UWSP marks 111 years with events, installation

“Celebrating Our Past, Inventing Our Future” will be the central theme of a celebration of UWSP’s 111th birthday from September 12-15. The events culminate with the installation of Linda Bunnell as chancellor on Thursday, September 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Noel Fine Arts Center Jenkins Theatre. Overflow seating will be available in Michelsen Hall, where closed circuit television will be used to view the installation and chancellor’s message. The ceremony will be followed by a public reception at 3 p.m. in the NFAC courtyard and atrium.

Bunnell began her duties at UWSP in June 2004. Prior to coming to UWSP she was a consultant for higher education and nonprofit organizations, was senior vice president for higher education on the College Board and served eight years as chancellor and professor of English at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She also has worked for the Minnesota State University System, California State University and the University of California. She holds degrees from Baylor University and University of Colorado at Boulder.

During the celebration, a series of events will be held to highlight UWSP’s role in the Central Wisconsin community.

On Monday, Sept. 12, the College of Professional Studies will mark 111 years with an open house in the CPS building from 6 a.m. to midnight. At the recently remodeled Debot Residence Center, a grand opening will be held with a ribbon cutting, reception and tour of the facility at 1 p.m.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Museum of Natural History in the University Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Student Involvement Fair will be held Tuesday in the Dreyfus University Center (DUC) from 6 - 9 p.m.

Activities on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the DUC will include a Student Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Retired Faculty Luncheon at 11 a.m. For more information on the luncheon, call 715-346-4513.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, UWSP will mark its 111th year with birthday cake at noon in the DUC outside the Retired Faculty Luncheon at 11 a.m. For more information, call 715-346-4513.

The dust has settled, let the celebration begin!

Hammers, saws, dust and paint will make way for dancers, singers, actors and artists when UWSP celebrates the grand opening of the Noel Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, September 20.

An open house will be held from 3-5 p.m. with the official dedication at 3:15 pm at the new east entrance (pictured above). A reception will follow in the NFAC courtyard. Building tours will be offered with opportunities to see students and guest performers at work. In addition, the Carlsten Gallery will feature the exhibit Mirror of Wood: A Century of Woodprint in Finland from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

“This is a major milestone for UWSP because the arts will become even more prominent than they are now,” says Gerry McKenna, recently retired dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC). “The facility is truly a dream come true for so many faculty, staff and students and for our community.”

“As former students at UWSP who struggled to pay our way through school, it’s a dream come true for Patty and me to see our contribution result in a fabulous facility that will make dreams come true for countless students and make a lasting impact on our community and the university,” said John M. Noel, ’71, who with his wife Patty, ’70, donated $1 million to the building project. The Noels own and operate the Noel Group in Stevens Point. “Having the ‘Noel’ name on the Fine Arts Center is an honor we proudly share with our children and our employees,” he added.

The grand opening will be the beginning of a whole year of happenings at the NFAC, which opens its doors to the public with a ‘What’s Inside?’ series of signature arts and communication events (see “What’s Inside” on the events calendar, page 9).

So what is inside this newly expanded space? Larger classrooms; studios for art, music and dance; a black box theatre; labs for photography, theatre design, costumes and music; group and individual rehearsal rooms; and a recording studio are just some of the benefits for dance, music and theatre students and community members.

“This expansion was designed and built to function in line with what we teach,” said new COFAC dean Jeff Morin. “The project also pulls in all aspects of the arts that weren’t here before, such as the Suzuki center and dance spaces, so that natural collaborations may begin.”

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Dear UWSP Alumni,

Greetings from Stevens Points! I’m pleased to be writing to you as the new director of Alumni Affairs. It is an exciting time to be on campus and I look forward to keeping you connected to our alma mater from the second floor of Old Main.

From my office, I can almost see the house where I lived during my junior year. UWSP holds many memories for me: from concerts in the Encore and meals at DeBot (which is being renovated, by the way) to studying at the LRC and checking out the nightlife at Partners. I’m certain that each of you has fond memories and can think of at least one moment that made you laugh, one that made you cry, and one that challenged your belief system. Who was that professor who pushed you to your fullest potential (or breaking point)? Which friends have stayed by your side since graduation?

These are our stories, and they make up the history of UWSP. Our experiences give us a shared Pointer pride that we will carry with us throughout our lives. At the alumni office, we strive to keep you connected to each other and to the campus. Exciting new programs are being developed and many traditional favorites are being planned for next year. We hope you will take advantage of all we have to offer. One established tradition is Homecoming. If you haven’t marked your calendar yet: please save Saturday, Oct. 8, for Homecoming fun for the whole family.

The strength of UWSP’s reputation rests with you, your stories, memories, and continued involvement. As we look forward to a new academic year, I encourage you to remain in touch with your university family.

Please accept my thanks for your dedication as Pointer alumni. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you a wonderful fall.

Sincerely,

Laura Gehman Rottier, ’02
**Alumni, friends, honored by UWSP**

The Alumni Association honored UWSP alumni and friends in May at a ceremony prior to commencement. The 2005 Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to David Worth, ’74, Stevens Point, and Robert Hanses, ’59, Baraboo. The William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Awards were given to Helen Godfrey, vice chancellor emerita of student affairs, and Tina Peters, an active Stevens Point volunteer, for their public service connected to education. Mark Heimrich, last attended ’70, of UWSP Catering Services was honored with an Alumni Service Award.

Worth, president and CEO of The Worth Company, has been a member of the UWSP Board of Visitors, UWSP Foundation Board and Basketball Coach’s Committee. He has established academic scholarships and funding programs in the College of Natural Resources, Division of Communication, Department of Music and the Foundation. In the community he serves on several boards, foundations and professional groups, and is currently a board member of the United Way of Portage County, St. Michael’s Hospital, The River Alliance of Wisconsin and the Advisory Board for the Schierl Companies.

Hanes, an accomplished trumpet player, Worth toured Europe and the U.S. with the UWSP Jazz Band and performed for many years with the Stevens Point City Band and Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. He and his wife, Cindy, have two-grown sons.

Hanes has twice served as an unpaid volunteer executive director of the UWSP Foundation during transitional periods in 1995 and 1997, commuting daily from Baraboo. Named an emeritus director, he served on the foundation’s board of directors for 16 years and established a special donor account at UWSP. He also taught an evening course in investments for the Division of Business and Economics.

Hanes began his career as an educator and administrator with the Antigo School System, then worked in investment management with Robert W. Baird and Co. for 27 years, rising to the post of senior vice president. He has served as the president of the D.C. Everest School District Board of Education and is a member of the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation. He and his wife, Patricia, have donated three defibrillator units to the Sauk County Sheriff’s Department and he led a drive to fund more units and provide dental care to children through the community foundation. The Hanes’ have three grown children and spend part of the year in Texas.

**Godfrey, Stevens Point, has served UWSP and the surrounding community in a variety of ways. She filled many roles during her tenure at UWSP, working in student and university relations. After 33 years at UWSP she retired in 1999 as assistant chancellor of student affairs. She chartered the UWSP Foundation Board of Visitors and has been active with the YMCA Foundation Board, Friends of Treehaven, Special Olympics, Community Foundation of Portage County and many others. Godfrey was a member of UWSP’s Board of Visitors, the Friends of the Museum Board and as a supporter of the museum and the University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC) which now bears her name.**

Peters, Stevens Point, is a volunteer for local schools and fine arts organizations. She is a longtime active member of the UWSP Board of Visitors, YMCA Board and Portage County Business Council Foundation Board, and was the first female community member to serve on the St. Michael’s Hospital Board. As an active member of Portage County United Way she has held many offices, founded the Stevens Society, helped found the Family Resource Center and helped create programs to provide dental care to low income families. She founded and served as president of the Women’s Fund, which encourages giving to help women and children in the community.

Heimlich, Plover, was recognized for representing UWSP positively to the public and for teaming with Alumni Affairs in planning events. As head of catering services for the past 14 years, Heimlich goes the extra mile to ensure that the reunions, conferences, meetings, banquets and weddings held on campus are successful, says Steve Zywicki, executive director of Alumni Affairs. Heimlich attended UWSP from 1969-1970 then graduated from Northeastern College in Illinois with a degree in food science. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and three grandchildren.

**Alumni help break fundraising record**

Thanks in large part to alumni donors, the UWSP Foundation was able to distribute more than $460,000 in student scholarships during the 2005 fiscal year.

“We have very generous alumni,” says Deborah Anstett, ’74, the foundation’s director of annual giving. “We reached a major milestone in UWSP Foundation history. For the first time ever, our fall and spring phonathons raised over half a million dollars. In total, over $3 million was given to the university this year. This would have never been possible without the dedication that our alumni and friends show to the education of our current students. I want to thank each and every donor who has decided to give back to UWSP.”

In the coming year, the foundation will consolidate the fall campuswide appeal and the spring college-specific appeals into one Annual Campaign for Point: Celebrating Our Past, Inventing Our Future. The student callers who contact alumni will be asking for contributions to both campuswide and specific department funds, and those who have given to both campaigns in the past will be asked to combine their gifts into one donation.

Donations may be made in installments billed throughout the year. The funds will again be used to pay for student research and travel, program funding, equipment replacement and student scholarships.

“After working as a caller, I know what a great experience it is to talk with our alumni,” says Kathryn Burton, Rothschild, a UWSP junior and phonathon student manager. “The support and dedication they show for our university is amazing. I can’t wait to see what generosity they will show through this year’s campaign.”

**Bukolt scholarships established**

Two new scholarship endowments given in memory of a late Stevens Point couple will support students of stringed instruments or dance.

The Edmund Bukolt Memorial String Scholarship and the Kathryn Bukolt Memorial Dance/Ballet Scholarship were established by the Edmund and Kathryn Bukolt Trust in May. With initial donations of more than $200,000 each, individual scholarships will be a minimum $500.

The string scholarship gives preference to those studying the violin and the dance scholarship gives preference to those studying ballet. Both consider financial need.

Edmund Bukolt, president of Lullabye Furniture of Stevens Point and Oshkosh, was a violin player in symphony orchestras in six Wisconsin cities. He also collected valuable instruments, owning a 1595 King Henry the Fourth violin and Stradivari cello as well as a bass, a second violin, and a viola with extraordinary pedigrees. He donated his collection, named “The Quintet of the Masters,” to the Copernicus Foundation in 1964. An agreement between UWSP and the foundation allows the quintet to be played by members of the string faculty. Edmund passed away in 1965 at age 67.

Kathryn Bukolt, a Stevens Point native, Kathryn Fallicko-Bukolt taught and choreographed at UWSP for a few years then established two dance scholarships, according to Dance/Ballet Scholarship endowments given in memory of Kathryn Burton, Rothschild, a

**McKenna honored through gift**

Friends, co-workers, alumni and community members recently honored retired College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Gerard McKenna by raising $100,000 for a fund he developed in 2003.

The Great Artists and Speakers Endowment, now totaling more than $200,000, brings professionals in art, dance, theatre and communication to campus to teach students, interact with faculty and share their talents with the Central Wisconsin community. It also supports student travel to performances, competitions, symposiums and research projects in the U.S. and abroad.

The effort to honor McKenna, spearheaded by David Worth, ’74, Stevens Point, and James Schuh, Plover, also included the naming of the dean’s suite in the Noel Fine Arts Center for McKenna. “Gerry was instrumental in creating the momentum that led to the creation of the new facility,” said Worth. “The new Noel Fine Arts Center will stand as a lasting tribute to one of Gerry’s greatest accomplishments.”

McKenna was presented with the donation to the endowment during his retirement party in April. “I was overwhelmed,” said McKenna of the gift. “This was very generous and quite a surprise and at meant we hit the $200,000 mark for this very special fund, which will bring special guest artists and speakers to the campus for the benefit of our students and the community.”

Donors to the Great Artists and Speakers Endowment may name rooms or sections of the NFAC in honor of individuals or organizations. For more information contact Kristin Duckart, COFAC development coordinator, at 715-346-3056.

**Psychology major Jamie Eicker, Plymouth, and Steve Diestelhorst, Wausau, an elementary education major, celebrate their May graduation. Photo by Kathryn Burton**
Faculty Retirements

Ann Bloom

English instructor Ann Bloom, one of the longest-serving part-time faculty members in the university’s history, taught freshman composition for 37 years. She’s enjoyed working with students and finds their naiveté, creativity and energy inspiring. During her career she helped reform hiring and compensation policies for academic staff. She and her husband, Tom, who also retired from the English Department, will celebrate their 40th anniversary with a trip to Egypt in 2006.

James Hardin

From birds to bats and practically everything in between, zoologist James Hardin has captured, studied and researched wildlife since joining the faculty at UWSP in 1978. His career highlights include time at the Clam Lake Research facility, summer instruction at Treehaven Field Station, a semester abroad with UWSP students in Australia and New Zealand, an Excellence in Teaching Award and the creation of a captive wildlife “minor” for the college. An avid birder, Hardin has his own aviary and has been banding captive birds for many years for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He and his wife, Ellen, plan to continue to raise golden retrievers and are planning some trips beyond Wisconsin, including a return visit to Australia and New Zealand.

Len Hill

Len Hill, a coach and professor of physical education for 21 years, has taught adaptive physical education and played a pivotal role in upgrading UWSP’s Motor Development Program. He was named Outdoor Women’s Track and Field WIAA Coach of the Year for both 2001 and 2003 and was named Regional Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track Coaches Association. During retirement, he hopes to expand his fishing repertoire, improve his woodworking skills and travel the United States with his wife, Judy.

Hyun Kim

Hyun Kim, a Korean-born lawyer turned communication professor worked as a journalist, reporter and international editor, traveling to Vietnam during the war. A Fulbright Scholar, he joined the UWSP faculty in 1975, specializing in advanced journalism, media law and media research. He helped recruit foreign exchange students to UWSP and was instrumental in forging an agreement between UWSP and two universities in Korea. In retirement, he and his wife plan to escape to someplace warm during winter.

Gerard McKenna

A long time advocate of the arts both on campus and in the community, Gerard McKenna has served as the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication since 1969. Instrumental in making the Noel Fine Arts Center building project a reality, he also enhanced the arts management program for which he was a teacher and adviser. In the community he was a member of the Stevens Point Arts Council and helped establish the Riverfront Arts Center. Honored several times for his devotion to the arts, McKenna was honored with the Robert E. Gard Wisconsin Idea Foundation Award for Excellence. He and his wife, Alice, are staying in Stevens Point but will enjoy traveling.

Rebecca Pattow

Rebecca Pattow spent nearly 30 years as a lecturer in English, seven years as a special education teacher and four years as a journalist during her varied career. After coming to UWSP in 1979, she helped design writing courses across the curriculum, served as a reviewer of freshman English textbooks and was nominated by students and inducted into Phi Eta Sigma honor society. During retirement, Rebecca and her husband, Don, will stay in Stevens Point but plan to travel.

Judy Peplinski

English instructor and writing specialist Judy Peplinski has filled many roles since coming to UWSP in 1965. These included teaching American literature, helping students in the Tutoring And Learning Center, working in the library, and guiding elementary education majors in the study of children’s literature. She and two former co-workers plan to collaborate on a series of self-help books. Judy and husband David, who retired from the University Store, hope to explore more of Portage County, the U.S. and overseas.

Kameshwar Razdan

A native of Kashmir and an expert on solid state physics and advanced optics, Kameshwar Razdan gave 38 years of devoted service to the physics and astronomy department. A two-time nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award, he collaborated with colleagues to implement a microelectronics and microcomputer systems minors program. A life long runner, Razdan hopes to keep a more regimented schedule for his daily six-mile run during retirement. He and his wife, Raj, with whom he led a semester abroad to London, also plan visits to California and India.

Linette Schuler

“Information broker” Linette Schuler spent 35 years at UWSP teaching Library Research courses and helping patrons use the reference area. She is especially proud of initiating library research-related lectures in several disciplines and developing units on use of the library and the Web as an information source. She and her husband, Don, a retired junior high school science teacher, plan to escape Wisconsin winters for several months each year but will return to Stevens Point for visits to The Blueberry Muffin.

Larry & Mary Sipiorski

The separate UWSP careers of Interim Registrar Larry Sipiorski and Publications Coordinator Mary Sipiorski total more than 55 combined years. The couple came to Stevens Point in 1972, when Larry was named assistant registrar. He was in charge of the records management side of the office, assisted U.S. military veterans and had a hand in recruiting students to UWSP, certified athletes and enjoyed working with former Registrar David Echelton. He has served as interim registrar for the past 18 months.

Mary started in the composing/kypsing office at UWSP in 1981. While in News Services, she became editor of the academic catalog and wrote and produced UWSP’s Communication Standards Manual. She helped found the Classified Staff Advisory Committee and served as its first president. Mary also is the creator and designer of UWSP’s Centennial Quilt, which hangs in Old Main.

The couple intends to do some traveling but will remain in Stevens Point. They also look forward to sailing their boat whenever the wind conditions are right not just on weekends.
Trainer named distinguished alumni

Dan Trainer, dean emeritus of the College of Natural Resources, was recently honored with the Ripon College Distinguished Alumnus Citation, recognizing his achievements and support of his community and alma mater.

A native of Princeton and the son of a game warden, Trainer served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific at the end of World War II. He graduated from Ripon College in 1950, then earned both a master’s degree in microbiology and a doctorate in veterinary science and microbiology at UW-Madison. He taught at UW-Madison from 1960 until 1971, where he developed the university’s first graduate program in environmental and wildlife diseases. When Trainer came to UWSP in 1971, the CNR had just become a full-fledged college. As dean he was a major player in the creation of Schmeeckle Reserve, Treehaven field station and the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, and he actively sought arrangements for UWSP students to study natural resources in Europe during summers.

Currently he is a member of state and local boards including the Stevens Point Area Foundation, Intra-State Recycling Group, Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. He also is a member of the Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited and Kiwanis. Trainer has held leadership positions in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board and the Nature Conservancy.

Hartleb looks at feasibility of raising shrimp in Wisconsin

Chris Hartleb, associate professor of biology, is researching the feasibility of raising freshwater prawns in Wisconsin with the help of Superior Aquaculture of Stevens Point, &2 Fish Farms of Auburndale and a $4,200 University Personnel Development Committee Grant. Using floating raceways, specialized docks with enclosed channels that can easily be heated, Hartleb hopes to accelerate prawn growth so that juvenile prawns reach market size within the state’s shorter growing season. The project will explore both the marketability and the feasibility of prawns as a new farmed species in the state.

Hensler recognized with statewide award

Ron Hensler, a professor and coordinator of soil and waste resources in the CNR, has been honored with the Wisconsin Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) 2005 Chapter Achievement Award. He has advised the UWSP chapter of SWCS since the 1970s and shared his knowledge, expertise and insight with hundreds of students. “He has gone far above and beyond what is asked and expected of him. His students hold the highest respect for him and truly love him,” say colleagues.

Peguero appointed contributing editor by Library of Congress

History Professor Valentina Peguero has been appointed by the Library of Congress as one of 130 contributing editors for the Handbook on Latin American Studies. She reviews works dealing with Hispanic Caribbean countries and will travel to Washington D.C. occasionally to serve as the library’s consultant on Latin American and Caribbean history and culture, the women of Latin America and the Caribbean, and Dominican political and military history.

Ofori-Amoah receives grant to implement GIS in Uganda

Ben Ofori-Amoah, professor and chair of geography and geology, has been awarded a $356,000 Rockefeller Foundation Grant to implement geographic information systems (GIS) training throughout Uganda, giving the country computer tools to collect, store, analyze and display geographic data for informational and decision making purposes. The four year grant is a collaborative effort between the UWSP Department of Geography and Geology, the Uganda Ministry of Local Government, Makerere University and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture in Kampala, Uganda.

Solin heads invasive species pilot program

Jeremy Solin, a Wisconsin school forest education specialist at UWSP, is heading a pilot program to gather information on non-native garlic mustard, which is keeping other native plants from growing in many of Wisconsin’s forests. With the help of the Wisconsin DNR Citizen Based Monitoring Program, he will teach participants from approximately 20 school districts how to collect and record data from their school forests and enter that data into a Web-based software program for analysis. “If our pilot program proves successful,” he says, “the DNR may want to broaden its application to other school forests and even possibly to landowners as well.”
Nelson Hall named to State and National Registry

Nelson Hall, the second-oldest building on campus, now has the credentials to go with its pedigree. Nelson Hall is listed on the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation’s Most Endangered Historic Properties. In 1992, UWSP requested $3.2 million to restore the hall, which was approved by the UW System Board of Regents but not supported by the State Building Commission.

Built in 1915, the building bears the name of George B. Nelson, a Stevens Point attorney who served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and, as a regent of the State Normal School System, fought with legislators who were opposed to building the hall. It was designed by the Milwaukee-based architecture team of Henry Van Buren Magonigle and his son, Henry M. Magonigle. The hall is the only dormitory built in the “prairie style.”

Since it was built, it has housed women students, the Student Army Training Corps organizing for World War I, trainees for World War II and the ROTC. Recently it was home to the Music Department while the new Noel Fine Arts addition was being built. It currently houses Administrative Computing, University Relations and Communications’ Photography unit, the School of Education junior high tutoring program and many other programs and services.

With new personnel at the helm and construction underway on improvements for Sunset Lodge, there are major changes going on as the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station marks its 30th anniversary. Scott Johnson, ’93, is excited to be back at CWES as its new director, having attended summer camp there while a UWSP student. “I’m happy to be carrying on traditions here that began with Native American families,” he says. “There is a sense of place here that makes me feel at home.”

Before coming to CWES, Johnson was a natural resource educator at Wyalusing State Park near Bagley and executive director of the Outdoor Skills and Education Center of Plymouth.

Tom Quinn, the new program manager, is a graduate of Edgewood College in Madison and Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J., where he was coordinator of school programs and an environmental educator for the School of Conservation.

The badly needed improvements at Sunset Lodge were made possible in January when UWSP and the state signed a 30-year lease with the owners of the CWES property, the Trustees of Camp Chickagami. With this long term lease, the addition and remodeling construction project could begin, said Randy Champeau, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources Outreach and Extension.

Ground was broken on May 20 and construction continued over the summer, while camps and student seminars went on with few limitations. When it is completed in November, the lodge will include larger, handicapped-accessible restrooms, a larger meeting room and a larger cafeteria. Future plans include an interior field stone fireplace and a larger deck overlooking the lake, says Johnson.

The $500,000 project is funded by a $200,000 grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, received through the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center; $200,000 in revenue from the CNR; and $100,000 in CWES revenue.

Johnson hopes to continue the “facelift” at CWES over the next few years by repainting and cleaning up signs and buildings restoring various plantings. One of his ideas is to offer “volunteer weekends,” in which room and board would be offered to people, especially alumni, who would like to help out with painting, wood splitting and moving equipment during the spring and fall.

Johnson is also looking for a facelift of the CWES Web site, at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes, making it easier to find information, get directions, print maps and get price quotes for renting facilities. He also plans to offer more goods at lower prices at the CWES store and open it more often for campers and weekend groups.

Upcoming events include the annual Hoot and Howl at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, featuring costumed volunteers offering nature talks, candlelit walks through the forest and Halloween crafts. One of his ideas is to offer “volunteer weekends,” in which room and board would be offered to people, especially alumni, who would like to help out with painting, wood splitting and moving equipment during the spring and fall.

Many friends of CWES attended the May 20 groundbreaking. Among them were, left to right: Scott Johnson, ’93, CWES director; Paul Adamski, ’74, CWES Advisory Board; Robert Worth, ’50, CWES Advisory Board; Jim Stoltenberg, ’46, CWES Advisory Board; Roland Martin, ’57, CWES Advisory Board; Hiram Anderson, CWES benefactor; Fred Schadowald, ’54, CWES Advisory Board; Christine Thomas, master’s 79, CNR dean; Randy Champeau, ’75, CNR associate dean; and Victor Phillips, GEM director.

CWES adds new building, personnel

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Student honored for composing

Born into a family of musicians, Dan Mitchell, Stevens Point, has been involved in music all his life. Now a senior majoring in jazz studies and composition, he was recognized in two national songwriting contests. The Dawning of a Soul, an instrumental selection, won the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers’ Robert Reynolds Wind Ensemble Composer’s Competition and was later performed at Carnegie Hall by the National Wind Ensemble, led by Reynolds. His pop-rock song, Anything But Fall In Love, was named the Wisconsin finalist for the 2005 National Association for Music Education John Lennon Scholarship.

Professor, alumnus help with National Geographic series

Eric Larsen, an assistant professor of geography and geology, and alumnus Dave Aplin, ’78, lent their expertise to a four part National Geographic science and natural history series broadcast in April.

Larsen’s remote sensing work of Aspen forest cover changes in northern Yellowstone Park was included in the third part of “Strange Days on Planet Earth,” which won a 2004 Panda Award for best nature series.

The series was co-produced by the Sea Studios Foundation, based in Monterey, Calif., for which Aplin is outreach director. He was responsible for obtaining over $10 million in funding for the production of the “Strange Days” series.

Larsen also recently shared his expertise with New Zealand’s Department of Conservation in its efforts to plot the locations of albatross nests. He used a UWSP University Personnel Development Committee grant to travel to New Zealand’s uninhabited Campbell Island to develop a series of Geographic Information System-derived maps showing the nests of the Southern Royal Albatross.

An expert in the analysis of satellite imagery and air photography, Larsen also has studied the impact of logging in Southeast China. Before coming to UWSP in 2001, he was a remote sensing analyst for the U.S. Forest Service.

CNR alumni invited to ‘Fall Migration’

College of Natural Resources alumni and friends are invited to attend the 2005 Fall Migration, a fund-raising dinner to benefit the CNR.

Held during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 8, the event begins with a social at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include a choice of prime rib or chicken Florentine, baby red potatoes, whole baby carrots, orange slice with a spiced apple ring and a Fall Migration centerpiece cake. A cash bar, silent and live auction and raffle will follow dinner.

Tickets are $50 per person. To make a reservation, call the CNR at 715-346-4617.
Environmental initiatives added to campus

Several campus projects will lead UWSP toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

• Requests from students in the ecologically focused Knutsen Residence Hall for a more environmentally friendly hot water system became a reality in March. Six solar panels installed on the hall’s roof power a fully operational solar water heating system. Student fees of $45,000 funded the project, which used panels from the Solar Mining Company of Green Bay. The panels have copper absorbent plates inside that collect energy emitted from the sun during the daytime hours. Even on a cloudy day, the system functions as a source of energy and is not affected by outside ambient temperatures.

Knutsen became the Eco-Hall in 1998 to create an environment in which residents share knowledge of environmental issues and interests. A student environmental programmer organizes events and co-advises the student group Environmentally Aware Residents Thinking Holistically (EARTH).

• The east section of the University Library acquired a new “green roof” in June that features a grid system to hold soil and five species of sedum plantings. The roof will be watered by staff volunteers, and when fully mature in 2007, will absorb one inch of rain to become self sustaining. The $100,000 project, supported by UWSP’s Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center, University Library, UWSP Facility Services, Wisconsin Division of State Faculties and Wisconsin Public Service, improves the building’s appearance, extends the life of the roof, reduces energy costs and improves outside air quality.

• An additional contribution from Wisconsin Public Service will support a campus wide kiosk project. The interactive sites will enable students, faculty and visitors learn about and monitor various renewable energy and energy efficient technologies at UWSP.

• In front of Old Main, a rain garden is capturing roof runoff for landscape plantings of native species.

• On the addition to the Noel Fine Arts Center, a panel of photovoltaic cells for energy recovery is being installed in south facing glass.

All of these projects will be in place by the summer 2006 when the GEM program hosts the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Management for Sustainable Universities.

For more information on sustainability efforts at UWSP, see www.uwsp.edu/admin/chancellor/sustainability/.

Wang leads Model UN delegation

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Environmental initiatives added to campus

Several campus projects will lead UWSP toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

• Requests from students in the ecologically focused Knutsen Residence Hall for a more environmentally friendly hot water system became a reality in March. Six solar panels installed on the hall’s roof power a fully operational solar water heating system. Student fees of $45,000 funded the project, which used panels from the Solar Mining Company of Green Bay. The panels have copper absorbent plates inside that collect energy emitted from the sun during the daytime hours. Even on a cloudy day, the system functions as a source of energy and is not affected by outside ambient temperatures.

Knutsen became the Eco-Hall in 1998 to create an environment in which residents share knowledge of environmental issues and interests. A student environmental programmer organizes events and co-advises the student group Environmentally Aware Residents Thinking Holistically (EARTH).

• The east section of the University Library acquired a new “green roof” in June that features a grid system to hold soil and five species of sedum plantings. The roof will be watered by staff volunteers, and when fully mature in 2007, will absorb one inch of rain to become self sustaining. The $100,000 project, supported by UWSP’s Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center, University Library, UWSP Facility Services, Wisconsin Division of State Faculties and Wisconsin Public Service, improves the building’s appearance, extends the life of the roof, reduces energy costs and improves outside air quality.

• An additional contribution from Wisconsin Public Service will support a campus wide kiosk project. The interactive sites will enable students, faculty and visitors learn about and monitor various renewable energy and energy efficient technologies at UWSP.

• In front of Old Main, a rain garden is capturing roof runoff for landscape plantings of native species.

• On the addition to the Noel Fine Arts Center, a panel of photovoltaic cells for energy recovery is being installed in south facing glass.

All of these projects will be in place by the summer 2006 when the GEM program hosts the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Management for Sustainable Universities.

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Students benefit from Home Economics Endowment

Three professional speakers were able to share their knowledge with students in the College of Professional Studies for the second year in a row thanks to support from the Home Economics Centennial Endowment.

This spring’s speakers included Minneapolis architect Don Thomas, Tribes Learning Communities trainer Betty White, and Odessa Piper, the founder, proprietor and executive chef of L’Etoile Restaurant in Madison.

During his visit to UWSP, Thomas worked on creative design with freshman interior architecture students and attended a reception for donors to the Centennial Endowment. He also gave a public presentation about his work in architecture.

White provided training in the Tribes Learning Communities or TRIBES, process for several students and UWSP alumni. Participants in the training are now certified to use TRIBES, a teaching process based around small supportive groups, in their classrooms and professional arenas.

Piper met with dietetics students, gave advice on planning menus and cooked during her visit to UWSP. She also gave a public presentation on the importance of working with local farmers entitled “Eating Locally: From Farm to Restaurant.”

“These presentations would not have been possible without the generous support of donors to the Home Economics Centennial Endowment,” said CPS Dean Joan North.

Established in 2002, the endowment celebrates the first 100 years of UWSP’s oldest specialized program, once called home economics. The endowment supports distinguished professorships in the three programs that now represent home economics at UWSP: dietetics, interior architecture and family and consumer science.

Two bricks have been added to the Home Economics Centennial Garden outside the CPS building, marking the $1,000 donations of Kathleen Braunschweig Hertzel, ’73 and ’78, and Liola Carey, ’64. A large tile was also added in recognition of a gift from the Orthula Doecher, a faculty member from 1964-1982.

Additional gifts of $26,615 were given during the 2004-05 academic year for an endowment total of $169,151 plus bequests and pledges of $83,000, says North.

Kappa Delta Pi wins ACE Award

The UWSP chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, has been awarded an Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award. The award is presented every biennium to a chapter that demonstrates excellence and dedication to the ideals of Kappa Delta Pi.

Voice area honored for excellence

The voice area was recognized by the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Foundation with a 2005 Vocal Excellence Award. Based on curriculum, student enrollment, degrees, course descriptions, and faculty profiles, the award is accompanied with a $7500 scholarship to be matched by UWSP and given to a continuing senior majoring in voice.

Graphic design students honored

Six graphic design students received awards in the Brass Ring National Student Design Awards competition, including two first place citations for Mike Gehman, Brilllion, and Abby Tosic, Franklin.

The work of senior Danielle Moore, Oregon, was selected as Best of Show in the Design Madison Open Gallery Exhibition. The show is open to all members of the Design Madison professional organization. Moore’s work was selected for the competition’s only award over a variety of student and professional entries.

Percy Lang, Osikosh, received Best of Show in the poster category and Ginny Brooks, Rochester, Minn., received Best of Show in the advertising category during the Wisconsin Graphic Design Contest at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. Eight UWSP graphic design students were chosen to feature work in the juried competition.

Health promotion and human development students hold conference

In April, the School of Health Promotion and Human Development hosted “Healthy Communities, Connected Communities,” a conference intended to prepare students for their careers by identifying connections between the dietetics, family and consumer science, and health promotions programs. It also allowed students to experience a business conference, interact with professionals from all three disciplines and gain current information in their respective fields.

The conference, attended by some 220 students, featured keynote speakers from universities across the country and other experts. Graduate student Gail Kell, Weston, served as the conference coordinator and students Sarah Siegel, Stevens Point; Jami Kaiser, Wausau; and Susan Lacke, Plover were involved in organizing the event.

Students recognized as top entrepreneurs

Five students in the Division of Business and Economics received the Lydecker Award for Best Overall Business Plan at the Young Entrepreneurs Conference in River Falls. The group, including Fred Bubolz, Marshfield; Shane Kole, Wausau; Rachel Leach, Stevens Point; Maryani Liauw, Indonesia; and Tom Stanislawski, Rosholt, created a business plan for Functional Fashions LLC, a company that would design, manufacture, and distribute clothing for special needs children.

Student wins Goldwater National Science Scholarship

Azaree Lintereur, Tomahawk, was the seventh student in UWSP history to win the prestigious federally funded Goldwater Scholarship, awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional potential for a career in science with a yearly stipend of $7,500. Application requires a nomination from the university and an extensive research proposal. Lintereur was one of 320 winners nationwide from over 1,000 applicants. She is currently working on research with Professor Robert Beeken and intends to earn a Ph.D. in medical physics.
Dreyfus event postponed

The dedication ceremony naming the University Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in honor of its ninth president, first chancellor and Wisconsin’s first superintendent of public instruction, Dr. Elbert L. Dreyfus, originally scheduled for April 30, was postponed.

Dreyfus suffered a setback in his recuperation from bypass surgery in addition to knee surgery. Plans are being made for the event to take place at a future date.

“Our thoughts and good will are with Governor Dreyfus and his family during his convalescence,” said UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell. “We look forward to his full recovery and to hosting the dedication program in his honor.”

UWSP events calendar
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Calendar of Events

October
Music Department recitals and concerts
College Choir, Sunday, Oct. 2
Symphony Orchestra, Wednesday, Oct. 12
Wind Ensemble, Thursday, Oct. 13
Combined Choirs, Saturday, Oct. 15
Combined Choirs, Sunday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m.
Jazz Ensemble, Wednesday, Oct. 19
Chamber Music Concert, Friday, Oct. 21
Voice faculty, Susan Bender, Monday, Oct. 24
Horn Choir, Monday, Oct. 31
2005 Homecoming Week
Oct. 3-8 (see back page)
Campus and community events
Alumni Association Board meeting
Friday, Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m.
Founders Room, Old Main
UWSP Foundation Board meeting
Monday, Oct. 10, 3-5 p.m.
Founders Room, Old Main
Alumni Association Hawaiian Holiday trip
October 20-23
715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu

November
Music Department recitals and concerts
Voice Area, Wednesday, Nov. 2
Collage Concert, Friday, Nov. 4
Autumn Band Festival, Saturday, Nov. 5
Horn Festival, Saturday, Nov. 12
Composers Concert, Monday, Nov. 14
Modest Mussorgsky’s Pictures
Sunday, Nov. 22
Dept. of Theatre and Dance and fall musical “Crazy for You”
Nov. 4-6 & 9-13
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters dinner and show, Friday, Nov. 4, 6-7 p.m.
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
Saturday, Nov. 12-13, 5-9 p.m.
Laird Room, Dreyfus University Center
Family Day
Saturday, Nov. 12
Residence halls and campus wide
Performing Arts Series: The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial
Sunday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Scenic Theatre

December
Music Department recitals and concerts
Women’s Choir, Sunday, Dec. 4
Voice Area, Monday, Dec. 5
Concert Band, Tuesday, Dec. 6
Jazz Ensemble, Wednesday, Dec. 7
Women’s Choir, Thursday, Dec. 8
Wind Ensemble, Friday, Dec. 9
Campus Band, Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.
Steve and Maria Alpha, Sunday, Dec. 11
Dept. of Theatre and Dance
Afterimages
Dec. 13
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
Dept. of Theatre and Dance and music department’s musical “The Fantasticks”
Feb. 14-27
Studio Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

Monthly Affairs Concerts
Sunday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m.
The Encore, Dreyfus University Center
Concert Hall and Howl
5:30 p.m., Oct. 22
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, Amherst Junction
Performing Arts Series: Ralph Votapek, pianist
Saturday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center
Exhibit: Wisconsin Book Artists
Oct. 23-Nov. 23
Carl森en Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center
90FM UWSP Jazzfest
Monday, Oct. 24
Michelsen Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center

MULTLNIATUAL EVENTS

March 2006
Dept. of Theatre and Dance spring musical “AIDA”
March 5 & 7-8-12
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center
First Nighters dinner and show, Friday, March 3, 6 p.m.
36th Annual International Dinner
Saturday, March 11, 5-11 p.m.
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Future Homecoming dates:
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006
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For more information on alumni events or to plan one in your area, call 715-346-3811 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.
Tickets for campus events, unless otherwise noted, are available through the University Box Office, Room 103A, University Center, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378, or at the door if not sold out in advance.
The Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery, located on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center, are open free of charge when classes are in session. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.; and Thursday evenings during evening performances, 7-9 p.m. For information, contact Career Heft, 715-346-4794 or shear@uwsp.edu.
An athletic calendar may be found at www.uwsp.edu/athletics.
**Alumnus still flying high**

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Young has worked hard in his life to arrive where he is today, but he still remains humble and points to Coach Hale Quandt and his time at UWSP as formative influences in his life.

"I came home, still in my cap and gown, and found my draft notice propped carefully on my pillow," he says. In August of that year, Young found himself in the United States Army, serving as an agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

After completing his military service, Young went on to law school at the University of Indiana. He attended classes at night and worked during the day, graduating in 1959. He served as a lawyer in Indianapolis, eventually making partner in a firm before leaving in 1985 to start his own practice.

Between his law firm, his aviation, and his loving family, Young has much of which to be proud. Still, he always makes a point to say that without the friendship and support of Coach Quandt, he never would have returned to school at the State Teacher’s College. Those years spent in Stevens Point were the beginning of his path to success, a path that has not yet come to an end. "Retirement? "When I stop having fun, I’ll quit," he says.

By Bob Gross

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**New alumni director part of a UWSP family**

UWSP is a family affair for Laura Gehman Rottier, '02, Appleton, who began duties as the new director of Alumni Affairs on June 6.

"I am absolutely thrilled and deeply honored to return to UWSP," said Gehman Rottier. "Several members of my family are alumni so being given the chance to continue to help the university thrive is exciting and personally meaningful to me. I look forward to joining the team and doing my best to make a positive impact."

She and her husband, Charles Gehman Rottier, '01, a French and mathematics teacher at Kaukauna High School, met while living in Smith Hall. Her parents, Steve, '75, and Nancy Gehman, '74, of Brilliance, also met at UWSP and her brother, Michael, graduated in May. Other UWSP graduates in her family include her maternal grandmother, Gertrude (Collum) DeWitt, '52, great aunt, Laverné (Collum) Mann, '50, uncle, Greg Gehman, '78, and godmother, Vickie Detert, '75.

Previously assistant director of annual giving at Lawrence University, Gehman Rottier earned a bachelor’s degree in arts management at UWSP and is pursuing an online master’s degree in business administration through UW-Oshkosh.

As director of Alumni Affairs, Gehman Rottier links nearly 70,000 alumni to the university and is responsible for all operational, budget and personnel activities of the Alumni Office, including alumni publications, awards programs, board of directors, contract services, reunions, staff supervision, Future Alumni Association, coordination with college development officers, strategic planning, chapter programs and budgeting.

She also is developing a new strategic direction for UWSP’s alumni programming, including career connections, student recruitment, parents’ council, young alumni, legislative advocacy and business networking opportunities.

As a UWSP student, Gehman Rottier received the University Fine Arts Leadership Award and served as head counselor for Arts World, Center Stage coordinator for Centerentainment and as a house management intern at Jenkins Theatre. While interning for Appleton Downtown, Inc., she organized Appleton’s first annual city wide Artwalk involving over 10 local galleries, coffee shops and downtown businesses. She also interned at the Artic Theatre in Appleton and at Theatre de Jeanne Lune in Minneapolis.

At Lawrence she was part of an annual campaign staff that raised over $3 million and garnered the highest alumni participation rate in 10 years. Her efforts resulted in record breaking memberships in a young alumni giving committee two years in a row as well as the largest gift ever given to Lawrence’s annual fund by a 10-year reunion class.

Gehman Rottier was appointed by Todd Kuckkahn, executive director of the UWSP Foundation and Alumni Services. She was chosen from a field of 36 candidates after a national search and screen process conducted by a committee of faculty, students, alumni board members and staff. The position had been filled by two interim directors since 2003.
Alumnae excel in the fire service

Tammy King, ’90, Plover, received some good advice from her father as a youngster.

“I remember he always said, ‘You can do anything you put your mind to,’” she says.

That advice has come in handy for a busy mom who is raising two young daughters with her husband, Bernie. While working part time at St. Michael’s Hospital and Mid State Technical College (MSTC), she also serves as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) for the Plover Fire Department.

Her career has taken her down a different path than the graphic design program she pursued while at UWSP. “As a college student I never dreamed I’d be a fire chief,” she says. Yet it was at UWSP that she first realized her interest in emergency services after she enjoyed an intensive first aid and CPR class led by Professor Judy Herrold. After graduating and working for several graphic design firms, she realized she was looking for something different. She enrolled in a CPR refresher course at MSTC then earned an EMT degree. After she became an EMT first responder for the Plover Fire Department, it seemed natural to take a fire fighting class as well. “I was just as interested in the firefighting aspect,” she said. “I’ve always been a tomboy and I felt comfortable with the technical aspects of the job. I had no second thoughts.” Next she added Fire Fighter II, fire instructor, fire officer and hazardous materials courses to her resume. In 2000 King joined the Junction City Fire Department at the urging of its former chief, Mark Damrau, who served with her on the Plover Fire Department. In 2001 she became the deputy chief and was Damrau’s replacement when he resigned last November. After six months as interim chief, she was officially appointed to the post by the Village Board in June.

King works with several women volunteers as well as men on the JCFD, and all have been very accepting of her as their chief. “It’s a great group to work with,” she says.

Much of her time is spent as an administrator – writing grants for training and equipment, making sure all equipment meets standards, performing fire inspections and attending meetings. In a community of only 440 people, the JCFD sees about five fire calls a year and 12-15 first responder calls.

In the meantime she concentrates on building up volunteer membership of the JCFD, securing grants and training personnel for wildfires and hazardous materials incidents.

The best part of her job is teaching fire safety to area children. As far as being a role model for young girls, she says, “I hope I can inspire young women to achieve their own goals, whatever they may be.”

While she spends just one to two evenings a week at the JCFD, she also works 16 hours a week as an EMT in St. Michael’s Hospital Urgent Care department, co-teaches one or two fire science or emergency medical services (EMS) classes a semester at MSTC, responds to Plover fire and EMS calls and sometimes acts as a graphic design consultant.

Making time for all of this and her family is difficult, she says, “I prioritize where ever I can. I know what’s really important to my kids and my family. I get help from others at home or the fire department. My family is a team and we accomplish things together.”

Although she is not primarily working in graphic design, King feels that her education at UWSP helped her take her place in today, especially her communication and military science classes. “Its funny how people can go through life and not feel like they have found their niche,” she says. “I feel like I didn’t find mine until I joined the fire service.”

When Jeff went back to school to finish his degree, Kujawa decided to join the workforce again. A SPFD firefighter had encouraged her to finish firefighter training and apply at the SPFD, which she did in 1992, beginning a new career as the first woman on the department.

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Kujawa actually started college as a pre-med student at Marquette University, where she had an athletic scholarship. However, her life changed when she got married and moved back to Stevens Point with her husband, Jeff. The young couple both enrolled in UWSP and soon were juggling courses and work-study jobs while raising a daughter and son.

It was difficult, but Kujawa took 16 to 18 credits per semester so she could complete a degree in chemistry. “I had some great science instructors,” she relates. “I felt so overwhemed in my situation, going to school while raising a family, but they were very encouraging and helpful. They got to know me. That kept me moving through the courses I needed to graduate.”

When her husband got a job with United Parcel Service, Kujawa fulfilled a promise they had made to each other – if it were possible, one of them would stay home with their children. She did so for 10 years, adding another son to the family and, like King, becoming a first responder in Plover. She also earned her EMT certification through evening classes at MSTC.

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Alumni named state fisheries biologists

After a fierce competition, two open positions for state fisheries biologists were both filled by College of Natural Resources alumni. Matt Mangan, ’00, Marinette, (top photo) is working in Peshtigo, and Jordan Weeks, ’01, Allegan, Mich., is working in La Crosse. Mangan recently completed a master’s degree at South Dakota State University and previously worked as a fisheries technician for the Illinois Natural History Survey. Weeks, completing work on his master’s degree at UWSP, is supervised by David Vettraino, ’77, who resides in Bangor with his wife, Gennean, and two children.

Christina M. Carlson, ’04, Balsam Lake, has been accepted into UW-Madison’s molecular and cellular pharmacology Ph.D. program.

Kari Mullenmaster, ’05, Covallis, Ore., is a master’s degree student in the public health program at Oregon State University. In the spring she completed a corporate health promotion internship for British Petroleum in Anchorage, Alaska, where she visited the Arctic Circle oil fields in Prudhoe Bay.

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Raja Vima Leu Shammugam Vim, ’04, Chicago, is a master’s degree student at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Michelle Schenck, ’04, Madison, is a space planning specialist with WPS Health Insurance.

2003

Nora Bates, ’03, Stevens Point, is a human resource specialist at Sentry Insurance. She is a liaison for UWSP’s Society for Human Resource Management, which she led as president while a student, and is active in the Stevens Point Area Human Resource Association.

Jordan Weeks, ’01, Richland Center, is a special education teacher for the Green Bay school district.

Elise Haupt, ’03, St. Paul, recently completed two years of national community service as a team leader with AmeriCorps in Washington, D.C. and Charleston, S.C.

Emily Jahncke, ’03, Waukesha, is a teacher of 3- to 5-year olds at the Montessori School of Waukesha.

Andrew Halverson, ’03, Stevens Point, owner of Andrew’s Ltd. men’s clothing store, received the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Small Business Administration. He was honored in May at the SBA awards ceremony in Waukesha.

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Shutter Creek Correctional 

University of Minnesota.

Kelly (Berrette) Nichols. ’96, 

Anchorage, Alaska, is principal of a new 

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a film about the Midwest Renewable 

Energy Association. Kramer volunteers at MREA’s annual fair and is donating 

half of the DVD’s proceeds back to the 

organization. For more information, see www.speakingfromnothing.com. 

She also authored Army’s first prose 

story, The Jumps: Shaping Groups to Succeed, a book about small group dynamics 

available at amazon.com.

1994

Kurt Calkins. ’92, Poyetse, is 

director of land and water for the 

Columbia County Conservation 

Department. His wife, Leslie 

(Hintz) Calkins, last attended ’95, 

is a registered nurse for UW Health. Kurt is a 10-year cancer survivor.

1995

Susan Gunderson. ’95, Stevens 

Point, retired from UWSP Continuing Education 

(Extension) in July. She worked at 

UWSP for 21 years, the last 12 in Extension where she was 

honored for her creation of the 

Pulp and Paper Educational 

Resources (PAPER) Academy certi- 

fication program as well as the 

Management Certificate for 

Manufacturers. Her husband, Don, 

also retired, serves as director of the 

UWSP Paper Science Foundation.

1996

Lisa Mansavage. ’86, Savage, 

Minn. works for the Metropolitan 

Council in the Twin Cities. One of 

her projects is a federal-grant- 

fund four-year study of obesity prevention in the workplace, for which 

she is partnering with the 

University of Minnesota.

1997

Craig Haen. ’97, White Plains, 

N.Y., is clinical director of 

Adolescent Services for Kids in 

Crises in Greenwich, Conn., and 

has a private practice in New York City. He specializes in the treatment of 

children and adolescents with 

trauma issues, frequently publishes 

papers on his work and runs training 

programs throughout the country. 

Haen’s first book, Clinical Applications of Drama Therapy in 

Child and Adolescent Treatment, 

was published this year. He will be 

married in October.

Daniel Johnson. ’97, Stevens Point, 

is a geographic information systems 

technician for Marathon County.

Jessica Lanious. ’97, New York, N.Y., is a co-director of Theatre 

Life, a company of diverse artists 

dedicated to challenging the audi- 

ence’s experience with dangerous 

combinable theatre and provocative 

new work, she says. Lanious directed 

and choreographed one of the works 

in the group’s inaugural show 

in June and dances under the stage 

name Beis Richardson.

1998

Amy (Chagon) Crowe. ’96, 

Madison, is in the public relations and 

education liaison for CUINA Credit Union.

1999

Jenin Bugni-Wahls. ’91, master’s 

’97, Oaklsh, finished the 

2005 Boston Marathon in 3 hours, 

38 minutes and 22 seconds in 

April. She placed second by 

winning first place for 

women in the 

Baton Rouge 

Beach Marathon last December. A 

lifelong runner, she ran cross 

country and track at UWSP and 

works for the Division of 

Continuing Education and 

Extension at UW-Oshkosh and is 

collared Wahls. ’91.

1999

Lois (Haco) Wierzb. ’89, Warsaw, 

is an art teacher for Newman 

Catholic Schools. She and her 

husband, Jeff, a designer for 

Wassau Window and Wall Systems, 

were married last October.

2000

Kevin Wilderman. ’90, Waukesha, 

is vice presi- 

dent of marketing at North Shore 

Bank in Brookfield, overseeing the bank’s 

marketing, advertising, 

and brand initiatives. He 

earned a master’s in business administration from 

Cardinal Stritch University. 

Previously he was principal for 

Wilderman Marketing Group, an 

adjunct faculty member at Lakeland 

College and served in marketing 

roles at several other banks.

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Michael Nelson. ’88, Moscow, 

Idaho, is an assistant professor of 

philosophy at the University of 

Idaho. He recently presented a 

natural resources colloquium at 

UWSP, where he taught from 


David Plank. ’88, Neenah, is presi-

dent and CEO of JF Plank, 

a company created by his great-grand- 

father. He and his wife, Kathy, enjoy 

long walks and line dancing.

2001

Mary (Stachowick) LeMay, ’88, Stevens 

Point, is the program 

director of Financial Wellness of 

Portage County. She and her 

husband, Michael, have two chil- 

dren.

2001

Jaime Maliszewski. ’86, Milwaukee, is president and 

CEO of Reliable Plating Works in 

Milwaukee, which won the 2005 

Wisconsin Small Family Business of the 

Year Award and was named 

the Region V Small Family Business of the 

Year. He also is general manager of 

Elite Finishing LLC and a 

founding member of Brilliance 

LLC, a holding company for small 

businesses. A third generation 

company, Reliable celebrated its 

70th year on Sept. 11, 2001, 

Maliszewski witnessed the crashing of Flight 77 into the Pentagone 

while on a plane preparing for landing at 

Reagan International Airport. The 

following week he and his wife, 

Julie, auctioned their Monday night 

Green Bay Packer tickets and raised 

$9,000 for the 9/11 Fund.

Judith Scott. ’86, Wheeling, Ill., is a 

managing editor of FR&R Financial 

Services LLC in Deerfield 

and Chicago. Scott received the 

certified financial planner 

adviser designation from the national Society of 

Certified Senior Advisors. A published author and professional speaker on financial planning, she is a registered 

representative and has an Illinois 

insurance license. Scott has worked with FR&R for five years and previously worked at Smith Barney in 

Chicago for 11 years.

Thomas Aylesworth. ’85, Scituate, 

Mass., is a partner in the Boston law 

firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, handling disputes that involve 

commercial real estate, zoning, land 

use and construction projects. He 

earned a JD degree from Boston 

College Law School in 1995. He 

and his wife, Lyme, have one son.

2002

Anne (Krueger) Feucht. ’99, Blaine, Minn., married Dan Feucht on May 7 in Oakdale, Minn. Guests included Janelle Wesley, ’99, Greenfield, Aric 

Dahl, ’99, Plover, Wis., Val Rahm, ’99, Navasota, Texas, and UWSP 

zoology lab coordinator Betsie Graham and her husband, Ted Roeder. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Anne earned a DVM degree at 

University of Minnesota in May 2003 and is a veterinarian at South Shore 

Veterinary Hospital in Forest Lake, Minn. Dan is an actuary for Deloitte 

Consulting in Minneapolis.

2003

Moccasin Flower by Doug 

Moore

Amish Grandparents by Tom Charlesworth

2004

Tom Charlesworth. ’87, Stevens Point, and Doug Moore, masters ’89, Stevens Point, photographers for 

UWSP University Relations and Communications, were 

honored in a juried photography exhibition at the 

Central Wisconsin Cultural Center in Wisconsin Rapids. 

Charlesworth won two first place photos, Moore received a third place and two honor- 

able mentions. The works were chosen for exhibition from more than 1,000 entries. Moore has worked at 

UWSP since 1984 and Charlesworth since 1999.
Alfred "Tad" Zimmer, ‘82. Brooklyn, N.Y., is a family nurse practitioner at Beth Israel Medical Center and an adjunct professor at the Lehman School of Nursing at Pace University of New York City. He served the U.S. Army in the U.S., Korea and Germany after graduation, then earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing.

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Justin Isherwood. ’68, Plaue, has written Farm Kid, a collection of stories about the small farmer in rural America. A fifth generation farmer and award-winning writer, he is the author of seven books, five of which were Behavioral Science Book Club selections.

Joshua Miller, ’59, La Crosse, is in private real estate and business development at Clearing Management Corporation in La Crosse and a human resources consultant. Previously he was director of human resources and labor relations for G. Heileman Brewing Company. “I received great training at UWSP for handling people and natural resources,” he says.

Fellisa Barja Gutierrez, ’55, Hagatna, Guam, is a retired administrator of personnel services for the Guam Department of Education.

Her husband, Atanacić, has retired as the director of the Guam Retirement Fund. Happy and proud to be a Pointe. Fellisa says she well recalls life at Nelson Hall and being homecoming queen in 1953. She plans to meet with Tau Gamma Beta Sorority friends this fall.

Gordon Sorensen, ’52, Cedarburg, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Gamm Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. in May. Sorensen served as pastor of Wisconsin United Methodist churches throughout his career. His wife is Dorothy Thompson Sorensen, ’53.

Vets 550 to mark 50 Years at Homecoming

In 1955 at the Central State campus, Curtis Judd, ’59, Wisconsin Dells, suggested that he and other Korean War veterans form a club and Vets 550 was born. Named for the Wisconsin State GI Bill number, the club continued with a small membership until it grew from 1968 through 1977, when many returning Vietnam Vets joined to find a haven and support group during a tumultuous time. “We all went through some form of rejection by many of our fellow U.S. citizens and this created an even tighter bond among the members,” says Jerry Rohlinger, ’77, Stevens Point. The group’s last president was Terry March, ’82, Northfield.

The group will hold its 50th anniversary reunion during the 2005 Homecoming weekend. Activities will include a picnic at Birkholz Park from 3-9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, and attending the Homecoming parade and football game on Saturday, Oct. 8, followed by an alumni dinner at the University Center. For more information, see http://webpages.charter.net/jerryrohlinger/index.htm or email uwvets550@charter.net.

UWSP alumni who currently or formerly worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) gathered at the February retirement party of William Fiala, ’69, masters ’73, Bruce. Fiala retired from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service after 36 years of service and has worked in 14 Wisconsin counties on initial soil surveys. He says, “As you can see from the gray hair in this photo, additional retirement parties are expected in the near future.”


Not present are alumni who work in soil scientists in Wisconsin: Duane Simonsen, ’76, Richland Center, forestry, Jess Turk, ’97, Fond du Lac, soil science; Chane Vogel, ’97, Watertown, general resource management; Rich Jahnson, ’69, Merrill, and Joe Jabuka, ’70, St. Paul, Minn., forestry; Al Giencke, ’72, St. Paul, Minn., water management; John Handlerr, ’72, St. Paul, Minn., forestry, Dave Hoppes, ’76, Rhinelander, forestry administration, Greg Knight, ’85, Medford, soil science.
1950s

Hansen also served as the adviser to the Student Council and was active in the community for 15 years and was active in the Wausau School District. As the father of two sons, Claire and Mark Napierala, Hansen was a devoted husband, father, and son.

The Hansen Outdoor Club. More than 1,500

In Memorium ~ UWSP alumni

Maeda (Roskie) Jackson, '73, a

Maurice O’Dea

Vaughn, died Jan. 26 at age 90. He taught at Wausau East High School.

Steve Hansen

Kaline's wife, Janet, died Dec. 19, 2004, at age 84. He coached the Packers for 19 years and served as the head coach for 15 years. Kaline was an active participant in the Wisconsin Lions Club and the Lions Club of America.

Steve Hansen, an assistant coach at Wausau East High School, died on May 30, 1993, at age 39 as a result of a ski accident. A popular teacher and coach, he was well-respected by his students and colleagues.

John Markert Jr.

After graduating in 1999, he is survived by his parents, John and Martha Markert, and two brothers.

Robert Premane, '92, Sac City, Iowa, died Jan. 23 at age 35 after a second battle with cancer. He was director of Health and Safety Services for the Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross in Madison and served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Lynette; his parents, William, 86, and Mary Premane, 81; and his sister and brother-in-law, Neil Premane-Napierala, 93, and Mark Napierala, 92, at St. Paul, Minn.

Hansen was a well-known teacher and advisor at the University of California at Los Angeles and at universities, including UWSP, the University of Iowa, where he stayed for 19 years and chaired the department, and the University of Arizona. He danced at the Staatsaal Kassel in Germany and in 1997 created David Berkeley Dance. His parents survive.

Purchasing Culligan Water

Robert Premane, '92, a

John Markert Jr.

1960s

Katheryn Friderike ‘Gabrielle’, 69, former of Wausau, died on Jan. 28 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Canada, at age 58. She received a master’s degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and was working on her master’s degree in the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and taught at Wisconsin Quantum in the Corps tuition system. She also taught in the Green Bay School system until 1989 and then taught in the Northeast Technical Community College in northeastern Wisconsin. She is survived by her mother and daughter, Sharon.

Gregory Grothehans, last attended '86. Kimberly, died on Feb. 16 at age 57. He worked at Wisconsin Optical Services in Green Bay.


Michael Baczysky, '65, Gerace, Wisconsin, died on Feb. 6 at age 61. He worked at Abbott Labs Inc. and retired from Mettler Toledo Industrial Scale Co. in 2002 as manager of service. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Carole.

Nancy (Turlish) Mackazen, last attended '65, Wisconsin Rapids, died March 9 at age 89 following a long battle with cancer. She and her husband, Claude, were divorced and she had two children and many hobbies. She is survived by her daughters and a son.

Francis (Weitzel) Zeichl, '65, Raymond, died on March 15 at age 92. She taught school for over 50 years in the University of Wisconsin River Valley, Wisconsin School and Washington School in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. She died on March 15, 1977. She was a member of the Red Cross and Knights of Columbus. She was survived by her husband, Pat, and four children.

LaVerne Lonsdorf, '65, Neillsville, died on April 28, 2004.

Jeanne (Divac) ‘Kellison’, 52, Wausau, died March 16 at home. She was a high school teacher in Merrill and Tomahawk. She then taught and coached track and field. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

Donald Mayor, '53, New Richmond, died Dec. 30, 2004, at age 80 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. He served in the U.S. Army in Korean War and was active in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was active in the UWSP Alumni Association and the Alumni Association of Directors of Community Theatre. He taught as an instructor at UWSP for 19 years and chaired the departments of business and economics. During his tenure, he was a Distinguished Alumnus honoree in 1998 and created the Mark Napierala Endowed Scholarship.

Maurice O’Dea, '72, a

Raymond, died on Dec. 29, 2004, at age 86. She was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and traveled extensively. She was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. She is survived by her husband, Frank, and two children.

Tomahawk, died March 15 at age 92. She was a former mayor of Mauston, Wisconsin. She died March 9 at age 89 following a heart attack. She is survived by her husband, Howard, and two sons.

Mary Fritsch, '41, Waukesha, a

Margaret Mary Matthew, '50, Stevens Point, died on Dec. 29, 2004, at age 87. She was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and taught in the UWSP Laboratory School for 35 years. She is survived by her husband, Howard, and two sons.

Raymond, died on March 29 at age 70. A decorated veteran of the Korean War, he served as a military teacher at the St. Michaels’ School in Toronto and the Rouge Valley, Ajax, and Pickering School Districts in Ontario. In 1993, he purchased Culligan Water Conditioning. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Karen.

Frank Schneider, '60, Whitefish Bay, has passed away.

1970s

1980s

Janet Muriel Held (Held) (Eagleburner) Saul, '52, died on April 23, 2004, at age 83. She was a former Stevens Point resident, died Dec. 28, 2004, at age 86. She was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and taught in the UWSP Laboratory School for a total of 35 years. She played the piano, violin, and guitar and enjoyed horse shows and many hobbies. Survivors include her husband, Bill, and son Scott Eagleburger.

Edward Danilko, '50, Stevens Point, died on Dec. 27, 2004, at age 76. He was a member of Alpha Phi sorority at UWSP. He was a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his parents, Dale and Doris, two sons, Scott, and son-in-law, Angela, and two grandchildren.

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Enid ‘Mattie’ Ruschenbaum, '50, a

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Myron Fritsch, '34, Woter, died on Jan. 29 at age 92. A 1982 inductee into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame for excellence in football, track, shot put, hammer throw, and discus throw. He was a "pro" and a powerhouse for UWSP football everywhere he went, his friend and former UWSP quarterback John "Jackie" Johnson said. Myron spent 40 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator in Abbotsford, Spencer, Medford and Neillsville-Wilson schools. At Spencer High School, he earned a master’s degree in coaching education.

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In Memorium ~ UWSP faculty and friends

Cari Farnsworth
Retired chemistry professor Cari Farnsworth, Stevens Point, died May 31 at age 74. He came to UWSP in 1967 and retired in 1995.

He grew up in Amarillo, Texas, then served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator in Okinawa in the early 50s. After earning three degrees at the University of Texas at Austin, he was a researcher for DuPont and a chemist at W.I.P. Co. before coming to UWSP.

In retirement, Farnsworth volunteered at the Portage County Health Care Center (PCHCC) and visited area nursing homes with sheltered animals. He was an active member of the Central Wisconsin American Chemical Society. Memorials may be made to the Portage County Humane Society and PCHCC.

Charles H. Johnson
Mathematics Professor Emeritus Charles H. Johnson, who taught at UWSP from 1967 to 1988, died on Dec. 4 in Plainfield, Ill., at age 79.

A native of Chicago, Johnson served in the U.S. Army during World War II, then earned degrees at Bradley University and Oklahoma State University. He taught for 12 years before coming to UWSP.

He was active in the Rotary and was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. His wife, Lorraine, three children and seven grandchildren survive.

Hazel Koskenlinna
Professor Emeritus of English Hazel Koskenlinna of Stevens Point died March 5 at age 84.

She came to UWSP in 1963 and served as chair of the English Department for three years and as chair of the Graduate Council before retiring in 1987. Koskenlinna earned her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was active in professional women’s clubs at the local and state level, serving as president of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters and Wisconsin Business and Professional Women of Wisconsin. Koskenlinna was honored in 1995 with its “State Woman of the Year” award. She traveled to Ireland, Finland, Tibet and the Amazon.

Robert Krueger
Stevens Point resident Robert Krueger, a professor emeritus of health, physical education, recreation and athletics, died on March 8 at age 82.

While at UWSP from 1962 to 1987, he served as head basketball coach, assistant coach in several sports and athletic director. He was a member of the UWSP, Janesville High School and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Halls of Fame.

A native of Atkinson, Nebraska, he was a member of the Nebraska State-Atkinson Custer School Trustee and The Marshall Co. before coming to UWSP.

He taught beginning training programs for servicemen at Central State Teachers College (UWSP) in 1942 then taught geography and education, receiving two Excellence in Teaching awards. He pioneered audio visual services at UWSP, developing the first audio visual course on campus as well as a local television show about UWSP. He became a president of the faculty for two terms in 1966, served for four years as chair of the UW-Madison Board of Regents, and was president of the Wisconsin Association of University Professors.

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The Legacy Continues
Pointers win six conference championships

Just when it seemed the UWSP Athletics Department would have a hard time matching its recent success, the Pointers reached even higher levels during the 2004-05 school year.

UWSP claimed a second straight NCAA Division III championship in men’s basketball and matched its highest-ever finish at fifth place in the United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup Standings, which measure the top overall athletic department among 433 Division III schools. In addition, the Pointers won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) all-sports trophy for the first time since 2000 and captured their first-ever WIAC women’s all-sports award.

UWSP had six sports capture conference championships during the past year and eight squads placed among the top 12 nationally in the postseason.

It was also a big year for individual athletes as Jenna Mitchell, Kaukauna, won the women’s indoor track and field national title in the 800-meter run and three individuals were named their respective sport’s National Player of the Year. Jason Kalow, Huntley, Ill., won the men’s basketball honor, while Amanda Nechte, Menomonie, captured the top honor in women’s basketball and Steve Wiczek, Stevens Point, was the nation’s top baseball position player.

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The men’s basketball team used the most dominating postseason run in Division III history to become the school’s second-ever to capture consecutive national championships. The Pointers won their five NCAA tournament games by an average of 21 points, including a record championship game margin in a 73-49 win over Rochester (N.Y.). Kalsow was named Most Valuable Player and was joined on the first-team All-America squad by Nick Bennett, Stevens Point. Kalow finished his career at the school’s all-time leading scorer and rebounder, while Bennett finished third all-time in scoring and first in three-point shooting. The Pointers posted a 23-3 record and had one game all season decided by five points or less.

With a larger class and a new induction date this fall, the UWSP Athletics Hall of Fame is adding to its number of eight Pointer alumni athletes from eight different sports.

Previously held in conjunction with Homecoming, this year’s Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Sat., Nov. 12. The honorees will be introduced during the halftime of the Pointers’ football game against UW-Stout and will be inducted at an 8 p.m. dinner ceremony at the University Center on campus. Cocktails will begin at 5 p.m. For tickets, contact the UWSP Alumni Affairs office at 715-836-3481.


Buntman placed third at the 1978 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross-country championships and was the highest-finishing non-scholarship athlete at the meet. He was a seven-time Wisconsin State University Conference track and field champion and earned four NAIA All-American finishes, including a runner-up performance in the indoor 1000 meter in 1979 and a near 3,000-meter distance medal relay team in 1978. A Green Bay native, Buntman is director of technical service for Carl Zeiss SMT and assistant track and cross country coach at Monte Vista Christian High School.

Cwik was a soccer first-team All-American defender in 1998 and a two-time NAIA Region selection. Her teams made four NCAA Division III tournament appearances and had a record of 65-15-5, including a 44-0 mark in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) competition. She missed the 1996 season with a knee injury, but bounced back to earn team Most Valuable Player honors the next two years. A Brookfield native, she is an MRI technician for New MRI and is a member of three soccer teams.

Dantoin, a native of Brussels, shares the school’s single-season football record for interceptions with nine

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Members of the Pointer swim team took a cool dip last winter outside of the Aquatic Center.

The men’s swimming and diving team captured its sixth consecutive conference championship and placed 12th at the national meet as Alex Anderson, La Crosse, earned All-America honors with top eight finishes in three events. Anderson and Tyler Eloranta, Pewaukee, also each won seven events at the conference meet. The women’s team finished second to UW-La Crosse by a close margin for the fourth straight year, coming within 52 points of the Eagles each year.

Men’s hockey

The men’s hockey team had several big victories and achieved a 500 record or better for the 13th time in the last 14 years with a 12-12-3 record. The Pointers finished fourth in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and posted two wins and a tie over highly-ranked rivals UW-River Falls and UW-Superior. Mike Brolsma, Appleton, concluded his career by ranking 12th on the school’s all-time scoring list with 128 points after leading the team in scoring with 40 points for the season.

Women’s hockey

In just its fifth season as a varsity program, the women’s hockey team continued to add to its already strong tradition with a 22-3-1 record and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association regular season and tournament championships. The Pointers hosted their first-ever NCAA Division III tournament game and lost to Gustavus Adolphus in the quarterfinals. Senior Jackie Schmitt, Buffalo Grove, Ill., finished her career as the school’s all-time leading scorer and was a first-team All-America selection.

Track and field

The men’s and women’s teams topped out eighth and fourth, respectively, at the 1998 NCAA Division III state meet. The Pointers achieved its best season in school history with a 38-11 record and reached the NCAA Division III regional final before losing to eventual national champion UW-Whitewater. The Pointers and Warhawks played nine times in a 17-day span during May with the Pointers taking five of the meetings, including the conference tournament championship. The team hit a single-season school record 93 home runs, including 18 by Wiczek, who also set the conference single-season record with 84 hits.

Softball

Strong pitching and defense led the softball team to its most wins since 2000 as the Pointers posted a 26-15 record and placed third in the conference regular season and tournament. Pointers pitcher Kari Dantoin recorded the second-lowest earned run average in conference history at 0.59 and Stephanie Anderson, Milwaukee, led the pitching staff in strikeouts and the offense in runs batted in as the Pointers ranked 13th nationally in team pitching.

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Champions...Again!

The UWSP men’s basketball team and Pointer fans celebrated their second NCAA Division III national championship in Salem, Va., in March. A hardcover book, Top Dawgs: UW-Stevens Point’s 2004-2005 National Championship Season, is available for $24.95 by calling 1-800-697-3756. It is also available at Point area bookstores, the University Bookstore, Point County Market and the Stevens Point Journal. UWSP alumni will receive a 20 percent discount by mentioning promo code “UWSPAlum05” when ordering over the phone. A portion of the proceeds goes to the men’s basketball program.

in 1985 and also ranks second all-time with 22 career interceptions. He was an honorable mention All-American selection in 1987 by the NAIA and Football News. He was a two-time All-Conference performer and was also a first-team All-Conference first baseman for the baseball team in 1986.

Gelwicks, originally from Normal, Ill., was UWSP’s first NCAA Division III national swimming champion, winning the 200-yard breaststroke in 1993. He was a four-time All-American, having earned All-American honors in three events in 1991. Gelwicks was also a four-time honorable mention All-American and swam at nationals in each of his four seasons.

Green holds UWSP’s wrestling career record with 580 takeowns and the school’s single-season mark with 200 takeowns. He ranks sixth on UWSP’s all-time victories list after compiling a 109-35 record during his career. Green placed third at the NCAA Division III championships in 1994 and eighth in 1992 as a three-time national qualifier and conference champion. A Westby native, he earned a master’s degree in 2004 and teaches English and coaches softball and wrestling at Westby High School. He and his wife, Kala (Carlson), ’93, have three children.

Grudzinski was a two-time honorable mention Kodak All-American and ranks seventh on the school’s all-time scoring list with 1,257 points. She ranks second in school history in single-season field goal percentage at 57.4 percent in 1992-93 and second in single-season rebounds with 263 in 1993-94. Grudzinski helped the Pointers to a 62-35 record during her basketball career. A Verona native, she is a biologist/project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She ran in her first marathon in 2003 and plans to run another in October.

Simpson ranks third in school history with 20 interceptions and was a first-team All-America selection in 1994 by the Football Gazette and American Football Coaches Association in 1994 by the Football Gazette and American Football Coaches Association and in 1992 by Champion and the Associated Press. He was an honorable mention All-American in 1993 and a three-time All-Conference performer. He holds the school’s single-game record with four interceptions against Southwest State in 1994. Simpson is a high school teacher in his hometown, Phillips.

Tretter is third on the school’s all-time scoring list with 210 points and is UW-Stevens Point’s all-time leader with 130 assists. He was the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Year in 1993 and a first-team All-American selection as the Pointers won the third national title of his four-year career. Tretter was also selected to play in the American Hockey Coaches Association Division I all-star game. He has played on minor league hockey and international roller hockey teams. A St. Paul, Minn. native, Tretter is a physical education teacher and the head hockey coach for the D.C. Everest school district. He is a youth hockey coach and camp director and completed a master’s degree in computer technology in 2001. He and his wife, Krista (Peterson), ’92, have two children.
Friday, Oct. 7

University Archives
7:45 a.m.-noon & 1-4:30 p.m., fifth floor, library
Open to the public

Alumni Board of Directors meeting
1 p.m., Founders Room, Old Main

The Final Feast
4 p.m., Front lawn, Old Main
Picnic & entertainment by Random Antics & TBA

Vets 550 50th Reunion picnic
4-11 p.m., Bakolt Park

Fisheries Society Alumni Banquet
5 p.m.-midnight, Laird Room, Dreyfus University Center (DUC)

Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Social
3-9 p.m., Stevens Point Brewery Hospitality room

The Taste of Wisconsin
7 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC
Sample Wisconsin’s finest, from cheese to beer and potatoes to wine.

Tickets available through the University Box Office, 800-838-3178.

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

TKE Social
9 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill

Saturday, Oct. 8

Coffee with Alumni and Friends
9-11 a.m., Berg Lobby. All alumni and friends are welcome to gather for coffee, juice, donuts and the parade. 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., Room 113 DUC

All Campus Picnic
11 a.m., front lawn of Old Main
Lunch provided by Alumni Association. Enjoy kids/family activities including inflatables and reptile show and meet representatives from the colleges, alumni office, residence life and other organizations.

Alumni Association Burger and Brat Bash
11 a.m.-6 p.m., Partner’s Pub, 2600 Stanley St.
Food available for purchase, profits go to the Future Alumni Association.

Campus Tour
11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meet on the front lawn of Old Main

Residence Hall Tour
12:35 p.m., meet in front of your old residence hall

Interplanetary Explorer show
1 p.m., Allen F. Blocher planetarium, second floor, Science Building
For grades 2-5.

Homecoming Football Game
1 p.m., Goerke Field, Pointers vs. UW-Whitewater.
Tickets available through the University Box Office, 800-838-3378.

The Voyager Encounters show
2 p.m., Allen F. Blocher planetarium, second floor, Science Building
For grades 6 to adult.

Fifth Quarter Reception
5 p.m., Wooden Spoon, DUC

Vets 550 50th Reunion
6-11 p.m., Legacy and Alumni rooms, DUC

CNR “Fall Migration,” alumni reunion/fund raiser
5-10 p.m. LaFollette Lounge & Laird Room, DUC

General Family Activities Oct. 7-8

Schmeeckle Nature Reserve, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Visitor Center will be open and self-guided tour maps will be available.

UWSP Natural History Museum, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday

Aquatic Center, open for swimming, noon-3 p.m.,

For lodging information, see www.uwsp.edu/alumni or contact the Alumni and University Relations Office, 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, alumni@uwsp.edu, 715-346-3811 or toll free 877-764-6801.

Student Homecoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 29

King & Queen Pageant
The Encore, DUC, 7 p.m.
The top five King & Queen candidates will compete in a variety of contests to be crowned Homecoming King & Queen 2005.

Monday, Oct. 3

“Mighty Mouth” Food Day
Front of DUC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Super Hero Nutrition - Hot dogs & brats on sale
Competing organizations will attempt to collect the most non-perishable foods to be donated for competition points.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Villains vs. Heroes
Tug-O-War Competition
Front lawn of Old Main, 3 p.m.

Bed Races
Portage Court, 5:30 p.m.

Pet Metheny Concert
Sentry Theater, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets @ University Box Office: 800-838-3378

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Inflatable games
The Sundial, 4-8 p.m.

Vill-Id-Hell Competition
The Sundial, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Talent Show
Laird Room, DUC, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

RHA Cotillion Ball
The Encore, DUC, 8 p.m.