A grand staircase (above) is a noticeable improvement in the remodeled lobby of the University Library at UW-Stevens Point. Barrier-free gates (right) at entrances have improved security while allowing for greater accessibility.

Check out the library

A grand staircase, central borrowing area and vaulted ceiling are the centerpieces of the newly remodeled lobby of the University Library at UW-Stevens Point.

Work on the state-funded $430,000 project was completed this summer. The remodeling has created a more functional and inviting space, said University Library Director Arne Arneson. The project, which was conceived in 1988, was approved by UW System in 2001 and paid for through the State Capital Improvement Fund.

The remodeling has improved the library’s security, made for a more efficient work and traffic flow and created an inviting area for library users to relax, read and meet friends, Arneson said. In the outer east and west vestibules, a portrait and memorial of James H. Albertson has been mounted over the library’s entrance doors. The original portrait of Albertson hangs in the lobby. He was named president of Wisconsin State College (UWSP) in 1962. The building was named for him after his death in a plane crash in 1967 while visiting educational institutions in Vietnam.

The plans, created by architect Ron Howard and Associates, bring circulation, reserve and interlibrary loan together at a single, more visible service point. Consolidating these three units at one desk means there will be greater efficiencies for both the staff and customers. Since interlibrary loans are now widely available on the Internet, UWSP staff, students and faculty members will be using this service more in the future, Arneson predicts. Customers can check out books from other libraries and most sections of the University Library at one desk.

“We merged the service areas to create more efficient borrowing for our users,” Arneson said. “We wanted to create a one-stop area to check out materials, while creating a more attractive environment.”

The new staircase in the lobby connects the first and second floors and a vaulted barrel ceiling on the second floor opens space in the central atrium area. This staircase connects the two most heavily used areas of the library, the circulation desk and the periodicals section, Arneson said. Alteration of the opening to the atrium allows more natural light into the lobby area.

The circulation desk has been moved forward so that staff members can clearly see the library entrances. The building has been lowered to be accessible to those with disabilities. Behind the desk, modular cabinetry gives flexibility to the workspace to meet the changing needs of library staff members.

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Old turnstiles were removed for greater accessibility and easier movement. New entrances include barrier free security gates. While they are easier to move through, the gates contain an alarm, which will greatly reduce losses including such valuable items as out-of-print books and other irreplaceable library materials. “This will give us a more secure environment for the collection,” Arneson said.

Dedication ceremonies for the new lobby will be held later this fall.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
Fall is in the air on the UWSP campus and the Alumni Association’s plans for Homecoming 2002 are in full swing. Events have been planned for the entire week involving students and staff, with celebrations and reunions for alumni and friends on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5.

In past years, a brochure was printed and distributed outlining homecoming activities. To take better advantage of the circulation of the Pointer Alumnius newspaper, we are discontinuing the printing of the brochure and outlining homecoming activities on page three of this publication. An updated listing is also available on the Internet at www.uwsp.edu/alumni.

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The Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company was chosen to produce the new edition. Harris will soon begin collecting data to be included in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alum.

Brant Bergeron, director of alumni and university relations, urges alumni to fill out and return the survey promptly. If you haven’t been back to campus for a while, we’d love to see you. You’ll find a dynamic campus of more than 8,000 students plus faculty and staff committed to the educational process, both in and out of the classroom. UWSP serves as a life-changing experience for those who have participated in the Annual Fund in the past. I look forward to seeing many new names on the list in the future.

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Alumni events slated

Check the alumni calendar on the Internet at www.uwsp.edu/alumni—it is updated regularly. For more information on any of the events listed, call the Alumni and University Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at 1-877-764-6801.

2002

Sept. 12 Marathon County Chapter Event, Hereford and Hops, Wausau
Sept. 17 Marathon County Chapter Event, Leigh Yawkey Woolson Art Museum, Wausau
Sept. 20-21 Home Economics Centennial, UWSP campus. See story on page 4 for details.
Sept. 28 Marshfield Area Chapter Event, Harvest Moon Barn Dance at Jim and Brenda Castellano’s, Auburndale
Oct. 1-2 Men’s Alumni Basketball Game and Reunion, Quandt Fieldhouse
Oct. 26 Student Alumni Association Tailgate Party and Portage County Chapter Event, Goerke Field, UWSP
Nov. 4-Nov. 12 Alumni Association Travel to Italy

2003

Feb. 1 Men’s Alumni Basketball Game and Reunion, Quandt Fieldhouse
Feb. 15 Women’s Alumni Basketball Game and Reunion, Borg Gym
March 29-30 Dedication of University Center to honor Lee Dreyfus
June 6-7 Reunion Weekend and 50-year reunion for Class of 1953
Oct. 1-2 Homecoming 2003

2004

Oct. 2 Homecoming 2004
All events free and open to the public unless noted.

Thursday, October 3
Talent night
8 p.m., Melvin R. Laird Room, University Center (UC)

Friday, October 4
Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education reception
4-6 p.m., Wisconsin Lion’s Camp, Rosbott. Environmental education alumni will gather at a reception during their state conference. Bake-off, refreshments and door prizes. Call Sunshine Kapusta for more information, (715) 348-2014.

Alpha Phi Omnu alumni social
6-8:30 p.m., Stevens Point Brewery Hospitality Room. Contact
Marc Krueger (715) 341-4051.

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

Comedy City
8 p.m., Park, UC

Tau Kappa Epsilon Apollo Social
9 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill. Contact Phil Kallas (715) 341-6554.

Fisher Society alumni banquet
5-11 p.m. Laird Room, UC, e-mail Juht932@uwsp.edu or call 1-877-764-6801.

All professionals are welcome.

African-American alumni social
8 p.m., Wooden Spoon, UC

Saturday, October 5
African-American alumni reception
9 a.m., Multicultural Resource Center, UC. Tribute to Gerald and Jun Vance and open house of the new MERC near the LaFellote Lounge.

Alumni and friends coffee
9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Berg Gym Lobby. All alumni and friends are welcome to gather for coffee, juice, donuts and the parade. Co-sponsored by the UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation.

2002 Homecoming Parade
10 a.m. Parade begins on Joeder Street and winds through campus to Goerke Park. The parade features the Alumni Marching Band, bands from campus organizations, residence halls and community units.

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.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Apollo annual meeting
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Green Room, UC. Following the meeting, alumni and undergrads will gather at the TRE house: 1916 College Ave.

Psychology alumni reception
10:30 a.m., D-224 Science Building. Presentation on the history of the department and tour of lab facilities. Get reacquainted with teachers, share stories of the past and update one another on events over the years.

Home Economics Centennial garden
11 a.m., southeast corner of CPS building. To commemorate the Home Economics Centennial, a perennial garden has been planted and will serve as a lasting tribute to the heritage of the home economics at UWSP.

Art and Design juried alumni exhibition
11 a.m.-6 p.m., Children and Schneiter Galleries, second floor of the Fine Arts Center. Opening reception for the exhibition, which will run October 5-27. For more information, call Mike Fahey, (715) 346-3056.

University Centers staff/activities/SGA/ACT alumni picnic
11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Center Patio (rain site, Basement Fahey, (715) 346-3056.

Psychology alumni reunion
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Michell's Restaurant. Contact Holly Voll, (715) 346-2487.

History alumni reunion
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Foreign Languages alumni reunion
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International Programs reunion
11 a.m., International Programs Office, 108 Collins Classroom Center. Welcome back International Programs alumni! Visit the newly remodeled and expanded office and learn about our new study abroad options. Enjoy refreshments with old friends while viewing videos of exciting destinations.

Tau Gamma Beta luncheon and reunion
11:30 a.m., Heritage Room, UC. Contact Jean Gretschel Lange (715) 344-3173. Join other Tau Gams for lunch and an afternoon of reminiscing. Watch for an invitation.

Phi Sigma Chi business meeting and hospitality
11 a.m.-1 p.m., business meeting. Red Room, UC. Contact Jeff Zabel (715) 344-8794. 2 p.m. Pig roast at Pfiffer Pioneer Park Building.

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Pointe football, UWSP vs. UW-La Crosse
1 p.m., Goerke Field. The Pointes battle the Eagles in the 2002 Homecoming football clash. For football game tickets, call the UWSP Box Office at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards accepted.

College of Natural Resources alumni social
1-3 p.m., Stevens Point Brewery Hospitality Room. An informal gathering for CNR alumni and staff to share tall tales and legends from the good ol' days.

Lodging Information:
Bed and Breakfasts

Dream of Yesterday, 1008 Beaverly St., Stevens Point, (715) 341-4525
The Inn on Main Street, 2414 Main St., Stevens Point, (715) 345-0375
Victorian Swan, 1716 Water St., Stevens Point, (715) 345-0995 or (608) 456-0996.

Hotels
Amelia Motel, Pleter, (715) 342-1244 or (800) 656-3444
Best Western Royale Inn, 3110 Main St., Stevens Point, (715) 341-5110 or (800) 530-1234
Blue Top Motel, 3425 Church St., Stevens Point, (715) 344-3434
Baymont Inn, 4017 Main St., Stevens Point, (715) 344-1703 or (800) 426-3438
Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point, (715) 341-6000.

Ask for the UWSP special rate.

Country Inn and Suites, 301 Division St., Stevens Point, (715) 345-7000.

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Days Inn, U.S. Highway 51 and S4, Pleter, (608) 693-4000 or (800) 222-2222
Elk Ridge Inn, 3425 Church St., Stevens Point, (715) 344-1900 or (800) 222-2222
Fairfield Inn, 3425 Church St., Stevens Point, (715) 344-1900 or (800) 222-2222
Hawthorn Inn and Suites, 1101 Arbor Ave., Stevens Point, (715) 341-6111 or (800) 222-2222

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Road Star Inn, 159 Division St., Stevens Point, (715) 341-6000 or (800) 445-4667
Super 8, 247 Division St., Stevens Point, (715) 341-6111 or (800) 800-8000

MAKE PLANS FOR LUNCH--University Center Brewhaus
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., food and beverages available

Check out the University Store’s free selection of Pointer and Alumni apparel. Browse our new and improved Web site for a complete Pointer and Alumni apparel catalog.

Homecoming Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction
6-8:30 p.m., Alumni Room, UC. Registration fee, $15 per person. $7 for children 12 and under, includes dinner and induction program. Advance registration required. Please call (715) 346-3811 or toll free (877) 764-6801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu. See details on page 16.

Special Homecoming Weekend Hours
Friday, October 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 6, Noon to 3 p.m.

Fall 2002 “Back in the Day...the Pointer Time Warp”

The Classified Staff Advisory Committee had a first place winning float in the parade during Homecoming 2001.
Virginia Helm, a specialist in educational administration who formerly served as executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Ind., has become the new provost/vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Virginia Helm

Helm, who succeeds retiring Provost/Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer, holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Boston University, a master’s degree in English from Boston College, an Ed.S. in educational administration from Western Illinois University and a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Iowa.

“I am delighted to be joining the UWSP community and look forward to working with the students, faculty, staff and administration to achieve new levels of excellence,” Helm said. “UWSP is already distinguished among its peers for both academic and athletic excellence, and it will be exciting to extend our efforts in new ways that will further benefit students as well as the region and state.”

“Dr. Helm has had an outstanding career in education, both as a faculty member and an administrator,” said UWSP Chancellor Tom George. “Building on her excellent administrative track record at Indiana University Northwest, she is poised to step into the critical position of provost/vice chancellor at UWSP. We welcome her enthusiastically.”

Helm’s accomplishments as vice chancellor at Indiana include establishing a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Working closely with the deans, she proposed the development of a Center for Advising and Career Services, directed student retention initiatives and led a support group to assist displaced workers.

Helm has co-authored books about personnel evaluation, written book chapters about teacher evaluation and school law, and published articles about evaluation and the law in professional journals. Her recent presentations at professional meetings have focused on assessment.

UWSP included in new college guide

The Unofficial, Unbiased, Insider’s Guide to the 320 Most Interesting Colleges now includes UWSP. The guide, issued by Kaplan Publishing, a division of Simon and Schuster, features previously unavailable information including a national guidance counselor survey and student observations about the academic and social life on the campuses.

Among entries in the book are profiles of some of America’s most prestigious colleges. Several of Wisconsin’s private colleges are listed; however Stevens Point and Madison are the only UW System schools to be included.

The guide is available at most bookstores.

Leaving a Legacy at UWSP

For more information about leaving a bequest to the UWSP Foundation, please fill out the form and send to:

UWSP Foundation
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Leaving a bequest can help you:
• Create your own personal legacy
• Save on taxes
• Realize your philanthropic goals and values
• Enhance the education of future UWSP students

Greetings from Shawano Lake, UWSP has had a special place in our hearts since our first campus visit in 1951. Although faces have changed, the friendliness has stayed the same over the years.

The exemplary education we received has served us well as we pursued our careers. It is with much gratitude that we have included a bequest in our wills as a token of appreciation for the excellent education and friendly atmosphere that has prevailed since that first visit to Old Main.

With pleasure,
Roy and Phyllis Habeck

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UWSP posts grades on Internet

UWSP stands to save about $10,000 per year by posting student grades on the Internet.

Beginning in June, UWSP students no longer received grade reports in the mail unless a special request was made.

“UWSP printed and mailed more than 20,000 grade reports in 2001,” said Associate Registrar Larry Sipiorski. “Needed to say, this change should repre- sent savings for UWSP.”

Grades posted to a password protected Web site provide quicker, easier access for students and can be printed from the site as well,” he continued. “Students have been able to look up their grades on the Web for several years and for many, accessing the Internet is the preferred way to get information. Other campuses that have done this report their students had few problems adapting.

“Students without access to computers during the summer may use the University’s computer labs at any of our other campuses. Students may also use public libraries in the country and use the Web for no charge,” Sipiorski said.

Another student said, “I think this is great … It is about time people start realizing the Net was not just to throw away paper, not create more of a hassle. Good luck with it.”

Another UW System campuses that recently switched to electronic grade reporting include Eau Claire, La Crosse, Madison, Oshkosh, River Falls, Superior and Whitewater.

Home economics centennial planned

A celebration of the centennial of home economics programs at UWSP will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21. All alumni and former faculty mem- bers of the programs are invited to attend the event.

Domestic science, later called home economics, was the first major approved at Stevens Point Normal School in 1902. The three current majors descended from the program are interior architecture, family and consumer education and dietetics and nutritional science.

Festivities will begin Friday evening with a reception in the Founders Room in Old Main. Saturday’s activi- ties in the University Center will include historic dis- plays, speakers, a silent auction and a luncheon. In addition, items will be for sale to raise funds for a cen- tennial garden.

To honor the historic mission of home economics, an endowment fund is being mounted. The fund will bring outstanding professionals to campus and assist students to learn from outstanding professionals in their work places.

Among items for sale at the event are a cookbook and set of note cards unique to UWSP. The limited edition cookbook contains wartime recipes by the late Bessie May Allen and the note cards feature paintings by Professor Emerita Ethel Hill, two former home eco- nomics faculty members.

Profits from the sale of the items will go toward cre- ating a perennial garden near the College of Professional Studies Building. The garden also will have space for engraved bricks in thanks for larger donations to the endowment.

Allen was instrumental in shaping the home econom- ics programs during her tenure as head of the Domestic Science Department and chair of home economics from 1913 to 1952. Her recipes that helped homemakers con- serve food and deal with rationing during World War II have been collected along with recipes from alumni, stu- dents, faculty and staff members.

Hill is a 1940 graduate of Central State Teachers College who taught at UWSP for 24 years. She took up watercolor painting after retirement and continues to do so. Her paintings can be printed from the centennial Web site www.uwsp.edu/centennial/store. Ordering informa- tion also is available by e-mail to jeanneb@uwsp.edu, by calling (715) 346-4775 or writing to UWSP College of Professional Studies Dean’s Office, 1904 Fourth Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897.
UWSP’s partnerships benefit all students

Greetings from the chancellor:

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point continues to change the lives of students who are working adults seeking four-year degrees and certifications. UWSP is joining partners from the region to strengthen collaborations that will, in turn, strengthen our state’s economy.

Two of these partnerships are the New Economy Workforce (NEW) Coalition and the Wisconsin Learning Center (WLC). They are elements of the Central Wisconsin Idea (CWI), which I discussed in last fall’s issue of the Alumnus. New state funding of over $500,000 annually will support the CWI, creating new positions in a number of areas that focus on high-technology learning both on and off campus.

The NEW Coalition is a partnership of UWSP, UW-Marinette County, Northcentral Technical College and Marathon County businesses led by Liberty Mutual/Wausau Insurance. It develops post-secondary educational opportunities that integrate information systems, finance and communication courses. These programs provide knowledge and skills that Central Wisconsin employers require of their staff members. With funding from the Marathon County business community, the NEW Coalition provides employees of Marathon County businesses with convenient and advanced learning opportunities.

Lisa Lemanke, a 1986 graduate of UWSP, took a class through the NEW Coalition. A senior software engineer at Liberty Mutual Group in Wausau, she wanted to learn more about computer technology and programming. The course she took, taught by UWSP computer professor Dan Goulet, was the opportunity she was looking for. She noted that once the convenience of the location was a definite plus.

“I use the design skills and concepts regularly in my work,” Lemanke said. “The kinds of courses that are being developed by the NEW Coalition target the skills that Central Wisconsin employers value.”

Another partnership between UWSP, Mid-State Technical College and the Portage County Business Council Foundation has established the Wisconsin Learning Center. In last fall’s issue of the Alumnus, I mentioned that we had broken ground for this center. The completed center has traditional and distance-education classrooms at the Portage County Business Council headquarters. It provides technology-based education for employees in Portage County. Ultimately, through distance education capabilities, it will provide education and training to time-bound and place-bound adult students throughout Central Wisconsin. Course offerings began last February.

Michael Martens is marketing director of MarTech Systems, Inc., Wausau, a successful, growing software company. In business since 1986, Martens attended an Entrepreneurship Training Program at WLC this spring to get information about creating a business plan for a new division of the company. Since attending the class, he has created marketing studies, a cash flow plan and other aspects of starting the new division.

“The information was very valuable in formulating the first steps of the new division,” he said, “and the learning center is a comfortable facility.”

The WLC is the result of a successful partnership between the education and business communities at the local level. In addition, the local partners work with the federal government. UWSP and Mid-State Technical College have each contributed substantial funds to this venture, as has the Portage County Business Council Foundation. The establishment of these funds was used to leverage further funding from the federal government through the work of Congressman David Obey.

With anticipated state funding for the Central Wisconsin Idea, with the NEW Coalition, and with the WLC, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point continues to demonstrate its strong commitment to a leadership role among public, comprehensive universities.

Chancellor Thomas F. George

Donors give back to help change lives

Greetings from the UWSP Foundation.

As we finish our 2002-2003 Annual Fund campaign, I would like to express my gratitude to all donors who have supported the UWSP Foundation. Their generosity and commitment have enabled us to fund scholarships, fellowships and other programs that support students and faculty.

This year’s goal is to raise $3,244,000 in support of universitywide priorities. Annual Fund gifts touch nearly all areas of campus, enhancing UWSP’s ability to support student success. Rhonda Miska stands as one example of how these gifts help change lives.

Since shortly after she graduated in May, Miska has been living at the Padre Fabretto Center in Cusmopa, Nicaragua, a mountain village of 6,000 inhabitants where she works with troubled youth and orphans.

With initial funding originating from Annual Fund gifts, Miska had a pivotal experience during her senior year that led her to Nicaragua. She used the funds to travel to Northern Ireland and study firsthand about conflict resolution and interdenominational reconciliation during an 11-day project sponsored by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship in Milwaukee.

Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for student affairs, thanks all UWSP alumni who support the Annual Fund campaign. “These gifts can have a significant impact on a student’s career. If Rhonda hadn’t been able to go to Northern Ireland, she wouldn’t have been as competitive for the Nicaraguan position.”

This fall, UWSP alumni will again have an opportunity to help change lives at UWSP through the Annual Fund campaign. When a student calls to ask for your support, please say “Yes!”

Thank you for your continued support. We simply couldn’t do it without you.

Chancellor Thomas F. George

Peg Zwicker
Director of Annual Giving

For more information on the 2002-2003 Annual Fund and how you can contribute, contact Zwicker at 1-800-858-5267.

For higher education, elections do help

In November, Wisconsinites will go to the polls in an election that may prove pivotal for the future of public higher education in our state.

A generation ago state support for UWSP was approximately 50 percent of our budget. This year state tax support will be approximately 38 percent of UWSP’s budget. This decline is typical throughout the UW System.

Are we no longer a state funded public higher education system? During the budget repair process completed during the summer by the state Legislature, the UW System took 23 percent of the combined budget cuts, even though we represent just over eight percent of the entire state General Program Revenue (GPR) budget.

The only way to stop these troubling budget trends is to elect more politicians who understand that a world-class public university system cannot continue without strong bipartisan backing in both the Legislature and the governor’s office. Fortunately, UWSP has many friends in the Legislature, especially those representing Stevens Point, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids. Yet as we continue to push a regional approach for our institution, it becomes increasingly evident that we need greater political support from politicians beyond Portage, Marathon and Wood Counties.

It is imperative that our alumni and friends stay engaged in the political process and promote the many educational and economic benefits that UW System campuses bring to our state.

I ask you, as alumni and friends of UWSP, to exercise your franchise and vote in both the September primary and the general election in November. Candidates have stated positions on higher education and the future of the UW System. Whether voting for gubernatorial or legislative candidates, it is imperative for all of us to do our homework and find out where they stand on supporting public higher education and the Wisconsin Idea.

Be informed . . . be engaged . . . and vote!

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In November, Wisconsinites will go to the polls in an election that may prove pivotal for the future of public higher education in our state.

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Korth lauded for excellence

The UW System Regents 2002 Academic Staff Award for Excellence was presented to Robert Korth, a lake management specialist at UWSP and UWSP-Extension. Korth, who has been with UWSP-Extension since 1990, directs the Wisconsin Lake Partnership, a unique program and a national model. He coordinates the annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention, produces a quarterly newsletter, Lake Tides, writes extensively and provides educational and organizational assistance to citizens and groups interested in lake stewardship.

“I firmly believe our lakes are healthier and lake-loving citizens are much more dedicated and effective because they have been inspired and empowered by Bob Korth,” wrote one nominator.

Korth holds a bachelor’s degree from UW-Oshkosh and a master’s degree in natural resources and environmental education from UWSP. His book, Through the Looking Glass: A Field Guide to Aquatic Plants, is nationally and internationally known.

International Programs fund nearer goal

People whose lives have been touched by UWSP’s International Programs have stepped forward to express their appreciation for the lasting benefits of study abroad.

The endowment committee set a goal of $100,000 and so far has raised $80,000 for the fund. The money was raised when participants and leaders of study tours responded to a call for funding an endowment through the UWSP Foundation that will provide scholarships for students who want the opportunity for a life-changing experience of study abroad.

Although the cost of the programs is a great value, there are a number of worthy students who cannot afford it, according to Bob Bowen, former director of International Programs and fund raising committee member. The endowment is designed to encourage more students to participate in international education.

Since the first semester abroad to London in 1969, more than 9,500 students and 265 faculty members have participated in UWSP study abroad programs. Costs, including tuition, fees, airfare, lodging, food and tours, range from $5,200 to $9,100 per term.

According to International Programs Director David Staszak, UWSP is a leader in the UW System with about 15 percent of its graduates having studied abroad. rank- ing 13th in the nation among other comprehensive universities for the number of students it sends abroad.

There are plans to increase the number of semester-long and short-term programs for summer, spring and winter breaks, adding one or two new locations per year for five years, Staszak said. Existing programs are being scheduled more often and new opportunities are being developed in Europe, Central America and the South Pacific.

A business internship to China was launched this summer.

With the growth in programs, student costs have increased. “As far as we know, UWSP will still have the lowest administrative fee in the UW System,” Staszak said. Need-based student scholarships are sought to help cover additional costs.

Honorary chairs of the scholarship committee include former Chancellor and Governor Lee Dreyfus, current Chancellor Tom Geoghehan and past International Programs Directors Bob Bowen, Pauline Isaacson and Helen Corinelli. Heading up the appeal are Mary Ann Baird, emerita associate professor of interior architecture, and Bob Wolensky, professor of sociology.

For information about a variety of pledge options, contact the UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481; call toll free (800) 858-5267; or visit the Web site at www.uwsp.edu/foundation.

McClain-Ruelle honored by WEA

Leslie McClain-Ruelle, head of the School of Education, was named Wisconsin Teacher of the Year by the Student Wisconsin Education Association (SWEA) at its annual representative assembly.

The award recognizes an individual teacher educator for leadership and dedication to students. McClain-Ruelle was nominated by a unanimous decision of the local chapter’s board. She was termed “an outstanding advocate and supporter of the organization” by Carrie Teters, president of the UWSP chapter.

A specialist in reading education, curriculum and instruction, she taught grades seven through 12 before teaching at the college level.

McClain-Ruelle has supported UWSP’s SWEA with a fully equipped office that is visible to students and faculty members. She helps fund professional state and national conferences and workshops. The executive board of SWEA’s chapter traveled to Louis, Mo., this year for a national conference. In addition, the School of Education funds an annual colloquium for students. McClain-Ruelle also includes SWEA officers in faculty meetings where they are given the opportunity to promote the organization.

Alumni artwork showcased

An exhibition of artwork by UWSP Alumni will be on display in the Carlsten and Schneider Galleries of the Fine Arts Center during Homecoming 2002.

A reception for the artists will be held on Homecoming day, Saturday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is free and open to the public. The exhibition will run through Sunday, Oct. 27.

Juror for the exhibition is Frances Myers, graphics chair in the UW-Madison Art Department. She is a renowned printmaker and video artist.

For more information, call Mike Fishey at (715) 346-3056.
Student society is one of the best

The UWSP Soil and Water Conservation Society has received national recognition.

The student chapter was one of five nationally to receive the Outstanding Chapter Award for accomplishments in carrying out its overall program throughout the year. It also received the Chapter Achievement Award for a single activity or project conducted during the year.

The UWSP chapter’s ongoing project focuses on the Horicon Marsh near Beaver Dam. According to the chapter’s former president Jennifer Hegge, Hudson, the goal of the project is to study nutrient and sediment loading in the marsh from the surrounding agricultural lands. Ultimately, students hope to create a three-dimensional image of the sediment in the marsh using a geographic information systems database. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide both technical and financial support.

For the past 28 years, Ron Hendler, professor of soil and water resources, has been adviser for the chapter, which began in the late 1960s.

Anniversary marked for Polish program

Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, has marked the 25th anniversary of the UWSP College of Natural Resources summer study-abroad program sponsored by UWSP International Programs.

A ceremony was held in July at Aula of Collegium Maius, the oldest auditorium at the university. Rector Franciszek Ziejka presented the Medal of the Refounding of the Krakow Academy to Hans Schabel, professor of forestry and director of international programs.

Since 1975 UWSP has provided semester-long study programs in East Central Europe through which students study agriculture, resource management, recreation, tourism, and foresters and forest economics. The programs are facilitated by the Polish School of Language and Culture.

Golf outing named for Schultz

More than 90 golfers attended a golf outing at Tree Acres Golf Course in Plover on August 12 in memory of Scott Schultz, a leader in the Stevens Point community who passed away in May 2001.

The Community Foundation of Portage County and the UWSP Alumni Association hosted the Scott Schultz Memorial Golf Outing, which raised more than $5,000 for scholarships in Schultz’s name.

A former mayor, Stevens Point school board member and Community Foundation executive director, Schultz was a 1972 alumnus of UWSP. He served as director of leadership gifts for the UWSP Foundation, assistant director of Alumni Relations and as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also was active in a number of local organizations.

Golfers played an 18-hole scramble as well as competing in a putting contest and other course contests followed by a picnic.

For information on next year’s outing, call (715) 346-3811 or 1-877-764-6801.

McBride and Nigbor receive top honors

Shawn Granger

McBride, ’72, New Orleans, La., was named the 2002 Distinguished Alumna and Mary Ann Nigbor, ’67, Stevens Point, received the 2002 Distinguished Service Award at a luncheon in May.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes distinguished achievement and university service. The Alumni Service Award recognizes volunteers and staff who work consistently on behalf of the UWSP Alumni Association.

McBride is president and CEO of the corporation that distributes Chef Paul Prudhomme’s Magic Seasoning Blends. Prudhomme, who was among the guests at the awards luncheon, also developed the well-known New Orleans restaurant, K-Paul’s Louisiana Kitchen. In 1984, Prudhomme invited McBride to join him as a sales representative and she was named chief operating officer in 1986. She travels throughout the world to organize and direct cooking demonstrations and to oversee various charitable activities.

A longtime Alumni Association supporter, Nigbor is serving her 11th term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors including two years as president.

“Mary Ann is the answer to every alumni director’s prayers,” said former UWSP Alumni Director Karen Engelhard. “She is a volunteer who is interested, enthusiastic, willing, perceptive and generous with her time. The depth of her feeling for UWSP is obvious to everyone.”

Nigbor has served for many years on the planning committee for First Nighters, an Alumni Association sponsored group of university theatre patrons. She recently was named to the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors and has served on numerous university committees.

Rick Gering, ’79, co-founder of Eastbay, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, in absentia.

Hansen public service award given to Worth

Robert Worth, former president of the Worth Company, received the William C. Hansen Award at an event at the home of Chancellor Tom George.

The award recognizes public service as demonstrated by the humanitarian work of Hansen, who served as president of Wisconsin State Teachers College (later UWSP) from 1940 to 1962. Hansen’s daughter Ann Buck was present at the reception honoring Worth.

From 1959 to 1992, Worth served as president of the Worth Company, a Stevens Point fishing equipment manufacturer founded by his father, Joseph Worth. His son, David, followed him as president of the company. Worth attended Central State Teachers College until 1950.

He led the planning and development of UWSP’s Central Wisconsin Environmental Station on Sunset Lake near Nelsonville and served as chairperson of the environmental station’s steering committee for many years.

A longtime member of the UWSP Foundation Board, Worth has served as president of the board and works on numerous university and community projects.

He established and has continued to support the Worth Fisheries Scholarship in the College of Natural Resources. In 1992 he was named Outstanding Contributor to the college. He also created a scholarship for conservationists in the UWSP Music Department and has been instrumental in encouraging endowments from other contributors to the program.

Former president’s daughter remembers the college

President Hansen’s second eldest daughter wrote this note to the Pointer Alumnus.

She participated in the presentation of the William C. Hansen Award to Bob Worth.

For many reasons, I wish I had lived nearby during my father’s presidency of “the college,” now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. When my father took over the presidency in 1940, my two sisters, Helen and Ruth, and I were midway through our college years at UW-Madison. Another sister, Kay, was in high school when our family came to Stevens Point and she followed us at UW-Madison.

After graduation, all three of us joined the Army, two as nurses and one as a dietitian. Soon after I came to live in Plover, my father began his four-year term in the Wisconsin Senate.

During vacation visits, I had marveled at the growth of the university, not only in campus size but also in the addition of so many buildings, which turned it into a beautiful campus. I knew about the new educational expansion and the addition of so many exceptional educators and students from across the nation, which in turn increased the national prestige of the college.

It has been a real pleasure for me from time to time since my parents’ deaths in the 1980s to meet former students and faculty members who have been so complimentary about them. This has enhanced my interest in the university and encouraged my future support of scholarships for incoming students.
Nutritional science master’s program launched

UWSP has introduced a nutritional science master’s degree that can be completed in 12 months. The 30-credit graduate program is designed to accommodate working adults who wish to gain expertise and research skills in community and older adult nutrition. Students attend classes two days per week and choose to complete either a thesis or project option. Limited enrollment allows the faculty to provide personal attention to individual career goals.

Students earn master’s degrees in nutritional science in a program that combines a solid science foundation with practical experience, according to Dean Joan North of the College of Professional Studies.

The program is designed with the needs of two groups of individuals in mind. First, students with a background in nutrition or other health fields can improve their knowledge base and sharpen their research skills. Second, registered dietitians and others already working in a nutrition or health area may use the degree for career enhancement or professional development.

The nutritional science and dietetics unit in the School of Health Promotion and Human Development trains professionals to create healthy living environments in communities throughout Wisconsin and the nation. The nutrition program is one of the descendants of UW home economics program, which is celebrating its centennial year.

For more information, contact Jasja Chitharanjan, assistant professor and director of the dietetics program, at (715) 346-4087 or visit the Web site at www.uwsp.edu/PHPD/Academics/NutriSci.asp.

Menominee clans figures displayed at library

A new permanent exhibit is being created for the Albertson Learning Resources Center and a Web site provides additional information about the display.

The Menominee Clans Story, depicted with 34 wood figures, is being created by traditional artist James Frechette, Jr., Rhinelander. He is one of few Menominee elders who have knowledge of the ancient clan system.

The Menominee origin story describes five principal clans, each represented by a creature that adopted younger brothers until there were 34 clans. Frechette’s figures will represent all of the clans with a centerpiece portraying a council fire.

Intricately carved and decorated in acrylic, the figures stand between 12 and 20 inches high. They will be displayed on a representation of the Menominee River built by Ed Marks, curator of education at the UWSP Natural History Museum.

“I want to illustrate and preserve what the Menominee culture was at one time,” Frechette said. “As a child growing up in Neopit and Keshena on the Menominee Reservation, I listened and learned the stories.”

The library and museum recently published a Menominee Clans Story Web site at http://library.uwsp.edu/MenomineeClans. The site features images of Frechette’s carvings that can be manipulated for a three-dimensional view. Also on the Web site, the Menominee Origin Story is read in English by Frechette and in Menominee by Mike Hoffman, a Menominee linguist. Many of the graphics used on the site were custom designed and drawn by Frechette.

David Wrone, emeritus professor of history, who was instrumental in getting the exhibit started, wrote portions of the descriptive text for the Web site. A noted American history scholar, Wrone led in the formation of Menominee History scholar, Wrone led in the formation of Menominee Heritage Museum.

The Golden Eagle Clan figure is among 34 intricately detailed wood carvings that depict the Menominee origin story. A Web site is now in place and a display of the figures will be completed next spring.

human life, showing that harmony can be achieved through the complexity and significance of a system devised by the Menominee to help guide their lives,” said Wrone.

The 11-foot carving of the Great Light-Colored Bear, the first of the clan leaders, is on permanent display at the Menominee Reservation in Keshena. He carved ceremonial Menominee ladles, which his uncle presented to Pope John Paul II, and are now displayed at the Vatican. He also has work exhibited at the Neville Museum in Green Bay and the Milwaukee Convention Center.

Education group tops in nation

The UWSP chapter of the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA) received the Outstanding Chapter Excellence Award for the third year in a row and received an award for Outstanding Web Site at the National Education Association (NEA) Student Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, this summer.

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Student dance performed in D.C.

Five UWSP students performed in “Break-Out” at a national dance festival in Washington, D.C.

“Break-Out,” choreographed by Candice Jablonski, New Berlin, was one of only two student pieces selected from the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDEFA) regional festival to perform at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in May.

The dance was one of 36 entered in the Central Region Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that included work by students and faculty members from 50 college and university dance programs in the nine-state region. Jablonski’s work was one of nine pieces selected for the festival closing gala concert, of which only three were choreographed by students.

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Birds added to museum exhibit

Two brightly colored greenish-yellow birds have joined the African Savanna exhibit at the UWSP Natural History Museum, thanks to a staff member who received them as a gift from her home country.

Carmen Luque, a native of Castilleja del Campo, Sevilla, Spain, and a campus employee, donated the European bee-eaters to the museum. Castilleja del Campo is located in southwestern Spain near the Portuguese border. Luque has lived in Stevens Point for 13 years.

Ed Marks, curator of education at the museum, added them to the Savanna exhibit because the birds are widespread throughout Europe and Africa. Luque says a friend sent the mounted specimens to her as a reminder of her home in Spain where thousands of the slim and graceful birds spend the spring and summer.

Bee-eaters do not build nests, but rather make their homes by excavating holes in hilllocks of damp clay. In order to kill and eat their prey, the birds hold venomous insects to the tip of the insect’s abdomen, then rub the insect against a branch until the venom is discharged and the insect can be swallowed.

An Egyptian goose, mounted at no cost by RAND Mayes of Mayes Taxidermy, Stevens Point, and donated by Woody and Zachary Bishop and Mike Okray, also has found a home in the Savanna exhibit. The large birds, which eat mostly grass and seeds, prefer a variety of wetlands in open country and avoid forested areas.

The African Savanna and a companion exhibit were made possible through the generosity of Emeritus Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs Helen Godfrey. Other donations were made by Okray Family Farms, the William Bond Estate and County Concrete Corp.

In Memoriam

Robert Price

Robert Price, professor of foreign languages, died June 5 at age 66 of a heart attack after having successfully undergone a kidney transplant.

A specialist in Slavic languages, Price came to UWSP in 1972, where he taught Russian and Polish until his death.

He traveled to Russia and Eastern Europe about 30 times between 1967 and 2001. On many of the trips, he was a leader with UWSP International Programs. He also served as a translator for religious groups, including a trip with the World Council of Churches meeting with the Patriarchy of Russia.

He became interested in Slavic languages while studying at the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif. He then served in Germany during the 1950s. Price received a bachelor’s degree in German from Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind., a master’s degree in Russian and a doctorate in Slavic literature from Indiana University.

Early in his career, he was a reference librarian in the Slavic area of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He received a Fulbright Fellowship in 1966 to do research in Yugoslavia, then taught Slavic languages at the University of Colorado in Boulder before coming to UWSP.

He was part of a three-member team that collaborated on a six-volume Serbo-Croatian language textbook, accompanied by a four-volume teachers’ manual. The team received a commendation from the Center for Slavic and East European Studies for creating a new method of teaching and stimulating interest in the language.

He also published a beginning textbook, Russian for Communication, which has been published annually since 1992, and several other textbooks.

He was a member of the National Ski Patrol and active with the Standing Rocks Ski Patrol. He also enjoyed acting with the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie.

Gerald Nienke

Gerald Nienke, the first director of the water chemistry program at UWSP, died June 13 at 64.

A Clintonville native, Nienke began his career as a high school teacher. He held a bachelor’s degree from Valparaiso University in Indiana and master’s and doctoral degrees from Indiana University. He joined the UWSP faculty in 1967, teaching chemistry until 1980, when the College of Natural Resources (CNR) hired him half time to teach water chemistry. He joined the CNR full time in 1982 to take charge of the water program. He retired in 1994 after 32 years of teaching.

The water chemistry program at UWSP flourished under Nienke’s leadership. Some of his former advisees are working with environmental water analysis, hazardous materials testing, groundwater quality assessment and chemical analyses for such agencies as the EPA and the Wisconsin DNR.

Nienke’s classes were popular and highly rated, his students say, based on “real world” examples. He was recognized in 1988 with the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.

He led natural resources summer study trips to Germany and Poland and taught in the CNR summer camp at Treehaven.

He is survived by his wife, Lorie. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jody Leigh Nienke, a former lecturer at UWSP, and his husband, Richard Fire, a former associate professor of fisheries and water resources.

A memorial has been established with the UWSP Foundation, which can be contacted at (715) 346-3812 or 800-858-5267.

Frank “Pat” Crow

Frank “Pat” Crow, emeritus professor of history, died March 7 at age 87.

Crow came to UWSP in 1947 and served for nearly a decade as chair of the Department of History, retiring in 1958.

Those who knew him often remarked on his uncanny ability to remember names, hometowns and other tidbits of personal information, which endeared him to students, faculty and staff.

During his 40-year career at UWSP, Crow taught nearly every course offered by the History Department, including women’s studies and black history. Although he was a native of Missouri, he became a specialist in Wisconsin history.

He was twice honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award, in 1972 and 1978. In 1982 he received the Brotherhood of Man Award from the Masonic Lodge in Stevens Point.

Crow participated in a faculty exchange teaching at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in 1966-67. In the 1950s, he led an exchange with a black professor from an all-black college in Missouri. He participated in a UWSP International Programs semester abroad to London that included Stratford-on-Avon in 1970.

He was active in Faculty Senate and became its first chair. He also was local president and state vice president of The Association of University of Wisconsin Faculty (TAWUF).

Crow served in World War II as a combat infantryman and received three battle stars and two campaign ribbons. He held a bachelor’s degree from the Northwest Missouri State College and master’s and doctoral degrees from UW-Madison. Before coming to UWSP, he taught at U-W-Eau Claire, Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo., and UW-Extension.

He and his wife, Luella, who preceded him in death, were supportive of foreign students, often inviting them into their home. They sponsored seven refugees from Vietnam after the government of South Vietnam collapsed.

His fellow faculty members established an endowment in his name in the Department of History through the UWSP Foundation, Room 212 Old Main, 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Roger Wood

Roger Wood, emeritus professor of science education, died March 11 at age 71.

Known throughout Wisconsin as a specialist in science education, Wood taught at UWSP from 1966 to 1992.

During his career at UWSP, Wood garnered several grants and directed projects to provide mathematics and science training for area teachers and served as the head of one of six science education centers in the state.

In 1974 he led a semester abroad to London through UWSP International Programs and was recognized for Excellence in Teaching. He served on the steering committee of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

A native of Wausau, Wood taught high school before coming to UWSP. Wood was a 1954 graduate of UWSP and received a doctorate at UW-Madison.

He was a member of the Stevens Point Barbershoppers.

He is survived by his wife, Delores, who lives in Ocala, Fla. He died in Florida and a memorial service was held in July at UWSP.

A scholarship in science education was established in his name through the UWSP Foundation, Room 212 Old Main, 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
Katherine Ackley

Katherine Ackley, professor of English, is the first woman to receive UWSP’s University Scholar Award, came to UWSP in 1979. In addition to teaching English, she served as assistant dean of graduate studies from 1990 to 1995, was acting dean for one semester and coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program from 1992 to 1993. Ackley has written and edited three editions of Persuasive Perspectives on Contemporary Issues: Readings Across the Disciplines, a textbook first published in 1997 and five editions of Essays from Contemporary Culture. She also has written numerous articles on women in literature and women’s issues and has read papers on British novelist Barbara Pym at conferences in the U.S. and England. On more than a dozen trips to England, she has done research and professional development, led two seminars abroad and completed her fourth summer trip. In 1995 she presented a paper at the U.S./China Joint Conference on Women’s Issues in the Arts and Humanities.

Richard Ackley

Richard Ackley, assistant professor of mathematics and computing, came to UWSP in 1967 as an anthropologist. He became a computer programmer in 1982.

In 1982 there was a need for computing teachers at UWSP, so he switched disciplines. He has since taught database courses, software design and a variety of programming languages.

He and his wife, Kathy, have led semesters abroad, making two trips to London together.

Larry Weiser

Larry Weiser, professor of economics, came to UWSP in 1972, helped establish and became director of the Northcentral Center for Economic Education. The center is one of eight in the state that affiliates with the Wisconsin Council on Economic Education (WCEE), of which Weiser became program director in 2001. With the help of UW-Extension instructor Lynn Kirby, Weiser created the WCEE Web site, www.economicswisconsin.org.

Weiser has served as chair of his division. In 2000, he received the Eugene Katz Distinguished Faculty Award from the College of Letters and Science. He also served as a visiting lecturer at the University of the North in Sovenga, South Africa. During a sabbatical in Nigeria, she spent two weeks in Ghana, West Africa.

Julie Phelps Dietche

Julie Phelps Dietche, professor of English, who came to UWSP in 1976, has taught around the world. She was a visiting professor at Shandong University in Jinan, China, and later served as a visiting lecturer at the University of the North in Sovenga, South Africa. During a sabbatical in Nigeria, she spent two weeks in Ghana, West Africa.

Barbara Dotts Paul

Barbara Dotts Paul, associate professor in the University Library, came to UWSP in 1967. She has published four scholarly works, two of them with husband, College of Letters and Science Dean Justus Paul, on the subject of Wisconsin history. The Paul’s latest book, Wisconsin History: An Annotated Bibliography, was published as part of a series of state bibliographies by Greenwood Press in 1999.

Her other books include The Badger State: Documentary History of Wisconsin, The Germans After World War II: An English Language Bibliography; and the Polish-German Borderlands: an American Bibliography.

Poul is a member of the Association for the Bibliography of History, Wisconsin Library Association and the state and county historical societies. She also has been an assistant for America: History and Life since 1971.

She believes good advising is key to helping students finish their degrees in a timely fashion and spent many years advising students in a variety of majors.

Two highlights of her career were trips to Germany to visit several institutes of physiology and to China to evaluate the country’s fitness programs.

Robert Brush

Robert Brush has had experience as a private landscape architect and with the U.S. Forest Service, Robert Brush, professor of forestry, taught hands-on approach to urban forestry education.

Since coming to UWSP in 1989, Brush has involved his landscape design classes in projects at the Necedah Wildlife Refuge, on Menominee and Stockbridge-Muskeene reservations, in the village of Plover, on the Green Circle Trail in Stevens Point and at numerous residential properties. He also worked with the assistant chancellor for business affairs on landscape planning and design for the campus.

Brush has been on the editorial board of Landscape and Urban Planning, an international journal since 1998. In 1999, he was named a Bullard Fellow at Harvard University.

Robert Miller

Robert Miller, professor and coordinator of forestry, came to UWSP in 1973 to develop an urban forestry program in the College of Natural Resources and by 1984 he was forestry program coordinator.

Throughout his career, Miller has shared his expertise beyond Wisconsin’s borders, including teaching a weeklong course in Mexico that was attended by foresters from Mexico, Chile, Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Miller began the first student chapter of the Society of Arboriculture at UWSP. Over the past 30 years he and his students have planted nearly 1,359 trees on campus.

He recently developed an agreement with MidState Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids whereby students who transfer to UWSP will be able to combine a strong technical base with a more extensive curriculum.

Twice named Outstanding CNR Professor, he received the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.
Daniel Kortenkamp

Daniel Kortenkamp, professor of psychology, looked forward to every class at UWSP, he said, and will miss teaching courses that have engaged him for the past 36 years. His interests include brain research, sleep and dreaming, hypnosis, meditation, mystical experiences and parapsychological phenomena. While he has not had a psychic experience himself, he says that it is the high quality of research on this topic that interests him. He developed two popular courses at UWSP, “Consciousness” and “Parapsychology.” He developed the courses as the result of comments and suggestions from his students, he said, as well as the fact that the topics were not included in other psychology courses.

Kortenkamp received the Chancellor’s Merit Award for Service and the University Excellence in Teaching Award while at UWSP.

Dan Stewart

Dan Stewart, associate professor of music, who arrived at UWSP in 1971, is pleased with how the music department has improved in the last 30 years, especially the orchestral program. He has conducted all of the bands at UWSP at various times in his career including the concert band, wind ensemble and marching band. He has conducted orchestras for musical productions in the Theatre and Dance Department and for community theatre.

He began playing with the Stevens Point Symphony shortly after arriving in Stevens Point. When it became the Central Wisconsin Symphony, he became its principal oboist, a position he held until recently. He also has served as associate conductor of the orchestra.

He directed the Stevens Point City Band for eight years and was one of the founding members of the Wisconsin Arts Woodwind Quintet. He also has performed with the American Ballet Theatre Orchestra and the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood and has conducted numerous orchestras throughout the state.

William “Pete” Kelley

Since William “Pete” Kelley, professor of communication and assistant head of the Division of Communication, joined the UWSP faculty in 1969, he has received numerous awards including the University Excellence in Teaching Award, the University Service Award and the Division Excellence in Teaching Award.

“Pete has been a tremendous asset to both his division and the college throughout his tenure,” said Richard Ilkka, head of the Division of Communication. “From student matters to personnel issues, he has been a valued and trusted colleague since he joined our faculty. He will be missed.”

In 1994 Kelley was selected and recognized in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. His service to the university includes many years of serving on Faculty Senate and as chair of the University Publication Board.

“One of the key benefits of teaching at UWSP has been receiving the support of both administrators and faculty to experiment with various disciplines within the field of communication,” Kelley said. “I have had the good fortune to teach within my areas of expertise, rhetoric and public address, as well as in the fields of film, television and a host of other disciplines. But one of my most rewarding experiences has been working with students, especially as teaching advisor for the student newspaper, The Pointer.” Kelley has been the adviser to The Pointer staff since 1987.

In recent years, audiences have heard Kelley’s baritone voice announcing names at most UWSP commencement ceremonies.

Suzanne Lewis

Suzanne Lewis, senior lecturer in German, has taught German at UWSP for 30 years.

Her interest in German language and culture began when a German exchange student lived with her family while she was in high school. The two women have remained friends and their children have done a sort of family exchange over the years.

“I have enjoyed my students very much and I really miss them,” she said. “Sharing German language and culture has been a joy. That’s the only downside to retirement.”

Lewis and her husband, Neil, professor and chair of history, lived in Germany for more than a year and have traveled to Germany many times, including as leaders of a UWSP semester abroad.

Coralie Wells

Coralie Wells, professor of psychology, has chaired the UWSP Psychology Department since 1993. She oversees the growth of the UW System’s largest undergraduate psychology department. Throughout her tenure, she has fostered curricular development focusing on minorities, women of color, women in sciences and psychology of aging.

Since joining the faculty in 1968, Wells has focused her research on the psychology of pain, particularly on pain control in the elderly. She created UWSP’s first course in the psychology of aging.

She developed and served as the first director of the Learning Disabilities Program on campus. She helped develop and led the first French and German semester abroad programs. She has been a mentor for German students at UWSP in the dual degree program with Germany’s University of Magdeburg. In addition, she assisted in the development of semester abroad programs in China and Taiwan.

Dennis Nash

Dennis Nash, professor and head of the School of Communicative Disorders, has served as the head of the School of Communicative Disorders at UWSP for nine years, directed clinical services and coordinated graduate studies, for a total of 32 years at UWSP.

Nash’s first assignment at UWSP was working in stroke rehabilitation at St. Michael’s Hospital. His work with patients who have undergone removal of the larynx as a result of cancer caused by tobacco use, led him to become an anti-smoking activist. He volunteers with the American Cancer Society on the state, regional and national level and works with the Portage County Tobacco Free Coalition.

He and his wife, Linda, received the St. George National Award for their combined total of more than 50 years of service to the American Cancer Society. He also has received awards from the Wisconsin Speech, Language and Hearing Association and the Council of Academic Programs for Communicative Sciences and Disorders.

William Skelton

William Skelton, professor of history and coordinator of social science studies at UWSP in 1969 after teaching for four years at The Ohio State University.

He has been involved with the Institute for Peace in Conflict Studies since its founding. He received the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award, the Excellence in Scholarship Award and was honored by the UWSP School of Education for his advising.

In 1991 he received the Moncado Prize from the Society for Military History.

His book, An American Profession of Arms: The Army Officer Corps, 1784-1861, published by the University of Kansas Press, was recognized by the U.S. Army Chief of Staff as recommended reading and by the Society of Military History as a distinguished book. He also has written several journal articles and book chapters about the military.

His wife, Gail, is an associate professor of sociology at UWSP.

Donaline Rogers

Donaline Rogers, lecturer in chemistry, began teaching at UWSP in 1975, shortly after receiving her degree in chemistry from UWSP.

After two semesters, she took a position at the Institute for Paper Chemistry, then returned to UWSP in 1984. By that time, she had met her husband, the late Professor Dick Rogers, a former member of the UWSP communication faculty.

She has taught laborato-
ry classes in chemistry and managed an audiovisual lab. She says she has enjoyed her career at UWSP, her colleagues and students.

Outside the classroom, Rogers does diversity preservation gardening, the practice of growing indigenous antique and rare seeds. Among the vegetables she grows are kohlrabi from the Czech Republic and peas and tomatoes from Latvia. She employs an old-fashioned root cellar to store biennial plants to grow for seed in the second year.

Lynn “Max” Stewart

Lynn “Max” Stewart, assistant professor of English, who joined the English faculty fresh out of graduate school, has retired after a 34-year career at UWSP.

He says he has enjoyed teaching contemporary and American literature, especially books by one of his favorite authors, William Faulkner.

Teaching for the Weekend College and for Upward Bound were among his favorite experiences. He says he liked working with students of varied ages and skill levels, and found the students to be interested in the subject matter and to value education. He also speaks positively about participating several times in Faculty College where he was able to hone his teaching skills.

Music has been an important part of Stewart’s life since he grew up in Fulton, N.Y. He found a home at Stevens Point where he played piano and entertained for 12 years.
Urban forestry partnership forged

In December at least six students will graduate from a new urban forestry program at Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) in Wisconsin Rapids, thanks to Ron Zillmer, ’89, and Don Roppolo, master’s ’99. When the students graduate, they have the opportunity to transfer as juniors to UW-Stevens Point.

The two institutions signed a “2+2 agreement” last January, which allows graduates from the two-year urban forestry technician program at MSTC to move into UWSP’s urban forestry major for the final two years. This is the first such agreement of its kind in Wisconsin according to Robert Miller, UWSP forestry program coordinator.

Miller worked with Zillmer and Roppolo to develop the 2+2 agreement and design the program at MSTC.

MSTC’s urban forestry technology graduates can augment their comprehensive technical skills with courses at UWSP in tree biology, forestry and management and other related coursework. The curriculum was designed for a seamless transition to UWSP. They will participate in the College of Natural Resources summer camp, then pick up any general degree requirements they might be missing and complete the major.

“Combining a solid technical base at MSTC with a strong mixture of classroom and research at the university, students will have the best of both educational opportunities,” Miller said. “The baccalaureate degree gives students who choose to continue their education more job opportunities and an ability to advance on the career ladder.”

“UWSP has given us a very high standard to meet, in addition to meeting industry standards,” Roppolo said. “Most programs, including the one at UWSP, have only introductory courses in the technical areas. Students who complete the MSTC program and transfer to UWSP will be not only technically strong, they will get a good scientific background at Point. It will be a large benefit for the urban forestry workforce.”

“We knew our industry needed a program like this,” Zillmer said, “and we knew we wanted to have a connection with UWSP.”

The field of urban forestry has expanded over the past ten years with employers such as landscape contractors, nurseries and golf courses. “With the continued urbanization of many parts of the state and the nation, urban foresters will be in an increasing demand in the coming years,” Miller said.

The program has had considerable success in attracting students. “When we started this program, we needed to show that we could draw 22 students in three years,” Zillmer said. “There were more than 70 students enrolled in the program during the past year, and this is only our third semester.”

Using state funding, Zillmer designed an urban forestry laboratory at MSTC. It has been established and equipped over the last two years. Employer partners will continue to assist with equipping the lab. Whole trees can be brought into the lab and students can practice climbing, pruning, chain saw use and safety in a real situation.

Because the lab is indoors, training can go on year-round.

The most recent additions to the lab were computers equipped with software illustrating trees, pest and diseases. The computers can be used individually by students or in the classroom by the instructors.

An aerial component is included in the curriculum for students who are physically and mentally capable of ascending trees. The indoor climbing facility was designed for that component and Roppolo has background and training in that area. He was employed with the city of Milwaukee doing urban forestry work and training employees before coming to MSTC.

His baccalaureate degree from Western Illinois University and master’s degree from UWSP are both in urban forestry.

Roppolo will be moving to Chicago to work for The Care of Trees, doing tree work and instructing new and existing employees who may not have training in urban forestry.

Zillmer previously was employed with the City of Milwaukee Forestry Division for nine years and also was a part-time instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. He holds a master’s degree in tree physiology from Purdue University.

“The start I got at UWSP was pivotal in my career,” Zillmer said. “I began working in urban forestry and went on to graduate school because of Bob Miller, and now I’ve completed the circle, developing this program with him.”

Messenberg excels as student leader

Brooke Mesenberg, Wausau, is the recipient of a full-tuition scholarship at UWSP.

Mesenberg was awarded the 15th annual Kathleen “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship, one of the premier scholarships on campus. The Sebold scholarship is intended to reward a UWSP student who demonstrates high potential for becoming a leader in a chosen profession. It was established by D. David “Dewey” Sebold of Medford, former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza, in memory of his wife, Kitty. A former resident of Wisconsin Rapids, Kitty worked as a social worker until her death from cancer in 1973. Kitty and Dewey both graduated from UWSP in 1968.

“Kitty and I both gained a lot from our campus experiences,” Sebold said. “This was a way of giving something back. It helps today’s top scholars reach their goals.”

Mesenberg has maintained academic excellence throughout her career at UWSP. A 1999 graduate of Wausau Newman High School, she is a junior majoring in elementary education with a minor in English as a second language. She also received the University Leadership Award, the Dean’s Distinguished Achievement Award and has a nearly perfect 3.98 grade point average.

“I am grateful for this scholarship,” Mesenberg said. “It is a great honor to receive an award that recognizes not only academic excellence, but more importantly leadership and involvement in the community. Kitty was an inspiring individual whose life came to an end too soon, but whose enthusiasm for life and love of children will carry on with me for a lifetime.”

Mesenberg has volunteered in activities with the Student Wisconsin Education Association (SWEA) in the Latchkey Program at Jefferson Elementary School and in Outreach to Teach. She has been a coordinator for the Associations for Community Tasks tutoring program, taught at McKinley Center in the English as a second language program at Point. She also volunteers with Special Olympics, the Youth in College program and is a Reading Is Fundamental coordinator.

The Sebold Scholarship winner, Brooke Mesenberg, Wausau, sat with Dewey Sebold, ‘68, Medford, at the alumni awards banquet in May. Sebold established the scholarship in memory of his wife, Kitty, to reward UWSP students who demonstrate high potential for becoming leaders in a chosen profession.
Bogzaran pursues her dream

Skyward supports alumni with jobs

Strongly rooted in Central Wisconsin, Skyward, Inc. is a 100 percent homegrown product. The company began 22 years ago when Jim King, ’68, began to develop custom computer software for school administrators. The business has grown to be an industry leader with clients in 10 states and 681 school districts. They have just added another 277 districts in Washington state.

Jim started the company while his brother Cliff, ’83, was still a student at UWSP. The brothers began as programmers and did all their own marketing. Today they have moved into administrative roles and employ 43 programmers, 80 percent of them UWSP graduates.

“The majority of our talent comes from Central Wisconsin,” Cliff said. Besides programmers, their employees in all departments at their Stevens Point headquarters include 63 UWSP graduates, 17 from other UW System schools and 34 who are graduates of Mid-State Technical College.

They credit their success to the people who work for them. Keys to accomplishing their goal have been selecting the right people for the job, then motivating and directing them.

Skyward’s goal has always been to provide comprehensive, innovative, easy to implement and cost effective software to help public and private schools manage information. Using the software, teachers can enter attendance, grades and other records directly into a district’s data processing system, giving administrators and teachers instant access to student records and schedules. Teachers also can enter requisitions for supplies on the same computer. In addition, if students use swipe cards for their lunch accounts, the software can keep track of what they had for lunch each day.

Parents can follow their student’s progress if schools choose to give them access to the records via the Internet. Parents have access to student records by law, but a computer program like Skyward’s provides a detailed, instantly accessible report. A parent’s ability to look at a child’s records can keep them more accurate, Jim said. A few news articles on CBS, CNN and others have focused on the ability of parents to keep their eye on students, perhaps a little too closely. But the reports also state that the parents like that aspect of the software and use it to a degree unexpected by administrators.

“We provide the service,” Jim said. “Some schools use it and others don’t. I look at it as a window into the student’s success.”

The company competes nationwide with powerful national and international companies. “We win more often than we lose,” Jim said.

Skyward supplies 84 percent of Wisconsin’s public and private schools with software. They recently acquired a company in Austin, Texas, that has been distributing the software to Texas schools. In addition, they have contracted with the state of Washington to provide software to more than 90 percent of the state’s districts. As the company moves into new states, they have created programs that will produce reports to meet each state’s requirements and government standards including financial reports.

“The software we produce is flexible and encompassing and we provide support,” Jim said. “It is an accumulation of ideas from thousands of users.”

The brothers have established a scholarship with the UWSP Foundation for students majoring in computer information systems. Two $500 awards are given to incoming freshmen from Central Wisconsin who intend to major in computing. Other criteria include academic achievement, community service and school leadership. This year’s recipient of a $1,000 scholarship is Joseph Frost, 1154 Plum Road, Rudolph.

UWSP has been a positive influence on this company and since our employees are primarily alumni, it is an integral part of the company’s success,” Jim said. “We are very impressed with the young people who have gotten the awards. We have told our employees how appreciative and deserving they are.

“I believe in UWSP strongly enough to recommend it to my two children, Megan and Thomas.” Cliff said. “UWSP provided a good education for both my wife, Karen (’79), and myself. Megan will graduate from UWSP in 2003 and Thomas is a sophomore.”

Fall 2002
Pointers capture sports titles

White takes wrestling championship

UW-Stevens Point sophomore Yan White. Antigo, won four straight matches and posted a pin in the championship match to capture the NCAA Division III wrestling championship at 197 pounds in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

White pinned Upper Iowa's Cliff Thompson in 4:51 in the championship match to become the third wrestler in UWSP history to win a national title. White joins two-time winner Perry Miller, heavyweight champion in 1997 and 1998, and Bob Berceau, who won at 134 pounds in 1999. White, seeded fourth at the weight class, completed his season with a 24-4 overall record, a finish that led the Pointers to a 12th place team finish, their highest since finishing ninth in 1998.

Three-peat for men's basketball

By winning its last five regular season games, the Pointer men's basketball team secured its third straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship and finished the season with a 21-6 record.

The three straight titles give the Pointers 21 all-time WIAC championships, which is the most of any conference school.

Junior Josh Isenroth, Plymouth, averaged 20.6 points per game and became the first player in school history to score 40 points in a game, accomplishing the feat twice with 40-point efforts against UW-River Falls and UW-Whitewater.

Women's hockey nets amazing season

In just its second season as a varsity program, the UWSP women's hockey team put together an amazing 26-1 season, winning its last 15 games of the year and allowing only 10 goals over the span.

The Pointers won the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association regular season and tournament championships, beating UW-River Falls 2-1 in the title game. However, the league does not have an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament and the Pointers did not receive a bid.

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Men's track and field rises to the top

There's strength in numbers when it comes to track and field and the Pointer men's team proved it by placing fourth at the NCAA Division III outdoor championships despite just one athlete in the top four of any individual event.

Freshman Mark LaLonde, Park Falls, led the Pointers' 10 outdoor All-Americans as the top finisher at fourth place in the 10,000 meters.

UWSP also placed 18th at the indoor championships as Noah Eschenbauch, Rhodolt, earned All-American honors with a second place finish in the 35-pound weight throw.

Men's hockey hot on the ice

The Pointer men's hockey team finished its 2002-01 season as one of the hottest teams in the country, posting an 8-1-2 record over its final 11 games, suffering its only loss during the span in overtime to Division III champion UW-Superior and narrowly missing a berth to the Division III playoffs.

UWSP finished with an 18-9-1 overall record and in third place in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association with 15 freshmen on the roster.

Freshman Mike Brosma, Appleton, led the team with 22 goals and 17 assists for 39 points.

Women's track and field boasts outstanding athletes

Seniors Becky Lebak, Burlington, and Jody Butkowski, Stevens Point, were All-Americans in both the indoor and outdoor seasons for the Pointer women's track and field team as UWSP placed 12th in the outdoor season and 27th at the indoor championships.

Lebak was third in the indoor 5,000 meters and sixth in the outdoor 10,000 meters, while Butkowski was seventh in the indoor triple jump and sixth in the outdoor triple jump.

Freshman Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was an All-American in two outdoor events, placing fifth in the shot put and eighth in the discus.

Softball tradition continues

The success continues for the Pointer softball program as UWSP achieved its ninth consecutive 20-win season with a 21-12 record during the 2002 campaign.

Junior Karen Gackenberger, South Milwaukee, became the winningest pitcher in school history and set a single-season school record with 143 strikeouts for the Pointers. Junior Jill Van Wychen, Kaukauna, led the WIAC with a .439 batting average.

Swimmers glide through season

It was another championship season for the Pointer men's swimming and diving team as UWSP captured its fifth WIAC championship in six years. The Pointer women's team finished second in the WIAC and 11th at the Division III championships.

The Pointer men placed 22nd at the national meet.

Senior Christine Sammoun, Hastings, Minn., was an All-American in three events and won four conference titles to lead the women's team. Sophomore Erik Johnson, Albert Lea, Minn., was an All-American in three events on the men's side and also captured six WIAC titles.

Baseball season best ever

With a 37-10 overall record, the 2002 season was the best-ever in the history of the UWSP baseball program. The Pointers captured the WIAC regular season and tournament championships and finished second at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional.

Senior Bill Verbrick, Appleton, was named the Midwest Region's Pitcher of the Year after setting WIAC single-season and career strikeout records. He also threw the first nine-inning perfect game in WIAC history in a 5-0 win over UW-River Falls on April 6.

Senior third baseman Paul Molitor, Reedsburg, had a school-record 78 hits and became the first Pointer baseball player ever to earn first-team All-American accolades.

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Pointers place sixth in Sears Cup

For the second straight year, UWSP achieved its highest-ever finish and point total in the Sears Director's Cup standings with a sixth place finish among 413 schools in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III. The standings measure the top overall athletic program in the division.

UWSP ranked behind the same five schools as last season, finishing as the highest-placing Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school and the highest non-East Coast school in the standings. Stevens Point totaled 656.5 points, which was easily its most ever, surpassing last year's total of 538 points, finishing in the top 10 for the fourth time in five years.

Points are awarded based on finishes in NCAA tournament competition. UWSP qualified for NCAA tournaments in 13 of its 20 sports, winning a national championship in women's basketball and finishing fourth in men's outdoor track and field. The Pointers also fell one game short of the national quarterfinals in football, women's soccer and baseball.

Other top finishes were an 11th place by the women's swimming and diving team and 12th place performances from wrestling and women's outdoor track and field.
Six inducted into Hall of Fame

Six Pointer athletes will be honored at a banquet and induction ceremony in the Alumni Room of the University Center on October 5, beginning at 6 p.m. For ticket information, contact the UWSP Alumni and University Relations Office before Oct. 1 at (715) 346-3811, toll free (877) 764-6801 or by e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.

Craig Ewald, ’88, Menomonee Falls, was Pointer football defensive end from 1984 to 1987. He was first team NAIA all-American and Football News first team defensive end. Both of these national honors are conferred on only two college defensive ends each year. He also was two-time all-WSSC defensive lineman and was twice named to the all-district NAIA regional team. A sales executive for FedEx, Ewald has participated in a wide variety of cycling events and has run in multiple marathons including the Chicago Marathon in 2001.

Jimmy Henderson, ’98, New London, holds the UWSP record with 611 dashes during his career from 1991 through 1993. He tied or broke 17 career records at UWSP including the most season touchdowns (20) and most yards in a season (1,556) and holds several UWSP records for rushing. He was named to the Associated Press Little All-American first team, Football Gazette first team and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Conference first team.

While at UWSP, Henderson, volunteeried with Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and helped run youth football camps. He now manages Eagles Nest Group Home for boys in New London and helps coach seventh and eighth grade basketball in Granton.

Shannon Houlihan, ’84, Olympia, Wash., was an all-American in track and field and played field hockey. She was named UWSP Outstanding Female Athlete and Most Valuable Runner. She won the state championship for 400-meter hurdles in 1981, setting the UWSP record, which still stands. As right wing in field hockey, she was on the all-conference first team in 1980.

She is senior program director for the childcare department at South Sound YMCA, where she has worked for 13 years. She also coaches, referees and participates in athletics.

Carol (Larson) Persick, ’87, New Berlin, is the only all-American volleyball player in school history, playing on both the women’s and co-ed teams. She was named WIAA first team in volleyball twice and earned second team honors once. She was Most Valuable Player in 1984 and 1985 as the women’s volleyball team made NCAA Division III tournament appearances both seasons.

Persick is a medical technologist at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee.

Tiffany (Hubbard) Strabala, ’93, Anoka, Minn., swam to conference championships in the individual medley, breaststroke and medley relay while maintaining academic honor roll status.

For each of four years she competed from 1989 to 1993, she was named NAIA all-American and WIAA all-conference. She also won the UWSP Citizenship Award and the Chancellor’s Leadership Award.

Strabala has been a counselor for Youth Services International, admissions counselor, high school special education teacher and boys and girls assistant swim coach. She has also done master’s work in field hockey, she was on the all-conference first team in 1980.

Shannon Houlihan

Carol Persick

Tiffany Strabala

Shirley Egner and UWSP: A winning combination

What does it take to win a national championship? If you ask Coach Shirley Egner, she’ll tell you it’s players who understand their roles, communicate, cooperate and are dedicated enough to make sacrifices for the team. That’s all.

And where do you find all this, plus a team of women who are physically talented enough to carry it off? UWSP, of course.

“I have great players who have a genuine love of the game,” Egner says. The UWSP women’s basketball team captured the second national championship in the school’s history by defeating St. Lawrence 67-65 in the NCAA Division III national title game in Terre Haute, Ind., on March 16.

The win capped an impressive tournament run for the Pointers, who finished 30-3 overall. Egner has had only two losing seasons in 13 years at UWSP, making her the winningest coach in UWSP history. This was the 12th time in her career that Egner has led the team to a double-digit victory total. The win had added sweetness as her 200th career win.

“I could think of no better way to end my career,” said Pointers’ senior Kari Groshek, who totaled 12 points and nine rebounds in the title game. “It’s a dream come true. To win this is unbelievable.”

Groshek established a school record for points in a game with 38 against Whitewater in January. She broke the mark previously held by Jessica Ott (2000) and Sonja Sorensen (1986). The 38 points is also the highest total in the WIAC this season.

An All-WIAC First Team and All-Defensive Team selection last season, Groshek scored her 1,000th career point this year, becoming the 11th player in school history to accomplish the mark. Groshek is the first Pointer in school history to win the conference’s Player of the Year honor.

The thing that helps the team the most is that the players are unselfish. Who gets the score and who gets the awards are unimportant,” Egner said. “Bringing the unit together and helping the players define their goals and sacrifices are very rewarding. It’s what really coaching is all about for me. I strive to teach them life lessons like communication, cooperation, responsibility and dedication. All of these athletes are willing to be great leaders. We won’t have this trophy if it weren’t for their ability to understand their roles and what it takes to be a successful team. They respect and trust each other.”

While Egner works on her team’s offense, assistant coach Dave Petroff, who’s been at UWSP for five years, works on the team’s defense. Shawn Lee, an undergraduate student assistant, is “an extra pair of eyes,” Egner says. He also helps with recruiting. In addition, Petroff works on the department’s Web site as an assistant to Jim Strick, sports information director.

The women’s basketball championship was the seventh national title in all sports in UWSP history. Pointers took titles in 1998 in softball and 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1993 in men’s hockey. The Pointer women’s basketball team also won the national title in 1987. The Pointers are also the eighth Division III women’s team ever to win 30 or more games in a season.

Bike or hike on your European vacation

On an Adventure Tour, the athletic tourist can experience Europe in a way that most casual tourists never will. Trips for 2003 organized through the UWSP School of Health Promotion and Human Development include bike tours of Mallorca, Ireland, Italy and Denmark, a hiking tour of Scotland, and a multi-sport program in Dominica. Credits are optional in fields such as history, wellness and art.

Packages of 30 to 55 miles per day for bikers and two to six miles for hikers are designed so that participants can bike or hike as little or as much as they feel like. The adventurous trekker can take to the mountains for more of a challenge. On bike trips, a van is used to transport luggage. Buses transport travelers from one locale to another on hiking trips. Accommodations include quaint and comfortable lodging and diverse cuisine.

The schedule is as follows:

• Mallorca
  January 9-20. Spend January where cycling teams go for mild weather, excellent roads, spectacular scenery and outstanding accommodations. $2,350

• Dominica
  (West Indies), January 10-20. A trip to Dominica allows all participants to enjoy hiking in rainforests, mountain biking to tropical plantations, bird watching, snorkeling and kayaking. $2,600

• Ireland
  June 14-29. Pedal through green hills and picturesque villages, visit friendly pubs, and explore historic castles and abbeys. Many believe the Emerald Isle is best seen from a bike. $2,850

• Italy
  June 21-July 7 or June 24-July 10. Tour Italy’s countryside by bike, visit Roman villas and medieval castles, and some of the most serene landscapes in Europe and experience great food and culture. $3,295

• Denmark
  July 20-August 9. Bike through small towns, island villages and historic Copenhagen. Take a ferry to several islands that are rugged. Hillier terrain in tour outline includes hiking in rainforests, mountains, bird watching, snorkeling and kayaking. $2,600

• Scotland
  August 1-15. Explore the enchanting islands on foot. Hike through the heather-covered highlands, see castles along the trail to the home of Braveheart and visit the acclaimed Edinburgh music and heritage festival. $2,999

To learn more about the trips, visit the web site, www.uwsp.edu/IPHD/BikeHike, or contact Joan Schult, (715) 346-2830 or Kim Breene and Casey Puetz, Waukesha, on a UWSP-Extension Adventure Tour, paused near Kettlewell, England, to admire a view of the Yorkshire Dales.
Eight faculty members have been recognized for outstanding teaching, scholarship and service, two members of the academic staff were honored for community spirit and excellence and a classified staff member was recognized for longtime service. The 2002 honorees were nominated by colleagues and students, then chosen by university committees. They each received a monetary prize and attended a dinner in their honor with their families.

**Excellence in Teaching**

**Donald Showalter,** professor of wildlife, who came to UWSP in 1990, is described by a colleague as, “the most talented educator with whom I’ve worked in 26 years of teaching.” A former student says he is “a perfect example that excellent teachers are born, not made.”

Showalter teaches wildlife courses that he developed and serves as advisor to the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society – the largest undergraduate chapter in the U.S. He has twice been selected by students in the College of Natural Resources as Teacher of the Year.

Next spring he will lead UWSP’s first semester-long study tour to New Zealand.

**Michael Nelson,** associate professor of philosophy and of natural resources, is a 1988 graduate of UWSP. Since joining the UWSP faculty, he developed the environmental ethics concentration in the philosophy major.

“The popularity of environmental ethics classes is surely related to his strengths as a teacher,” says one of his students.

“Dr. Nelson inspired me to think critically—I cannot imagine a more positive contribution than motivating students to think,” says another.

Nelson has co-edited two books, written many articles, and lectured and presented papers in the West and Midwest. He has been nominated by students for the Excellence in Teaching Award each of the last three years.

**Keith Rice,** professor of geography/geology, has taught at UWSP for 20 years. He has developed a reputation for his work in cartography and geographic information systems (GIS).

Increasing demand for GIS courses led him to introduce a minor program. His dedication has made UWSP one of the strongest undergraduate cartography/GIS programs in the country.

“Best teacher I’ve had at UWSP” and “most dedicated professor I know,” are some comments from students.

Rice has been recognized by the College of Letters and Science with the Distinguished Achievement Award and by his department for excellence in teaching and service. He also was UWSP’s nominee for the Regents Teaching Excellence Award.

**Donald Showalter,** professor of chemistry, came to UWSP in 1983 and has spent many years developing demonstrations for his classes and, with two colleagues, has taken his show on the road throughout the country. “You get the feeling he loves what he teaches,” says a former student. “You can actually see that he is mesmerized and excited by what he does as his students are.” He was recognized for excellence in teaching in 1994 by UW System and by UWSP in 1980.

**John Smith,** assistant professor of art and design, came to UWSP four years ago after teaching and working as a designer in the private sector.

“John has been able to handle extremely varied teaching schedules, and has fostered a healthy, professional and productive community in the classroom,” says the department chair. Smith directs the Design Center, a program that allows students to work on campus projects while gaining professional experience.

As advisor to the student chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, he encourages students to compete, present and participate on a national level. He is consistently highly evaluated by his students and his peers.

**University Scholar**

**Michael Bozek,** assistant professor of natural resources, is research unit leader for the Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Unit. Since coming to UWSP in 1994, he has generated more than $1 million in grants for research. He has published numerous papers in national and regional journals and has organized technical workshops for professionals in his field.

Bozek has served on 40 student research committees for students who have finished their programs and most have been published in national journals. His former graduate students are all employed as fisheries professionals.

Bozek and his students have presented more than 100 papers at professional meetings and a number have won “best paper” recognition.

**Jianwei Wang,** associate professor of political science, has appeared nationally on PBS News Hour, FOX, National Public Radio and Nightline as an expert on China.

He came to UWSP seven years ago and has received a MacArthur Foundation Research Award, the only one in Wisconsin last year, and has conducted research in Washington, D.C., and China. Wang is associated with the Atlantic Council, a prestigious foreign affairs think tank, and regularly participates in roundtable discussions that are broadcast to the Far East for the Voice of America. "Because of UWSP’s association with Professor Wang, the political science department has been identified as a place where important research on China takes place,” says the department’s chair.

**University Service**

**Marcus Fang,** director of foreign student programs and associate professor of psychology, has “actively recruited, nurtured, advised, taught and supported students for more than 34 years,” according to Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for Student Affairs.

As director of Foreign Student Programs since 1974, Fang has helped more than 700 international students. He initiated the International Festival, later called the Portage County Cultural Festival, and was recognized for community leadership with the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award.

**Academic Staff Excellence**

**Gary Shulfer,** instructional specialist in the Department of Chemistry, came to UWSP in 1983 and worked as a laboratory technician while earning a degree in chemistry.

He has served as lecture demonstration specialist in the Chemistry Department since 1985 and is described by the department chair as “a proponent of students and their needs in everything he does. His exuberance and joy for life carry over to the classroom.”

“Mr. Shulfer is always willing to take time to assist any student with a problem or question. His inherent charisma and sincere desire to help students have earned him affection and respect,” said his student nominator.

**Academic Staff Spirit of Community Service**

**Ron Stenge,** director of Multicultural Affairs, came to UWSP in 1994. He is described by his nominators as “one of the hardest working directors on campus.” One student says, “His attentiveness and willingness to listen has been a key to me deciding to stay on this campus.”

He has been involved with the Portage County Cultural Festival since 1997, works with FABLES to present diversity programs in grade schools, and has devoted extensive time to the Hmong Tapestry Program.

“Ron teaches students to appreciate our differences and to embrace everyone’s individuality. His message has a lasting impact on the students,” says a first grade teacher about Stenge’s presentations.

**Carolyn Rolfson Sargsis Award**

**Linda Garski,** business manager in International Programs, received the Carolyn Rolfson Sargsis Award from the Classified Staff Advisory Committee. She has worked at UWSP for 28 years and has been with International Programs since 1985.

She handles all of the financial transactions of more than $2 million in accounts each year. She has often visited UWSP’s European study sites, assisted groups on their entry tour to Poland and led a group through the entry tour of East and Central Europe. She also helped bring several Polish speakers to UWSP.

Recognized by the Student Government Association for “continued service and dedication to students,” she has twice been named a Student Employer of Distinction.

The Sargsis award is named for the late Carolyn Rolfson Sargsis, a UWSP business manager who worked under seven chancellors, recognizes classified staff members who demonstrate outstanding and dedicated service and special contributions to UWSP.
Six graduates of UWSP worked together on the major motion picture, National Lampoon’s Van Wilder. Steffen Schachttenhausen, '00, a production assistant and storyboard artist, appears in the film as a bartender and as a student. Kelly Hayes, '00, a production assistant, has a small speaking role at the end of the film as the Laua Party Guy. Migan Litvin, '98, a production assistant, has a role as the Hotter Senior that was cut from the film, but remains in the DVD version. Says Brennan, '01, plays Shoeshine DKB (DK being a fraternity). Dave Vandermeuse, '00, plays a member of the nearly Lambda fraternity, and is referred to as “Cowboy” by Ryan Reynolds, who portrays Van Wilder. Former UWSP swim team member Billy Taylor, '00, is seen hanging out in various scenes. Schachttenhausen has worked as production assistant on television shows and was a location assistant for the film, Rockstar. He also is a storyboard artist on the upcoming film, The Sure Hand of God. Taylor has worked as a production assistant on several television shows, the 2001 MTV Movie Awards and in the upcoming film, The Painting. He also was an assistant cameraman in the 2001 film, Control. Schachttenhausen, Taylor and Hayes are collaborating on a short feature entitled Vector, due out this year. More information about the people who worked on it can be found by doing a search on Van Wilder at www.imdb.com.

Excerpted from an article in the Pointer by arts and review editor Zack Holder.
Jason Hoffman, ’97, Madison, is chief operating officer of Mixdown Media Exchange, a Web site for trading DVDs, CDs and video games. The company’s Web address is www.mixdownmedia.com.

Amy (Chagnon) Crowe, ’96, Madison, is marketing supervisor at CUNA Credit Union, a nonprofit financial institution based in Madison. She received second place for development of a radio commercial in the 2002 Credit Union Executive Society Golden Mirror Awards. The award highlights excellence and innovation in marketing, public relations and advertising for credit union executives nationwide. In 2000 she became a certified credit union development educator, one of 400 in the country. She specializes in educating youth about the benefits of money management and financial responsibility. She and her husband, Jesse, last attended ’95, were married in 1996.

Aaron Hause, ’96, Fayetteville, Ark., recently was selected for the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) program. He will be one of 1,300 active duty officers who act as prosecution and defense attorneys within the Air Force in areas such as claims, contracts, labor law, environmental law and international law. The program will support his final year of law school at the University of Arkansas and guarantee him a position in the JAG office after graduation. Haase formerly worked at Wausau Insurance after completing a master’s degree in business at UW-Oshkosh. “UWSP provided me with a unique combination of research opportunities, quality professors with a focus and concern for teaching,” Haase says. “It gave me opportunities to build relationships with everyone, from the chancellor to faculty and staff, which have lasted well beyond graduation day. These are the important intangibles of a college education that many other universities just don’t provide.” His wife, Hope, ’99, is an accountant at the University of Arkansas.

Tom Charlesworth, ’87, Stevens Point, a media specialist at UWSW, was honored in the University Photographer’s Association of America tenth annual slide competition in the personal vision category for a photo he took last fall at Bond Falls near Paulding, Mich., in the Upper Peninsula.

John List, ’92, Silver Spring, Md., is serving on the staff of the Council of Economic Advisers to President Bush. He is a professor of agricultural and resource economics in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland. His research on issues in economics, which focuses on environmental and resource problems, has received numerous awards and has been cited in Nature and Business Week magazines.

Connie Kolita, master’s ’94, Cincinnati, Ohio, was designated as Accredited in Public Relations (APR) from the University Accreditation Board. Administered by the Public Relations Society of America, APR is a mark of distinction for public relations professionals, demonstrating commitment to excellence. Candidates must be employed in public relations full time for at least five years and pass an eight-hour written exam and an hour-long oral exam. Kolita finished her 10th 26.2-mile marathon in April. Her three-year-old Shibainu dog, Nakita, has trained for several marathons as well and appeared on a local TV news program because of her love for long-distance running. Kolita would like to hear from friends by e-mail at KolitaCM@fiblicom.com.

Debra Fullmer, ’93, La Crosse, is training and development specialist with Telephone and Data Systems in Madison and has been a professional speaker for seven years.

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Brian Blahnik, ’94, Madison, is senior human resources consultant at Kiesling Consulting, an accounting and business consulting firm. In 1994 he was designated as a professional from human resources from the Certification Institute of the Society for Human Resources Management.

Tim Stuehlt, ’90, Neillsville, is middle school principal for the Neillsville school district. His wife, Jodi (Olsom), ’92, is an elementary music teacher for the Colby school district. They have three children.

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Bill Salvin

Bill Salvin, ’89, Norfolk, Va., was recalled for Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle in October and is a public affairs officer at United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. In January he was sent to Guantanamo Bay.

Paul Nygro, ’89, Los Angeles, Calif., works at Universal Studios. He has performed on stage and television for 13 years. He says, “UWSP’s amazing musical theatre program was the perfect preparation and training for a career in the arts. Without the opportunities the program offered me as a performer all those years ago, I would not have developed the skills required to compete in this most competitive field of entertainment.”
Chris Fleming, ’85, Green Bay, is vice president of technology services for the Kalamazoo-based software firm. He joined Skyline in 1997 as a software designer.

Sheryl (Zoncheck) Klein-Wasink, ’83, Port Washington, has been an alcohol and other drug abuse counselor for eight years with ARO Counseling Centers in West Bend. She and her husband, Chris, were married in August 2001.

Terry Porter, ’85, is an assistant coach with the Sacramento Kings. After a 17-year playing career in the National Basketball Association, the two-time All Star player spent the past three seasons as a member of the San Antonio Spurs. A first-round draft pick by the Portland Trail Blazers in 1985, he also played with the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Miami Heat. His boss, Rick Adelman, was his coach for two years in Portland when the Trail Blazers went to the NBA finals. He played 1,274 career games, averaged 12.2 points and 5.6 assists.

Bob Wasserman, ’82, Wales, is assistant superintendent of state parks for the Wisconsin DNR in Eagle. He previously worked for 16 years for the state parks in Oregon. His wife, Deb (Gilkey), ’84, is a registered nurse at Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee.

Sara LaBarde, ’80, masters ’83, Olympia, Wash., is special assis- tant director for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. She has lobby projects per- sonnel on the issues of salmon restoration, tribal matters and environmental issues.

Bernadette Mayek-Stehrs, ’79, master’s ’88, Waupaca, has enjoyed 20 years of teaching and is now enjoying retirement. A nontraditional student, she attended UWSS for 12 years part time while she showed her same math- class daughter. “Needless to say, my daughter got a 95 in grade,” she adds, “UWSS faculty members were always helpful and consid- erate to a nontraditional student.”

Jodi Engum Kryshak, ’79, Amherst, is executive director of the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (CWSO). She also is executive director of the Lexie Jensen Memorial Community Center in Amherst and the Portage County Arts Alliance. Her husband, Mark, ’79, is a band director and plays second trombone with the CWSO.

Susan Luaders, ’76, Mequon, received certi- fication from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in November 2001. She is one of 74 Wisconsin teachers to earn this profes- sional credential. Her resume Mount Vernon is to climb with regard to my teach- ing practice,” she says. She has been teaching U.S. history and American government at Homestead High School in the Mequon-Thiensville school district for 13 years. Her hus- band, Paul Wevark, ’76, is a sales representative for a Hormel Food Awards in Milwaukee. They have one son.

Mary Lou (Koch) Santovec, ’72, Jefferson, runs a successful freelance writing and editing business. She also has co- authored two books: 1,001 Commonly Misspelled Words and What I Spelled Correctly Your Don’t Tell You, published by McGraw Hill, and Americans in 1/2 Scale: 50 Authentic Projects, published by the Guild of Master Craftsmen Publishers in England. She also works part time for the Waukesha Freeman newspaper and runs a memoirs workshop class at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. She formerly worked for seven years with a higher education publisher in Madison and a publisher of hobby magazines in Wausau. For 14 years, she married in Catholic schools and for 10 years was in college admissions at Carroll College, Milwaukee School of Engineering and Alverno College.

James LaMar, ’73, Stevens Point, has retired after 27 years in law enforce- ment. He began his career as a deputy with the Portage County Sheriff’s Department in 1974 after four years with the Stevens Point Police Department. He served as an investigator before becoming captain of operations three years ago. He volunteers for the Festival of the Arts and the Backcott Club. He and his wife, Nancy, who works at UW-SP, have traveled and camped extensively in Germany to visit their twin grandchildren.

Spencer Prokop, ’78, Dallas, Texas, received a Silver Award in the fantasy/science fiction cat- egory at the 35th Annual Worldfest-Houston International Film Festival for Double 7, the screenplay he wrote with John Wright. The play recounts the forces of evil that are per- formed on the Dallas perfor- mance for stage, film, television and improvement comedy work and is a great favorite video. 

Kevin Frailey, ’77, Nampa, Idaho, is conservation education supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise. He previously worked for 18 years for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs in Lansing, Mich.

James Habek, ’76, Shawano, is circuit court judge for Franklin and Waushara counties. He previously performed duties as circuit court judge in some counties. He has been a law office partner for 15 years for the Wisconsin Towns Association. His wife, Penny (Dodzi), ’77, is the audio- visual department at the Shawano County Library.

Don Bogdanske, ’75, master’s Green Lake, has taught biol- ogy and advanced biology for 24 years and is science chair in the Ripon school district. He also has coached cross country and track with successes in both state qualifiers and champi- onships. He has garnered more than $30,000 in grants for equip- ment in his schools. He has given numerous presentations at local, state, regional and national conventions. He and his wife, Wendy, have two children.

Craig Strohm, ’74, Grass Valley, Calif., a Nevada Union High School history and English teacher, was voted Coach of the Year in California in 1994. His historical novel, published by Blue Dolphin, is available in bookstores and at www.ama- zon.com. His second novel is due to be out this winter. He says “Hello to all my old friends from Wisconsin Trails Running Yacht Club.” He can be reached at cdgstrom@hotmail.com.

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Georgette (Petrolia) Jeppesen, ’73, Rancho Cordova, Calif., is a member of the Wisconsin Trails City newspaper, The Express. She has had articles published in local newspapers as well as in area magazines and newsletters. She previously worked for several years in the health care industry as a busi- ness and senior systems analyst. She and her husband, Clark, have one son.

John Davies, ’73, Menomonee, has owned Party Hits! Music and Light Show, a traveling jock- ey service for 15 years.

Dean Hoffman, ’73, Milwaukee, is practice leader of the employee benefits division at T.E. Brennan Company, an inde- pendently owned management consulting firm. Hoffman serves on the boards of directors of the Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters and has served as their state membership chair for the past two years. He previously was an Actuary with Benefit Trustmark Insurance Company, a nationally recognized mutual life and health insurer.

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One hundred cities in 65 days
Life with the Olympic Torch

During a 65-day trip to more than 100 cities across the U.S., the Olympic flame was carried by more than 12,000 torchbearers, assisted by at least two UWSP alumni. The flame traveled by foot, car, bike, boat, wheelchair, train, plane, bobbed, jet and sleigh. Among the entourage that escorted the flame across the continent to Salt Lake City was Khara Lintel, '00. One of the torchbearers was Phil Jerg, '74, Racine.

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The flame was passed to individual torch bearers like Jerg, each running with his or her own torch.

"Despite the fact that each of us had two minutes in the limelight that afternoon, it seemed like two hours," Jerg said. Each runner carried the torch one tenth of a mile, lit the torch of the subsequent runner, then the individual torch was extinguished.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee then removed the propane canister from the extinguished torch. It must never burn again to maintain its Olympic sanctity.

An entourage of more than 500 people travels as a mobile unit, almost a small community on the road, Lintel said. On a typical day they were on their way by 3:30 a.m. In constant motion until about 10 a.m., they would get to bed at about 12:30 or 1:00 a.m. After two or three hours of sleep, they were on the road again at 3:30 a.m.

"Our job was to pump up the crowds," Lintel said, "to make sure everyone was having a good time and, of course, to promote the corporate sponsor." Although she didn’t walk the entire route, she was outdoors most of the time. "We traveled on specially designed vehicles handing out free goodies and getting the crowd on their feet and ready to cheer on torch runners like Phil."

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Phil Jerg and his wife, Karen, directed an Olympic torch that he carried through Racine surrounded by an entourage of supporters (right).

Janet Johnson, two-year certicate '54, bachelor's '68, Bowler, retired after 36 years of teaching. She taught elementary school until 1995 then worked part time in the primary computer lab. She and her husband, Doug, have two children who both graduated from UWSP. Candace Wamboldt, '80, Bowler, and Doug Jr., '82, Eland.

Sophie (Zynda) Stanesowski, '36, Menasha, taught for five years then married Harry Stanesowski, now deceased. They operated Stanes Shop Rite, a Roundy’s supermarket, for 50 years.

Dorothy Griesser, '32, and Eleanor (Griesser) Olsen, '32, Hudson, are twins who both taught in country schools near Medford for two years. Dorothy then taught first grade in Taft, Calif., for 40 years. Eleanor was the pioneer kindergarten teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford for six years. Eleanor says that staying in Nelson Hall made an indelible impression.

Her son and grandson are UWSP graduates: Charles Olson, '66, and Karl Olson, '96.

Ray Stroik, '57, Stevens Point, received a master’s degree in theology at age 71 from the University of California at Berkeley in May. He was assistant archivist at UWSP’s Nelis Kampenga Archives from 1980 to 1993. He went to Berkeley for one year on a sabbatical program, but after returning for a second year, he decided on a degree program. He has had hundreds of open letters published in the Stevens Point Journal. He visited Ground Zero in New York on a weeklong spiritual pilgrimage last January. In the 1980s Stroik helped establish the Brother James Miller Award to recognize those who work for peace and justice and was selected to receive the award in 1993.

Elizabeth (Hughes) Dalton, '70, Pardeeville, taught grades one through eight for 25 years in rural schools for five years. She and her husband, Charles, have two sons.

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There were 13 people on Jerg’s shuttle including two cancer survivors and a retired Racine police officer with two Oprah appearances to her credit. The group had never met before they came together to share the Olympic spirit.

Jerg’s wife, Karen, also his nominator, asked if he had any trouble going uphill on his leg of the run. "I responded by saying I never really remembered any incline. That’s how much I was into it once in a lifetime experience."
Scott Mori, '64, Bronx, N.Y., has been with the New York Botanical Garden since 1980 and was named the Nathaniel Lord Britton Curator of Botany at the garden in 1998. Previously, he was curator of the Summit Herbarium in Panama, the herbarium of the Cocoa Research Center in Bahia, Brazil, and was a Mellon Fellow with the Smithsonian Institution for six months. He earned master’s and doctoral degrees at UW-Madison and taught botany and zoology at UW-Marshfield. “My undergraduate training has been the guiding force behind much of what I do,” he says. “My primary goal is the preservation of the tropical rain forests in which I work, and I thank UWSP for instilling me with an interest in environmental conservation.” Mori is interested in the way plants evolve along with their pollinators and seed dispersers, particularly the Brazil nut family, lowland Amazonian plants and pollinators such as bats. Much of his recent work has been in central French Guiana. A Web site, www.nybg.org, details his work in these areas and the ecotours he has led with his wife, Carol Gracie. He and his collaborators have published an illustrated Guide to the Vascular Plants of Central French Guiana. Mori also has published more than 160 scientific papers.

pull up to Trish Zdroik’s farm and you will see three barefoot blond boys chasing after chickens, cuddling rabbits and tending duckings. But boys and poultry are not all that Zdroik nurtures.

Zdroik, ’89, proprietor of TAZ Family Farms, 10144 State Road 66, Rosholt, runs 10 acres of chemical free crops alongside her husband Tom’s hormone- and antibiotic-free beef cattle. Starting four years ago with a deficit of $60,000, she now operates with a profit and was named Wisconsin’s 2002 Emerging Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration. UWSP Extension’s Small Business Development Center nominated her for the award. Despite her success, Zdroik says she has “no drive for ego” and desires to live moderately. Her goal is to develop a strong community dedicated to family, caring for the environment and producing healthy foods.

Spurred on by their son Abe’s heart condition and Trish’s early signs of multiple sclerosis, the Zdroiks have spent countless hours researching the health benefits of low-fat beef rich in Omega-3 as well as using flaxseed as feed. In addition to beef cattle and poultry, TAZ Family Farms has a large organic garden plus acres of strawberries, Omega flaxseed, soybeans and wheat. Plans are underway for a wheelchair accessible salad garden and fragrance garden for the visually impaired.

Zdroik has written several children’s books about sustainable agriculture and living with a disability and has used her farm to provide a multitude of educational activities open to area schools and families. In the spring, a group of second grade students from Rosholt participated in “Project Pumpkin,” planting pumpkins they will harvest in the fall, carve and give to the elderly. Other programs offered are the “Annual Harvest and Nutrition Days” Oct. 26-27; “Green Christmas” Nov. 30-Dec. 1; “Magical Spring” in April; “Strawberry Festival” July 2003 and “Wild Crafter Tour” next fall.

Committed to building strong relationships and creating a sense of community among those with whom she does business, Zdroik has formed a coalition of like-minded farmers and crafters who work together to produce organic and homemade products. They use a barter system, trading goods and services.

Let us know how your experiences at UWSP have affected your life. Did someone on campus have a real impact on you? What events do you remember most?

Information on organizations and activities while you were on campus: (clubs, athletics, Greeks, etc.) No abbreviations please.

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Raymond Kush, '97, Wausau, died, March 18 at age 79.

David Zarter, '94, Fox Point, died, in a boating accident on April 24, leaving a daughter and sister of a captain in the Army as a captain in the Army. The 100th Mountain Division at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, he was recently stationed at the 452nd Combat Support Hospital in Massachusetts and survived by his wife, Sarah (Wesebl), '97.

Katherine (Kappun) Quimbach, master's '94, Brooklyn Park, Minn., died of a heart attack on Aug. 28.

Sean Holland, '91, Kenosha, died of cancer on Jan. 11 at age 33. He was studying technical electronics at Gateway Technical College. He worked for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, Ill., and briefly at Man-U-Trons in Pleasant Prairie. While at UWSP he founded and was an officer of the Economics Club.

Corinne (Stroik) Pekarek, '89, Green Bay, died of Hodgkin's lymphoma on Jan. 17 at age 38. She held a purple belt in taekwondo during a six-year mission as an avian marathon runner, participating in the 1995 U.S. Marine Corps Marathon and the 2000 Inaugural Green Bay Marathon. She was a member of the Army Reserve Family Readiness Group and received a citation for her participation. Her husband, Darin, '89, and two daughters survived.

Jeffrey Ermatinger, '85, Marshfield, died, Feb. 8 at age 41. He began his varied career as a musician in 1979 in Clark County and then worked at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Marshfield and Mall Furniture. His two children and their mother, Lori, survive.

Mary (Schuh) Kwiatkowski, '73, died, Jan. 26 at age 52 after a six-year battle with cancer. She was employed by Dillingham Corporation.

Leona (Gaigen) Kretz, '75, Amherst, died, Dec. 13 at age 88. She taught at St. John Catholic School for 11 years. After retirement she taught art and painting. The mother of nine children, she was a member of the Chamber of Commerce Mother of the Year in 1982.

Carol (Parker) Snelling, master's '77, Wisconsin Rapids, died, Nov. 11 at age 92. For 14 years she taught kindergarten through twelfth grade music in Greenwood Public Schools. She was church organist and junior and senior choir director. She died survived by her first Presbyterian Church. She also was organist at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Kay (Krueger) Beyer, '71, Harrison, died, Jan. 30 at age 64. She was a volunteer at Tomahawk Elementary School. Her husband, Edwin, survives.

Michael Hughes, '69, Brookfield, died, May 24 at age 56. He enjoyed coaching band, attending his children’s concerts, recitals and sporting events and was president of Ulster Project-Milwaukee. In 1980 he was selected for the UWSP Hall of Fame. His wife, Karen (Lamers), '70, and four children survived.

Jane (Woudstra) Hutzius, '65, Rio, died, Feb. 7 at age 58. She received a master's degree in mathematics education at UW-Madison and taught for two years in Brandon and 10 years in West Allis. She was later employed with Miller, Brussel, Ebben and Glaeske accountants. Her husband, John, survived.

Catherine (Zink) Ranka, '65, Abbotsford, died, Dec. 30 at age 59. In 1974 she received a master's degree in social work from Fordham University in New York. She worked for Portage County Housing Authority, Social Services in Los Angeles, Calif., and was a substitute teacher and teaching assistant in the Abbotsford school district for 15 years. She also worked at Fiskars for five years. Her husband, Guy, survives.

Crystal (Holderegger) Bowen, '65, Stevens Point, died, March 23 at age 59. She was a substitute librarian at P.J. Jacobs High School from 1960 to 1974.

Ida (Brander) Scott, '64, was a substitute teacher in the Whitehall, Wis., Public Schools from 1972 until 1981. In 1998 she was elected as a member of the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association.

Thelma (Musey) Baggs, '62, Grand Marsh, died, Feb. 24 at age 84. She taught for 40 years, starting in an one-room rural schools and concluding her career with first grade in Adams in 1983. She was a member of the Adams County Retired Teachers Association, Adams County Retired Educators of Wisconsin Retired Educators Association. Her husband, Joey, survives.

Bernice Rahler, '60, Belleville, died, Dec. 22 at age 93. For 43 years, she taught elementary students in the Belleville school system. After retiring, she became the primary principal of the Green County Retired Education Association.

Gerald Vance, '57, Milwaukee, died, Feb. 24 at age 67 of complications following surgery. The first African-American to earn a master’s degree in education at UWSP, he was considered a pioneer in developing educational opportunities for young African-Americans. He worked as a teacher and counselor at Milwaukee High School, principal of Milwaukee Public Schools for the 15 years. He also was a member of the Board of Elders on the Board of Elders, Central Youth YMCA, Boys’ and Girls Clubs, and was a member of the Board of Elders. His wife, Eloise, survives.

William (Wally) Golomski, '48, Algoma, died, Jan. 17 at age 77 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kay, and was a member of the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association. His wife, Kay, survives.

Dr. Curtis Taylor, '54, Rochester, Minn., died Jan. 17 at age 72 of cancer. In 1990 he was named a UWSP Distinguished Service Award in 1979. He also received the YMCA Sportsmanship Award and two Mayoral Medals of Honor. He was chair of the Samaritan-Boys & Girls Clubs, a member of numerous state and local civic groups and worked in political campaigns. His wife, Barbara, survives.

Robert Brehm, '50, Wisconsin Rapids, died, Jan. 17 at age 74. He was a member of the Navy during World War II, working as a signalman. During his career as a technician, he was a member of the Wisconsin School Administrators Retired Members. He served on the Wisconsin School Board of Supervisors for six years and was commissioner for both the Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission and Wisconsin Rapids Park and Recreation Commission. He was president of the Marquette Recreation Commission, a basketball coach at Biron high school and a high school basketball referee and a longtime radio broadcaster for Wisconsin Rapids' high school athletics. His wife, Eileen, survives.

Lucille (Elver) Housner, '45, Wisconsin Rapids, died, Jan. 8 at age 85. The great-granddaughter of the first pioneers of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin and the daughter of the first pioneers of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. She taught for 38 years. For 38 years she taught and supervised Sunday School in the United Methodist Church, which was founded by her ancestors more than a centu-ry ago. She also was secretary-treasurer of the Volki Family Cemetery.

Violet (Vorel) Lambert, '44, Dellavale, died, after a stroke on Jan. 8 at age 85. She taught in a one-room school in Adams County for many years. She taught and supervised Sunday School in the United Methodist Church, which was founded by her ancestors more than a century ago. She also was secretary-treasurer of the Volki Family Cemetery.
**Obituaries of alumni**

### 1930s

**Ruth (Hetzel) Carrotti-Van Lysal**, two year certificate ’38, bachelor’s ’48, Wisconsin Rapids, died May 15 at age 83. She taught in Portage County Schools then in Friendship Grade School for five years and at Howe Elementary in Wisconsin Rapids for 24 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Area Education Association and several community organizations.

**David Parish**, last attended ’37, Stevens Point, died Jan. 30 at age 84. He joined Sentry Insurance in 1945 and retired in 1982. During his 37-year career, he worked in several locations and claim capacities, representing the company on various boards and commissions. He was a member of the Wisconsin Wooden Shoe Construction Legislative Advisory Council for 30 years. He also served on the board of directors of Delta Dental Insurance. Active in the St. Joseph Church, he was a member of the Catholic Social Service Board for the La Crosse Diocese. He served as a Boy Scout commissioner and was involved in youth baseball programs, serving as coach, manager and president of both the Little League and Babe Ruth League. He was a charter member and past president of the Pacelli Athleti Association and a past president of the Home and School Association of St. Joseph Grade School and Pacelli and Marshfield high schools. He also served on the boards of Meals on Wheels and Senior Olympics. His wife, Alice, ’77, survives.

**Arnold Hotvedt**., ’37, Altoona, N.M., died March 22 at age 85. While at UWSP he was president of Phi Sigma Epsilon. He worked for Lane Materials Company in Milwaukee and became a manager for the company in Northern California. He then returned to Wisconsin to run Walker Company Building Supply in Watoma, retiring in 1976. He changed the business from a retail lumber operation to a complete home building supply company and expanded to additional locations in Central Wisconsin. He served three terms as president of the Watoma Chamber of Commerce, was on the district board of Boy Scouts and was a member of several community organizations. In the 1950s, he revived the golf course in Watoma that had been closed since the 1940s. He was director of Retail Lumbermen’s Mutual Insurance, serving as chair of the board and chief executive officer from 1984 to 1994. After retirement, he and his wife, Joanne, lived in Green Lake, Arizona and New Mexico. She preceded him in death.

**Jeanette (Doughty) Vaarade**, ’37, Waunakee, died April 20 at age 84. She taught at Knowledge Hill, a one-room country school, and at Leopoldi and Weyerwaug elementary schools. She was an essayist, writing contests and having her work published in local newspapers including a poem that was read in Congress during World War II. She was active in community organizations.

**Clarence Schulte**., ’35, Eau Claire, died Jan. 23 at age 88. He worked in sales and supervision for Hub City Foods for 45 years, retiring in 1974. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Master and was a member of several community organizations. He served on the condominium association board for 18 years at his winter home in Mesa, Arizona. His wife, June, ’37, survives.

**Véyla (Bowen) Schleicher**, ’34, Neenah, died Jan. 18 at age 87. She taught in Friendship and Plainfield, the Winnebago Day School and Saurs Mary, Gabriel and Margaret Mary schools in Neenah. Her husband, Gordon, survives.

**Virginia (Swanson) Mathewson**, ’33, Oshkosh, formerly of Owen, died Jan. 3 at age 89 from complications after a stroke. She taught in country schools in Marathon County for 28 years in the Owa-Wifte school system. She was a member of the Retired Teacher’s Association, the Friends of the Old School and other community organizations.

**Evelyn (Wimme) Parks**, ’33, Marion, died March 7 at age 90. She taught in Nelsonville and was a substitute teacher in Marion.

**Lila (Kenyon) Battterman**, ’35, Auburn, Calif., died June 15 at age 90 of congestive heart failure. She taught biology at Rosendale High School and in the Green Lake school district. She was active in the Rosendale 4-H Club and continued her education during summers, especially enjoying arts and crafts.

### 1920s

**Lucile (Damrow) Shafter**, 27, Beaver Dam, died Jan. 9 at age 85. She taught for several years, then served overseas as a corporal in World War II with the Women’s Army Air Corps for three years. She taught for more than 27 years, mostly in the Almond-Bancroft school district, retiring in 1985. Before retirement she studied creative writing and enjoyed sharing stories with her friends and family members. Two of her nine children are UWSP graduates. Carla (Beigel) Fletcher, ’73, Stevens Points, and Lisa (Beigel) Wimme, ’84, Wisconsin Rapids.

**Zita (Beggs) Beigel**, ’39, Bancroft, died Jan. 1 at age 81. She taught for several years, then served overseas as a corporal in World War II with the Women’s Army Air Corps for three years. She taught for more than 27 years, mostly in the Almond-Bancroft school district, retiring in 1985. Before retirement she studied creative writing and enjoyed sharing stories with her friends and family members. Two of her nine children are UWSP graduates. Carla (Beigel) Fletcher, ’73, Stevens Points, and Lisa (Beigel) Wimme, ’84, Wisconsin Rapids.

### Student memorial established at Schmeeckle

To memorialize students who died while attending UWSP, a place of peaceful recollection and remembrance has been created in the southwestern section of Schmeeckle Reserve across from the athletic fields. A sign located on Maria Drive guides visitors down a path that leads to the memorial, made up of three granite boulders on a small hill surrounded by flowerbeds. The center stone holds a plaque that reads, “This site is dedicated to memory of students who have passed away while attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.”

Of the 14 students who died while attending UWSP over the last three years, six died during the past academic year, according to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson. Their family members have expressed interest and support for the memorial, he said, as have students who have lost friends.

According to Student Government Association (SGA) Speaker the Senate Jeremy Smith, the memorial was initially planned in 1991 as part of the university’s centennial celebration. It wasn’t until last year that it started to come together, he said.

Smith has been working with the SGA and Tomlinson to establish the memorial since he became a senator three years ago. “The space at Schmeeckle Reserve out of the campus, offers privacy for personal reflection and is very beautiful,” said Smith. “The memorial really expresses the concern that other students have for those who are gone.”
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