When Virginia Helm assumed the role of interim chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, she became the first woman to head the institution. Helm had served as provost/vice chancellor for one year, before being named interim when former chancellor Tom George resigned last September. A new chancellor will be named later this spring.

**ALUMNUS:** You have said that UWSP needs a concise statement of what we are and where to focus attention. How is UWSP developing its mission/vision statement under your leadership?

**HELM:** People from the campus and community are embarking upon a series of discussions about UWSP’s mission—what does our university do best and what could it do even better? These discussions will lead to the development of a mission and vision statement that will focus our efforts, help us to be even more effective and guide our planning in the years ahead.

It is vital that we devote time and energy to developing a mission statement for several reasons. Our accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, expects that we will not only have a clear statement and understanding of our mission, vision and values, but also that we will have those statements in our publications and document our planning and decision making based on those statements. But apart from accreditation expectations, we should be doing this because any effective organization knows what it is and where it is going.

**ALUMNUS:** In your fall address you mentioned the book, *Good to Great* by Jim Collins as a focus for campus.

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New program helps Pointers

Greetings,

In December we welcomed 600 students into the ranks of UWSP alumni; in May we’ll welcome about 1,100 more. Your Alumni Association wants to ensure that each of these young alumni receive all the support we can provide as they begin a new phase of their lives.

We’ve created a program to recognize that the period between graduation and employment can be financially stressful. But don’t let the Young Alumni name fool you; the program is available to all UWSP graduates, everywhere in the world.

Through the Young Alumni Program, graduates have access to affordable, short-term medical insurance and discounts on auto and renter’s insurance. We also offer assistance with student loan payments through a loan consolidation program. Finally, all graduates will soon be able to maintain their UWSP e-mail addresses after leaving campus. The new services are designed to assist our alumni during times of transition.

As always, we hope you’ll check the Alumni Association Web site and look for more information about services offered through the Young Alumni Program.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Blum, ’90
Interim Director, Alumni and University Relations
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Pointer Alumnus

Engelberg, Switzerland.

Swiss Alps beckon alumni and friends

The UW-Stevens Point Alumni Association will sponsor a trip to Switzerland and Northern Italy from Friday, Sept. 10, to Saturday, Sept. 18.

In addition to the snow-capped Alps, picturesque Switzerland offers lush green meadows dotted with delicate alpine flowers, quaint villages and clear mountain lakes. The Lake Garda area of Italy includes a bustling resort and a quaint fishing village.

Engelberg, Switzerland, participants can ride the famous Glacier Express train through dramatic alpine scenery and rural hamlets. Another spectacular train ride affords unique views of towering mountains. A trip to the historic city of Lucerne includes sightseeing around beautiful Lake Lucerne and visits to museums.

The itinerary includes three nights in Italy where travelers will enjoy the Mediterranean climate, nearby vineyards and olive or lemon orchards. An optional trip to Venice includes tours of St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doge’s Palace and the Rialto Bridge. Visitors also may take a dinner excursion to Verona, one of Italy’s most beautiful cities.

The Global Holidays tour departs from Chicago. The cost is $1,499 per person plus tax and fees for double occupancy or $1,799 for single occupancy. The price includes round-trip charter air transportation, buffet breakfasts daily, experienced guides and stays at first-class hotels. Full payment is due July 1.

For more information or a brochure, contact the Alumni and University Relations Office by calling 715-346-3811, 877-754-6801 toll free, or by e-mail at alumni@uwsp.edu or by mail at 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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Alumni activities

Contact the telephone numbers and addresses above for information on alumni activities.

March 29 …..3 p.m. Alumni reunion and reception, Cooperstown, 101 E. Jackson St., Phoenix, Ariz.

April 3 …..5 p.m.-midnight, Tau Kappa Epsilon 50th Anniversary Celebration, Alumni Room, University Center (UC)

April 17-18 …..Trivia Weekend

April 24 …..9 a.m.-noon, Alumni Association Board of Directors, Room 241, UC

May 15 …..11 a.m.-2 p.m., Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon, Alumni Room, UC

May 16 …..1 p.m., Spring Commencement, Goreke Field

May 20 …..6-8 p.m., Cruise on the Chief Waupaca, Clear Water Harbor, N2757 County Highway QQ, Waupaca

Summer 2004

Reunions are being planned across the state and the country. Please check the Alumni Association Web site at www.uwsp.edu/alumni for information on an event near you. If you’re interested in planning a get-together in your area, please let us know and we’ll be happy to assist!

For updates of the calendar see our Web site, www.uwsp.edu/alumni/calendar.htm. Bookmark the site and check it weekly.

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discussions. Can you share any conclusions you have come to about how UWSP does better then any other organization?

HELM: I believe one of the important outcomes of the discussions was the response of participants, who said they could and should begin looking for ways to apply the principles of the book to their specific unit. They asked, “What can our office or department do to become the best at what we do?” It is, after all, at the unit level that professors, faculty and staff do the real work of the university and so it is vital that each department be committed to achieving its own greatness. It was also exciting and reassuring, to learn from the book that moving from good to great does not happen overnight. It is nearly always an incremental, almost unnoticeable process rather than a dramatic, highly visible process. But it is always a result of focus and of total commitment to excellence.

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ALUMNUS: You also talked about continuing the partnerships begun by your predecessor. What have you done in this regard and which partnerships have you focused on?

HELM: Effective partnerships are built on strong personal relationships, and so I have been developing relationships with individual leaders. It has required getting to know UWSP’s partners as individuals and as organizations. I have continued participation in the NEW Coalition and the Marathon County Partners in Education, both of which focus primarily, but not solely, on Wausau. I have also been working with the executive director of the Portage County Business Council to strengthen our partnership with them. UWSP has several partnerships with Mid-State Technical College and the UW Colleges, so I have enjoyed getting acquainted with several leaders at those institutions.

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ALUMNUS: What have you enjoyed most about being UWSP’s interim chancellor?

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Out-of-staters get tuition deal

As a graduate of one of the finest institutions in a renowned university system, it stands to reason that you would want the same experience for future generations in your family. If you would like to pass the torch but nonresident enrollment is holding you back, consider this opportunity.

The UW System Board of Regents has recently approved a pilot program called “Return to Wisconsin.” Simply stated, this unique opportunity offers a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition to the daughters, sons and grandchildren of UWSP graduates. The program is open to all UWSP students beginning this fall.

Qualifying children or grandchildren will be students whose parents, legal guardians, stepparents or grandparents graduated from UWSP. A “graduate” is defined as any person who has been awarded an associate, bachelor’s, master’s or graduate degree from UWSP.

To learn more about the “Return to Wisconsin” program, contact the Office of Admissions at 715-346-3441 or e-mail admissions@uwsp.edu.

If you know of any family members or friends who would qualify for this incentive, please let them know.

Open House a family event

Watch a demonstration of chemical magic, test your hearing, attend the Festival of the Arts or get close and personal with reptiles—these are only a few of the activities available at the UWSP Open House on Sunday, April 25.

This spring UWSP opens its doors to the Central Wisconsin community for its biennial Open House, an afternoon of fun, educational activities and information, including opportunities to register for door prizes. Several displays around campus have food or merchandise for sale with funds going to support various student organizations.

Open House activities take place from noon to 4 p.m. and the 32nd annual Festival of the Arts begins at 10 a.m. Most academic buildings are full of activities. The Fine Arts Center is closed because of the construction project that is underway. Information will be available on campus about the location of activities usually scheduled there.

All activities are open to the public free of charge. The campuswide event is underwritten by the Worth Company, a Stevens Point fishing equipment manufacturer.

The event showcases UWSP’s programs, resources, personnel and students and is intended to bring the Central Wisconsin community together. More than 5,000 people visited the campus during the 2002 Open House. A complete listing of Open House activities is available on the Internet at www.uwsp.edu/news/openhouse.html.

Young Alumni Program started

Graduates of UWSP will soon be offered new “fringe benefits” through the Alumni Association including: discounts on insurance, loan consolidation and e-mail in addition, an award will be developed to recognize recent graduates.

Discounted auto and home insurance will be offered to alumni who might not have insurance immediately after graduation. Through Sentry Insurance, alumni will receive a five percent discount on auto and homeowners insurance. Sentry’s Advantage Program financially supports the UWSP Alumni Association by providing a two percent royalty on all new and renewing clients.

Alumni also can take advantage of short-term medical insurance from GradMed Short-Term Major Medical. Coverage periods range from 60 to 180 days and the insurance covers hospital, physician, surgical, emergency room and other costs.

A loan consolidation program will be offered through American Insurance Administrators that allows loan consolidation at a fixed rate. There will be no credit check or origination fees. If automatic payments are used, the interest rate decreases by 25 percent and if the loan exceeds $20,000 and UWSP is made on time for 36 months, the interest rate drops another one percent. While there is no penalty for prepayment, those who take advantage of the service may extend the life of the loan if needed.

A Young Alumni Emerging Leader Award will be presented in the spring to recognize a young alumna who exhibits exemplary achievement. The first award will be presented in spring 2005 along with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

While specific components of the e-mail program have not yet been determined, UWSP alumni may soon be able to continue student “@uwsp.edu” e-mail accounts or access a Web-based e-mail account through the Alumni Association Web site.

Information on all of these programs is available from the Alumni and University Relations Office by calling 715-346-3811 or toll free at 887-764-6801, or by e-mail at alumni@uwsp.edu.

December grads eat free

Alumni Association staff and volunteers grilled burgers and brats outside the University Center during the week of commencement in December. Hosting the event were, left to right, Alumni Association staff member Terri Taylor, Katie Anstett-Dekker of Stevens Point and Alumni Association staff members Sarah Otto and Steve Zywicki. Each December graduate who stopped by was treated to a free sandwich and welcomed to the ranks of UWSP alumni. Other students, faculty and staff were charged for the food. Graduates were invited to enter a drawing for a color lithograph diploma frame. The event also publicized the Young Alumni Program, and membership in the Alumni Association. Another “Grad Grill” will be held Thursday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
World’s largest trivia contest remembers Bob Hope

“Thanks for the Contest,” the theme for UWSP’s Trivia weekend in 2004, will honor Bob Hope who died last year. Hope’s well-known theme song was “Thanks for the Memories.”

The world’s largest trivia contest will be broadcast Friday through Sunday, April 16-18 on the student radio station, WWSP 90FM.

The 54-hour contest officially begins when the first question is read Friday at 6 p.m. Eight questions are read each hour and teams have the length of two songs to write their answers. Team standings are read twice during the weekend. Teams can participate in the Trivia Parade that winds through campus Friday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

Registration for Trivia must be done in advance at 90FM studios during the week before the contest. Registration is $30 and Trivia merchandise will be for sale.

The annual event attracts about 12,000 players on nearly 500 teams. Participants travel to Central Wisconsin from as far away as Europe to participate. The contest began in 1969 when a small number of teams wrote questions that were broadcast on 90FM for 16 hours. The 90FM format has been in use since 1945.

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Jones endowment carries on legacy

An anonymous gift has created the Agnes A. Jones Scholarship, named for a professor who was the major force in the expansion of home economics at UWSP. Jones was head of the UWSP School of Home Economics for 24 years until her retirement in 1981. Under her leadership, home economics programs experienced their largest growth, moved into the College of Professional Studies and received over half a million dollars in federal grant funds.

With her teaching experience and 15 years of advising after retirement, her career spanned 59 years. Jones is well known for personally advising students and for her active role in ensuring employment for graduates.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to majors in dietetics, family and consumer education or interior architecture, three majors descended from the original UWSP home economics program, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2002.

For information about the endowment and how to contribute, call the UWSP Foundation at 715-346-3812 or write to the foundation in Suite 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Geography/Geology honored by regents

The Department of Geography/Geology was chosen by the UW System Board of Regents to receive the 2003 Teaching Excellence Award for an academic department.

Only one department in the UW System is chosen to receive this citation each year.

“We are proud of the faculty in the Department of Geography/Geology and delighted that the regents recognize the extraordinary levels of teaching and learning fostered in the department,” said Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm. “The success of our students and graduates can be attributed in part to the long-standing faculty commitment to integrate technology into their classrooms and laboratories and to the vitality and currency of their curriculum.”

A thoughtfully constructed, effective curriculum and a positive climate for learning are the signatures of the 11-member department chaired by Professor Benjamin Ofner-Amosa. During the past 10 years, five of the department’s faculty members have won UWSP Teaching Excellence Awards and Keith Rice won the UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Award in 2002.

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A patent will soon be issued on a scientific device created by Bryanna Browne, associate professor of soils. Browne’s invention is a highly efficient device for sampling dissolved gases in surface and groundwater. A patent application on Browne’s invention was filed in May 2002 and he recently received word from the U.S. Patent and Trade Office that the patent is forthcoming.

According to Browne, the device extracts natural and manmade gases from any body of water using a simple pumping process. Unlike existing approaches, which typically require different extraction methods depending on the gas, Browne’s device collects multiple gases at once.

“The ability to easily and rapidly collect a large volume of dissolved gas in one sample is unprecedented,” Browne said. “This technology affords several advantages for environmental research applications, including affixing the date of origin for groundwater itself. That’s exciting because you’d be able to construct the history of groundwater quality and learn more from past mistakes.”

Browne believes the device also could be used to design chart and monitor volatile organic contaminants, as well as provide a remediation tool. “In one pass with this device, we’re able to get about 30 percent of the total dissolved gas out of water,” Browne said. “We think this could be enough to make it a practical tool for cleaning volatile chemicals from contaminated groundwater.”

WiSys Technology Foundation, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization that manages intellectual property created at UW System campuses, filed the patent application.

UWSP students take books to Fiji

Three hundred books are now on the shelves of the Nadoria school library in Fiji and 500 more volumes are traveling around the island in a bookmobile thanks to the efforts of students at UWSP and at Sunnyside Elementary School of Green Bay.

The saga of the books began last spring when Stephanie Lundy of Green Bay, a senior elementary education major, was traveling with the UWSP study abroad group in the South Pacific. As the students were leaving Fiji in advance of a cyclone, Lundy took a photo of the empty shelves in the library of the small village, Nadoria, where the students had been staying.

Stephanie enlisted the help of her mother, Joanne, a fifth grade teacher at Sunnyside Elementary School in Green Bay, who initiated a call for children’s books to help stock the Nadoria library.

Last summer Joanne Lundy delivered the collected books to John Jury, University Center director, who led the South Pacific trip last fall. The group that traveled with Jury carried 12 boxes of books onto the airplane when they departed for the South Pacific.

Thanks to the generosity of students and other local donors, the Nadoria shelves are now full of books and children throughout the main island are able to read materials from the bookmobile, sponsored by “Save the Children.”

UWSP students Sarah Hingtgen of Elm Grove, Laura Roesler of Trego, Julie Bird of Shawano, and Peter Feltin of Madison present 500 children’s books to the Fiji representatives. The books travel in a bookmobile to share with village students throughout the main island.

UWSP play staged at UWSF

A musical drama with a score composed by a UWSP faculty member was performed by university students this spring.

Lisa and David: The Musical, scored by Roger L. Nelson, associate professor of musical theatre, with script and lyrics by award winning author and playwright, John Driver, was staged in the Studio Theatre.

When it was first produced in 1984, the play won the prestigious Eugene O’Neill award and was performed at the O’Neill Theatre Center. Later it was produced at the Lee Strasberg Center in Los Angeles and The Hollywood Reporter hailed it as “a beautiful little musical.”

Roger L. Nelson

When Nelson approached Driver with the idea of revising the script for a production at UWSP, Driver readily agreed. The musical is based on the novel Lisa and David by Dr. Theodore Isaac Rubin, who continues as a consultant on the script.

Set in 1959, the compelling drama is the story of two exceptional young people, 16-year-old David, played by senior Andrew Cao of Green Bay, and 15-year-old Lisa, played by freshman Rosemarie Juarca.

David is a brilliant young man who believes he can control time and is terrified of learning fostered in the department,” said Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm. “The success of our students and graduates can be attributed in part to the long-standing faculty commitment to integrate technology into their classrooms and laboratories and to the vitality and currency of their curriculum.”

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Experts study watershed management

Twenty-four participants from 15 countries traveled throughout the state during the College of Natural Resources’ second annual international watershed seminar. The CNRs’ Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center sponsored the program that was funded in part with a $37,900 grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

Participants in the two-week program included natural resource managers from Russia, Mexico, Israel, Turkey, South Africa, Botswana, Armenia, Tanzania, Peru, Senegal, Jordan, Ecuador, Paraguay, the Philippines and the United States. They visited Stora Enso’s papermaking operation in Wisconsin Rapids, Schmnickel Reserve, Horicon Marsh, the Fox and Wolf River watersheds, Chequamegon National Forest, the Apostle Islands and the Department of Natural Resources Board.

Natural Resources Professor Earl Spangenberg was the lead coordinator working closely with Forestry Professor John Schabel and Wes Halverson, GEM watershed program coordinator. Participants discussed watershed management issues in their countries including their challenges and success stories. “This hands-on seminar is a result of our strong partnership with the Forest Service, exemplifying what the GEM Education Center is about,” said CNR Dean Vic Phillips. “GEM is linking students, faculty and citizens worldwide to pioneer and apply practical learning models and techniques to solve natural resource and watershed problems in their own communities.”

O’Brien heads foundation board

Officers and new board members were elected at the fall meeting of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors. Total giving to the UWSP Foundation in Fiscal Year 2003 was nearly $1.9 million including $288,000 in unrestricted support raised during the Annual Campaign for Point. The number of alumni donors increased by 1.00 to 6,680. The foundation’s total assets are nearly $12.6 million.

Named to the board for a three-year term was retired Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Bill Babiash, ’60, now a partner and member of Michael Best and Friedrich, Attorney at Law, Madison. Gerald O’Brien leads the board as president; John Buzza serves as vice president; Karen Engelhard, ’59, secretary; and Tom Stout, treasurer. All are Stevens Point residents.

O’Brien, an alumus of UW-Superior and UW-Madison Law School, has been a corporate partner of the Anderson, O’Brien, Bertz, Skrenes and Golla Law Firm of Stevens Point and a member of the Department of Natural Resources Board. Wisconsin Public Intervener Board and UW Law School Alumni Association Board. Buzza, a member of First Law Group, is a graduate of Marquette Law School. Longtime corporate counsel to the foundation, he specializes in business law. Named corporate counsel to the board was Rick A. Flegner, ’84. A member of the Anderson Law Firm, he holds a law degree from UW-Madison, is chair of St. Michael’s Hospital Foundation and sits on the boards of the Stevens Point YMCA and Portage County Business Council.

Re-elected to their second three-year terms were: Mike Coppis, Mary Ann Nigbor, ’67, John Kiel, ’71, Ben Katz, O’Brien and Gavin Hegg of Fair Oaks, Calif. Outgoing president John Ross, ’58, Waupaca, was elected to his third term as a board member. Judi Carlson, ’63, Stevens Point, who completed her third term, was named director emeritus.

CORRECTION:

In the caption under the Home Economics Centennial photo in the fall 2003 Pointer Alumnus, Mary Croft was incorrectly identified. She is a professor emeritus of English who served as acting associate dean of the School of Home Economics and acting dean of Academic Support Programs. She also founded and directed the Mary K. Croft Tutoring Learning Center.

Campagne for Point passes goal

During the fall phonathon, students called alumni, friends of UWSP and parents of current students throughout the country. Three student managers who worked during the campaign were Cat Duemler, Brodhead; Maria Lewis, Kaukauna; and Jackie Ruth, Port Washington. They agreed that it was a rewarding experience. Callers worked five nights each week during the campaign to make calls from the UWSP Foundation phonathon headquarters in Old Main. They dialed phones 7,400 times to contact 14,631 people and received 4,521 pledges. The Annual Campaign for Point raised $175,941 to support programs and scholarships. That amount was 10 percent over the goal set by the UWSP Foundation.

“The parents of our students were very generous, contributing over $41,000 to our phonathon,” said Deb Anstett, interim director of annual giving in the UWSP Foundation.

Duemler, a senior, started working on phonathons as a sophomore and has been a student manager in the UWSP Foundation for two years. Lewis, a junior, and Ruth, a senior, also worked as callers before becoming managers this year. “This is a great job,” Duemler said. "The office is full of great people to work with and it feels great to help the university. It’s not just for myself. I’m helping a good cause. We are helping the entire campus, even though all of the students aren’t aware of it.”

Ruth agreed wholeheartedly. "I like this job, the people and the atmosphere in the office. And it’s fun to connect with alumni.”

“We see the results as the amount of money we have raised is put on the chart,” Lewis said. “All of the workers look to the goal. It’s what drives our callers to keep going.”

During the phonathon, student callers received incentives, such as putting their names in various drawing to receive Pointer stuff, T-shirts, movies, haircut and pizzas. The student managers solicit area businesses for gift certificates to use as incentives for the callers.

When a phone call resulted in a donation, the student caller had the opportunity to answer a trivia question for a prize. When they collected $50 or $100 in pledges, they could draw for prizes. They also played a version of Family Feud during the drive.

“I would like to add a personal ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped us go beyond our goal this year,” Anstett said.

Faculty obituaries

Nelis R. Kampenga

One of the first archivists in the UW System, Emeritus Professor Nelis R. Kampenga, died on Feb. 5 at age 95.

In 1997 the Nelis R. Kampenga University Archives in the UWSP Learning Resource Center was named for him.

He was a native of Muskegon, Michigan. As a schoolchild in 1922, Kampenga got a job in a library earning 17 1/2 cents per hour. He remained in that field all his life, working in various libraries for 52 years.

He was a librarian at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor while earning two bachelor’s degrees and a master of arts in library science.

Kampenga came to UWSP in 1941 and retired in 1974. While he served as library director at UWSP, he sought to build a well-rounded collection to complement the various academic programs. Under his leadership, the library’s collection more than tripled in size.

An advocate for strong ties between the university and the community, he was instrumental in establishing the first federal documents depository in the teachers college system. He also helped establish the State Area Reference Center at UWSP.

He was president of the Portage County Historical Society for a decade and played an important role in bringing the collection of the society to the University Archives. He also served on the Portage County Preservation Projects Inc. and the Plover Plaing Community Center.

His wife, Marjorie Gerson Kampenga, survives. A memorial has been established in his name for the UWSP Library and Albertson Learning Resource Center through the UWSP Foundation.

Clifford Morrison

Emeritus History Professor Clifford Morrison died Dec. 26 at age 84.

Morrison came to Central State Teachers College (UWSP) in 1953, taught at UWSP for 35 years and retired in 1988.

An expert in English history, he had a special interest in the scattered parts of the British Empire, particularly African colonies.

During his teaching career, UWSP’s enrollment grew nearly 12 times, the institution had four name changes and state funding began declining. Long active in The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals (TAUWP), Morrison believed the state should fully fund education and not charge tuition. He chaired TAUWP state and local committees that advocated collective bargaining for faculty and academic staff.

He held bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University, where he was a graduate assistant and later an instructor. He served on a historical project for the Air Force’s Air Material Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, before coming to Stevens Point.

A native of Put-In-Bay, Ohio, he graduated at the top of his high school class of four. He served four years in the Army during World War II and served as staff sergeant in England, France and Germany, spending more than a year in an intelligence unit.

A senior warden at the Church of the Intercession in Stevens Point, he was dean of training for the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac and a member of the examining board. In 2002 he was awarded the Bishops Cross for his contributions to the diocese.

After his wife, Miriam, died, he went to live with his son’s family in Des Moines, Iowa.
Berries and fish make good bog buddies

What do cranberries and yellow perch have in common? Both are dependent on water for survival and both are being raised simultaneously on cranberry farms in Central Wisconsin. With the assistance of biology Professor Chris Hartleb and three students, Chris Houghton, Stevens Point, Stacy Musch, Wisconsin Rapids, and Joanna Niemeyer, Germantown, area cranberry growers are learning how to conserve water, become more economically viable and raise two crops, fish and cranberries, at the same time.

Raising fish for food is the fastest growing segment of agriculture in the nation, according to Hartleb. He estimates that at least one third of the fish farms in Wisconsin are owned by or employ UWSP graduates. Hartleb received a $12,500 grant from Wisconsin’s Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to study costs, labor and production yields involved in using “floating raceways” to raise a commodity crop on state cranberry farms. The raceways, developed by Jay Warrecker of Superior Aquaculture, are floating docks containing long enclosed channels with screens on the ends. They are constructed in the ponds cranberry growers use to flood their crops in the fall. When the juvenile perch reach fingering size, they are sold to “grow-out” farmers such as the large indoor recirculating facility run by the St. Croix tribe near Ashland.

Hartleb says the fish-cranberry combination has been tried before in Massachusetts, another top berry producing state. Growers there used a “partitioned aquaculture system” that works well in warmer climates but so far has yielded poorer results in Wisconsin. Brad Tork, Wisconsin Rapids Rapids, has used the raceways for two summers at his farm, Engelnook Cranberry. He believes this process is viable, but says they’re still learning. Hot weather and oxygen depletion last summer led to the demise of a few fish. But he likes raising them so much, he’s holding onto his fingerlings this fall and keeping them in the raceways over the winter. He believes he can successfully grow the perch to adults.

Musch assisted Hartleb at the Wisconsin Rapids site this summer. She said the experience has taught her a lot about algae and plankton that can affect ponds, how to use the requisite equipment, and the “bigger picture” of how aquaculture works in Wisconsin. Houghton and Niemeyer are working on research projects funded by UWSP student research grants. Houghton is studying the use of clams and mussels as filters to help keep the water clean, and Niemeyer is studying the digestion rate of perch, a project that may help fish farmers pinpoint what, when and how much to feed their fish.

Houghton says, “Research gives students a way to use what we’ve learned in classes and to get an understanding about what the research process is like. Getting to know the professors outside of class is a lot of fun too.”

After completing their bachelor’s degrees in biology in May, both Houghton and Niemeyer plan to attend graduate schools. Musch, who has two years left in her undergraduate career, hopes to attend veterinary school.

Porters, Marshalls aid athletics

An NBA head coach and a former chancellor are leading a campaign to help UWSP Athletics to cover fundamental needs.

Milwaukee Bucks Head Coach Terry Porter, ’93, and his wife, Susie (Kadrich), ’87, along with former Chancellor Philip Marshall and his wife, Helen, have pledged a total of $140,000 to match gifts from the public.

The Excellence in Athletics Endowment was created in the UWSP Foundation in 1999 to provide a steady source of income to athletics for needs not covered by state funds, such as equipment, uniforms and safe travel.

The Excellence in Athletics campaign has been run each spring since Bob Whisitt, ’77, Portland, Ore., general manager of the Portland Trail Blazers, agreed to provide a challenge gift of $10,000 to the campaign. Mary Ann, ’67, and Jim Nighorst, ’60, Stevens Point, led the 2001 campaign, and Rick, ’79 and Sue Gering, Wausau, and Bruce Bay, ’65, Eureka, Mo., in 2002.

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A new $35,000 scholarship supports Native American students who wish to study abroad. The fund, established in memory of Patricia Baird Winnie, ’83, is part of the International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE).

“This unique scholarship fosters opportunities for Native American students to participate in any of UWSP’s study abroad programs,” said Bob Wolensky, the IPSE campus coordinator. Until her death in 1993, Winnie worked as a dietician and community nutritionist, first on the Menominee reservation then at the Great Lakes Intertribal Council in Lac du Flambeau. The scholarship fund was given by her parents, retired Head of Interior Architecture Mary Ann Baird, a 1967 graduate of UWSP, her late husband, Jerry, and Patricia’s husband, Kristopher Winnie, ’83, Wisconsin Rapids.

Baird believes very strongly in international study, having led six groups to Europe. She also established the Mary Ann Baird Scholarship with a gift of $18,000 to aid interior architecture students who wish to study abroad. While she headed the interior architecture unit, an option was built into the program that would allow students to study abroad without losing time to graduation.

“An education is not complete without study abroad,” Baird said. “As Americans we can tend to be self absorbed and travel opens our minds. Today, more than ever, we need to learn to live together. When people get to know each other, they judge each other less harshly.”

In addition to named scholarships such as this one, IPSE consists of a general endowment that has raised more than $143,000 in gifts from alumni, faculty members, administrators and friends of International Programs. To establish a named scholarship, a donor must contribute at least $5,000.

### Unique scholarship supports study abroad

### UWSP program ranked nationally

According to a report from the Institute of International Education, International Programs (IP) at UWSP ranks 176 in the nation among comprehensive universities for the number of students studying abroad during the 2001-02 academic year.

While this ranking shows significant numbers for UWSP, IP has set its goals even higher, according to David Staszak, IP director. Currently 14.2 percent of UWSP graduates have studied abroad and he says UWSP hopes to reach the 25 percent goal set by the UW System for all campuses.

IP has added new programs because students have filled the well-established trips. In 2003, three tours were held in January, seven semesters abroad were offered in the spring, a record nine different trips were offered during the summer and four semesters abroad were offered in the fall. An immersion program in Ireland with the University of Limerick is planned for 2005.

Since the first semester abroad to London launched by program founder Pauline Isaacson in 1969, more than 10,000 students and 300 faculty members have studied under UWSP International Programs.

### UWSP students in Germany 2003

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In addition to the two Baird scholarships, three others are specifically oriented to an academic major or an overseas program:

- Maxine Burress, a retired English instructor, established the Lee Burress Scholarship in honor of her late husband, an English professor. It will help support an English major or minor in the UWSP semester abroad in London.
- Retired Professor of Art and Design Dan Fabiano and his wife, Jan, established a scholarship that will support art students participating in the UWSP semester abroad program in Krakow, Poland.
- Sociology Professor Robert Wolenisky and his wife, Molly, established a scholarship that will go to a sociology major or minor participating in a UWSP semester abroad to Poland, England, Australia or Germany.

Four scholarships that will support students participating in any UWSP international offering were established by:

- Emeritus International Programs Director Robert Bowen and wife, Sherin
- Emerita Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs Helen Godfrey
- Former Assistant to the Chancellor David Coker and his wife, Sharon Price
- Emeritus History Professor Fred Krempyle and his wife, Patricia Carver Krempyle

### Students publish almanac

Inspired by his love for the outdoors, retired educator Ron Hay’s month-by-month account of life along the Wisconsin River has been published by students at UWSP.

* A Wisconsin River Almanac: Embracing the Tattered Wild, his first book, was published by Cornerstone Press during the fall semester. A retired environmental educator, Hay taught wildlife and conservation at Mosinee High School for 28 years. Hay’s teaching focused on allowing students to discover and interact with the environment. In the book, he illustrates the importance of the environment as a vital tool in education, emphasizing that students of the wilderness can witness life growing and unfolding.

* A student-run publishing company, Cornerstone Press is operated by editing and publishing students of English Professor Dan Dieterich. Students can gain hands-on experience in the publishing field. They work as a team to select and edit a manuscript and then print and sell the book. Proceeds from book sales go back to the class for future publications.

* The book’s cover photograph was taken by Bob Mosier, assistant professor of psychology and director of Residential Living at UWSP. Skitch artists include UWSP graduate Justin Spisioski of Murphysboro, Ill., UWSP students Terri Nicewander of Mosinee and Jewel Noll of Waushaksa.

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* The paperback is available for $15.95 at the University Store, Book Finders in Stevens Point, and Janke’s bookstore in Wausau. Copies are available on the Internet at www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone or by e-mail to ddieteri@uwsp.edu. Orders also can be sent to Dieterich c/o UWSP English Department, Collins Classroom Center, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
High tech phy ed develops lifelong “movers”

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Physical education majors at UWSP are using laptop computers, camcorders and digital cameras to get children off their sofas and exercising.

Gadgets and gizmos help the teachers-in-training keep accurate records of students’ accomplishments, but the technology also serves to get students interested in fitness, said Colleen Evans-Fletcher, assistant professor of health, exercise science and athletics. Technology is their latest tool, thanks to a $5,400 curriculum development grant. The university students are using the technology tools to assess fitness, movement and skills.

“I think it helps us see how we’re doing on our form and shows us what we’re doing wrong and what we’re doing right,” said Noah Whitford, 11, a sixth-grader at Stevens Point Christian Academy in Stevens Point. Students from the academy and St. Stanislaus School participate in twice-weekly physical education classes at UWSP where physical education majors are their teachers. The college students teach children fitness and lifetime activity facts based on the information gathered using the technology.

Technology has been prevalent in classrooms for years, but physical education teachers were left out of the high-tech fun because they couldn’t lug a computer into the gym, Evans-Fletcher said. Now, they can. She used the grant money to buy personal digital assistants (PDA), pedometers and heart-rate monitors, which she introduced in physical education classes last year.

The children wear pedometers to track their steps taken during physical education classes, giving an indication of activity levels. That information and other data tracking students’ physical accomplishments are plugged into the PDAs, which become the teacher’s mobile computer. Laptop computers create graphs and charts to show progress for each student or for a group of students.

In addition, university students use a digital camera and camcorder to record the younger students’ movements to show them whether they’re doing their moves correctly. Their teacher can then assess their progress and share the photos with parents.

“It makes the students more aware,” said Jason Schroeder, a senior physical education major from Stevens Point. “It’s a great motivational thing for these kids to have these pedometers on.”

Students also made blotting paper for Professor Emeritus Robert Freckmann of the UWSP Herbarium. Freckmann’s supplier for blotting paper disappeared with the decreased popularity of fountain pens, which required special paper to absorb excess ink. Freckmann asked Larry Graham, former chair of paper science, if he knew of any blotting paper suppliers. At Graham’s suggestion, paper science students created a thick, soft, acid-free paper that is needed to absorb moisture from plant specimens. The paper is also used in the Biology Department to line cases and act as an absorbent shield.

Although the paper machine is smaller, it is similar to one found at a regular mill. Nick Reinke, a paper science senior, says the machine is also slower, but for good reason because students can actually see how the paper forms. Machines at a full-scale mill run at break-neck speed.

To make the pulp, students take raw fiber material, either pre-bleached wood sheets or recycled paper that is donated by local mills such as StoraEnso and Domtar, and add it to a pulper, which soaks the fiber in a 1,000-gallon vat of water. The students have the ability to change the color of the paper by adding scraps of colored paper donated by UWSP Printing and Design, which provides photocopy services on campus. The students check and change the acidity at this stage, as they did with the blotting paper. The fiber gets diluted and torn apart so that it can be run through the machine and dried in a uniform pattern. The students vary the weight of the paper from tissue to cardboard-like thickness when the fiber is dried and pressed. The paper also is stamped with a watermark unique to the department.

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Physical education major Mike Welhelm works with Matthew Franco, a student at Stevens Point Christian Academy, as they download information from a pedometer to a personal digital assistant.

Paper machine pumps out possibilities

Paper science students monitor the department’s paper machine to create paper with specifications requested by other departments on campus.

A student hunches over her artwork diligently trying to create a masterpiece. A biology student switches absorbent sheets of blotting paper so that the plant specimens he collected will be pressed and preserved for future use. What do these students at UWSP have in common?

They’re both able to practice their future professions because the UWSP Paper Science Department makes the paper they use. For many years, the department’s paper machine has benefited UWSP and its students. Under the guidance of Gerry Ring and Karyn Biasca, faculty members in paper science, students learn the ‘ins and outs’ of running a paper machine. They study samples of paper, determine its characteristics through testing and then create paper that possesses similar, if not the exact, characteristics of the sample paper. This is done at little or no cost thanks to donations of materials and equipment from local mills.

The Department of Art and Design uses student-made paper for projects such as print making, etching and stamping so that art students can develop their work without worrying about wasting expensive paper. Professor Robert Erickson thought the students were not exercising their full creativity when they paid $3 for a sheet of 22 x 30 inch paper. He talked to Bill Radue, paper science lab manager, thinking that the departments could work with each other. Using the skills they learned in class, the paper science students created a heavy paper that was similar to the original. The two departments continue to work together to create a fine quality, less expensive printing paper.

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About 60 percent of adults are inactive to the point that it’s a problem, Evans-Fletcher said. Using technology in physical education classes could prompt children to become lifelong “movers,” she said.

Of course, many of the younger students don’t realize that technology is making a difference in their physical education. St. Stanislaus first-graders Maria Baumamann and Mika Landowski, both 7, know they’re supposed to freeze when the music from the boombox stops, and they know their teachers keep track of the number of push-ups they do by punching the numbers into a handheld computer. Otherwise, the girls and their fellow first-graders are a little sketchy about how else technology is used during class.

“We’re just trying to help them have fun,” Schroeder said. “Technology is the key.”
Mundt gift boosts ethics at UWSP

When Ray Mundt, ’53, heard about top executives at Enron lining their pockets at the expense of their employees, he got angry. His response: to help his alma mater turn out better qualified, better trained, more ethical entrepreneurs.

“North Central Wisconsin has a high standard for personal and business ethics,” Mundt states. “Businesses will be looking for people who know what ethics are and how to apply them.”

Mundt, and his wife, Ruth, feel so strongly about the importance of quality education for tomorrow’s business leaders that they have given the UWSP Division of Business and Economics $2.5 million, the single largest gift ever received by the university. The gift, in the form of a charitable remainder trust, will enhance offerings in business ethics and establish a center for entrepreneurship. The donation also celebrates the 50th anniversary year of Ray’s graduation from Wisconsin State College (UWSP).

“Ruth and I made this gift because of the successes we have had since leaving Stevens Point,” Mundt said. “We have made a commitment to help UWSP graduate students who want to get involved in the business world. We realize that the company is all about people and our gift will mean a lot to students in the area.”

The Mundts were impressed with the university’s commitment to creating a positive working environment where people want to come and stay. Mundt states, “Businesses can’t survive unless they have employees. You need to listen to your people, they are the most important part of the company.”

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After college, Mundt entered a training program at Kimberly-Clark in Neenah. “It was a wonderful opportunity to receive first class sales training with a great company,” he said. There were 10 people in the program, but he was the only one who hadn’t attended an Ivy League school. He was not intimidated by that. He studied hard and spent extra time in the mills to learn all he could about the company. When a sales territory opened before the end of the training, he was given the opportunity to cover it and, within a few years, became the sales supervisor for the Midwest.

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In the midst of his career, Mundt attended Syracuse University and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. In 1970 Alco Standard Corporation asked him to take over their paper distribution group and the family moved to Valley Forge, Pa. He described the move as “a heck of an opportunity.” When he took over, “the company was very unstructured,” he said, so he set about reforming it. He quickly became North Central Wisconsin Worldwide, Inc., which quickly became North America’s largest paper distribution group, which became known as Alco Standard Corp., Valley Forge, Pa. He joined the board of directors of the company and the family moved to Valley Forge.

Today, Mundt is the chairman of Alco Standard Corp., Valley Forge, Pa., to head paper distribution group, which has a high priority on communication, both in giving messages to employees and in listening to their ideas. He said that as CEO of Alco Standard, he often visited each of the 300 companies owned by the corporation. Most of his time was spent in mills, mines, factories and warehouses. “You need to listen to your people,” he said. “They are the most important part of the company.”

“I have seen it work,” Mundt states. “Businesses with a high standard for personal and business ethics are more likely to succeed.”

Mundt wants UWSP students to understand what ethics are and how to apply them. “You have to have a good education, a good ethical background and a lot of energy. There is nothing to hold you back but yourself.”

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His “partnership” philosophy is based on his belief in the ability of “ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results.” He has often been quoted as saying “There are no big shots here,” and throughout his career he championed the power and resourcefulness of the individual as a corporation’s greatest asset.

If you want to be successful, you have to convince your people that they are the most important part of the company,” he said. “And then you must treat them accordingly.”

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“I’m proud of all of you,” he told students at UWSP. “I sincerely mean it when I say I will help you in any way I can.”

Who is Ray Mundt?

Education:
• 1953, Wisconsin State College, now UW-Stevens Point, bachelor’s degree in mathematics and history
• Syracuse University, studied business
• Harvard University, advanced management program

Employment:
• 1953-1973, Kimberly-Clark, sales representative, later became vice president and general manager
• 1974, president of Alco Standard
• 1980, CEO Alco Standard
• 1986, chair of the board and CEO at Alco Standard
• 1995, retired
• 1996, returned to Alco to take the $7 billion company public as Unisource Worldwide, Inc.

Boards of directors:
• UW-Stevens Point, alumni for four years
• Temple University
• Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
• Philadelphia Savings Fund Society
• Core States Bank
• Celanese Equipment Company
• Liberty Mutual

Recognitions:
• Peter Hilton Award
• National Paper Trades Association’s Stanley O. Shively Award
• 1995, CEO of the Year by Financial World Magazine
• National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award
• 1997, distinguished Alumnus Award
• 1998, Distinguished Commencement speaker at UWSP
Winter sports successes

The women's basketball team matched its best start in school history by winning its first 12 games of the season and spending a week with its first-ever regular season number one ranking in the NCAA Division III poll. UWSP captured the Pointer Tipoff Classic and San Diego Tournament titles. Junior Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was the Most Valuable Player of the Pointer Classic and senior Tara Schmitt, Brookfield, was the MVP of the San Diego Tournament.

Men's basketball

The men's basketball team won its first 11 games of the year and was ranked number two in the country for most of the first half of the season. The Pointers won the Pointer Tipoff Classic and Las Vegas Tournament titles. Junior Jason Kalsow, Huntsley, Ill., was among the conference leaders in most statistical categories and was named the Pointer Classic MVP.

Women's hockey

The women's hockey team had another strong start, holding its opponents scoreless for over 300 consecutive minutes at one point in the season. The Pointers played four ranked teams in five days on a trip to the east coast and tied the top two ranked teams in the country. Junior Ann Nimemann, Rosemount, Minn., had a hat trick on the eastern trip and leads the team in scoring.

Men's hockey

The men's hockey team opened the year with a 10-4-1 record through its first 15 games and had several big early season wins, including a victory at fifth-ranked UW-River Falls. Junior Adam Kostichka, Stevens Point, is the team's leading scorer for the second straight year.

Wrestling

The wrestling team has been ranked in the top 10 of the country for most of the season and features two of the top individual wrestlers in the nation as senior Yan White, Antigo, and junior Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, are both highly ranked at their respective weight classes. The Pointers posted their first dual meet win over UW-La Crosse since 1998-99.

Swimming and diving

The swimming and diving team again features strong men's and women's squads that are challenging the top of the WIAC standings. The men's team entered the year having won four straight titles and again swept through its WIAC dual meets. Junior Matt Grimm, Madison, was the WIAC Athlete of the Week for the first two weeks of the season. The women's team has a deep squad with several individuals that are contenders for conference titles.

Sports

Points make good showings throughout the year

Fall flashback

The most successful cross country season in school history, another soccer conference tournament title and one of the best football season finishes in recent years highlighted another outstanding fall season for UWSP athletics.

Cross country

The women's cross country team won its first-ever conference championship and placed third at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III championships. The Pointers also won the NCAA Midwest Regional title. Junior Megan Craig, Bangor, led the balanced team four times and sophomore Teresa Stanley, Whitewater, led the squad three times.

The men's cross country team had its highest finish ever at the NCAA Division III championships, finishing second overall. The Pointers also placed second at the conference meet and won the prestigious Notre Dame Invitational during the season. Senior Curt Johnson, DeForest, and junior Mark LaLonde, Park Falls, both finished in the top 18 at nationals and earned All-American honors.

Football

The football team finished 8-2 overall for its ninth-eight-win season in UWSP's history. The Pointers rolled through their last five games and set a school scoring record by averaging 39.4 points per game this season. Senior quarterback Scott Krause, Waunakee, was the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year. He was also named first-team All-American by three organizations and was a finalist for the Division III Player of the Year award.

Soccer

The women's soccer team won its seventh straight conference tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament for the 10th time in 11 years after finishing 15-4-3 overall. Senior Kelly Fink, West Bend, was the WIAC Player of the Year, and senior Jenny Bruce, Menasha, was named the College Division Academic All-American of the Year.

Volleyball

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Women soccer players score as All-Americans

UWSP senior Jenny Bruce, Menasha, received the highest honor of any student-athlete in college division women's soccer as the Academic All-American of the Year. Her teammate, Kelly Fink, joined her on the All-American team.

A team captain, Bruce helped the Pointers to their seventh consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Tournament berth by winning the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tournament title. She was also on the dean's list at UWSP.

Bruce was joined on the first team by Fink, a senior from West Bend, who earned her first Academic All-America award as a third-team selection. The team is comprised of all NCAA Division II, Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) athletes from around the country and is selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The selection of Bruce and Fink for the team gives UWSP 23 Academic All-American selections in school history, including 20 in the past five years. In addition to Bruce, four other Pointer athletes have been two-time selections.

Bruce, a graduate of Menasha High School, was a third-team selection last season and was a second-team honoree in her sophomore year. She is this season's WIAC Scholar athlete and has a 3.94 grade point average. She is majoring in sociology with a minor in health education and coaching. Bruce is the all-time conference assists leader and ranks 11th in NCAA Division III history with 53 for her career.

Fink, a West Bend West High School graduate, was one of three Division III players named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America scholar athlete last year and carries a 3.59 grade point average in elementary education, also putting her on the dean's list. This season's WIAC Co-Player of the Year, she ranks 11th in Division III history with 255 career points and 12th with 98 career goals, despite playing just three seasons after transferring from Concordia University in Mequon.

Bruce and Fink combined for a 73-12-5 record during their careers, including four NCAA Division III tournament appearances.

Winter sports successes

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Men's basketball

The men's basketball team won its first 11 games of the year and was ranked number two in the country for most of the first half of the season. The Pointers won the Pointer Tipoff Classic and Las Vegas Tournament titles. Junior Jason Kalsow, Huntsley, Ill., was among the conference leaders in most statistical categories and was named the Pointer Classic MVP.

Women's hockey

The women's hockey team had another strong start, holding its opponents scoreless for over 300 consecutive minutes at one point in the season. The Pointers played four ranked teams in five days on a trip to the east coast and tied the top two ranked teams in the country. Junior Ann Nimemann, Rosemount, Minn., had a hat trick on the eastern trip and leads the team in scoring.

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The wrestling team has been ranked in the top 10 of the country for most of the season and features two of the top individual wrestlers in the nation as senior Yan White, Antigo, and junior Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, are both highly ranked at their respective weight classes. The Pointers posted their first dual meet win over UW-La Crosse since 1998-99.

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Tracie Derbich, ’03, Mankato, Minn., is pursuing a master’s degree in sports administration at Texas State University, Mankato. A graduate assistant, she teaches gymnastics and is establishing a Human Performance Majors Club.

Bryan Erickson, ’03, Eden, Minn., is pilot sales manager for Vector Marketing Corporation’s Edina office. He has been a sales representative for Vector since 2001.

Jennifer (Witers) Hess, ’03, Schofield, is a program assistant at UWSP Extension. She was married in July and is a graduate student at Capella University, Minneapolis.

Keely Pease, master’s ’03, Wisconsin Rapids, is a speech-language pathologist at Stevens Point Area School District.

Kristen Huff, ’01, Shorewood, runs the Penny Imray Dance Studio in Wausau. She would like friends to e-mail her at luvshakespeare@hotmail.com.

Erin Yudchitz, ’00, Manawa, is an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer. We apologize for misspelling her name in the fall 2003 issue of the Pointer Alumnus.

Kelly Mahaly, ’02, is a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. She previously was an educator at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago.

Jennifer (Bisler) Yakel, ’02, Green Bay, teaches 3-year-olds at Enterprise Academy. Her husband, Aaron, ’02, is a dispatcher and broker for PW Logistics. They have been married for two years.

Laura Taeger, ’02, Pouyette, runs the Stellmacher Family Theatre in Sister Bay. She started teaching there last year.

Kristen Hult, ’01, Shorewood, is director of exhibitor services at Karl’s Event Rental in Oak Creek.

Ryan Meveden, ’01, Rochester, Minn., is one of the authors of a paper on heart attack survival published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The article states that early defibrillation improved the patient survival rates. He is a research analyst doing biostatistics at the Mayo Clinic.

Jeremy Oljik, ’00, Rhinelander, is a telecommunications specialist for the Ministry of Health Care’s northern region. His wife, Elizabeth (Mel), ’99, also from Rhinelander Catholic Schools, recently purchased their first home.

Jamie Beckland, ’99, works for The Brookings Institution, a research firm in Washington, D.C.

Nikki Hoshita, ’99, Manawa, teaches band at Little Wolf High School and continues to perform with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. She will participate in a two-week tour of China with the Wausau Symphonic Band in the summer of 2004.

William Hamelink, ’99, Vesper, and his four children lost their mother, Charlotte, in an auto accident in February. He is a database analyst in Westfield. His hobbies are cranberries and singing in the Wisconsin Master Chorale.

Andrea, a GIS specialist for Door County’s Department of Agronomy and Hazardous Waste, she is an AmeriCorps VISTA member. She previously was a speech pathologist at the Wausau Symphonic Band in the two-week tour of China with the Central Wisconsin Symphony and continues to perform with the band at Little Wolf High School.

Viki Her, ’96, Schofield, teaches music at John Muir Middle School and is a principal’s aide at UWSP. A speaker at last year’s UWSP Hmong dinner, she is a national multicultural musician presenting, lecturing, and arranging Hmong folk music.

Erin Silva, ’96, La Crosse, N.M., is an assistant professor in the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture at New Mexico State University. She received a graduate assistantship from Washington State University.

Miklos Janos, ’96, is a pilot sales manager for Vector Marketing Corporation’s Edina office. He has been a sales representative for Vector since 2001.

2010s

Jeremy Olejnik, ’98, Rhinelander, is a lab technician at the Mayo Clinic.

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Wendi (Zak) Ray, master’s ’98, will run in the Olympic trials on April 25.

Ray is an assistant track coach at Gibralter High School and works part time as a speech pathologist for Door County’s birth-to-three program. She also works with her husband, Linden, ’95, who owns the Mink River Basin Supper Club in Sister Bay. But for the past four years, she has primarily been a marathon runner.

Ray has cut her time for the marathon (41.3 kilometers) from 3 hours, 30 minutes and 12 seconds in the 2001 Cellcom Green Bay Marathon to 2:46:48 in the 2003 U.S. Marathon Championships in St. Louis. After running three qualifying races to enter the trials for the 2004 Olympics she will need a time of 2:48:00 to get on the team. Of the 120 women in the trials, between one and three will make the 2004 Olympics.

The first time she ran a marathon at 2:52:00 she realized the Olympics was within her reach. Later in 2002 she ran the Chicago Marathon in 2:44:44.

“I didn’t intend to be at this level when I started training three and a half years ago,” Ray said. After an injury last fall, she was out of training briefly, but she will run a half-marathon in Las Vegas this spring. Her goal for the winter has been to run 100 to 120 miles each week.

Although she doesn’t anticipate making the cut for the 2004 Olympics, her goal is to be under 2:40:00 for the 2008 Olympic trials. At present, she is ranked 63rd in the nation and hopes to finish between 25th and 50th at this year’s trials.

Recently Ray bumped into fellow UWSP alumni, Mark Manza, ’97, Keil, and learned that he had qualified for the men’s Olympic trials in October.

Friends of Telly Stelma, ’99, New Bedford, Mass., and Andrea Beck, ’83, Green Bay, were at the top of Peas Volcano in Central Cuba. Stelma, the daughter of a marine biologist, inventorying and monitoring marine species caught on commercial fishing boats. He is planning to return to Costa Rica this year, where he has studied the origins of the pepper. Andrea, a GIS specialist for the American Transmission Company, creates maps that review environmental impacts.

Mike Kurur, ’97, West Allis, is a lab technician for Bodycote Thermal Processing, the largest heat treater in the world, serving the automotive and farming industries. He also operates machines that do Melonite processing, a method for creating metal. Kurur works with Bodycote clients that include railroad companies, Harley Davidson and the military.

For three years after graduation he worked as an interpreter in a working 1880s blacksmith shop at Old World Wisconsin, a living history museum in Fullerton, Minn. He then ran his own blacksmith shop, Phoenix ForgeWorks, for two years. He would like to hear from fellow Pointers at 414-545-4370.

Wendi (Zak) and Linden Ray
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Chase Terry Porter and Bucks player T.J. Ford

Who are these guys?

Ahumada who lived on first floor South Burroughs Hall in 1973 and 1974 would like to locate fellow residents of the wing. Sad thing is, they don’t know the names of everyone in the picture or their whereabouts to recognize yourself or a friend in the picture, please e-mail Mark Sider, 74, Peoria, Ariz., at msider@insight.com. Our best guesses so far are: top row, left to right, Sidler; Tim Lloyd, Jeff Sonderman, Dennis Block, ’76, West Bend; Doug Lynch, ’77, Madison; Mike Hankins, standing; Bob Korth, ’77, Hinckley, Minn., middle row, John Lange, Bob MacDonald, ’77, Stevens Point; Bob O., Fred Minnich, ’76, Ishpenham, Mich.; Jeff Walker, Don Larson, ’73, Tomah; Gil Yerke, ’77, Mukwonago, bottom row, Craig Stahlberg, ’77, River Falls; Dave Milliard, ’77, Rockledge, Fla.; Jim Habeck, ’76, Shawano, Tim Kirkpatrick, ’75, Hartland; Mario Bordini, ’76, San Antonio, Texas; Kirk Kausland, ’76.

Amy (Soppe) Smith, ’94, Nekoosa, is an instructor in the academic support center at Mid-State Technical College in Adams. Previously she taught English as a second language and was a translator for the Adams-Friendship School District where she implemented a new junior high school program. She also taught ESL and GED at the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford.

Robert Kallio, ’94, Green, S.C., is a case manager and child support coordinator for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. He has been serving in his role since 2003 with the 203rd Engineer Construction Battalion, 819th Engineer Brigade.

He says, “When we’re not getting shot at we build base camps for other military units to use.” He hopes to return home in June.

Tracelyn (Gustafson) Gesteland, ’94, Franklin, is working toward a master’s degree at the University of Houston and is a music therapy teaching assistant. She performed the lead role of Rosaline in the opera university opera production of “The)constable.”

She is a staff psychologist in Fox Valley. Her position is a master’s degree at UW-River Falls. She and her husband, Brad, have one son.

Lisa (Adler) Clark, ’94, Bagley, is a speech and language pathologist in Fitchburg. She works for the Visiting Nurse Services of Fitchburg.

In February, she researches the communication process by using a technology called “AromaVision.”

Kara (Prusakos) Helbing, ’94, Applied Behavioral Analysis, is a teacher for the Kimberly Area School District. She and her husband, Timothy, have one son.

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David Lee, ’93, Lebanon, Kan., is on active duty as a major in the Army National Guard. He and his wife, Lisa, met 10 years ago as Peace Corps volunteers in Yemen.

Since then, he earned a doctorate in clinical psychology. They have a son who was born in December.

Amy (Brinkholtz) Bell, ’93, Menomonie Falls, teaches science at Cedarburg High School. She and her husband, John, have a daughter and a son.

Lisa (Tomko) Sveum, ’92, La Crosse, was named 2003 Woman Business Owner of the Year for an emerging business in the greater La Crosse area through the National Association of Women Business Owners Wisconsin. Blue Iris Graphics, offers a wide range of commercial print, Web and marketing services and is on the cover of the 2003 UWSP Viewbook.

Julie Apker, ’92, Pewaukee, is an assistant professor of communication at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, since 2001.

In addition to teaching, she researches the communication processes of child soldiers and the role their interactions play in improving the children’s quality of life and enhancing patient outcomes.

She has published articles in academic journals such as Journal of Applied Communication Research, Qualitative Research Reports in Communication, Journal of Nursing Administration and Natural Outlook. She and her husband, Rod Pfann, have twins daughters born in November.

Kathleen Thiesen-Renmaud, ’91, Stanford, Conn., sang in the chorus of Carnegie Center, Celínes by Berlitz at the New York Metropolitan Opera Theater. She has performed with the Dubuque Symphony and the Amato Opera in Manhattan and numerous orchestras along the East Coast. She has won several awards including the $1,000 Pandolfi Award at the Connecticut Opera Guild Scholarship Competition and was a finalist in the 2002 National Opera Association Vocal Competition. She also is a teacher, conductor, pianist and author.

Jennifer (Schuch) Jurus, ’91, Colorado Springs, Colo., teaches computer information systems at Pikes Peak Community College. She received the 2003 Teacher of the Year Award for Postsecondary Education.

Shelly Johnson, ‘90, Platteville, who has been teaching since 1987, received a Golden Apple Award from the Portage County Business Council. She involves her students at P.J. Jacobs High School in events such as a wax museum staged each year. “She engages the kids in a lot of hands-on activities,” said O. Phillip Ivodong, principal. “She has an innovative approach to English both in and outside the classroom.”

Kim Fenske, ’90, Madison, is a personnel financial advisor with the Madison office of American Express. Previously an attorney for the Ho-Chunk Nation, he is a licensed general securities representative and a life and health insurance agent.

Kristine (Helen) Keith, ’90, Sherwood, is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom after teaching kindergarten for six years and operating a child care center for 10 years.

Lynda Sullivan, master’s ’90, Waunakee, is an assistant education teacher at Mead Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids, received a $250 Excellence in Teaching Award at UWSP’s Celebration of Teaching. She was chosen by the UWSP chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

Bruce Woodrell, ’89, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a pilot and vice president of sales for Banyan Air Service.

Michelle (Boren) Kinnard, ’89, Milwaukee, is an environmental specialist in the Milwaukee Health Department with the hazardous materials first responder team.

She does environmental assessment for the Department of City Development, including field inspections and background investigations of hazardous properties for potential acquisition. She is married and has three children.

Keith Beyer, ’89, Waunona, professor of chemistry at Wisconsin Lutheran College, is department chair and chemistry professor.

Under a for $543,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation, he will explore the impact of air pollution on the formation of cirrus clouds in the troposphere. Important for the earth’s radiation balance, cirrus clouds have a significant impact on global warming, he believes.

Kevin Kusmilen, ’89, Roseville, Ill., is a registered nurse in the intensive care and coronary care units at Rockford Memorial Hospital, a 450-bed, level one trauma center. He also serves as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve as the executive officer at Fleet Hospital Great Lakes detachment 56 in Madison.

Kim Fenske, master’s ’89, Stevens Point, program manager of photography at UWSP News Services, had a photo selected for the cover of the UW System 2003 Financial Report. The award-winning scene of Old Main also has graced the cover of UWSP’s viewbook, phone directory, a brochure for the foreign students office and the Pointer Alumnus. The photo is available as a poster for $3 plus shipping from the UWSP-Alumni Association by calling 715-756-3811 or 888-764-6001.

Albert Chen, ’88, Daly City, Calif., is a station manager for the U.S. Postal Service in San Francisco.

Carol Otto, master’s ’86, Schofield, mathematics resource teacher for Waunona schools, received the $250 Hayes Memorial Award from the School of Education at UWSP’s 1974

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Theresa Wanta, ’82, St. Paul, Minn., is a professional artist with work in galleries and private collections throughout the U.S. Two of her paintings, “Apricots” and “White Peonies,” have been chosen by the Christopher Reeves Foundation to be printed on 600,000 cards, which will be used to raise funds for the dis-abled. She is exhibiting in the St. Paul Art Crawl on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, in the Lowertown Commons Atrium on Fourth Street East. She is showing work at Soch’s, 274 Stelling Ave., St. Paul, which is open on Wednesday through Saturday. She also had a show in Oswatissa, Minn., in February. Her work can be seen on the Web at www.thewanta.com and she gives private workshops at her studio. She would like to hear from fellow alumni by e-mail at twanta@visi.com or by phone at 651-258-5636.

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