overall athletic program in the NCAA Division III.

UWSP was the highest placing Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school and the highest non-East Coast school in the standings. The Pointers finished in the top 10 for the third time in four years.

Points are awarded based on finishes in NCAA tournament competition. UWSP qualified for NCAA tournaments in 11 of its 20 sports, posting all-time high finishes in women’s soccer, men’s outdoor track and field, men’s indoor track and field, women’s indoor track and field and women’s swimming and diving.

Other high finishes came from men’s swimming and diving at sixth place, women’s cross country at ninth place and women’s outdoor track and field at 13th place. UWSP also qualified two wrestlers for the national meet and qualified teams in both softball and baseball.

“I am extremely proud of UWSP’s athletics program,” Chancellor Thomas George said. “To finish in the top ten of the Sears Cup standings three out of four years is an outstanding achievement. I am eagerly looking forward to another great season of Pointer sports.”
Dombeck joins CNR

Former USDA Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck, ’71, master’s ’74, has accepted a new position with the UWSP College of Natural Resources.

“When I was offered this position and as I looked at all the investments we can make in our lives,” Dombeck said. “I believed that of the things we can do to make a lasting change, a lasting difference and have a lasting effect, it is to invest ourselves in education.”

Dombeck, who led the Forest Service from 1997 until April 2001, has been named GEM Pioneer Professor and UW System Fellow of Global Conservation. In his new full-time role, he will help lead the planning and development of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center, a unifying theme and vision for CNR, according to Dean Victor Phillips.

“As I’ve traveled around the country dealing with conservation issues over the past couple of decades, it seems like I’ve met Stevens Point graduates almost everywhere I’ve gone,” Dombeck said. “Wisconsin has a long legacy as a national and international leader in conservation and I look forward to doing what I can to continue to promote that legacy.”

A recipient of the UWSP 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Dombeck has expertise in watershed restoration, fisheries and ecosystem management in addition to his connections to forestry, which makes him ideally suited to spearhead the GEM Education Center’s program themes, according to Phillips.

“We are delighted Mike has chosen to return to his alma mater,” said Chancellor Tom George. “Mike’s experience is unprecedented. The fact that a leader of his caliber has selected UWSP is a clear testament to the excitement of the GEM initiative and to the national prominence of the curriculum and programs in our College of Natural Resources.”

Through the efforts of U.S. Congressman Dave Obey and U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, the CNR received $1 million from the Environmental Protection Agency in fall 2000 for the GEM watersheds program, and is on track to receive $2 million from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in 2002 for the GEM land use program. Dombeck’s active participation will add tremendously to this effort and to GEM’s overall development, Phillips said.

Home ec programs celebrate 100 years

A centennial celebration of UWSP’s oldest specialized program is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, on campus.

The dynamic changes in programs related to home economics during the past 100 years will be highlighted. Programs descended from the original home economics department include home economics, family and consumer education, dietetics, food service management, human and community resources, fashion merchandising, retail studies, interior architecture and early childhood education.

In preparation for the event, the College of Professional Studies will be collecting photos and other memorabilia. They also are looking for quilts, items of tatting and anything created during or as the result of classes. Anyone who would like to loan or donate items that would be of interest to fellow graduates should contact Deb Anstett, ’74, College of Professional Studies director of development, by telephone at 715-346-2130 or by e-mail at danstett@uwsp.edu.

L&S marks golden anniversary

The College of Letters and Science (CLS) will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 3. All alumni of the college are invited to attend.

The occasion will be marked with a reception in the Collins Classroom Center lobby where a pictorial review of the college’s history will be on display. A program commemorating the event will follow. Details of the schedule will be mailed out early in the fall semester. Alumni in Central Wisconsin should watch for news announcements and those further away are encouraged to watch for further information on the college’s Web page at www.uwsp.edu/cls.

At the program, Fritz Wenzel, a 1956 graduate, will receive the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award.

“Fritz has been a strong supporter of our college throughout the years,” said Dean Justus Paul. “We are delighted and honored to be able to tie his award to our celebration.”

Associated with Marshfield Clinic for more than 40 years, Wenzel served as executive director of the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation and oversaw development of the clinic’s regional locations. He also established the clinic’s health maintenance organization and helped plan the Melvin R. Laird research facility. One of the founders of the UWSP Academy of Letters and Science, he continues to serve Marshfield Clinic and UWSP.

The two living former deans of the college, S. Joseph Woodka and Howard Thoyre, will be invited to participate in the event. In addition, all current and former faculty members will be invited to attend.

For information about the schedule, contact Development Officer Holly Voll at 715-346-2487, send e-mail to hvoll@uwsp.edu, or call the college office at 715-346-4224.

Audiology innovator lost to cancer

Gary Glascoe, associate professor of communicative disorders, died June 28 at age 62. He came to UWSP in 1973 and taught for 27 years, retiring in 1999.

In addition to classroom teaching, he helped train and supervise more than 100 graduate audiology students who staff the department’s speech and hearing clinic, the Center for Communicative Disorders.

While teaching at UWSP, he had a private practice as a clinical audiologist in Waupaca for 13 years, which he continued after retirement. He and his wife, Christine, who survives, owned Rural Audiology Services. He also was a staff specialist at Riverside Medical Center in Waupaca.

Glascoe was instrumental in bringing computer technology to audiology at UWSP. He designed three software programs for audiology students and clinical practitioners in the early 1980s. He developed an audiometer simulator, a program that helped with selection of hearing aids and a database to help clinics manage hearing devices and audiology testing equipment.

He held a bachelor’s degree from Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.; a master’s degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; and a doctorate in audiology from the University of Denver.

Dreyfus honored

Former governor and UWSP chancellor Lee S. Dreyfus was honored at the spot where he took his oath of office as governor 22 years ago with the placement of a marker on the front lawn of Old Main. He and his wife, Joyce, were joined by many colleagues, family and friends at the ceremony and a reception in Old Main Founders Room.

At the ceremony, Dreyfus and his wife announced a gift of $100,000 to the UWSP Foundation.

Profs set up fund

Professors Emerite Marjorie Spring and Alice Clawson have endowed the Dr. Marjorie J. Spring Adapted Physical Education Scholarship. This scholarship will provide two $500 awards each year to students majoring in adapted physical education and addressing the needs of children with physical and learning disabilities.

Many alumni will remember faculty members like Roland Trytten, professor of chemistry, left, and Frank “Pat” Crow, professor of history.
Dorothy Kennedy

Dorothy Kennedy, associate professor of education, will retire after 11 years at UWSP. A leader in gender and talent education, she has emphasized the importance of paying close attention to gifted students.

Kennedy came to UWSP in 1990 after teaching graduate courses at Purdue University. Her work with gifted students at the university has been rewarded—she gives high marks to the School of Education faculty and administrators. Kennedy has been involved with College Days for Kids and the Youth in College Program.

Youth in College is a summer program for area kindergarten through eighth grade students. College Days for Kids brings more than 500 sixth grade students to campus for courses ranging from chemistry to creative writing. The Network for Gifted Education sponsors both programs.

Rollie Juhnke

Rollie Juhnke, a tax sheltered annuity and investment specialist and director of personnel services, will leave his post as director of personnel, labor relations, payroll and benefits programs after 29 years of service and 39 years working in human resources.

He says his career at UWSP has been fulfilling because of his co-workers, especially two good bosses, Zeke Torzewski and Greg Diemer, and a wonderful staff. He has spent many years serving on the UW System Tax Shielded Annuity Review Committee which advises System President Katharine Lyall on administration of the tax shelter program for all UW staff.

Sonja Kung

Sonja Kung, senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, has retired after a career of helping girls, young children and university students in mathematics.

After eight years of directed and co-taught two workshops through Dishowner with colleague Elaine Hutchinson. At one workshop, he helped educators teach young girls about mathematics, science and gender issues in mathematics by building and designing Lego structures using a computer program. The second workshop taught elementary teachers a method that leads to better problem-solving skills and greater self-confidence for students in kindergarten through third grade.

"Working on those workshops has been a real privilege," Kung said. "It was gratifying to interact with the special teachers and girls from the area."

Kung served 11 years as UWSP’s faculty representative for female athletes on the state’s Athletic Committee, which sets academic policies for athletes. She also supervised the department’s mathematics tutoring facility for two years.

In June she accompanied her husband George as he led a tour of China.

Doug Henderson

Doug Henderson, professor of psychology, has retired after teaching at UWSP for 25 years.

He has taught child behavioral problems, sexuality and developmental psychology and served as a mentor to his students. Of special interest is his research in adoption since he was an adopted child.

In 1994 Henderson appeared on the NRC television series “Unsolved Mysteries” as an expert on synchronicity, a psychological term for “meaningful coincidences.”

He has made presentations throughout the state to community and professional groups about adoption, rape prevention, homosexuality and other areas of expertise. He also has presented at conferences in Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Minneapolis and New Orleans. Recently he was invited to edit a special issue of The Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless, a national publication. An article by one of his students also was included in the journal.

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Sonja Kung, senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, has retired after a career of helping girls, young children and university students in mathematics.

For eight years of directed and co-taught two workshops through Dishowner with colleague Elaine Hutchinson. At one workshop, he helped educators teach young girls about mathematics, science and gender issues in mathematics by building and designing Lego structures using a computer program. The second workshop taught elementary teachers a method that leads to better problem-solving skills and greater self-confidence for students in kindergarten through third grade.

"Working on those workshops has been a real privilege," Kung said. "It was gratifying to interact with the special teachers and girls from the area."

Kung served 11 years as UWSP’s faculty representative for female athletes in the state’s Athletic Committee, which sets academic policies for athletes. She also supervised the department’s mathematics tutoring facility for two years.

In June she accompanied her husband George as he led a tour of China.

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Gretchen d’Armand, associate professor of music and coordinator of the vocal area, has retired after 17 years at UWSP and 35 years in higher education. Early in her singing career, d’Armand won the National Metropolitian Opera Auditions and the Young Musicians in Prospect Award from the Massachusetts Council of the Arts. The awards helped her launch a successful career as a soloist with orchestras and chamber groups. Since coming to UWSP in 1984, she has had a varied performing career, including recitals with fellow faculty members and as a soloist at the annual Source Musicale. Among her students was Daniel Ebbers, who returned to UWSP last fall for a solo performance with the Performing Arts Series.

James Arrowood

James Arrowood, professor of music and director of bands, has retired after 11 years at UWSP and a 24-year career in higher education. As a conductor, he specializes in the repertoire of both traditional and contemporary wind band. He has received accolades from composers such as Norman Dello Joio and Vincent Persichetti for his sensitive interpretation of their music. He received the 2001 Excellence in Teaching award and was recognized in 1996 as Outstanding Teacher at UWSP by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. He also received two Carnegie conducting fellowships. His teaching career began with a high school band in Halifax County, Va. Later, while teaching in Culpeper, Va., he received the Stanbury Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Advancement of Band Education at UWSP. He has taught conducting fellowships.

George Kung

George Kung, professor of mathematics and computing, retired from teaching computing, mathematics and mathematics education at UWSP for nearly 32 years. He says he stayed at UWSP because of the freedom and exchange of ideas within the department. He recalled that he was strong in 1972 when he and his colleagues stood together to resist state budget and faculty cutbacks. In 1998 Kung received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and was inducted into the Mathematics Education Hall of Fame by the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In 1999 Kung was named a fellow of the American Mathematical Society. In 2001 Kung received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Association. The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics selected him in 2002 for its Mathematics Industrial Study Group. A 2002 Fulbright-Hays Scholarship provided a re-entry to Charles Goan

Although Charles Goan, associate professor of music, has retired after 34 years of teaching piano at UWSP, music will continue to be a part of his life. He said his greatest reward has been seeing his piano students go from beginning to doctoral levels. He toured internationally with the UWSP University Choir and Montana Chorale and was a member of the Bucketh Turner Band. He has taught in the Music Department since coming to UWSP in 1968. It has grown from 1,000 students to 14,000 students.

Robert Freckmann

Robert Freckmann, a professor of biology known for his extensive knowledge of plants, retired from the classroom after 33 years at UWSP. Freckmann is reluctantly leaving teaching to spend more time as the volunteer curator of vascular plants in the UWSP herbarium, the second largest collection of plant specimens in the state.

New scholarship honors Arrowood

Students in the music department have established an award to honor James Arrowood upon his retirement. The men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a music service fraternity, have established the James Arrowood Music Service Award and plan to build the endowment with an annual contribution. The endowment was announced at the final Wind Band concert, Arrowood’s last performance with the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band as a faculty member.

Beginning next year, the music department faculty will select a continuing music student for the $500 scholarship, based on service to the department.

Engelhard scholarship established

A new $1,000 scholarship was recently established by the Alumni Association to honor the long-time director of alumni relations and alumna, Karen Engelhard, ’59.

“The UWSP Alumni Association is very pleased to honor Karen, for what she means to alumni across the country, for her dedicated service to her alma mater and her service to the university community,” said Rolfe Bogner, current director of alumni and university relations. The Karen Engelhard Alumni Scholarship is based on the outstanding academic achievement and record of school and community involvement of a student planning a teaching career. The first recipient of the award, Lauren Egan, New London, has an elementary education major with a Spanish minor. Engelhard’s degree is in elementary education and she worked as a teacher before taking time to raise her family. She was director of alumni relations from 1976 until her retirement in 1996.
Driving along the road to Treehaven, you can feel the stress of everyday life drain away. UWSP's field station is perched atop a glacial ridge and surrounded by the solitude of 1,400 acres of woods. Hiking through the rolling hills brings you to a trout stream or a quiet little lake. Treehaven offers "hands-on, minds-on education" for 20,000 people each year. Programs include weekend workshops on such diverse topics as bird watching and team building for school children and community members to summer camps for university students that fill the facility. The comfortable dormitory-style accommodations are winterized and the food service is certified to restaurant standards.

It would be hard to improve on that, but a pledge of $150,000 from the Vallier Foundation recently kicked off the Treehaven Double Cabin Project. The foundation is managed by Dorothy Vallier, Milwaukee; her son, William Kummer, Bowling Green, Ky.; and Michael Gehl, a Milwaukee attorney.

The Treehaven Double Cabin Project will build four lodges that can each house up to eight people. Groundbreaking for the first lodge will be in September. Fund raising for a second lodge is nearly complete.

"The generosity and foresight demonstrated by the Vallier family over the years in regard to Treehaven and their land dedicated to natural resources education has helped make this a model for such efforts nationwide," said Chancellor Tom George. "Students, faculty, alumni and visitors to Treehaven have benefited and will continue to benefit greatly from this very special resource."

The upgraded overnight lodging for instructors and participants will allow Treehaven to expand programming, especially during the summer when there has been no room for community programs, according to Treehaven Director Corky McReynolds.

"We will remain competitive with other facilities that offer similar accommodations," McReynolds said. "We want to meet the requests of our users for better accommodations."

Current living centers have two bunk beds in each room and bathrooms “down the hall.” Each new lodge will be divided into two cabins and each cabin will have two bedrooms, a kitchenette, a living area and a private bath. A portion of the Vallier Foundation gift will fund an endowment for the upkeep and maintenance of the lodges.

The Friends of Treehaven hope to raise $600,000 to build, furnish and maintain three more lodges and an endowment of up to $100,000 to support future upgrades and maintenance of the lodges. Each double-cabin lodge will be named for a tree species indigenous to the Treehaven property. For an individual contribution of $56,000 or more, the donor may name one of the cabins.

The Friends of Treehaven strive to continue the tradition of generosity established by the Valliers by raising community awareness, encouraging public involvement and promoting fund raising. The organization has representatives from communities throughout North Central Wisconsin.

For information about Friends of Treehaven, call McReynolds at 715-453-4106 or visit the Treehaven Web site at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/treehaven.
A brief history of Treehaven

Dorothy and her first husband, Gordon Kummer, originally owned and operated Treehaven Tree Farm. Several years after Gordon died, Dorothy married Jacque Vallier, head of the science department at Washington High School in Milwaukee.

When Jacque retired after 30 years of teaching, they decided to sell or give the property to an institution that could manage it as a natural facility. Bill Sylvester, a forester in the area, suggested that UWSP’s College of Natural Resources might have use for the property. The Valliers were pleased with the idea of keeping the land out of the hands of developers.

“We wanted to see that the property is used well and that its ecology is respected,” Dorothy said. The idea became a reality in 1978 when a donation of 960 acres of Wisconsin’s north woods by the Valliers was the genesis of Treehaven. A new education center and dormitory facilities were completed on the property in 1985. Since those days, the facility has expanded to 1,400 acres and the Vallier Foundation has provided continuing support through the UWSP Foundation for the unique conference center.

The CNR’s summer program moved to Treehaven from Clam Lake and classes and conferences at the self-supporting facility have expanded continually.

In addition to hosting the CNR summer field training program, Treehaven has developed programs for students in elementary, middle and high schools and for Elderhostels, teachers and the community. People from throughout the state are encouraged to contact Treehaven’s new assistant director, John Heusinkveld, to set up programs. The facility has conference center capabilities, including two multipurpose meeting rooms. Treehaven has hosted people from all 50 states, 29 countries and dozens of professional organizations.

Dorothy’s son, William Kummer, a retired college professor, also takes an active role in supporting Treehaven. He recently retired after 25 years at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green where he taught recreation and park administration. One of his retirement plans is to write a complete history of Treehaven.

Since 1985 visitors to Treehaven have come from all over Wisconsin for workshops and other programs. They experience the beauty of the north woods and the charm of relaxing in front of the fireplace in Bear Track Lounge.
Betsy Skowbo, ’00, Fort Washington, had a successful run as Duke in The Captain’s Tiger Theatre works in Milwaukee in January. She was one of several favorable reviews, including the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, who said, “Only eight months out of the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, Benton never brings affecting interest, presence and charm to that big professional role.” Before joining Renaissance Theatreworks, she appeared as Juliet in Measure for Measure by Shakespeare. More recently, Skowbo has appeared as Juliet in Measure for Measure with Milwaukee Shakespeare and as Savvy in A Glimpse of the Domesticity of Fourteen Arrests at the 19th Annual Shaw Festival, which was mentioned in the April issue of American Theatre. Her most recent role in Milwaukee was in Bash by Bialystock & Bloom. She is looking forward to spending her holidays in Lansboro, Minn., working with the Renaissance Theatre Company in A Christmas Carol.

Khara Lintel, ’00, Los Angeles, Calif., is field marketing sales manager for Entertainment World, the world’s largest producer of family entertainment. She handles marketing, promotions and special events for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey on ice in the Los Angeles and Fresno area. Nicole Jossiak, ’00, Abiquiu, N.M., is a park ranger with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Abiquiu Lake in northern New Mexico. She would like “long lost friends” to send email to nic_at_rate@hotmail.com.

Trisha McCaffery, ’00, Waukesha, is attending graduate school at UW-Milwaukee.

Robin Gort, ’99, Kiel, received the Wisconsin Outstanding Dietetic Intern Award from the American Dietetics Association and the Wisconsin Dietetic Association. She did a post-graduate internship at UW-Green Bay, one of the few institutions to offer dietetic internships. The internship will qualify her for national registration. According to UWSP faculty member Ket Winer, only about half of dietetic graduates are placed in these highly competitive internships.

Sarah Sykes, ’99, Kaukaunau, Hawaii, teaches special education at Kaukaunau Elementary School. She was quoted in an article in the May 2001 issue of Outside magazine about the controversy surrounding the Molokai Ranch resort. Sykes is concerned about the resort developers’ proposal to divert millions of gallons of water from the island’s meager supply. She has filed numerous lawsuits intended to slow or stop the project. “I based the suit on what little information we have,” she said. “There’s not even enough to meet the legal needs of native homeowners.”

Matt Normann, ’99, Stoughton, Wis., works as a manager, Homecup Touch, which imports and distributes gift products. He was married last year and has one child. Jerry King, ’99, Wisconsin Rapids, is controller and corporate secretary of Eagle Construction. His wife, Michelle (Hoffman), ’90, is employed with the Wisconsin Rapids School District.

Brett Witt, ’98, Keshena, is head coach of the men’s cross-country team at Carroll College. Previously, he was a graduate assistant coach in cross-country and track and field at the University of Tennessee, where he received his master’s degree. Lukas Boote, ’98, and Jennifer Wonzel, ’98, Madison, were married in August 2000. Jennifer works in pharmaceutical sales with Bristol-Meyers Squibb and is trying to track down former roommates and “do some serious reminiscing.” She can be reached at 608-249-2647 or by email at boot26@prodigy.net.

Tammy (Borchardt) Buchinger, ’98, is science teacher at Kimberly High School, and her husband, Ross, ’91, live in Kaukauna.

Chris Janssen, ’98, Wausau, is earth science teacher at Wausau West High School and director of the school’s planetarium. He has background in computer programming at Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton and worked at UWSP’s planetarium as a student. He rigs his equipment on a shoestring budget that he has augmented with a Beyond Pencils grant from the Wausau Area Community Foundation. Under his guidance the planetarium will be used by several groups that are in general public on a regular basis.

Carlos King, ’96, Madison, has worked for the U.S. Forest Service since graduation as a forest ranger at the Chugach National Forest. His wife, Kelly, teaches in Anchorage.

Angela (Sabott) Lehrer, ’97, Appleton, is operations manager of the Arctic Theatre, Inc. She manages the theatre’s box office and volunteer guard and teaches classes. She also freelances with local schools and organizations doing set designs and makeup.

Alice Walker, ’95, Stevens Point, is a social worker and drug abuse prevention coordinator at the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center. She completed her interest in choral music and sings with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus. She completed a master’s degree last year.

Kurt Weaver, ’93, La Crosse, Lois (Isaacson) Larson, ’92, Onalaska, and Greg Walters, ’92, La Crosse, worked together on a program for at-risk youth this summer. They spent a day at Perrot State Park along the Mississippi River with groups of 70 to 180 youths, aged 10 to 16. More than 250 students were served by the program. Activities included a canoe trip and a hike up Brady’s Bluff. Coordinated through UW-La Crosse and the National Youth Sports Program, it was intended to expose youth to positive activities. Weaver is an officer in the La Crosse Police Department’s community services bureau and Larson is a ranger at Perrot Park. Walters is a DARE officer with La Crosse Police Department and coordinated the drug and alcohol education classes for the program.

Interest rate drops on Stafford loans

The interest rate on Stafford loans has dropped to a 20-year low of 5.99 percent, according to Phil George, director of financial aid at UWSP.

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"Many people would like to know whether they should consolidate their college loans to lock in a low interest rate on Stafford loans," George said. Since this is a variable rate loan, the chances are good that the interest rate will be at a higher level in the future and each year the variable rate gets reset on July 1. Stafford borrowers have the opportunity to secure the current rate for the remaining life of the loan by refinancing through the Federal Loan Consolidation program. If this is done before June 30, 2002, the rate will be fixed at 5.99 percent, according to George.

George has a tip for those who wish to take advantage of the low rates. "If you have good credit and your wife, it seems worthwhile to do this, wait until next May or June, then visit a lender to consolidate your loan if the rate is predicted to rise again in the following year. For more information visit the UWSP Web site devoted to this subject, www.uwsp.edu/finance/other/consolid.htm.

Broadway dancer visits UWSP

Aaron Felske, ’00, returned to UWSP while on a break from a national tour with the Broadway company of “Fosse,” the musical dance review choreographed by Bob Fosse’s work. Before going on the road, he was among the cast as one of 32 dancers in the production at the Broadhurst Theatre in New York City.

For one afternoon last spring, Felske, as an instructor to students from the UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance, met with whom they were classmates just a year ago. After the dance lesson, the students asked him questions about his experience on Broadway and as part of a tour with nationally known artists.

“Your body does not feel like a former classroom vented. “It’s amazing,” Felske said. “To do work and to do what I love, together, is wonderful. I was very lucky.”

“It wasn’t all luck,” stated John Schierl, another dance instructor who works with the Fosse company and with national celebrities. "Aaron devoted himself to improve his craft. He’d be in the dance studio working late when I doubt he never stopped."

“How did you get the job?”

Aaron Felske led a group of dance students in a master class while on break from the Broadway musical “Fosse.”

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Hollie Fischer, ‘96, San Francisco, Calif., is international rights and licensing director for APHIS in Berkeley, Calif., a publisher of high-quality computer books.

Kate Roberts, ‘96, Minneapolis, Minn., is studying for a doctorate and teaches in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She worked for one year at the Wausau Daily Herald and will be married next year.

Stacy Smith, ’83, Honolulu, Hawaii, teaches children with severe mental and physical disabilities in the Aldine Independent School District. Growing up, a high percentage of children live in poverty and the needs of the families are severe. “I was well prepared by UWSP professors and staff,” she says. As a result of her work, she says, “in a previous Pointer Alumnus I was honored to see SALSA recognized and that it is still an active organization at UWSP.”

Sarah (Beihl) Justus, ’95, Madison, is a policy analyst with the state of Wisconsin. She and her husband, Andrew, ’95, have a son, “perhaps a future Pointer,” they say.

Scott Bennett, ’94, Madison, is a teaching assistant and is one of 22 master’s degree students in the fine arts acting program at UW-Madison.

Stephanie (Alt) Chervin, ’94, Ann Arbor, Mich., is a research associate at Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Michigan working on molecular glycobiology.

Kevin Thays, ’93, Madison, is an account executive with Lindsey, Stone and Briggs Advertising. Previously, he worked for Friskis in Wisconsin and CUNA and Affiliates of Madison. He welcomes friends to contact him by e-mail at kthays89@t Vend.com. His wife, Tracy, is a sales representative for Rayovac.

Andy Kubitz, ’93, Los Angeles, Calif., is a software engineer planning and scheduling at CIS Television. He collects, digitalizes, and analyzes competitive network programming information and contributes to the scheduling of the CBS primetime lineup.

Nan (Herning) Bunnov, ’92, Sequim, Wash., is the executive director of Laguna Beach College. She and her husband, Brad, have two children.

John Calhoun, ’92, Crivitz, Wis., is employed at Calhoun Wilderness Camp. He and his wife, Tonya, seven years to the day, are expecting their first child.

Mary Southworth, ’92, Cincinnati, Ohio, teaches voice at West State University, Dayton, Ohio, and at her home studio. She performs operatic roles and concerts with orchestras. In January, she will feature soloist with the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra.

John Morgan, ’92, Green Bay, Wis., teaches and coaches girls’ varsity basketball and junior varsity football at Pulaski High School. The girls’ team went to the sectional finals last season. He recently received a master’s degree from UW-Milwaukee. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children.

Ken Nolte, ’91, Reedeley, Calif., has taught in the forest and park technology program at Reedeley College/California State University. He received a master’s degree at Texas A & M University in Kingsville and earned a Ph.D. at Texas A & M in College Station. He is an interpretive ranger at Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. While working on his master’s degree at Wilder High School, Nolte lived in the same dormitory as Fran Hammerstrom. Others in the program were recognized as Fran Hammerstrom. “I would not have become acquainted at Welder, ‘Nolte said. “I would have been well prepared by UWSP, but I gained experiences that I gained not have become acquainted at Welder,” Nolte said. “I would have been best prepared by UWSP.” The $15,000 award was given in recognition of his contribution to the field and is intended to further his work in the field.
Whooping cranes fly with aid of alumni

Only one existing flock, Island of Canada to Texas. The reintroduction of a second endangered population will provide insurance against a natural or man-made disaster.

Daily updates and photographs of the project will be available on the Internet at www.bringbackthecranes.org. Alumni involved in the project include:

Larry Wosgewski, '72, refuge manager, Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
Rebecca Power, '94, forest ecologist, Necedah refuge
Kim (Bettinger) Mitchell, '81, wildlife biologist, Burnsville, Minn.
Jennifer (Paul) Rabuck, '94, park ranger, Necedah refuge
Rachel Jepson Wolf, '97, out-
reach coordinator, International Crane Foundation, Baraboo
Rich King, '92, master's '95, biologist, Necedah refuge
John Olson, '73, wildlife biologist, Necedah refuge
Marilyn (Herman) Kahler, '71, Endangered Species Field Office, Green Bay
Bob Kriska, '76, program supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Editor's note: Our list is certainly incomplete. If you are directly or indirectly involved in the project, please let us know. We will follow up on the success of the project in the spring. 715-348-1384, by e-mail at jayfroehnle@bu.edu or mail at P.O. Box 348, Manistee, MI 49660.
 Nelson’s future up in the air
No plan for first residence hall

Nelson Hall, the oldest existing dormitory of the former State Normal School System, recently marked its 85th birthday. However, no concrete plans are in place to preserve the building.

USWS’s Board of Visitors unanimously approved a resolution at their April meeting in support of making every possible effort to preserve Nelson Hall.

Construced in 1915, it is one of the few remaining examples of pre-1900 dormitories designed by the Milwaukee-based architectural team of Henry Van Ryn and Gerrit de Gellecke. The hall has been named to the Wisconsin State Inventory of Historic Structures and the Stevens Point City List of Historic Places and soon may be among the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation’s 10 most endangered.

However, no concrete plans are in place to preserve the building. The building is structurally sound, but it just needs to be refurbished.”

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Changing lives

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Nelson Hall pictured on a postcard in the late 1940s. No concrete plans are in place to preserve the building, however the Historic Preservation Committee hopes to get support from groups in the area and local and regional politicians to save the grand old building.

Robert Gbesch, ‘60, Greenville, S.C., Daniel Professor of Music at Furman University in Greenville, was named conductor emeritus of the Carolina Youth Symphony after 25 years of conducting. He continues to advise and conduct productions.

He and his wife, Gayle, play professionally with symphonies in Greenville, Asheville, Spartanburg and Henderson and are members of the Heritage Chamber Players.

Gilbert Raczmanek, ’60, Milwaukee, retired after serving 36 years with the city of Milwaukee’s Howard Avenue Polution Plant. He was actively involved in the city’s crypto sporidium crisis.

Don Rank, ’59, Lewiston, Mich., is a district manager for the social security administration.

Cuittis Judd, ’99, Wisconsin River, is an author and Christmas tree farmer. His book, I Call Myself a Sheep Hunter, relates experiences he enjoyed while hunting in the Rockies from Alaska to New Mexico. A founding member of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, he is dedicated to the preservation and re-establishment of wild sheep in historic habitats. His second book, The City Slicker, is a collection of stories about a city boy’s blundering attempts to become a country kid. To purchase the two-book set for $20, contact 1126 Highway 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965.

Twenty years of Eagle Walking

The 20th annual Eagle Walk left the University Center at 8 a.m. last March 16 for a 200-mile, nine-day hike.

Among the walkers was Cindy (Minnick) Byers, ‘94, master’s ’95, Stevens Point, the first person to complete eight of the walks. One of the founders of the fund-raising trek, she and her husband, Tim, ’84, master’s ’90, have walked together on seven complete hikes. Byers said that finishing the 200 miles has taught her “to go beyond what I ever imagined I could.”

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The event raised $4,400 for the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, including matching funds from a state grant. Since 1989, the walkers have contributed $33,630 to the group and are among its largest contributors.

Alumni in this year’s event who trekked 200 miles for the first time have never heard of the fund-raising trek, she and her husband, Tim, ’84, master’s ’90, have walked together on seven complete hikes. Byers said that finishing the 200 miles has taught her “to go beyond what I ever imagined I could.”

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But by then the participants were determined to continue: “It’s the group spirit that keeps you going,” Byers said. “Most of the students who walk for the first time have never done anything as difficult.”

The Eagle Walk has followed the same route laid out 20 years ago. Byers said they are determined to continue. “We don’t want to make the building sound like it’s falling apart. The walk ends at Eagle Valley Nature Preserve. After the first group raised money for the project and brought attention to the area, Kohler Company purchased the acreage to preserve it as a wildlife refuge. Kohler continues to support the walk with donations of food and lodging for the last overnight stop.

This year the event raised $4,400 for the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, including matching funds from a state grant. Since 1989, the walkers have contributed $33,630 to the group and are among its largest contributors.

Alumni in this year’s event who trekked 200 miles for the first time have never heard of the fund-raising trek, she and her husband, Tim, ’84, master’s ’90, have walked together on seven complete hikes. Byers said that finishing the 200 miles has taught her “to go beyond what I ever imagined I could.”

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Participants in the 20th annual Eagle Walk were alumni and students including Mia Sondreal, ‘90, Bellville; Matt Byers, ‘95, Stevens Point; Barbara Kies, ‘91, Arkdale; Mia Sondreal, ‘90, Stevens Point; Bobbi Zbleski, Nekoosa; and Matt Byers.

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Emery "Bud" Long, '52, McDonell, died Jan. 24 at age 78. He taught in the Town of Hammel and at Pine Tree School in Molitor. He served in the Army Air Corps in Alaska during World War II and after the war, returned to teaching. He later taught in the Gascoyne area, drove school bus and worked as a letter carrier for 22 years, retiring in 1986. His wife, Velores, survives.

Irene (Zielodoff) Shorfinksi, Menomonie, died Nov. 14 at age 87. She taught in rice schools for more than 40 years, 10 years of which were in Hamburg for two years and in Brekaw for 22 years. She was active in numerous community organizations, including service as president of Wausau Child Care Inc. for more than 25 years. She was a member of many committees and boards in the community, including the Mayor’s Commission and Affirmative Action Committee and was named to the Wisconsin Golden Rule Award.

Harry Johnson, '51, Minneapolis, Minn., died January 28 at age 72. He taught high school English in Cranston and was head of the English department at Mansfield. He later became emeritus professor of the University of Washington and died Jan. 19, 1972. He was survived by his wife, Joan, of Bloomington, Minn.

Robert Bennett, '50, Janesville, died Feb. 13 at age 79. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1948 to 1968, and was the president of the Janesville Community Improvement Corporation, which was formed in 1957. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and received his master’s degree at the University of Illinois. He served as city manager of Madison. At the time of his death, he was a consultant to the city of Madison and to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dorothy Turpin, '51, Minneapolis, Minn., died April 7, 1990. She was a teacher and principal of the grade school in the Town of Hammel and at Pine Tree School in Molitor. She served in the Army Air Corps in Alaska during World War II and after the war, returned to teaching. She later taught in the Gascoyne area, drove school bus and worked as a letter carrier for 22 years, retiring in 1986. His wife, Velores, survives.

Arlene (Krause) Strauss, Poy Sippi, died Nov. 27 at age 79. She was a teacher in a number of rural schools in the county, including the Marshfield area, and was a member of the Wisconsin Retired Teachers Association. She served on the Langlade County board of education.

William Carithers, ’40, Wisconsin, died Nov. 27 at age 79. After receiving a master’s degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin in 1940, he worked as a social worker for many years in the Madison area, including as a substitute teacher at McMill Elementary School in Stevens Point. He moved to Spring Valley in 1971, after which he worked for the Wittenberg Telephone Company. He also served as an insurance agent in Wisconsin for many years and was named Wittenberg’s Man of the Year in 1968. He and his wife, Pauline, were both active in volunteer work in the community.

Bob Redfield, last attended Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., died Dec. 29 at age 90. He was a member of the Bethel College Alumni Association and a long-time member of the Bethel College Board of Directors. He was also a member of the Bethel College Board of Trustees and served as a member of the Bethel College Board of Visitors. He was a member of the Bethel College Board of Visitors and served as a member of the Bethel College Board of Visitors. He was a member of the Bethel College Board of Visitors and served as a member of the Bethel College Board of Visitors.

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Friday, Oct. 5
Alumni Marching Band social
8 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill
Can you play an instrument? Join us!

Cherry Pie: revivial 80’s hair band
8 - 11 p.m., UC Lounge

Saturday, Oct. 6
Alumni and friends coffee
9:30 – 11 a.m., Berg Gym Lobby
Coffee, juice, donuts and the parade.

Homecoming parade
10 a.m. Begins on Madison Street and winds through campus to Goerke Park.

College of Natural Resources reunion
“Schmeelke and CNR: Legacy for the 21st Century”
10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Schmeelke Reserve Visitor Center
Information, refreshments, tours, entertainment for all ages.

History reunion
11 a.m., Michele’s Restaurant, 513 Division St.
Refreshments and conversation with fellow alumni and faculty.

University Centers and University Activities picnic
11 a.m. – 1 p.m., UC, patio (rain site: Basement Beachball)
Brats and beverages, $3.
Contact Greg Diekroeger 715-346-4343

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The class of 1951 met in June for their 50th reunion and a weekend of activities. Pictured are, left to right, back row, Rudolph Horn, Stevens Point; Theodore Dowd, Shawano; Dick Lorenzen, Hartford; Mildred (Attleson) Bagley, Rosholt; and Bev (Barnes) Johnson, Billings, Mont.; front row, (Peterson) Pope, Clear Lake, Iowa; and Jacqueline (Hall) Hovestadt, Norwalk, Ohio; Galen Parkinson, Mosinee; Ralph Storm, Eau Claire; Muriel (Neff) Storm, Eau Claire; Margorie (Myers) Voel, Stevens Point; Mary (Shade) Kline, London; Mary Jane (Buss) Zdroik, Hartford; and Jane (Getlinger) Germaine, Kaukauna.

In May the Wisconsin Rapids Area Chapter held a tail-gate reunion on the Dawg Deck at Miller Park.