Chancellor Bunnell embraces new position at UWSP

Linda Bunnell, UWSP’s first female chancellor, has had a full schedule since beginning her new position on June 1.

She’s been meeting with former and current faculty and staff members, community residents, governmental leaders, regional educators, media representatives and UW System personnel. She’s read The World is Ours, a book on UWSP’s history written by former Letters and Science Dean Justin Paul on the occasion of the university’s centennial in 1994. “There are such wonderful traditions here and I want to continue them,” she said.

The former chancellor of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, vice chancellor of academic affairs for the Minnesota State University System, and senior vice president for higher education for the College Board, Bunnell also has kept her focus on UWSP students. She’s attended summer classes, met with student leaders and recently sat down for an informal conversation with a few students who had questions that ranged from her background to the joys and challenges she faces at UWSP.

Joining her were James Duquette, a senior communication major and president of the Student Government Association; Cristin Kowalski, a junior Spanish major and president of the Future Alumni Association; junior economics major Nate Throckmorton; and Elizabeth van Wieringen, a junior communication major. When asked by van Wieringen, “How do you plan on interacting with the student body?” Bunnell replied she feels lucky to have the opportunity to devote time to students. “I want to attend student government meetings, plays, lectures, athletic events and just walk around campus.” She also plans to have dinners in DeBot Center and invite students to join her.

“I get my energy from interacting with students because that is what we’re all about,” she told the group. “When making decisions, I ask myself, ‘What will be best for the students?’” Bunnell replied.

When asked by Duquette about the joys within the challenges of higher education, Bunnell answered, “I really enjoy finding the resources that faculty and students need to accomplish their goals.” Funding for students should be increased, she said. She believes her experiences with the shortage of state funding for higher education in Colorado due to the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) will motivate her to enhance external fund raising for UWSP.

Part of the reason she works in higher education is to “Never underestimate the power of your student voice or your student dollar.” She recalled that while she was a student, Baylor’s president mentioned to her that if students were to start raising money for a new library, that alumni would follow suit. Bunnell spearheaded a movement among students, who raised about $10,000 and prompted the alumni to donate. She remembers the president told her, “Never underestimate the power of your student voice or your student dollar.”

Applying that advice as an alumna, Bunnell became a lifetime member of the Baylor Alumni Association and chaired the Academic Affairs Committee for the Council of 150, a group of alumni and others selected from throughout the country on the 150th anniversary of the founding of Baylor University to chart the course for the next 150 years. She returns to Baylor for homecoming each year and visits two of her favorite professors. “I really treasure those relationships,” she said.

In addition to Baylor, Bunnell graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a master’s and doctorate degree in English literature.
Young Alumni Emerging Leader Award

The Future Alumni Association’s (FAA) Young Alumni Emerging Leader award will recognize graduates who exhibit exemplary achievement in their profession or other endeavors in such a way as to bestow credit upon their alma mater.

FAA will select the recipient from a five-year pool of nominations that have been received from the UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors, faculty, alumni and friends.

One award will be presented each year in May at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominee must be an alumnus of UWSP and have graduated within the last 10 years
- Has not previously received the Distinguished Alumni Award
- Is not a UWSP faculty or staff member
- Is not currently serving on the Alumni Association Board
- Must be able to accept the award in person at the Alumni Awards Luncheon

To nominate alumni, please contact the Alumni and University Relations office for more details at 877-764-6801 or alumni@uwsp.edu.

CPS gets donation from recent grad

Appreciation for his education inspired Paul Borke, Waunakee, to make a $1,000 donation to the College of Professional Studies one week before he graduated in May. The funds will benefit the School of Communicative Disorders and the CPS information technology staff, with whom Borke worked as a student. A computer information systems major, he developed several Web sites for the college as well as a Web-based clinical reporting program.

“I gave to the college,” said Borke, “because over the course of three years, I made lasting friendships among the faculty and staff and I wanted to show that I appreciated all they did for me.”

He credited George Heeres, a CPS technology support specialist with whom he worked, with teaching him additional practical and technical skills than those learned during coursework. He also credits the communicative disorders staff with helping him learn how to interact with clients.

Borke works for Tybrin Corporation in Madison as a system support contractor for the Wisconsin Air National Guard, maintaining the software and hardware that is used for planning and executing missions. His goals include being a computer programmer for the Air Force.

The lessons I learned have given me an advantage in the real world,” said Borke, “and I felt it was the right thing to do to recognize and thank everyone in the college.”

Loan consolidation offered to alumni

UWSP alumni now have an opportunity to consolidate their education loans with preferred lenders who offer special student loan repayment benefits. Although benefits vary, each of these lenders provides the borrower with some form of repayment savings as well as a promise of quality personal consultation about the pros and cons of consolidating educational loans.

Consolidation of educational loans is popular because it allows borrowers to lock in extraordinary all-time low interest rates and reduce monthly payments through longer-term loans. Some specialized lenders have begun to heavily market these loans, raising a concern that alumni may be approached to consolidate without the benefit of appropriate consultation or a good benefit package. The UWSP Alumni Association is pleased to offer preferred lenders who have a history with the university and a good reputation for student-sensitive policies.

Federal legislation under consideration, which may become law within a few months, would change the interest calculation method from fixed rate to variable and eliminate an individual’s ability to lock in the current low interest rate. As this change is expected to win favor in Congress within a short period of time, borrowers who have not already done so may want to contact a prefered lender as soon as possible.

Alumni may be contacted by these UWSP Alumni Association preferred lenders or may contact them directly for more information and assistance in consolidating their loans. General loan consolidation advice may be sought from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation (GLHEC) at 800-236-4300.

Contact these UWSP Alumni Association Preferred Lenders:
- AnchorBank 800-236-3608
- M&I Bank 800-236-4400
- First Federal 800-657-4636, ext. 4530
- Other unique criteria considered important – can you identify additional criteria that you think should be considered?

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UWSP is a beautiful place in the fall. It’s also a place of discovery and excellence, where academics and students are the focus. “Help keep UWSP strong,” says Deb Anstett, UWSP Foundation annual fund director. “When you get our phone call, please answer with a pledge to the annual campaign.”

For information on giving back to UWSP, contact the UWSP Foundation at 715-346-3812 or 800-858-5267 or go to www.uwsp.edu/foundation/MakeaGift.htm.
Kuckkahn heads foundation

Todd Kuckkahn, a former head counselor for Wisconsin nonprofit organizations and former director of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, has been named assistant to the chancellor for advancement and executive director of the UWSP Foundation.

Having directed fund-raising efforts for the Vassar Children's Museum, University of Dane County and Wisconsin Special Olympics, Kuckkahn began his duties as executive director of the foundation and supervisor of the Alumni and University Relations offices on July 1.

"Todd is uniquely poised to reach out to our region and our state on behalf of UWSF," Chancellor Linda Bunnell said. "He has solid experience in all aspects of fund raising, as well as a deep understanding of the opportunity and need for scholarships. He has conducted and supervised prospect research and worked effectively in support of volunteers. He follows through with persistence and good humor and is a quick study."

Kuckkahn also served as a development officer for the UW Foundation (Madison) and worked for U.S. Bank. Before leading the alumni program at UW-Platteville, he served the institution as associate men's basketball coach, admissions counselor and instructor in the College of Education.

"I am very impressed with the university and community," says Kuckkahn, "and I look forward to learning more about UWSP from the faculty, staff and students so we can secure the much-needed funding for many wonderful programs that support students, our alumni and the community."

Neale family helps students

Additional funding has been made to the Neale Family Endowment, just as in scholarships it supports are first being given to current and future students at UWSP.

Funds totaling more than $360,000 from the Neale Family Trust have been added to the original endowment of $2 million, which supports scholarships for incoming freshmen, continuing students and elementary education majors.

The family of Oscar W. Neale, an early educator at Stevens Point Public High School, created the endowment in 2002. The gift was made possible through matching funds of the Neale Endowment and the Neale Education Foundation.

"I am glad to have additional funds to achieve all that we’ve planned," said Jim Neale. "Our family is excited about the impact this gift will have on the university and the students it will support.”

Twelve new freshmen are benefiting from $1,500 Neale Alumni Honors Scholarships. These students have an average ACT score of 31.5, an average grade point of 3.96 and an average class rank of 97, according to the UWSP Office of Admissions.

Several of these freshman recipients will qualify for $1,500 Robert S. and Ventura V. Neale Memorial Scholarships for Continuing Students when they become sophomores. The three-year renewable scholarships give them the opportunity for an additional $4,500 scholarship this fall.

The third scholarship, the Oscar W. Neale Elementary Education Memorial Scholarship Fund, was recently awarded to four students.

Dieck wins Sebold Scholarship

Jennifer Dieck, Wonewoc, is the recipient of the 17th annual Kathrin “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship, one of the premier scholarships at UWSP.

In full-tuition scholarship is awarded annually to a UWSP student who demonstrates high potential for becoming a leader in a chosen profession. It was established by D. David “Dewey” Sebold, former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza, in memory of his late wife Kitty. Both Kitty and Dewey graduated from UWSP in 1968 and Kitty worked as a social worker until her death from cancer in 1973.

“Until today students reach their goals,” said Dewey. “Kitty’s spirit lives on in these young scholars and in anyone who touches the compassionate commitment she set.”

A junior majoring in psychology with a minor in sociology, Dieck has worked in residence hall governance as a student government representative, a community adviser and assistant to the director of Neale Hall. She organized social and educational programs, one of which won a regional award. She has been an instructional assistant for two psychology faculty members and has recently taken on the responsibility of being a scribe for a disabled student.

As a volunteer she organized a campuswide cleanup, was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and participated in Habitat for Humanity.
James Canfield

James Canfield, an expert in American government, has retired after 35 years at UWSP. During his tenure, he coordinated an interdisciplinary course on the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, authored a book on the George Wallace campaign and presented a paper at the 2000 Green Party Campaign at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Convention. His honors include the Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award and Excellence in Teaching Award. He’s also been nominated numerous times for the campuswide teaching award and University Scholar Award, led semesters abroad to Great Britain and Australia, served on a variety of department and university committees and granted numerous media requests during election cycles. In retirement he and his wife, Rae, will visit their Upper Michigan cottage on Lake Michigan.

Theresa Chao

Theresa Chao recently read Retire Smart. Retire Happy and hopes to do so after 33 years as a periodicals librarian at the UWSP library, where she managed periodicals and subscriptions, gave reference service in both the reference room and government documents and taught business research classes. “I really enjoyed helping students and faculty find the best information,” she said. Having faced challenges such as budget cuts and technological changes, she feels she is leaving a highly usable and cost effective periodical collection. Chao and her husband, Henry, plan to remain in Wisconsin Rapids and she hopes to improve her swimming and biking skills, volunteer and spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Stan Carlson

Professor Stan Carlson has made mathematics fun and interesting for high school, college and future students during his 39 years at UWSP. His accomplishments include integrating math and education courses, creating labs for math education students and honoring high school students for math skills as the coordinator for the Central Wisconsin Mathematics League. Retirement will be filled with travel, gardening, basketball and woodcarving, but he’ll also find time to relax at his Stevens Point home. “Ann and I bought two oak rocking chairs for our screen porch,” he said, “so you know where you can find us in the summer.”

Michael Dresen

During his 12 years at UWSP, Mike Dresen helped communities understand and implement the state’s land use planning legislation, Smart Growth. He served as a UW-Extension lake management specialist and land management specialist, providing educational programming for citizens. In 2000, he became the director of the newly created Center for Land Use Education at UWSP. He has co-authored The Zoning Board Handbook, The Plan Commissioner’s Handbook, and Life on the Edge, Owning Waterfront Property, now in its seventh edition, and received the prestigious Lake Stewardship Award from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. He’ll stay active in conservation and other civic matters as a supervisor for the Shawano County Board. Dresen and his wife, Geri, will reside in rural Shawano County, trout fishing and traveling as time permits.

David Eckholm

Dave Eckholm, executive director emeritus of enrollment services and registrar, retired last November after 35 years at UWSP. He joined the administration as assistant to Registrar Gilbert Faust in 1968, shortly before receiving his bachelor’s degree from UWSP, and succeeded Faust when he retired in 1979. As registrar, Eckholm improved several student services, and most recently implemented Web registration. During his career, he took on several additional responsibilities such as serving as assistant to the vice chancellor, as director of admissions, and as executive director for enrollment. He also participated on a variety of UW System and UWSP committees and was active in his professional organization.

Marcus and Constance Fang

Constance and Marcus Fang are retiring after 36 years at UWSP, having served the Foreign Students Office and as co-advisers for the International Club. They became such an integral part of the campus and Central Wisconsin that they were named among the “Community Treasures” in the Stevens Point Journal. Their involvement in the annual International Dinner, Host Family Program, Portage County Cultural Festival and their church are just a sampling of their immersion in Stevens Point and surrounding communities.

Theresa Fang

Theresa Fang is past recipient of the first-ever University Service Award (1999) and the UW System’s Women of Color Award (2000). Marc, also an associate psychology professor, is past recipient of the first-ever University Service Award (1980), which he won again in 2002. With retirement beckoning, the Fangs have no plans to relocate. They will continue to be engaged in community work while spending more time with family, reading and traveling.

John “Jack” Holmes

A member of the psychology faculty, Jack Holmes has excelled in the classroom and participated in the governance of the campus for 30 years. He and fellow Professor Padmanaabhan Sudevan have collaborated on research involving how people move from one task to another. A self-taught computer buff, he served as a part-time consultant on UNIX and networks for campuswide academic computing and may have been one of the first faculty members to use personal computers in the laboratory. A past recipient of a National Science Foundation grant, Holmes continues to publish his research in peer-reviewed journals. He and his wife, Lynn, will remain in the area, U.S. and abroad, and spend more time with their three children and families.

John Jury

After 32 years of working closely with students, John Jury, executive director of Student Development and University Centers, is retiring from UWSP to head the Community Foundation of Portage County. Jury came to UWSP in 1972 as a residence hall director, then served as director of Conference and Reservations and as director of Student Life Activities and Programs. In his current position, he coordinated student programs and administered three campus centers. He and his wife, Dori, led a semester abroad in Australia and he led six biking trips in Europe. Adviser of the Student Government Association for 25 years, he says he “enjoyed watching students get involved in campus and community, helping them develop competencies to succeed and watching their confidence grow.” One of the founders of the county’s Green Circle Trail, Jury plans to continue his community involvement and his hobby of being “the worst triathlete in Portage County.”
Mark Seiler

German Professor Mark Seiler, retiring after 35 years at UWSP, helped improve the German language curriculum in schools in Wisconsin and neighboring states by leading workshops for high school teachers. Twice honored by the Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Teachers, he was cited by the Goethe Institute of New York for furthering the study of German language and culture in the U.S. and by UWSP in 2003 for outstanding service to campus and community. Seiler served as chair of the foreign language faculty for 15 years. In 1989, he facilitated the establishment of an international exchange program between UWSP and Otto Van Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany, including a dual degree program between the two campuses. He has been active in faculty governance and as a member of the Historic Preservation Subcommittee, has been involved with refurbishing the Old Main Founders Room and with efforts to save and restore Nelson Hall. During retirement, he plans to spend time with his family and pursue his many interests.

Gail Skelton

Sociology Professor Emerita Gail Skelton, recognized several times for outstanding teaching, retired in January from a 35-year career at UWSP. She has been honored for her skills as an educator by the university, her department, the College of Letters and Science and the Wisconsin Sociological Association. Gail says her time in the classroom has been a high point of her career at UWSP, and she appreciates running into students who still remember her classes years later. Participation in faculty governance has been another highlight. Gail and her husband, Bill, plan to continue to live in Stevens Point, but will travel south to escape the cold Wisconsin winters.

Steve Taft

Parasite research has been the focus of Biology Professor Steve Taft’s 35-year career at UWSP. In 2004 he and three of his students were honored for their research. “My students have taught me more than I’ve taught them,” he said, “and they’ve made UWSP a great place to be.” In addition to his research, Taft taught courses, wrote articles, revised text, created drawings and took photographs for numerous articles, papers and laboratory manuals, and established a parasitology collection of over 30,000 slides. He received the University Scholar Award in 1985 and coordinated the general zoology laboratories for 20 years. He said he’s enjoyed the freedom to work on his research and make a satisfying contribution to the institution. In retirement, Taft will stay active by camping, backpacking and training for and competing in triathlons.

DNR honors Hall for fund-raising leadership

Kent Hall, UWSP emeritus professor of biology, was honored by the Department of Natural Resources with the West Central Wisconsin Natural Resources Award. Employees of the 19-county region chose Hall for outstanding leadership in caring for the state’s natural resources. Hall was instrumental in the construction of an educational facility and administrative office for the Mead and McMillan Wildlife Area complex located north of Milladore and Marshfield. Through the Friends of Mead-McMillan Association, in two months he helped raise $75,000 in private donations that were required for the $681,000 project. He continued the work and to date has raised $1.5 million in donations and in-kind services for ample space to support a wide range of administrative and educational facilities for kindergarten to college students. He also encouraged members of the association to become more active as volunteers. The facility will include a library and meeting room, kitchen and sinks in the classroom area. It incorporates renewable energy features such as geothermal heat, photo-voltaic and wind electric production and solar hot water. Hall also was named Conservationist of the Year in April by the Bill Cook Chapter of the Izak Walton League. He retired in 1998 after 30 years at UWSP, where he advised the award-winning Beta Beta Beta honor society for 17 years.

John Timcak

For 32 years, retiree John Timcak has led the efforts to support students with disabilities. Initially hired in 1972 as a residence hall director, he eventually became director of new student programs and disability services, overseeing campus compliance with state and federal disability statutes as well as new student orientation and the Student Academic Advising Center. Born in the Slovak Republic (formerly part of Czechoslovakia), he moved to the U.S. when he was 10. He and his wife, Gayle, who have a twin sister in Fort Myers, Fla., have three grown children. Timcak plans to write, teach or consult and play golf in retirement.

Mary Whalen

Mary Whalen, a professor of mathematics and computing who encouraged young women to become interested in those fields, will retire after 40 years as an educator. She has worked with the Women in Science Program and with College Days for Kids so she could mentor children interested in math and science. Mary also coordinated an Eisenhower Grant project to interest more elementary and middle school girls in the field of mathematics. During retirement, she plans to work with her father, noted journalist John Whalen, on a book about their travels throughout Europe, Asia, Canada and the U.S. They plan to move to Dubuque, Iowa, where they will be closer to family members. She says she will miss her colleagues and the “stimulating atmosphere in her department.

Anita Godin Borsi

UWSP has been home to Anita Godin Borsi for over 35 years, first as a student and then as an employee. The director of Revenue, Liability and Parking Services, she managed the offices of Student Billing, Bursar, Perkins Loan, Career Services, Admissions and Parking. She has served on several committees on campus and in the community, including the Mission, Vision and Values committee which proposed goals for the University of Stevens Point’s future. Recently married, Godin Borsi plans to spend her retirement with her husband, Jim, traveling the United States, doing volunteer work, reading, playing in the flower garden and enjoying her two granddaughters.

Kathy Soderberg

Kathy Soderberg has been working in Admissions and Career Services ever since the youngest of her seven children started elementary school in 1983. She became coordinator of freshman scholarships and processed undergraduate and graduate admission applications. In retirement she and her husband, Don, hope to travel forward having more time to travel around the Midwest where their children and 15 grandchildren are located.

Also retired this academic year were Vance Gruetzmacher, Lois HuiZar and Kirby Throckmorton.

Campus News

Fall 2004
Lance Grahn, a specialist in Latin American history and former chair of his department at Marquette University, is the new dean of the College of Letters and Science. He succeeded Justin Paul, who retired in August after 18 years as dean and 38 years at UWSP.

“I am honored,” said Grahn, “to join UWSP as a member of the College of Letters and Science and to have this opportunity to collaborate with my colleagues in providing educational and outreach leadership for the university through the college’s many fine programs. My wife, Dianne, and I look forward to becoming part of the Stevens Point community.”

Before joining the Marquette faculty, Grahn was a visiting lecturer in Brazil, a research fellow at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., and a faculty member at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and at Radford University, Radford, Va.

While in Milwaukee, he received numerous awards for his teaching and research, including Marquette’s highest faculty award, the Rev. John P. Raynor, S.J., Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, and the first universitywide Teaching Excellence Award given by students. A scholar of colonial Latin America, he has been involved in service activities that further Latin studies and was a member of numerous faculty committees at Marquette.

Grahn holds a bachelor’s degree in history and Spanish from Abilene Christian University, a master’s in Latin American history from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in Latin American history from Duke University.

First woman leads CNR

Christine Thomas, the founder of Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) whose appointment to the Department of Natural Resources Board was approved by the State Senate in March, has been named interim dean of the College of Natural Resources.

She succeeds Victor Phillips, who resigned to head UWSP’s Global Environmental Management program. Thomas has served as associate dean of the CNR since 2000 and professor of human dimensions of natural resource management since 1989. From 1980 to 1991 she served as assistant to CNR Dean Emeritus Dan Trainer.

“Christ Thomas brings state and national visibility to her position as interim dean of the College of Natural Resources,” said Vice Chancellor/Provost Virginia Helm. “She holds leadership status in many environmental interest groups, reflecting the high regard with which she is held in the field. We are delighted that she has accepted the responsibility for continuing to advance the programs in the college.”

The first female tenured professor in the CNR. Thomas teaches “Resource Policy and Law,” “Natural Resources and Public Relations” and “Integrated Resource Management.” She has been active in regional issues related to women in natural resources, human dimensions of natural resource management workshops, and co-chaired two Midwest regional conferences related to workforce diversity. In addition to her teaching and outreach effort, she has research interests that center on resource management administration, involvement of women in the outdoors and Wisconsin conservation history.

Thomas is vice chair of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and serves on two committees of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. She has won numerous national and state honors, including the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award and Budweiser Outdoorsmen of the Year. The Wisconsin Outdoor Journal named her one of the 10 most influential people in conservation in Wisconsin in the 20th century and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel inducted her into its Sports Show Hall of Fame.

An active researcher, Thomas and colleague Tim Ginnett have projects near Clam Lake that involve elk reintroduction and black bears in the area.

UWSP hiking and biking adventure tour

On a UWSP Adventure Tour, organized by the School of Health Promotion and Human Development, the athletic tourist can experience the world in a way that most casual tourists never will.

A sense of adventure is more important than cycling or hiking experience; all ability levels are welcome. Participants range in age from mid twenties to nearly 90, the average age is 45 to 55.

Itineraries of 30 to 70 miles per day for bikers and two to six miles for hikers are designed so that participants can bike or hike as little or as much as they wish. The ambitious trekker can take to the mountains for more of a challenge. Accommodations include quaint and comfortable lodging and diverse cuisine. The 2005 schedule is as follows:

Italy – the Amalfi Coast, January 3-13: This cultural walking and low-impact hiking tour will feature Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Amalfi, Positano, and Ravello, as well as two nights in Rome.

Malorca, January 13-25 (biking) and March 17-27 (biking or hiking): European cycling teams often do their winter training on this Mediterranean island; mild weather, excellent roads, spectacular scenery and outstanding accommodations are the reasons! This will be the fifth trip to Malorca.

Dominica, January 6-16: This unique multisport adventure tour will feature hiking in rainforests to breathtaking waterfalls and gorges, mountain biking to tropical plantations, bird watching, snorkeling, and kayaking.

Italy (northern area), June 11-27: Skirting the mountains, this bicycling trip will highlight beautiful Lakes Maggiore, Como, and Garda. Day trips can include legendary cities like Padua, Verona, Ferrara and more.

In Memoriam Pauline Isaacson

Pauline Isaacson, emeritus professor of communica- tion, died April 22 at age 92. Isaacson taught public relations and speech and when she first came to UWSP in 1956 she was the first chairwoman of the speech department when it was created in 1956. She was honored for her dedication to creating a public relations and speech department.

While in Milwaukee, she received numerous awards for her teaching and research, including Marquette’s highest faculty award, the Rev. John P. Raynor, S.J., Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, and the first universitywide Teaching Excellence Award given by students. A scholar of colonial Latin America, she has been involved in service activities that further Latin studies and was a member of numerous faculty committees at Marquette.

Grahn holds a bachelor’s degree in history and Spanish from Abilene Christian University, a master’s in Latin American history from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in Latin American history from Duke University.

CPS history video wins award

A video about the history of home economics at UWSP was honored by the Greater Wisconsin chapter of Media Communications Association-International.

Home Economics Centennial: A Celebration of Dynamic Geniuses, produced and directed by Conrad Kelley of UWSP Telecommunications, won a Cameo Fest Silver Award in the category of external communications. CPS Dean John North wrote the script. Dennis Deering of telecommunications created the graphics and animation; Ellen Margolis, a former theatre professor, provided the voiceover; and a host of students had cameo appearances.

Copies of the video are available for $15 each by contacting CPS at 715-346-3169.

UWSP committed to recycling

UWSP has saved state taxpayers more than a half million dollars over the last 15 years by not disposing of used materials in area landfills.

The Resource Recovery and Reuse (3R) efforts began at UWSP in 1989 have kept nearly 13,000 tons of ash, cardboard, compost, metals, paper, surplus items, and other recyclables from being discarded.

According to Sharon Simonis, waste management/resource recovery manager specialist, UWSP is one of few campuses in the nation that has equipped all residence halls with chutes for resource recovery. All recovery materials, with the exception of surplus sales, are taken to UWSP’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to be sorted and prepared for shipment.

A total campus commitment has contributed to UWSP’s 3R successes. Residential living and centers operations joined forces with academic and administrative areas to make resource recovery a campuswide priority. In 1990 about 42 percent of campus refuse was recycled; in 2003, 67 percent was recycled. The program has been recognized by the EPA, Stevens Point Area Chamber of Commerce, Milwaukee Chapter of the International Television Association, Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin, Portage County Business Council, Governor of Wisconsin and Renew America.
Photos are ordered top to bottom, left to right.

Green Bay
- Alumni enjoyed the atmosphere at the Titletown Brewery in Green Bay on May 27.

Quivey’s Grove “Brews, Brats and Blues” in Madison on June 29
- Sue Steele, ’71, shows off the UWSP t-shirt she won, with Patrick Cotter, ’71, and Pat Sine.
- Left to right: Astrid “Chris” Faust; Crystal Nelson, ’83; Matt Van Rixel; and Kathy Faust, ’82.
- Left to right: Toni Gunson, ’97; Jeff Miller; Gary Kastorff, ’74; David Thorson, ’77; and Randi Thorson.

Waupaca cruise
- After enjoying a wonderful May evening on the Chain O’ Lakes, a group of alumni and friends of UWSP disembarks to the Clear Water Harbor in Waupaca.

50th reunion at UWSP
- Memories, stories and laughs were shared during the reunion, held in the Founders Room of Old Main.
- When Jack Popeck, ’53; Jackie McMahon, ’54; Bobbie Anderson, ’53; and Robert Gruhling, ’53; began singing “The Purple and the Gold,” everyone else at the reunion joined in.
Pointers make history with three teams in NCAA Final Four

Not only was the recent winter sports season the most successful in UW-Stevens Point history, it was a season that few schools in Division III can match.

UWSP became the first school ever to send three teams to final fours in the same weekend, while also posting high national finishes in four other sports during the same period.

The year’s success resulted in the school’s highest-ever Director’s Cup finish, as the Pointers were fifth among 430 schools in the standings that measure the top athletic departments in Division III. It was the fifth time over the past seven years the Pointers have placed among the top seven schools and marked the best finish by any Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) school since UW-Oshkosh placed fifth in 1996-97.

The standings, formerly known as the Sears Cup, include points accumulated in NCAA tournament competition. UWSP amassed 730 points, surpassing its previous best of 656.5 in 2001-02 when it finished sixth in the final standings. For the third time in the past four years, UWSP was the highest placing non-East Coast school.

The men’s basketball team captured its first-ever national championship with an 84-82 win over Williams (Mass.) in Salem, Va. The women’s hockey team also played for a national title the same day, falling to host Middlebury (Vt.) 2-1 to finish national runner-up. The women’s basketball team placed fourth at the final four in Virginia Beach, Va., as UWSP became the second Division III school to qualify for men’s an women’s basketball final fours in the same year.

Winter wrap-up

Men’s basketball

In men’s basketball, junior Jason Kalsow, Huntley, Ill., hit a fallaway jumper with 0.2 seconds left to give the Pointers the national championship. Kalsow had 24 points in the title game, while junior Nick Bennett, Stevens Point, notched 30 points to earn tournament Most Outstanding Player honors. UWSP advanced with an 87-62 semifinal win over John Carroll (Ohio). To reach the final four, the Pointers won two games the week before in Tacoma, Wash., including a thrilling 82-81 overtime win over Lawrence in the sectional championship. UWSP had a school record for victories with a 29-5 record and was the only WIAC team in the NCAA tournament after beating UW-Platteville 68-50 in the conference tournament finals.

Women’s hockey

The women’s hockey team reached the final four by winning two double overtime games. First, it was a 2-1 win over UW-Superior in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association finals as Pam Stohr, South St. Paul, Minn., scored at the 82-minute mark. Then came a 3-2 win over Gustavus Adolphus in the NCAA quarterfinals with Jackie Schmitt, Buffalo Grove, Ill., scoring her national-best ninth game-winning goal of the year at the 86-minute mark. The Pointers advanced to the title game with a 4-1 semifinal win over Manhattanville (N.Y.) and ended the year 19-7-4 overall. Junior Ann Ninnemann, Rosemount, Minn., and freshman Amy Statz, Wisconsin Rapids, were named to the all-tournament team.

Women’s basketball

The women’s basketball team won its first conference title since 1987 and then carried the success through the postseason with a 91-77 victory over UW-Oshkosh in the conference tournament finals before beating Hardin-Simmons (Texas) 72-67 to reach the final four. The Pointers lost their national semifinal game to top-ranked Bowdoin (Maine) 64-59 and then fell to Rochester (N.Y.) 64-63 in the third place game to finish the year 28-5 overall. Junior Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was named to the all-tournament squad and was the conference Player of the Year.

Wrestling

The wrestling team placed ninth overall in the finals. Senior Yan White, Antigo, was the 197-pound runner-up in his third straight national NCAA championship match, concluding his career with a 103-17 record, a national title and two runner-up finishes. Defending national champion Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, placed fourth at 174 pounds and finished with a 32-4 record for the season. Senior Brady Holtz, Oconto Falls, earned his second straight All-American honor by placing sixth at 133 pounds.

Men’s swimming and diving

The men’s swimming and diving team captured its fifth straight conference championship with five different individual champions. The men’s team also had its 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relays claim All-American honors. The team of Alex Anderson, La Crosse; Matt Siwers, Proctor, Minn.; Aaron Marshall, Cambridge, Minn.; and Garth Newport, Berlin, was sixth in the freestyle and eighth in the medley. Anderson was an individual All-American in the 200-yard breaststroke by placing seventh.

Women’s swimming and diving

The men’s swimming and diving team was a close second at the conference meet for the third straight year. Jennie Roskopf, West Bend, won both breaststroke events as the Pointers’ lone conference champions. The Pointers also placed 35th at the national meet as the 200-yard medley relay team of Alissa Barte, Beloit; Jaci Menzel, Stevens Point; Lindsay Correll, Aurora, Ill.; and Jerica Crook, Spring Green, placed sixth.

Above: A guard for the Pointer basketball championship team, Tamaris Relerford, Beloit, takes it to the rim.

Lower right: Women’s basketball guard Andrea Kraemer, Waukesha, set a school and conference record by playing in 119 games, starting in all but one.

Below: Women’s hockey player Ann Ninnemann, Rosemount, Minn., faces an opponent.
A pep rally was held in Quandt Gymnasium in March to celebrate the Pointers' winning seasons. Members of the campus and community enjoyed meeting the athletes, getting autographs and seeing the NCAA Final Four trophies.

Six players on the men's and women's basketball teams scored over 1,000 points during their UWSP careers. Pictured, back row: Nick Bonnett, Stevens Point; and Jason Kaliszow, Huntley, Ill.; front row: Amanda Nekuta, Mosinee; Andrea Kraemer, Waushara; Tara Schmitt, Brookfield; and Cassandra Heuer, Two Rivers.

Athletes, administrator join Pointer Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletes from five different sports and a longtime administrator will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame in conjunction with homecoming on Sat., Oct. 2. This year's class features football player Peter Lucas, who attended 1988-91, Madison; wrestler Mark Poitier, '94, Stevens Point; baseball and basketball player Chuck Ritzenhaler, '87, West Bend; softball player Steph Sobieck, '90, Green Bay; swimmer Nan Werdin, '95, Fairbanks, Alaska; and former faculty athletics representative Virgil Thiesfeld, Plover.

The banquet will be held at the University Center at 6 p.m. with cocktails at 5 p.m. For tickets, contact the UWSP alumni relations office at 715-346-3811.

Lucas is the only offensive lineman in school history to earn first-team All-American honors and was an All-American and All-Conference selection in two of his three seasons with the Pointers. He was a 10th round draft choice of the Atlanta Falcons in 1991 following his career at UWSP.

Poitier was the national runner-up and conference champion at 142 pounds with 100 points in his UWSP career. He ranks second in school history with 305 career takedowns and made three appearances at the national meet. Poitier also served two seasons as an assistant coach with the Pointers.

Ritzenhaler still holds single-season school records with five shutouts and a 0.55 earned run average while leading the Pointers to the 1967 conference title. He carries the school's best career earned run average of 1.27 and had a 13-5 career record. Ritzenhaler played basketball for two seasons and was the team captain in 1966-67.

Sobieck ranks third all-time in Pointer history with 165 career strikeouts and 35 career victories. She also is second in school history with 302 1/3 innings pitched and 68 complete games from 1987-90. Sobieck was a two-time all-conference performer and pitched the Pointers to the 1990 conference crown.

Werdin was a three-time All-American and won 12 conference titles during her career from 1991-94. She won the 200-yard butterfly in each of her four seasons and was a three-time titlist in the 400-yard individual medley. In addition to her All-American accolades, she was a 10-time honorable mention All-American.

Thiesfeld was the faculty athletics representative to the WIAC, NCHA and NCAA for 22 years. He was highly respected throughout the conference for his knowledge of NCAA and WIAC eligibility rules. Still a strong supporter of Pointer athletics, Thiesfeld retired in 1999 and was the chair of the Biology Department for nearly 30 years.

Women's track and field

The women's indoor track and field team placed third overall nationally, with impressive performances from Leah Herlache, Green Bay, and Megan Craig, Bangor, who placed among the top three finishes in the 1500-meter run and ran on the third place distance medley relay team. Jenna Mitchell, Kaukauna, placed sixth in the 800-meter run. The Pointers placed 21st overall at the NCAA outdoor championships with Craig finishing third in the 1500 meters and Mitchell seventh in the 800 meters. Julia Slabosheski, Princeton, was sixth in the discus.

Men's track and field

The men's track and field team placed sixth nationally, its fourth top 10 finish in five years. Mark Wierzba, Rosboro, and Mark LaLonde, Park Falls, led the way with second place finishes in the weight throw and the 5000-meter run, respectively. Andrew Schlepp, Redgranite, was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles, then bettered that effort at the outdoor nationals with a third place finish as the Pointers placed 27th overall. Wierzba was fifth at the outdoor meet in the hammer throw.

Baseball

The baseball team continued its recent success by winning 25 games for the eighth consecutive year. UW-Stevens Point finished 25-16 and was third in the WIAC. Senior Matt Peetz, Spring Green, finished ninth in the country in hitting with a .465 batting average and also completed his career as the school's all-time leading hitter with 199 hits and a .396 average.

Softball

It was another consistent year for the Pointer softball team as UWSP finished 20-21 overall for its 11th straight 20-win season. The Pointers packed their 41 games into 41 days and finished sixth overall in the WIAC. Sophomore Rebekah Baurer, Stevens Point, set a single-season school record with 25 extra-base hits, while hitting .380 with 35 runs batted in.
**2000s**

Michelle Fitch, ‘03, Mankato, Minn., is assistant complex director for the Mankato Residential Life Department at Minnesota State University while earning a master’s degree in counseling and student personnel. She researches the campus climate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and the implications for student affairs professionals on campus.

Sara Suprak, ‘03, Waunau, teaches mathematics for the Wausau school district. She married Chris Militard in May.

Nicholas Staevely, ‘03, Horizon, is group technical provider and remote sensing technician for the UW-Green Bay and Geology Department. His wife, Sharalyne (Holland), ‘03, teaches kindergarten at a private school district. Their second child was born in March.

Jeremy Burr, ‘03, Chilton, is an investment representative for Richard Belke Associates.

Brandy Ford, ‘03, Appleton, teaches special education for the Appleton Area School District.

Ryan Jirk, ‘03, Sauk City, is a hydrologic technician for the U.S. Geological Survey.

Preston Zollner, ‘03, Madison, is a lead teacher at My Gym.

Julie Hess, ‘03, Lock Haven, Penn., works start-up as a wet-end process engineer for First Quality Tissue.

Jennifer Hess, ‘03, Stevens Point, is a life skills teacher with Special Education. She is married to Justin Hess, an assistant manager with Heartland Food Corp. in Stevens Point.

Sarah Otto, ‘02, formerly a UWSP Alumni and University Relations internship outreach coordinator, accepted a position with the American Cancer Society in La Crosse.

Sarah Otto, a student employee in Alumni and University Relations, she had become a full-fledged member of the team after graduation.

Timothy Balke, ‘02, Albany, N.Y., a self-employed piano technician, says his experiences and courses at UWSP helped him in the transition from student to business owner.

Melinda Martin, ‘01, St. Charles, Ill., is a life skills teaching assistant at Community Unit School District. She is pursuing a teacher’s certificate and master’s degree in French. She previously spent a year in France as an au pair and as a French student at the Sorbonne. She lived near Metz in Ruel-Malmaison, Aaiz-le-Rebais and St. Jean-du-Luz.

Kelly (Higlers) Lyons, ‘00, Huntington, Ind., is director of marketing for Sauder Feeds Inc. in Grabill, Ind. She was married to Dan Lyons in September.

Dennis Stachuwe, ‘02, Gwinn, Mich., is city planner for the city of Marquette. His wife, Rebecca (Bayer), ‘03, last attended, ‘08, is a consumer loan processor at Republic Bank.

Jessica Brostowski, ‘00, Green Bay, is an instrument repair technician at Musician Repair and Supply, where her husband, Ian Chapman, also works. She holds a degree in band instrument repair from Minnesota State University and Southeast Technical in Red Wing, Minn., and previously worked in Oregon and Southern California.

**1990s**

Diane Ballering, ‘95, Hoboken, N.J., has been a stage manager and electrician in New York City for two years. She has worked with the Toy Box Theatre Company in New York City, founded by Jonathan Barones, ‘01, Scott DelaCruz, ‘00, and Michael Holmes, ‘02. She is currently stage managing the off-Broadway musical, The Joys of Sex.

Jennifer Saueraner, ‘99, Appleton, teaches third grade in New London. She previously taught students with learning disabilities and earned a master’s degree from Viterbo University. She and her husband, Erik, have one daughter.


Zachary Juudis, ‘99, Menasha, is a custom home designer and building consultant for Portside Properties in Oshkosh. He designs, builds and sells homes, and enjoys helping people realize their dreams.


Terry (Larson) Jicha, ‘98, South Range, a physical scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Duluth, Minn., is working on the Great Rivers initiative, assessing the Upper Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio Rivers. She previously assessed the coastal wetlands around the Great Lakes and the effects of land use on coastal wetlands and other inland streams. She is married to Allen Jicha, a civil engineer.


Jessica (Sarkkinen) Andre, ‘98, Stevens Point, is an accountant with Sentry Insurance.

Jennifer Gretzinger, ‘98, Argonne, is the human resources director for Parsons Chevrolet Buick Inc. in Antigo. She and her husband, Sonny, have two children.

Terry Bothum, ‘97, Milwaukee, teaches German and at-risk students in Menomonee Falls public schools. He earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from Marian College of Fond du Lac. He has a four-year-old daughter.

Mieah Stewart Eberman, ‘97, Milwaukee, is creative director at Northwestern Software Development in Brown Deer. She graduated in 2001 and earned a master’s degree in library science at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Jeffrey Justman, ‘96, master’s, ’90, Brandeis, an international guide with Rainier Mountaineering and Mountain-Link, reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 16 with five others. Justman also has led treks to mountain summits including Manaslu, Himalaya, Cotopaxi, Evaus, Aconcagua, Argentina, and Mount Rainier. He and his crew have been the subject of a recent series of articles in the Seattle Post Journal, written by senior feature writer Trudy Stewart. ‘87, Reak Jusman through www.mountain-link.com.

Paul Stibbaur, ‘95, Lexington, Ky., a graduate research assistant, is pursuing a Ph.D. in biosystems and agricultural engineering at the University of Kentucky.

**Class Notes**

**Hansen Hall Reunion**

April 30, 2000

A group of friends that met in Hansen Hall as freshman have been getting together annually since 1989. Pictured at the home of Sarah (Okray) Santos, ’89, Fondyville, last December, are back row, left to right: Paula Marray, ’91, Minneapolis, Minn.; Kristin Mundt, ’90, Portage, Santas; front row, left to right: Kathy Hughes Durben, ’90, Waukesha, Constance Williams, ’91, Kihei, Hawaii; and Brenda Leady, ’91, La Crosse.

Dave Geellaty, ’98, and Katie (Good), ’98, Ashland, were married on Aug. 2, 2003, on the shores of Lake Superior. Several alumni were in attendance and Tim Lubel, ’97, Appleton (third from left), and Heather Sturin, ’98, Grafton (first on right), were in the wedding party. Dave owns Northland Outfitters and sells outdoor sporting goods. Katie is assistant director of admissions at Northland College in Ashland. They would love to hear from college friends at davidgeellaty@yahoo.com, kagriffy@northland.edu or 715-662-5283.

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Lucas Towne, ’02, Fort Drum, N.Y., a first lieutenant in the Army, served in Afghanistan and was in charge of an ammunition point holding millions of assorted rounds and more than $4 million in weapons. He also was in charge of an Afghan National Army basic training arms room and the facilities that assorted rounds and more than $4 million in weapons. He also was in charge of an ammunition point holding millions of assorted rounds and more than $4 million in weapons.
Golden Apples for top teachers

Four UWSP alumni were honored for excellence in teaching by the Potterage County Business Council's Foundation's Partners in Education program.

Sue VanDresser, ’83, master’s ’92, was one of two 2004 Golden Apple Award winners. She has taught fifth grade at Washington Elementary School in Stevens Point for the past 16 years and feels that students need to see the value in what they’re learning before they become fully engaged in the learning process. She helped her students realize they could make a difference when they worked at improving their playground.

Theresa Wanta, ’89, Plover, has taught kindergarten at Jefferson Elementary School for 11 years, using games and real-life situations. For example, her students learn to write using “small moment” stories about their own experiences.

Jeanette Fries, ’78, Stevens Point, has taught at Saint Stephen Elementary School for 26 years, teaching fifth grade for the past eight. She creates learning experiences using cross-curricular units and simulations, such as making history come alive and relevant to her students.

Jenniffer Fries, ’93, Plover, has taught at Plover-Whiting Elementary for 23 years. She uses field trips and real-life examples to enhance her third grade students’ learning experiences. To teach use of assembly lines, her students volunteered in the school lunch cafeteria, read about car manufacturing processes and came up with their own assembly line to create Valentine’s Day cards.

Lisa Nielsen, ’83, Anchorage, Alaska, is the administrative officer for the Water Resources Lake Clark and Katmai national parks and preserves.

Jean (Prasalowicz) Hilger, master’s ’83, Wisconsin Rapids, teaches there and was the 2002-03 Wisconsin Special Services Teacher of the Year and a 2002 Gold Award Winner.

Jeffrey Ogurek, ’83, Minneapolis, Minn., a commander in the Navy, received a Gold Wreath for recruiting excellence while serving with the Navy Recruiting District in Minneapolis.

Carolyn Papa, ’81, Racine, is librarian at All Saints Healthcare, where she has worked for seven years. The library provides health information to consumers and healthcare professionals. She earned a master’s degree in library science from UW-Milwaukee in 2003. In her spare time she works with horses and volunteers at The Midwest Therapeutic Riding Clinic in Bristol.

Nancy (Feuer Brucker) Garrett, ’81, Alpharetta, Ga., is a regional account manager for the U.S. General Services Administration’s Southeast Sunbelt Region. Based in Atlanta with Clifton Gunderson, she reported accounts in eight southern states for the U.S. Postal Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Housing, and Urban Development, Department of Energy, Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Small Business Association and other federal agencies. She previously was the GSAs supervisory property manager for federal property in the southern half of Indiana, managing the award-winning Birch Bay Federal Building and Courthouse where she established a museum commemorating the courthouse’s centennial events and history and oversaw the former U.S. Senator Birch Bayh. A former Federal Employee of the Year with the Indianapolis Federal Executive Association, she received the GSA’s Cornerstone Award for work on behalf of GSA’s childcare initiative in federal facilities and the GSA’s Eagle Award for partnership on security integration between GSA and the Department of Defense. She is married to Raymond Garrett.

Richard Ninneman, ’79, Stevens Point, is a retired employee benefits division at IMA, married to Linda Naidicz.

Karen Minn., is a regional manager for the Minnesota DNR. He has previously been a field officer, field training officer, background investigator and district supervisor. His daughter will attend UWSP this fall.

Kathleen (Roberts) Itzain, ’78, Turtle Lake, is a retired special education teacher. Her husband, William, is a retired music teacher. They have three children and one grandson.

Charles Woody, ’78, Lakelake, Minn., is deputy regional director of the Great Lakes – Big Rivers Region (Region 3). U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), headquartered in Fort Snelling, Minn. Woody works with agency staff and program managers to oversee activities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In 2001, he received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Cornerstone Award for work on behalf of the Illinois and Wisconsin divisions of the GSA’s childcare initiative in federal facilities and the GSA’s Eagle Award for partnership on security integration between GSA and the Department of Defense. She is married to Raymond Garrett.

Theresa Wanta, ’82, St. Paul, Minn., had a by 48 inch oil painting Awakening, selected by the Stricoff Fine Art Gallery in New York City for exhibition in July. For more of her work, see www.theresawanta.com.

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Outstanding Research Assistant. Reich is a member in the government documents area of UWSP's Library and coordinates Wisconsin's Central Region Competition for National History Day.

Sandy Szymon, ’74, Fox Point was selected as Wisconsin’s nominee for the 2004 National Education Association Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. Swanson, a former special service teacher and school-to-work coordinator at Menomonee Falls High School, has been awarded her master’s degree from Cardinal Stritch University, the National Association of Secondary School Principals Professional Teaching Standards certification and earned her district’s Professional Development Certificate.

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Don Gunderson, ’74, Plover, is executive director of the UWSP Paper Science Foundation, leading fundraising activities, coordinating alumni activities and managing the foundation. He also leads independent projects and grants using UWSP Extension.

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Kathy Neumann, ’73, Madison, is executive director and manager of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. She was also a senior manager at the Montana Natural History Center.

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Timothy Kilgore, ’80, Mount Calvary, died Dec. 10 at age 95. He was a retired automotive parts representative for Certaun Corp. He enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Helene, 16 children, 96 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Brenda (Atkins) Buchholz, ’38, Bloomer, died Jan. 7 at age 86. She taught high school for many years, taught piano and played organ at church for more than 50 years. She was a member of the American Federation of Musicians-On-Wheels. Her husband predeceased her. She is survived by her two sons.

Sherman Groves, ’38, Verona, died Feb. 13 while traveling mathematics in Tripoli and Fifield. He coached basketball at Fifield, then taught at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He was a member of the University of Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota. He was an instructor and taught a summer school in Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and two children.

Elizabeth “Betty” Swenson, ’49, Iola, died Dec. 14 at age 77. She taught for Park Falls, Wisconsin, Berlin, Waupaca, Portage, New Zealand and Japan and for 23 years at St. Joseph's Convent in Marshfield. She was a Spanish teacher for much of her career and traveled extensively due to her interest in foreign languages. She was a Girl Scout Leader in New London and the Campfire Girls in Portage and enjoyed knitting and sewing. She was a long-time volunteer to give sweaters to children in need.

Melvin “Mel” Bough, ’46, Winter Haven, Fla., died Dec. 19 at age 87. He was a teacher and principal at Darke and Vernon elementary schools and Lincoln Junior High School in Kenosha, and was a member of the Wisconsin Education Association. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and received a degree in education from UW-Madison. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and three sons.

Gertrude (Platte) Douglas, ’44, Neenah, died Dec. 24 at age 91. She taught in rural schools, girls' schools and Waupaca schools until her retirement. She served in the WAVES movement from 1944 to 1945. She married William Williams in 1946, and he predeceased her in 1974. In 1972, she married Jerome Stoltenberg, who preceded her in death. She is survived by three stepchildren.

Hazel (Williams) Mesner, ’51, New York, New York, died Dec. 18 at age 86. She taught in rural schools, girls' schools and Waupaca schools until her retirement. She served in the WAVES movement from 1944 to 1945. She married William Williams in 1946, and he predeceased her in 1974. In 1972, she married Jerome Stoltenberg, who preceded her in death. She is survived by three stepchildren.

Carol Janette (Rogers) Larson, ’62, Bloomer, died Jan. 7 at age 86. She taught in the Rosholt school district for several years, then helped her husband run a hardware store in Bloomer. She volunteered for the USDA Natural Resources Planning Commission. In retirement she served as a full-time consultant for the USDA. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Pog. He married Carolyn Krueger in 1988 and she survives with her two sons.

1930s

Cure. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, who preceded her in death in 1983. She was active in several community organizations. Preceded in death by her two sons and two stepchildren.

Marjorie (Johnson) Larson, three-year certificate, 28, ‘33, Washburn, Duji of the American Federation of Musicians-On-Wheels. Her daughter, Margaret, a sociology major, died Dec. 30 at age 81. She earned a degree from UW-Madison. She taught secondary grade in Milwaukee for a few years then moved several times, settling in Stevens Point in 1983 and then in Bloomer in 1996. She preceded in death by her husband, Hal, and is survived by seven children.

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Contact Lee Ayers Jewelers, 1044 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or 715-341-0411

(3) Old Main signet ring $220 to $335
Four side designs available, please specify two. Silver rings, $225 for men’s and $220 for women’s; 10 karat gold, $315 and $285; 14 karat gold, $320 and $295. Contact Sean Brick, Brickhouse School Services, 1000 Rolling Green Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313 or brickhouse007@att.net or 920-494-6111

(4) Alumni Watch $215
Men’s and women’s Pulsar watches with image of Old Main, stainless steel case, gold plated accents, quartz movement, water resistant to 30 meters. Contact Sean Brick, Brickhouse School Services, 1000 Rolling Green Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313, or brickhouse007@att.net or 920-494-6111

(5) Diploma frame $199
Color etching of Old Main, 24 x 18" double matted with solid cherry frame. Part of purchase supports UWSP Alumni Association. Contact Landmark Publishing, 888-241-2037, fax 404-261-7821 or mail order to Old Main Image, c/o Landmark Publishing, 3108 Piedmont Road, Suite 105, Atlanta, GA 30305. See Alumni and University Relations Web site for more Landmark products.

(6) Diploma frame $75 and $85
Black and white etching of Old Main, 16 x 20" black frame with single mat, $75; gold frame or solid oak frame with double mat, $85. Order from Milestone Designs, P.O. Box 45242, Madison, WI 53744

Old Main poster (not pictured), features full color award-winning photo by Doug Moore, 24 x 30", $3 each plus $3 for shipping up to to 10 posters. Order through UWSP Alumni and University Relations, 715-346-3811 or 877-764-6801 toll free, or alumni@uwsp.edu

For further information on Pointer items, contact the Alumni and University Relations Office
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alumni@uwsp.edu
715 346-3811 or 800 764-6801
Friday, Oct. 1

Siasefi Golf Outing
• Noon, golf outing
• 4 p.m. Picnic at Bukolt Park Lodge. Contact Chappy for more information at 715-346-3811 or by e-mail at imchappy@tznet.com.

Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Social
• 5-9 p.m. Stevens Point Brewery Hospitality Room

Fisheries Society Alumni Banquet
• 5-9 p.m. midnight Laird Room, University Center. For more information or an invitation, contact Mike Kosinski at mko333@uwsp.edu or 708-227-5681, or Nick Legler at nleg1671@uwsp.edu. Registration deadline is September 24.

Alumni Marching Band Social
• 8 p.m. Archie’s Bar and Grill

TKE Social
• 9 p.m. Archie’s Bar and Grill. Contact Phil Kallas at 715-341-6554

Saturday, Oct. 2

Alumni and Friends Coffee
• 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. All alumni and friends are welcome to gather for coffee, juice, donuts and the parade in the Berg Lobby. Sponsored by the UWSP Alumni Association.

Homecoming Parade
• 10 a.m. Winds through campus streets. The parade features the Alumni Marching Band and floats by campus organizations, residence halls and community. Can you play an instrument? Join us...any and all alumni interested in playing in the Alumni Marching Band are invited. No need to have been part of past UWSP bands, or even a music major. Call 877-764-6801 for more information.

TKE Meeting
• 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. UC Room 113. Following the meeting, alumni and undergrads will gather at the TKE house, 1632 Main St.

University Centers Alumni
• 10:30 a.m. (following parade) All centers alumni, come join us at the UC for a reunion. Burgers and brats will be available. Come and enjoy the company of other alumni who were also kooky and crazy enough to work for the centers.

Alumni Association Burger and Brat Bash
• 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Buy burgers, brats, fresh fries and help support the Future Alumni Association. Join us for lunch after the parade at Partner’s Pub, 2600 Stanley St. Hosted by the UWSP Alumni Association and the Future Alumni Association.

Steiner Hall Reunion
• 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Any and all past residents are invited to a reception in the basement of Steiner Hall. For more information contact the Alumni Office at 877-764-6801.

Homecoming Football Game
• 1 p.m. Goerke Field. The Pointers battle UW-LaCrosse in this year’s homecoming game. For football game tickets, call the UWSP Box Office at 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378.

1989 London Reunion
• 5 p.m. LaFollette Lounge, University Center

English Department Reunion
• 5 p.m. Wine and cheese reception at the Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum, located in the renovated Paint Bakery (800 Main Street)

1989 London Reunion
• 6 p.m. Dinner at Michele’s Restaurant, 513 Division St. Any questions, contact Steve Zywicks at the UWSP Alumni Office, 1-877-764-6801.

Homecoming Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction
• 6-8:30 p.m. Laird Room, University Center. Registration fee is $15 per person. Includes dinner and induction program. Advance registration is required. Please call 715-346-3811 or toll free 877-764-6801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.