Dreyfus honored as students’ chancellor

He might have been Wisconsin’s 40th governor, but to UWSP alumni and friends, the man in the red vest is known first and foremost as the students’ chancellor.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus, UWSP’s ninth president and first chancellor, will be honored for his contributions to the university and its students on Saturday, April 30, when the University Center is named in his honor.

Dreyfus and his wife, Joyce, will be on hand for a public dedication ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. at the center’s Reserve Street entrance.

Special guests, former Student Government Association presidents, members of the Dreyfus family and Chancellor Linda Bunnell will join the celebration. A public reception will follow at 2:45 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Alumni Room.

“T’ll am so thrilled to have the student center named for me,” said Dreyfus, “primarily because students supported it.”

Alumni Association Director Emerita Karen Engelhard, ’59, John Jury, former student development director, and Helen Godfrey, vice chancellor emerita of Student Affairs, were advocates for the UC name change.

“Any lasting dedication to Lee must be something that touches students’ lives every day,” said Engelhard. “Their welfare was his major focus. Lee was busy putting UWSP on the map and found real joy in advancing the university, but it was always about, for and with the students.”

A professor of speech, radio and television at UW-Madison, UW-Extension and Wayne State University before becoming UWSP’s president in 1967, Dreyfus was in the habit of dealing with students and that colored his way of thinking, he said.

At a time when students were protesting the Vietnam War and holding beer riots, he knew he needed to stay visible and accessible to them. So he began wearing a red vest with the promise that he’d keep it on until the war was over. The red vest has remained his signature icon.

“I kept my connection with students,” he said, inviting them to approach him with ideas, opinions or problems. He made them a priority when they came to his office, he visited them in the residence halls and stopped at the downtown bars to chat and have a beer with them, he said. He ate lunch at the center, got to

UC project set for 2006

Naming it for Dreyfus is just the beginning of changes coming to the University Center, which will see a $17 million addition and renovation project beginning in April 2006. The work will be done in phases to allow the building to remain partially open during construction, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2007.

Perkins and Will of Chicago and SDS of Eau Claire have already begun to design the project, which will be financed by student fees. The project will add 43,000 square feet and renovate about half of the current building’s 153,000 square feet, reallocating and adding space, refurbishing the aging building, modernizing kitchen and dining areas and upgrading mechanical and electrical systems. The architects plan to incorporate sustainability concepts such as natural light and energy efficiency into the design.

Perkins and Will, an international firm, has a historical connection to UWSP as its architects designed Old Main 110 years ago when the campus was founded.

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Sentry marks 100 years with gifts to UWSP

Last November Grammy-winning singer and conductor Bobby McFerrin came to UWSP to share his many talents with students from campus and area schools. He spent three days inspiring students with his unique instrumental and vocal music and dance.

Topping it off, he gave a public performance at Sentry Theater that benefited music education in Stevens Point schools.

McFerrin’s visit was made possible through a gift from Sentry Insurance, based in Stevens Point. In celebration of its 100th anniversary, the company established the Sentry Insurance Invitation to the Arts, a new five-year program which supports visits from well-known artists through annual contributions of more than $50,000 to UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication. Sentry Insurance Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of the company, developed the program in conjunction with the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication.

“Sentry Insurance is pleased to expand the strong relationship we have shared with UWSP through the years,” said Jim Weishan, president of Sentry Insurance.

“For many students and their families, Sentry Insurance has been a valuable resource for consumers and employees, and we appreciate the university’s many contributions to the quality of life in our community.”

In addition to the arts program, Sentry continues its legacy of annual giving to UWSP. This year’s gift of $60,000 supports scholarships and other programs. Sentry also supports UWSP through a matching program for employee gifts to UWSP, student internships, hiring of UWSP graduates, and use of Sentry Insurance.

It has been great for me to come into a community with partnerships like the one between UWSP and Sentry Insurance,” said Todd Kuckkahn, executive director of the UWSP Foundation and assistant to the chancellor for advancement. “So many students have benefited from the company’s generosity over the years.”

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Vacation tours to California, Hawaii

Get away from it all in 2005 with two trip offerings from the UWSP Alumni Association.

Northern California

July 10-17

An eight-day trip to northern California begins Sunday, July 10, with two nights and a guided tour of San Francisco, including a cable car ride, a trip across the Golden Gate Bridge and dinner on Fisherman’s Wharf. The next stop is Yosemite National Park, for a two-night stay, a guided tour and free time to explore the Valley Visitor Center, Indian Village and Ansel Adams’ photography gallery. Another two-night stay follows at Lake Tahoe, with a scenic circle tour and cruise on the MS Dixie II. Traveling back toward the coast, there will be a stop in Sacramento, the state capital, as well as a stop in Sonoma, the heart of wine country. The trip includes 11 meals and lodging for $1,799 per person, double occupancy or $2,618, single occupancy.

Hawaiian Holiday

Oct. 20-30

An 11-day tour of the Hawaiian Islands begins Thursday, Oct. 20, in Honolulu, with visits to the world’s best beaches, Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. On the island of Oahu, explore the lush green mountains of the Pali, the crystal clear waters of Haumauna Bay and the botanical gardens and cultural displays of Waimea Valley Park. After flying to Kauai, enjoy a cruise on the Waiaula River to visit the tropical Fern Grotto and a visit to Waimea Canyon and fields of sugar cane and pineapple. Another flight takes visitors to the island of Maui and its lush Lao Valley, the historic town and shops of Lahaina and a traditional luau. This trip includes 13 meals and lodging for $1,799 per person, double occupancy or $2,618, single occupancy.

The price listed for both excursions does not include airfare, which is available from most U.S. gateways. Home and local pick up and return services for most counties in Wisconsin and Illinois to O’Hare airport is available and can be arranged through Mayflower Tours at 800-728-0370. A $200 deposit is required with reservation and optional insurance is available. For more information or a brochure, contact the Alumni and University Relations Office at 715-346-3811 or toll free at 877-764-6801, by e-mail at alumni@uwsp.edu or by mail at 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.
Phonathon exceeds goal

The efforts of student callers paid off this fall as the Annual Fund Phonathon exceeded its fund-raising goal by more than $27,000.

So far, students have raised over $207,000, making it the largest phonathon fund-raiser ever at UWSP, according to Deborah Anstett, interim director of annual giving. Donations will continue to come in until June.

A staff of 20 callers, including three student managers, Catherine Duemler, Brodhead; Maria Lewis, Kaukauna; and Audrey Miles, McFarland; reached more than 13,000 alumni who made over 5,000 donations between September and December 12 in order to surpass the goal of $180,000.

The drive’s success is in part due to special appeals to those who have given large gifts in the past as well as an appeal to younger alumni, who were asked to give at least as much as the year they graduated, such as $20.01 for 2001 grads, said Anstett.

“We are trying to build a giving culture that starts when students are here,” she said. Through the Future Alumni Association student organization, students are seeing how they can stay connected to the university when they become alumni, as well as developing an interest in philanthropy.

Even though the phonathon funds Alumni Honors Scholarships for incoming freshmen, helps pay for the Alumni, helps with other fund-raising projects or goes where there is the greatest need on campus.

Students will be calling alumni again during the spring semester as part of an appeal to graduates of each of the four colleges. Anstett said donations made at that time will benefit students and programs within the donor’s particular college.

Foundation Board welcomes four

The UWSP Foundation Board recently added four members, elected officers for the 04-05 year and honored emeritus members.

New members starting three year terms include Karen Farley Halverson of Stevens Point, Robert J. Knollton of Stevens Point, Keith Kulas, ’87, of Marshfield and James P. Schuh of Plover.

Halverson is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Stevens Point Area Public Schools. She is involved in United Way of Portage County and was honored in 2004 with the Educational Services Administrator of the Year Award by the Wisconsin Association of School Administrators.

Knollton chaired the Department of History for six years and Faculty Senate for two years during his 30 years at UWSP. He also founded UWSP’s Latin America Studies program and is former chair of the UW System Latin American Center Faculty Policy Committee.

Kulas has worked as employee of WIPR LLP in Wausau and Marshfield since graduating from UWSP and in 2003 he became a partner in the Marshfield office. He is involved with the Marshfield United Way, Marshfield Sunrise Rotary Club and board of directors of the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Schuh is a lecturer in communication at UWSP, a past president of Woodfield Communication Association and former general manager of WSPF Radio in Stevens Point. He was elected to the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2003 and is involved in several Stevens Point community organizations.

Officers include Jerry O’Brien, Stevens Point, president; E. John Buzzia, Stevens Point, vice president; John Ross, ’58, Waupaca, past president; Karen Engelhard, ’59, Stevens Point, secretary; and Thomas Stout, Stevens Point, treasurer.


Thankful for two careers, alumnus gives back to UWSP

Four years ago, Jim Linowski, ’76, left behind the world of retail to begin a new life in the world of raising and training horses.

Even before he graduated from UWSP, Linowski had begun using his major in fashion merchandising as manager of a Stevens Point fabric store. Ultimately, he became the general manager of Woodfield Shopping Center in Shawamb, Ill., the third largest mall in the country with more than 300 stores in almost 2.7 million square feet. During his 16 years there, he served as chairman of the Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, on the Board of Directors of the Chicago chapter of the Salvation Army and was active in other civic and tourism groups.

Meeting his career goals in the retail business inspired him to take an early retirement. He and his wife, Lynne, a longtime equestrian, now own Equus Oaks Farms in Lexington, Ky., where they raise and train sport horses. He also recently became a partner in a tobacco seed company.

“Now I guess I am no longer retired,” he quips.

Crediting UWSP for helping him achieve these two successful careers, Linowski showed his appreciation by including the UWSP Home Economics Centennial Endowment in his will. A bequest of $10,000 was presented as part of the Home Economics Centennial celebration, which he and Lynne helped plan.

“It was an easy thing to do,” he says about the bequest. “It’d encourage others to add a gift to their wills because it’s a way for alumni to give back.”

Linowski became a nontraditional student at UWSP after serving in the U.S. Air Force. Working part time, going to school full time and having a family was not easy, he says, but his professors were very supportive.

“What I enjoyed more than anything was the instructors’ dedication to helping me complete his education in what was a female-dominated field,” said Linowski. He credits solid instruction from professors such as Ethel Hill and Edith Pankowski.

“I hope that in a small way my gift continues the high standards and quality of education at UWSP, and maybe it will allow students to get an education they couldn’t otherwise afford,” he said.

Donors who name UWSP as a beneficiary in their will become members of the William C. Hansen Society. For more information, call the foundation at 800-858-5267 or e-mail foundation@uwsp.edu.

Dreyfus honored

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know a lot of students by name and worked closely with the Student Government Association. He also continued to teach speech and communication.

“He really had a lot of respect for students,” said Jim Hamilton, ’76, Stevens Point, who served as student body president during 1973-74. Dreyfus was ahead of his time as the first chancellor to allow students to decide how to allocate their fees, he said. “He gave students a voice that was envied across the state.”

In 1974, Dreyfus became UWSP’s first chancellor following the merger of the UW System. His 11 years as president and chancellor were ones of unparalleled growth and change at UWSP, with large enrollment increases, many building projects and new programs, the addition of Lake Joains at Schmeeckle Reserve and the creation of Faculty Senate and shared governance.

Dreyfus led a reorganization of the campus which created the College of Professional Studies, College of Natural Resources, Division of Communication and paper science program. He also proposed and encouraged the creation of the world’s largest computer-generated mosaic mural on the side of the CNR building.

In 1977 Dreyfus announced that he would seek the Republican nomination for governor and took a leave of absence the next year to run his campaign. He won the election and was inaugurated as the state’s 40th governor on the front lawn of Old Main at noon on Jan. 1, 1979.

Deciding not to run for a second term in 1982, he took the job of president of Sentry Insurance Corporation, then formed Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Inc. in 1984 and became part of the Washington Speakers Bureau. He continued traveling and giving speeches around the country until 1999.

He served as a member of the Board of Regents from 1989 to 1996 and as interim state superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction in the spring of 1993. The winner of the United States Distinguished Public Service Medal, he has written a weekly column for The Waukesha Freeman since 1990 and writes a series about the history of the state’s governors for a monthly column in Fifty Plus magazine. He hopes to one day turn the series into a book.

Over the years Dreyfus and his wife, Joyce, have been generous contributors to the UWSP Foundation. In 2001, at the dedication of a plaque that marks where he took the oath of governor in front of Old Main, the couple presented the foundation with $100,000 through a charitable remainder trust and cash gift.

Born in Milwaukee in 1926 to parents who moti- vated him to participate in public service, Dreyfus began acting on the radio at age seven and continued that work into his 20s. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, then attended UW-Madison where he earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in communication. In addition to his teaching, he managed WHA-TV, the public television station in Madison, and was chair of the Statewide Television Development Division.
Never too young to learn about nature

The Helen R. Godfrey Child Learning and Care Center at UWSP recently won two grants to encourage environmental education for young children. The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) awarded the center with two $1,000 grants. The first provided environmental education at the “Leading the Way Conference” at UWSP in September, attended by early childhood educators who received an activity guide and CD about Wisconsin’s Project Learning Tree Guide for preschoolers.

The second grant, titled “Wisconsin’s Birds and Butterflies: Our Backyard Friends,” is funding a backyard classroom at the center which will feature a butterfly garden and bird habitat. Children will participate in projects appropriate for each age group and learn about natural ecosystems by watching butterflies develop from larva and building bird houses and bird baths.

“Our goal is to engage the children’s natural curiosities both outside the classroom in the butterfly garden and within the classroom with art, science, theatre, literature and other visual learning techniques that encourage language and creative thinking development,” said center director, Susie Spross.

UWSP & Marquette collaborate in Kenya

UWSP’s Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) is collaborating with Marquette University’s College of Nursing to enhance the effectiveness of treatment for HIV/AIDS patients in Kenya through improved nutrition.

A team of UWSP personnel traveled to Nairobi, Monobassa and Voi, Kenya, in July to evaluate soil conditions, water availability and agronomic factors for small garden systems to provide food. The team, led by GEM director Victor Phillips, included Taylor County’s UW-Extension staffer Arlen Albrecht, Emeritus Professor Milo Harpstead, soil and water resources expert; Anna Haines, director of UWSP’s Center for Land Use Education; Mai Phillips, adjunct UWSP professor of forestry; and the Phillips’ daughter, Anisa. They were assisted by personnel from the Sustainable Agriculture and Community Development Programme-Kenya (SACDEP).

The multi-year project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will have people from both UWSP and Marquette working to educate individuals and their families on dietary nutrition to support HIV/AIDS drug therapy as well as training Kenyans to install and manage small garden systems to provide the needed foods.

Albrecht and Vic Phillips will return to Kenya March 18-28 to finish gathering data.

Student wins national honor

A paper written by Andrew Bloesser, Sturgeon Bay, a senior communication and political science major, was named best in the nation by Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor society.

Bloesser’s paper, Democracy Without Democratic Journalism? A Content Analysis of the San Francisco Chronicle During the Policy-defining Period Prior to the Iraq War, was submitted to the Pi Sigma Alpha 2004 Best Undergraduate Class Paper competition by Assistant Professor Michelle Brophy-Baermann of the Political Science Department. Bloesser received a $250 award and was recognized in several national Pi Sigma Alpha publications.

As Brophy-Baermann’s research assistant, Bloesser has worked on a welfare reform paper that may be presented at a regional conference this spring. Last year he presented a paper on welfare reform and think tanks in the Capitol rotunda in Madison as part of a UW Systemwide undergraduate research symposium. He also has served as the news editor and features editor with The Pointer student newspaper.

Donation made to clans collection

A donation of $25,000 has been made to preserve and maintain the Menominee Clans collection at the UWSP Museum of Natural History. George J. Kofron, a longtime friend of the museum's creator, James Frechette, established the George J. Kofron Endowment for the Menominee Clans Story “to promote the history of the Menominee and make the public more aware of it,” he said. The donation will fund the development of educational materials, programs and the Menominee Clans Web site.

The exhibit hand carved the wooden clans figures on permanent display at the museum in the University Library, depicting the gathering of the first clans of the Menominee. The collection was dedicated in September 2003.

For more information on the collection, see the Web site at www.library.uwsp.edu/MenomineeClans.

UWSP museum’s popular dinosaur exhibit gets a “tail-lift”

The tyrannosaurus rex will growl again beginning April 1 when a refurbished exhibit dedicated to dinosaurs is unveiled in the UWSP Museum of Natural History.

“It’s much more accurate now,” said Marks, who had first put together the plaster cast allosaurus in 1973 when he started work at the museum.

The allosaurus is an authentic reproduction of the fossil remains found in a Utah quarry and had occupied a window display at the museum for 32 years. Marks recently took it apart and began extensive repositioning of its tail vertebrae, which included cutting and bending the steel armature. The allosaurus will carry its tail high from now on instead of resting it on the ground.

The exhibit also will feature newly acquired jellyfish fossil reproductions purchased by the Friends of the UWSP Museum of Natural History group. The fossils of the beached jellyfish were found in a sandstone quarry off Highway C in Marathon County.

“They are very rare, from the Cambrian period,” Marks said.

When the display is finished, visitors will be able to view the fossil exhibits in chronological sequence from the Cambrian to the Tertiary period. Marks said about 12,000 people visit the museum each year, including a number of school groups from area schools.

The refurbishing of the dinosaur exhibit is part of a 10-year remodeling plan that started a few years ago at the museum, said Holly Voll, development specialist with the UWSP College of Letters & Sciences. The remodeling will continue one project at a time as funding becomes available, she said.

“The money that the Friends group and the Friends members gather is making the museum grow,” Voll said. “The museum basically has a shoestring budget. It’s donor driven.”

Friends volunteers do everything from greeting visitors to helping staff the museum’s gift shop and make up an advisory board. The African savannas that Marks created several years ago was completed almost exclusively through donations and fund-raising provided by the Friends group, Voll said. Marks’ next project is a new habitat diorama featuring the North American moose and wolverine, which have been purchased by the Friends of the Museum. For information about the Friends or to make a donation, call the museum at 715-346-2855 or stop in to pick up a brochure.

The museum also is a teaching environment, and students who take the university’s Museum Methods class often join the staff.

Other exhibits in the museum remain open while work continues on the dinosaur exhibit. Located in the UWSP library, 900 Reserve St., the museum is open to the public free of charge. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Call 715-346-2858 for a listing of museum hours during spring or summer breaks. Weekday parking is available in two metered lots across the street from the library and is free on weekends.
Glass sculpture program expands

The Department of Art and Design now has a professional-grade kiln-formed glass sculpture program thanks to several grants, a corporate sponsorship and new facilities within the remodeled Noel Fine Arts Center. The glass program has grown extensively since 2001, says Assistant Professor Kristin Thielking of the art and design faculty, with improvements benefiting students taking three-dimensional sculpture classes as well as community members who take kiln-formed glasswork classes offered by UWSP Extension.

Earlier this year, the Vallier Foundation awarded nearly $15,000 to Thielking for the purchase of two large kilns and high quality equipment for engraving, etching, cutting, carving, polishing, sand blasting, painting, fusing and casting glass. She also has purchased equipment and attended the Pilchuck Glass School in Seattle, Wash., with funding from three UPDC grants from UWSP.

Bullseye Glass of Portland, Ore., has recently become a corporate sponsor, and over three years will donate $2,000 worth of materials, match up to $1,000 of UWSP's glass purchases and offer a 50 percent discount on additional purchases. In addition, students in the program are invited to compete every fall for exhibition in the Bullseye Connections Gallery in Portland.

Remodeling at the Fine Arts Center has made the needed space available, and has given students easy access between the studios for glass, woodworking and ceramics.

"This new room design and proximity of the three-dimensional work areas inspires more synergy and cross-disciplinary exchanges and collaborations," says Thielking. "We have already begun to see it happen.

A sculpture and ceramics work yard will be added in the summer of 2005, she added, giving the students outside space for stone and wood carving, a pit-fire facility for ceramics and a small out building that may contain a hot-glass working studio in the future.

Thielking joined the UWSP faculty in 2001 after earning a master's of fine art degree in sculpture with an emphasis in glass from UW-Madison and a bachelor's degree from Brown University.

Students publish three books

For the first time, the student-run publishing company at UWSP has published three books in one semester.

Last fall Cornerstone Press published Slough of Memories by Dorothy Zmuda of Stevens Point, Influences by Arthur Herman of Stevens Point and As the Ashes Fade by Caroline Meehan, a UWSP senior from Merrill.

Students of English Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing course make up the staff of Cornerstone Press and are responsible for editing, designing, printing, binding, marketing and selling each book. The company's profits fund future publications.

"The students’ workload this semester was enormous," said Dieterich. "They rose to the occasion, however, and produced three fine books. It always amazes me what UWSP students are capable of when they put their minds to accomplishing something as difficult and complex as this."

The Portage County Historical Society (PCHS) assisted with the sales and marketing of Slough of Memories, a collection of Zmuda's stories of her life as a Polish girl growing up on the north side of Stevens Point during the 1920s. It features her photos as well as those from the PCHS. It is available for $10 in Stevens Point at the Holly Shoppe in the Lincoln Center, Bookfinders and the Copy Center or through PCHS, 715-341-2238, www.pchcs.org/, or e-mail pchs, 54481@yahoo.com.

In Influences, Herman, a UWSP professor emeritus of philosophy and a prolific author, discusses the possible connections between early Hinduism and early Christianity. The book deals with the connections between civilizations in the Indus Valley and the Greek and Roman cultures that came into contact with the early Christian culture. It costs $19.95.

As the Ashes Fade is a novel about a man growing old and exploring the sins of his militant past in the American South. It costs $5.95. Meehan, a mother of three and a member of the Cornerstone Press staff, has another book in progress.

The book is available at the University Store by calling 715-346-3431. For more information about Cornerstone Press, see www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/.

STV on the Web with streaming video

You may now catch up on the latest news, sports and original programs offered by UWSP Student Television from anywhere in the world. Previously broadcast only on cable channel 10 within the Stevens Point viewing area, STV is getting assistance from University Telecommunications to bring its programming online with streaming video at www.uwsp.edu/stv trực tính.

Currently, news and sports footage are online as well as all five episodes of a show that debuted last fall. Undergrads, a sitcom about the lives and loves of two UWSP roommates, was written, produced, directed and edited by STV general manager Matt Lawton of Green Bay and promotions coordinator Jennifer Garvey of Freedom.

“We are really excited to offer online video,” said Bret Lemoine, a senior from Waukesha who served as general manager of STV during the fall semester. “Anyone in the world can watch it and see what we’re accomplishing here. It not only speaks well for STV but for UWSP. We’re also providing a new perspective for UWSP alumni.”

In addition to Undergrads, STV is producing several new shows, including The Jack Bennett Pointer Sports Report, a half-hour show co-hosted by Bennett, coach of the 2004 National Championship Pointer men’s basketball team, and Shawn Kowalski, STV sports director. Newspoint, a news parody show; another sports show, Pointer Previews; and What It’s Like to Be Me, a show that celebrates diversity on the UWSP campus. These shows also may become available online in the future.

“STV has generated a lot of interest this year,” said Lawton. “The shows are professional productions so people are seeing what we can do.” Students from all majors are getting involved, he said, including a CNR major who produces an outdoor sports report segment on STV News.

STV employs nine executive student staff members as producers and managers, and about 30 other students volunteer their time as news anchors, reporters, camera operators and technicians.

Students intern in London

From doing public relations for a film company to being an assistant personal trainer, UWSP students are working as interns in London during the spring semester.

In a pilot program, International Programs (IP) has 10 students serving internships in businesses and agencies ranging from NBC News to a psychiatric unit. The students are staying at the International Students House with the traditional study abroad group and some are taking classes as well. The interns’ arrangements were made by Professors John Mann and Leslie Zweigmang of Anglo American Education Services (AAES).

After their first couple of work days, most of the students reported loving their new jobs, said Dave Staszak, IP director.

They are working for Babzoo Ltd., a film crew company; the David Lloyd Leisure Kensington fitness center; the Centre for Economic and Business Research; Mason Williams Ltd. public relations firm; Locomotion Digital film and video company; Dali Universe art gallery; Maverick Media television production company; Scala Productions, and a child and family psychiatric resident unit for disturbed children.

"These are world-class opportunities," Staszak said. “We have ensured that our students will not just be making coffee or filing. They are working 40 hours per week on projects.”

The program has been in the works for about two years and was initiated by Mark Koepke, assistant director of IP through AAES. It will continue in London and will likely expand to both semesters due to growing faculty and student interest, says Staszak, who will be visiting the students in Great Britain during the spring semester along with Dean Gerard McKenna of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and Professor Richard Ijka, chair of the Division of Communication.
Wildlife professor earns statewide award

Eric Anderson, professor of wildlife, was one of two outstanding teachers selected for the 13th annual Regents Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes exceptional teaching within the UW System. He received $5,000 and attended an award ceremony in Madison.

"Teaching is who I am, not what I do as a profession," said Anderson, who has taught in the CNR for 14 years. "It engages every part of me – my intellect, my personality and my passions in the give and take of the learning process. I am grateful to be able to do what I love for a living."

Anderson has taught 25 different undergraduate and graduate courses and has been actively involved in college and wildlife curriculum development. He created a Wisconsin Natural History CD-ROM for teaching field identification of plants and animals and has taught international study abroad programs in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Tahiti.

Also retiring recently was Phil George, an administrator who has helped more than 60,000 students obtain more than a half billion dollars in financial aid during his 34 years at UWSP, retired in December.

George began his career in 1970 as the youngest director of financial aid in the UW System, helping students through the college funding process and seeing the amount of student aid rise to over $37 million annually. He was an active member and two-year president of the Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and he has been involved in regional and federal financial aid processes and software management.

A Connecticut native, he previously taught high school English in Vermont and worked in financial aid at the State University of New York-Fredonia. His retirement plans include consulting work, writing, gardening, home improvement projects and woodworking.

Portia Hamlar

Portia Hamlar, assistant to the chancellor for equity and affirmative action, retired in September after three years of service at UWSP.

A former labor relations attorney, Hamlar implemented a number of programs to promote diversity at UWSP during her tenure, including diversity circles training and enhanced minority recruitment and mentoring.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Hamlar has worked as a vocal music teacher, law professor, adviser to black law students and as labor and environmental counsel for Chrysler Corp. and associate counsel for the Michigan Bar.

Hamlar returned to Detroit after retirement and plans to finish writing her autobiography and a history of her alma mater, Alabama State University, from 1920-1963, when it was headed by her father and grandfather.

Alan Haney

Alan Haney, an ecosystem restoration expert and former dean of the College of Natural Resources, retired in January.

Haney’s career as dean, from 1998 to 1998, was a time of growth for the CNR, including a $10 million building addition. Regarded as an expert on the endangered oak savanna ecosystem, he was instrumental in bringing ecosystem management principals into the CNR curriculum. In recent years he has dedicated his career to the classroom and to research with students. He has been active in and served as a science adviser to several conservation groups. Previously he taught at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, N.C. and the University of Illinois.

He has two books in the works and is continuing research on the Boundary Waters ecosystem in northern Minnesota. He also plans several paddling trips during retirement.

William Kirby

William Kirby, a professor of education and a pioneer of distance education, retired in January after 36 years at UWSP.

An educational testing and statistics specialist, he was one of the first UWSP faculty members to use a computer and teach classes statewide via television and satellite. He was recognized by UW-Extension and a national continuing education association and honored for excellence in teaching from the School of Education. He and his family led a group of students on a semester abroad to Great Britain in 1974 and he led a second trip in 1999 with his wife, Lynn.

Before coming to UWSP in 1968, he served as a National Defense Education Act Fellow at the University of Maryland and also taught fifth grade in Baltimore County, Md., in the early 60s.

His retirement plans include traveling in the Southwest U.S. to attend Elder Hostels and "re-vamp his mental energy" as well as exercising, reading, and not surprisingly, online teaching.

Also retiring recently was Dee Seyfarth of the Financial Aid Office.

UWSP recognized for excellence

UWSP ranked among top Midwestern public universities and was commended for its campus environment according to two recent reports on university quality.

U.S. News and World Report named UWSP number 13 in the top tier of Midwestern public masters' degree-granting institutions. The magazine uses several indicators of academic excellence to rate campuses, including academic reputation as assessed by peers, retention, faculty resources, students, financial resources, graduation rates and alumni giving. Schools are organized by mission and region.

"I am pleased that UWSP remains in the top ten," said Chancellor Linda Bunnell. "I am especially proud that we offer the highest percentage of undergraduate courses taught by regular faculty in the UW System and have one of the highest graduation rates of the UW comprehensive universities."

According to The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), UWSP ranked above other UW System institutions for having a supportive campus environment in which students thrive academically, socially and personally and have high quality relationships with fellow students.

Seniors ranked UWSP higher than the national average in this category.

The NSSE also found that compared to other UW System schools, more first year students at UWSP felt they were receiving an enriching educational experience through extra-curricular activities, study abroad, independent study and a diverse student body. UWSP ranked close to the median with other campuses in the system in the areas of active and collaborative learning, faculty interaction and level of academic challenge.

Communicators laud English profs

The Association of Professional Communication Consultants (APCC) has recognized Dan Dietrich and the late Hank Sparapani of the English faculty for distinguished records of training and service to the communication consulting profession.

The award that Dietrich received will be presented in the future as the Dan Dieterich Award for Excellence in Training and the one given posthumously to Sparapani will be renamed as the Hank Sparapani Award for Excellence in Service.

The professors were co-founders of the Association of Professional Writing Consultants, which expounds on becoming the APCC, an international organization that helps people in all professions develop their writing, reading, speaking and listening skills. Dietrich and Sparapani presented more than 100 writing training programs throughout the country since 1978.

Dietrich came to UWSP in 1976 and is affiliated with the UWSP Tutoring Learning Center. Sparapani was a faculty member for 27 years before his unexpected death (For an obituary, see page 17).

Housing officers honor Mosier

The former director of residential living at UWSP has been honored with an award named for him by a regional association of university housing officers.

The Robert Mosier Professional Enrichment Award is one of two major awards given annually by the Upper Midwest Region of the Association of College and University Housing Officers. It is given for outstanding commitment to professional development of housing and residence life staff.

Mosier, who received the award in 1991, presented it to the 2004 winner at the organization’s recent conference. He has won numerous awards from the association in the past and in 2001 was inducted as a member of the National Chapter of Alumni and Friends of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

Mosier resigned from the residential living position last summer in order to co-coordinate UWSP’s self-study process for the NCA accreditation. He has served UWSP for 33 years, eight as housing director.

Faculty and staff retirements

Phil George

Phil George, an administrator who has helped more than 60,000 students obtain more than a half billion dollars in financial aid during his 34 years at UWSP, retired in December.

George began his career in 1970 as the youngest director of financial aid in the UW System, helping students through the college funding process and seeing the amount of student aid rise to over $37 million annually. He was an active member and two-year president of the Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and he has been involved in regional and federal financial aid processes and software management.

A Connecticut native, he previously taught high school English in Vermont and worked in financial aid at the State University of New York-Fredonia. His retirement plans include consulting work, writing, gardening, home improvement projects and woodworking.

Portia Hamlar

Portia Hamlar, assistant to the chancellor for equity and affirmative action, retired in September after three years of service at UWSP.

A former labor relations attorney, Hamlar implemented a number of programs to promote diversity at UWSP during her tenure, including diversity circles training and enhanced minority recruitment and mentoring.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Hamlar has worked as a vocal music teacher, law professor, adviser to black law students and as labor and environmental counsel for Chrysler Corp. and associate counsel for the Michigan Bar.

Hamlar returned to Detroit after retirement and plans to finish writing her autobiography and a history of her alma mater, Alabama State University, from 1920-1963, when it was headed by her father and grandfather.

Alan Haney

Alan Haney, an ecosystem restoration expert and former dean of the College of Natural Resources, retired in January.

Haney’s career as dean, from 1998 to 1998, was a time of growth for the CNR, including a $10 million building addition. Regarded as an expert on the endangered oak savanna ecosystem, he was instrumental in bringing ecosystem management principals into the CNR curriculum. In recent years he has dedicated his career to the classroom and to research with students. He has been active in and served as a science adviser to several conservation groups. Previously he taught at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, N.C. and the University of Illinois.

He has two books in the works and is continuing research on the Boundary Waters ecosystem in northern Minnesota. He also plans several paddling trips during retirement.

William Kirby

William Kirby, a professor of education and a pioneer of distance education, retired in January after 36 years at UWSP.

An educational testing and statistics specialist, he was one of the first UWSP faculty members to use a computer and teach classes statewide via television and satellite. He was recognized by UW-Extension and a national continuing education association and honored for excellence in teaching from the School of Education. He and his family led a group of students on a semester abroad to Great Britain in 1974 and he led a second trip in 1999 with his wife, Lynn.

Before coming to UWSP in 1968, he served as a National Defense Education Act Fellow at the University of Maryland and also taught fifth grade in Baltimore County, Md., in the early 60s.

His retirement plans include traveling in the Southwest U.S. to attend Elder Hostels and "re-vamp his mental energy" as well as exercising, reading, and not surprisingly, online teaching.

Also retiring recently was Dee Seyfarth of the Financial Aid Office.
Noel Fine Arts Center nears finale

As the Noel Fine Arts Center addition nears completion, the music, theatre and dance departments are looking forward to moving into the building by the end of the spring semester. The building will be in use over the summer and a celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in early October, kicking off a year-long celebration of signature events and performances. Look for more information about these festivities in the September issue of The Alumnus.
**Trivia ‘keeps on’ in 2005**

"Keep on Trivia" is the theme for UWSP’s 2005 Trivia Weekend, featuring the "Keep on Truckin’" catchphrase coined by 60s avant-garde cartoonist Robert Crumb.

The world’s largest trivia contest will be broadcast on the student radio station, 90 FM WWSP, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 8, and lasting 54 straight hours until midnight on Sunday, April 10.

Eight trivia questions are read each hour on WWSP, and teams have the length of one or two songs in which to call in answers. Teams may participate in the Trivia Parade that winds through campus Friday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

Teams must register in advance at the 90 FM studios in the Communication Arts Center 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. Trivia has received media attention from USA Today, the Chicago Tribune and the Jeopardy! game show. For a complete list of rules, a list of teams and everything you need to know about the contest, visit the WWSP Web site at www.uwsp.edu/stuor/wwwsp and click on Trivia.

WWSP has served the Stevens Point community for 35 years with programming including blues, jazz and alternative music.

**COCFAC welcomes development duo**

An alumna and an associate lecturer at UWSP are combining their talents as interim development co-coordinators for UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC). Kristin Duckart, ’89, Wisconsin Rapids, an instructional assistant and graduate student in communication at UWSP, and Tiffany Wilhelm, Stevens Point, an associate lecturer in arts management and executive director of the Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum of Stevens Point, are sharing the post vacated by Mike Fahey, who took a state relations position with the UW-Madison Alumni Association.

The two will serve part time through October. A permanent replacement will be found when a new COFAC dean is hired after Dean Gerard McKenna retires this summer.

A native of Sauk Prairie, Wilhelm earned degrees in arts management from UW-La Crosse and Florida State University. Prior to coming to UWSP, she was artistic administrator for the Arizona Theatre Company in Sarasota, Fla., and worked as a marketing consultant and graphic designer for Theatre TCC! at Tallahassee Community College.

**Treehaven looks to the future**

With the completion of the White Pine Lodge residence cabins, UWSP’s Treehaven Field Station is looking to the future and a capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to support improvements, construction and programming for school-age students.

Formerly known as part of the Doublet Cabin Project, the White Pine Lodge was completed in June 2004 with funding from the Vallier Foundation, Stahmer Foundation, Tomahawk Community Bank, Wisconsin Public Service and others. The lodge houses both the Vallier Cabin, which sleeps three, and Stahmer Cabin, which sleeps four. Each offers visitors a common living room, deck, kitchenette and two bedrooms with private baths. Because of the design and interior connecting doors, the lodge also may be opened up for a group of seven, or separated into one cabin with three bedrooms and another with one.

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"Expanding Treehaven’s capacity to serve a wide range of people all year is critical to our fiscal future," says Treehaven Director Corky Reynolds.

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Alumni Events

Pointers celebrate

Chancellor Linda Bunnell met alumni Pat James, ’91, Appleton; Randy Porter, ’90, Hygiene, Colo.; Chris Ammon, ’88, Schofield; and Jeff Zabel, ’69, Stevens Point, at a reception before the Homecoming parade.

Left to right, Pat and Dick Parsons, ’50, Muskegon, and Ruth and William Koch, ’51, Tomahawk, enjoy a meal and friendly conversation at the football reunion last September.

Jack Leichtenberg, ’50, Madison, and Jerry Scheel, ’56, Greendale, were former football teammates.

Charlotte Wright, ’79, Iowa City, Iowa; English Professor Emeritus Richard Doxtator; and Matthew Lewis, ’80, Elmhurst, Ill., reminisced at the English Department reunion held at the Smith Scarabacchio Art Museum in downtown Stevens Point during Homecoming. Wright and Lewis were classmates in a creative writing class taught by English Instructor David Engel, ’67, who also attended the reunion.

Pointer football athletes from the 1946 and 1949 champion teams gathered for a reunion last September in the Anderson Heritage Room in the UC. Guests included, left to right, Richard Lorenzen, ’51, Hartford; Dick Berndt, ’50, Stevens Point; Jerry Scheel, ’56, Greendale; Head Football Coach John Miech, ’75, Stevens Point; Jack Leichtenberg, ’50, Madison; and Dick Parsons, ’50, Muskegon.

at reunions and Homecoming

The annual Homecoming tug ’o war tested the strength of many on the front lawn of Old Main.

Theta Xi and women’s rugby team’s 2004 Homecoming parade float re-created a classroom full of Pointer Pride. Homecoming 2005 is set for October 8.
The Toy Box Theatre Company in New York City exists to create a world of imagination and invention that challenges the existing boundaries of theatrical creativity, not unlike a child’s toy box that serves as a starting point for the imagination.

And it all began at UWSP as a dream of three theatre majors.

Jonathan Barsness, ’01, Brooklyn; Scott DelaCruz, ’00, Queens; and Michael Holmes, ’02, Manhattan; formed Toy Box in the spring of 2002, hoping to create a company that was committed to the development and nurturing of emerging artists like themselves. All the members of the company would rotate through the tasks of producing multidisciplinary works.

“We give all the credit to UWSP for planting these ideals,” says Holmes. “The department encourages actors to work as directors, designers, set builders and costume designers.”

The three first discussed their own theatre company while still at UWSP, but it wasn’t until DelaCruz moved to New York in the summer of 2000 and Barsness followed in the summer of 2001 that it became a serious possibility. Since Holmes was still in school, the three of them spent many hours on the phone and with the help of the Kirkland and Ellis Law Firm, became a legal not-for-profit organization and put on their first show before they moved to New York in the summer of 2002.

However, nothing could prepare them for the reality of producing theatre in New York, they say. “Everything costs a lot of money and it’s hard to get people’s attention when so many other things are competing for it.”

Even so, one of the first things they did was set up a scholarship for a junior or senior in theatre and dance that best exemplifies the Toy Box Theatre mission.

“If people auditioned for our company, they were always elated,” said DelaCruz. “Someone would come and tell us, ‘If I were your director, I would just make one out of modeling clay or wood.’

“So we thought we might as well see if it could be more than just modeling clay and it grew from there.”

In the summer of 2002, Holmes was in NYC for summer break. The show, a staged reading of new works by Donny Neufuss, ’01, Holmes and a New York playwright, was a success on many levels, says DelaCruz. “Looking back, he says, the best thing was that the same people who were in the audiences then are in their audiences now.

The company put on its first full-scale production, Greener Grass, in November 2002. Written and acted by Barsness and Holmes, directed by DelaCruz and staged by Diane Bailer, ’99, the show was a “crash course in learning how to run a company,” says Barsness.

“We learned about making a budget, marketing, publicizing, conducting auditions, finding rehearsal space and managing finances,” he says. “Since then, they have produced Sounds of the City, a staging of dance, poetry and music inspired by New York City; the original play Afternoon Seating, written by an 18-year-old aspiring playwright; Out to Play, a Toy Box benefit show that gave DelaCruz the chance to direct Broadway stars such as Kerry Butler and Mary Bond Davis from Hairspray; and most recently, Doctor Faustina, which closed

The three founders take turns as actors, directors, designers and stage managers in their productions, and have had help of several UWSP alumni, including choreographer Candace Jablonski, ’02, actor Susan Maris, ’03, lighting designer Chris Kay, ’03, costume designer Jennifer Paar, ’00, and actor Ryan Reilly, ’03. Mandy Pouliot, ’98, is working with the company closely and may become a fourth permanent member of the group within the year.

Toy Box also had international exposure. In 2004 the company’s production of How to Draw Mystical Creatures, written by former UWSP theatre professor Ellen Margolis, was chosen as one of the 200 productions in the International New York Fringe Festival, out of 1000 applicants. It earned a positive review and an award for Overall Excellence in Playwriting.

Future plans include another Out to Play benefit in April and having their own theatre space with a resident company of artists. For now, they continue to hold onto day jobs.

“But all of us would like to be able to make Toy Box our full-time job,” says Holmes.

Barsness, DelaCruz and Holmes welcome UWSP alumni to their shows and auditions. Find more about the Toy Box Theatre Company and future productions at www.toyboxtheatre.com.
Alumnus takes life changing trip to Thailand

Last July, Keith Uhlig, '89, spent the two most intense weeks of his life in a refugee camp near Saraburi, Thailand, learning about a people without a country as they prepared for life in America.

"What caught me off guard was the depth of human spirit that could be found there," he said. "At Wat Tham Krabok, life is boiled down to its very core. It's a beautiful thing to see."

A reporter for the Wausau Daily Herald, Uhlig traveled halfway across the globe to write a series of stories on the Hmong refugees at Wat Tham Krabok, a Buddhist temple about 90 miles north of Bangkok. There, 15,000 Hmong had made a life for many years, but now they were being offered a new start in the United States.

Some would be headed to Central Wisconsin where Uhlig lived and worked. For Uhlig, who had no prior international experience and grew up in the small town of Colby, it was a life-changing experience.

His insights became columns in the "Starting Anew" series, which ran in Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers last July and August and brought the sights, sounds and stories of the camp to life for readers in communities across Central Wisconsin.

The series, available online at www.wisconsin.com/thailand, earned a "Friends of Education" Award from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and an internal award from Gannett for Uhlig and those who joined him on the trip, reporter Hit Vang of the Oshkosh Northwestern and photographer Sharon Cekada of the Appleton Post Crescent.

Photos from the trip have been traveling around Wisconsin and the U.S., earning Uhlig a "Friends of the-wool punster. He was encouraged in the "retorical" art at his father’s knee. "We enjoyed puns around the dinner table. We had a lot of fun, though my mother didn’t necessarily think so," said DeLong, who was on the UWSP campus last fall to talk about "Wisconsin Forestry: Past, Present & Future" as a featured speaker in the CNR’s Colloquium Series.

He perpetuates puns at his own dinner table. "The pun is the only form of humor in which you want to get a groove," says DeLong, who resides in Madison with his wife, Abby, and two children.

He’s got his own share of groans through the years, and actually has made the commitment to become a "recovering" punster. But he loves to keep falling off the wagon, he adds.

DeLong’s department is one of the larger and better-respected forestry programs in the nation. He values diversity, and as his second year as forestry administrator comes to a close, he continues to focus on tenets forwarded by Aldo Leopold to establish and maintain strong relationships with the land.

"Fortunately, wood is a renewable resource, so our challenge is here to produce wood products in a way that ensures forests provide ecological, economical and social benefits both for today and for future generations," DeLong said.

He maintains a close relationship with the university. Since his graduation in 1965, he has taken part in seminars and courses, and presently is a member of the forestry advisory committee.

DeLong is the first UWSP alum to head up the state’s forestry service. UWSP alumni comprise half of his leadership team — a result of their applied training and experience rather than deliberate selection, he specifies.

"Now I’ve given you de-long and de-short of it," he said. "I’ve lived up to my reputation."

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Some of these same families are again welcoming Uhlig into their homes in Wausau, he said, as he continues writing about their lives and the changes they are facing. They are eager to learn English and how to drive and get jobs, he says.

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But there’s a more relentless side to DeLong. His family, friends, and former classmates and instructors at UWSP know him as a dyed-in-the-wool punster. He was...

"Wood-be" punster finds perfect field

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“I thought that newspaper journalism would be the best way to meet a wide variety of people, so that I could write the ‘Great American Novel,’ ” Uhlig said. “I still might.”

His first reporting job after graduation was with the Eagle Herald in Marinette. After marrying his wife, Kristina, and moving to the Twin Cities, he worked for a chain of weeklies, then a small state agency, doing public relations. Four years ago he realized he missed the newspaper business, and returned to Wisconsin to become a reporter for the Wausau Daily Herald.

When the story broke that the Wat Tham Krabok camp was being closed by the Thai government and that the United States would offer resettlement to its refugees, editors at the Herald knew this would be significant for Central Wisconsin.

“I joked with my editor that we needed to go there,” says Uhlig. “But he didn’t laugh.”

The trip progressed into a partnership between the Herald and its sister papers in Appleton and Oshkosh.

Cekada would come along to take photos and Vang, a native of Laos who had family in the camps, would report as well as act as an interpreter.

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Pictured are (from left, front) attended her graduation celebration on her parents' farm in Marathon.

headed to Antarctica for the second time last fall to study microbial diversity was titled "Choppz" Jerabek
Their wedding party included (from left standing behind the ushers)

Jenny Baeseman

Lindsey (Dube) Wiedow,

Benjamin Benesh

Stacy (Wussow) Sinkula,

Benjamin Benesh, Sara Pashak; [193x136], '01; Baeseman; [198x136], '01; '97; Baeseman; [198x136], '00; and Shane Asmus.

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Ellery Reich, '02, has joined Schenk Business Solutions’ Green

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2000s

Ruthie Baker, '04, Edina, Minn., played Patty Andrews in Christmas of Swing at the Great American History Theater in St. Paul, Minn., over the holidays. A reviewer at the Star Tribune said that "her mezzo-soprano voice is an essential joy deep inside her performer's soul." Kate Cerro, '04, Land O' Lakes, is a residential assistant with Conserve School in Land O' Lakes.

Kelly (Neyer) Nocita, '04, Stevens Point, is a support consult-
ant with Lands' End business outtakers. She is married to Mike Nocita, '04.

Richard Palczew, master's '04, Rhinelander, is a teacher with the Rhinelander School District.

Jenifer Bean, '99, master's, '03, was accepted to UW-Madison last May. She is a residence hall director at UW-Eau Claire and co-advisor of UW-ECE's Residence Hall Association Board. "Even though I may work for UWEC, I will always be a Pointer!" says Van Pay.

Stephanie Van Pay, '02, earned a master's degree in social work at UW-La Crosse in May. She is a residence hall director at UW-Eau Claire and has joined the UW-ECE's Residence Hall Association Board. "Even though I may work for UWEC, I will always be a Pointer!" says Van Pay.

Jay Bennett

Megan Flanagan

Megan Flanagan, '01, Plymouth, is a program coordinator with Health Solutions Ltd., Sheboygan. She received a master's in wellness management and applied gerontology in July from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

Dawn Schwandt, '01, Milwaukee, graduated from UW-La Crosse in May with a master's degree in emphasis with an emphasis in college student development and administration. She is a residence hall director at Turner Hall at Lawrence University in Appleton.

Andrew Halverson, '01, Stevens Point, entered UW-La Crosse in May. In September, he was accepted to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Being part of the UW-La Crosse family means a lot to me," he says. "While at UWSP, I was able to study under the guidance of some of the best professors in the country. They have shaped my life in my current profession. I want to return their kindness to the next generation of students." Anthony Vaccarella, '02, Chicago, is supplier relations manager with The BusBank, a transportation brokerage firm in Chicago. "While at UWSP, I was able to study under the guidance of some of the best professors in the country. They have shaped my life in my current profession. I want to return their kindness to the next generation of students."

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Brigid O'Hara, '04, Madison, is pursuing a degree in wildlife science at UW-La Crosse.

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Rick Cornette, ‘08, Los Angeles, recently returned to UWSP to present a seminar about his personal experience freelancing for the world, giving valuable advice to theatre and dance majors about auditions, agents, casting and pursuing a career. Cornette has had major roles in the New York production of Fame: The Musical as well as the national tours of Star Search and The West Coast premieres of The Last Five Years and Songs for a New World at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater and other television and industrial shows.

Rachel Grule, ‘08, Pewaukee, is teaching mathematics at Arrowhead High School, Hartland.

Bunmi “Boomer” Olatunji, ’00, Payette, Idaho, received the American Psychological Association Division 12 (Clinical) Distinguished Student Research Award at the July 2004 APA Convention in New York City. He defended his dissertation and plans to return to the University of Arkansas for grant-funded research with Professor Jeff Lohr.

1990s

Jody Gindt, ’99, Boyd, is a senior forensic crime scene evidence technician. He has served on the department SWAT Team and as a member of the Wisconsin Department for more than five years. He also serves on a five-member Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin’s Innovative Program of Correction Education Association and Wisconsin’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Roy Diver, ’90, Plaistow, N.H., has worked for 10 years for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Rapid Rivers Initiative. He administers Farm Bill programs for landowners in Wood County. He continues to attend UWSP, and has participated in Career Day events at the Wisconsin Lutheran College. He is married to Becky.

Tami Drew-Huiras, ’99, master’s, Wisconsin Rapids, is a social worker with the Children’s Service Society in Wisconsin Rapids. She moved to Wisconsin Rapids with her husband, Kevin Lewis, who is also a UWSP grad. She works for a new home construction firm.

Keith Boyer, ‘99, La Crosse, is a registered dietitian, author and motor of experimental food in weight loss with Thin Choices in La Crosse. Check out her book, Thin People Don’t Clean Their Plates. Her Web site is thinchoices.com. Her husband, John, is a vice president with Park Bank, La Crosse.

Education experience pay off for actress

Andrea Nauman, ’97, has made it big on the sitcom of a former “Friend.” As a member of the cast of NBC’s All in the Family of Friends in which Joey Tribbiani has moved from New York to New Jersey to make his way as an actor, Anders plays lawyer Alex Garrett, Joey’s new door neighbor and possible love interest. The show runs Thursdays at 7 p.m.

“I’m having the time of my life,” said Anders while taking a break from filming on the former “Friends” stage at Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank, Calif. “When she was shooting the new show’s sixth episode. This role has been fantastic. Cast members are really enjoying each other’s company and having a good time.”

This is Anders first regular television role. Previously, she appeared as Elaine Robinson in the Broadway production of The Graduate and had a small part in the movie, The Stepford Wives. She filmed two television pilots and had recurring roles on the HBO series O.C.; CBS’ The Guiding Light and ABC’s One Life to Live. She also guest starred on NBC’s Law and Order and Fox’s The Culling, and has worked at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

Anders credits her experiences at UWSP with helping her become an actress. “UWSP was a great place to learn and grow. I really value how all the different art forms came together into one art form while I was transitioning into adulthood.”

In addition to the scholarship, Naumann has given to UWSP through the University of Wisconsin System Foundation. In 2004, Naumann and his wife, Nicole (Cheldelin), made a charitable gift to the UWSP Music Department, which led to many new students at UWSP. In the fall of 2004, Naumann and his wife, Nicole, named the Andreu Naumann/Schulich Music Products Honorary Robert Naumann Scholarship.

Anders also recommends going to graduate school. She earned a master’s degree in theatre from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., in 2001, which led to many roles when she moved to New York City after graduation.

Andrea Nauman, ’92, Minneapolis, Minn., works for three years.

The Last Five Years

The musical was re-Imagined at UWSP under the direction of Jeff Lohr.

Inmate Art Show at the Flying Pig

Kase graduated from UWSP in 2000 and served as an intern at the Milwaukee Masonic Temple in Frohna, Mo. The business specializes in exporting hardwood timber in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Andrew Nauman, ’97, founded and owned Naumann’s, a manufacturer of historical refigurations of Baroque (valleyless) trumpets from the 17th and 18th centuries. While at UWSP, Anders had roles in I Hate Hamlet, Black Comedy, Steel Magnolias, The Taming of the Shrew and Le Mea a Tenor.

Her advice to fellow theatre students is “really work your connections.” Her former “Friends” co-star, Candice Bergen, told her that “you need to find what you have to sell yourself.”

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Sharon (Pletkink) Hobbs, ’74, Dawson, Texas, is a special education teacher at a rural Texas school with the Hubbard School District. She lives with her husband, Joseph, on a cattle ranch in central Texas and still rides and shows quarter horses. Her e-mail address is shobbs@glade.net. “I would love to hear from those who took the 1972-73 England trip,” she says.

Tuition discount for alumni families

UWSP takes pride in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our alumni. As a graduate of a quality institution within the Wisconsin university system, it stands to reason that you would wish the same UWSP experience for future generations in your family. If you want to pass the torch but nonresident tuition is holding you back, take advantage of the “Return to Wisconsin” program.

Recently approved by the UW System Regent of Boards, this pilot program offers a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition to the daughters, sons, and grandchildren of UWSP graduates. The program opened to eligible UWSP undergraduate students last fall.

Qualifying children or grandchildren are students whose parents, legal guardians, stepparents or grandparents graduated from UWSP. A “graduate” is defined as any person who has been awarded an associate, baccalaureate and higher degrees.

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

To learn more about the “Return to Wisconsin” program, see www.uwsp.edu/admissions/return2uw.htm or contact the Office of Admissions at 715-346-2441 or e-mail admissions@uwsp.edu.

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| David Ross, ’85, Klamath Falls, Ore., is restoration supervisor with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He earned a B.S. in natural resources from the Klamath Basin Ecosystem Restoration Office. He works with local groups to restore the Upper Klamath basin watershed for endangered fish. His wife, Georgia Schubnik, ’80, is a lab technician with the Center for Chinese Studies. Dwayne Butler, ’83, New Berlin, is owner of a family-run business, Digital Graphics, Germantown, which recently was highlighted in a story about small businesses in the Milwaukee Business Journal.

Previsely, an assistant sports editor with Community Newspapers, he received a number of awards for his writing, including national recognition by the Suburban Newspapers of America. He also volunteers with a group that assists low income and homeless people in Waukesha County. His wife, Barbara, is self-employed.

Sherri Crain, ’83, is dean of students at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. She has been interim dean of students at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and has spent the past 20 years working in student affairs. She earned a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Minnesota and a master’s degree at Penn State University.

Kevin Dorey, ’83, Lake Mills, an attorney with the Quarles and Brady LLP law firm in Madison, was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006. He earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin and specializes in real estate law.

Eric C. Parker, ’83, Waukesha, is a principal with the engineering and consulting firm of Schloemer, Schlemmer and Associates, Inc. Taking a lead role in the firm’s environmental group, he deals with wetland-related projects and natural resource management. He is a past board member of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and currently co-chairs the science committee of the Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin. His wife, Janet (Zwieck), ’84, met at UWSP during summer camp and have two children.

Lynee (Borkenhagen) Schroeder, ’82, Hartford, is administrative assistant to the president at Concordia University, Mequon. Her husband, the Rev. Ricky P. Schroeder, ’81, is pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Hartford. David Wood, ’80, a member of ’86, Wisconsin Rapids, was nominated to the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program. He is the owner of DaWaN Visual Images and teaches art classes, presents workshops and speaking engagements. His work was featured in the Cedar and Wisconsin Biomill Show at New Visions Gallery, Marshallfield, in December and January. In 2004, she won a stipend to exhibit her work at the Wisconsin Arts Board Gallery in Madison. Her husband, Greg Pesko, is a sales engineer. She can be reached at dawnat@wisc.net. She says, “It would be fun to find the whereabouts of my Roach Hall wing-mates from 1976 to 1978!”

William Burkmann, ’79, Knoxville, Tenn., recently accepted the position of executive director for Southern Forest Inventory and Analysis, headquartered in Knoxville. He and his wife, Peggy, relocated to Knoxville from St. Paul, Minn., where he was leader of data collection and processing at the North Central Research Station. He is the unit’s Crystal (Kaputer) Dwyer, ’79, Escanaba, Mich., was named Outstanding Educator of 2004 at Bay College where she heads the theatre and speech department and directs plays on campus and in the community. She and her husband, Ed, have been married for 25 years and have three children.

Rick Laabs, ’79, Huntington, Pa., is chief information officer for Mutual Benefit Group. Previously he was a vice president with ARG Technologies in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been employed in insurance information systems for nearly 26 years.

Mike Van Abel, ’79, Bloomfield, Colo., recently became executive director of the International Mountain Bicycling Association in Boulder. He formerly was national vice president for the American Diabetes Association. He and his wife have three children.

Jeffrey Wrase, ’79, Arlington, Va., is senior economist for the Joint Economic Committee that advises members of Congress on domestic and international economics and policies. He also is leading delegations to China on behalf of Senate staffers. He attended universities at various institutions, most recently the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and has advised members of the Federal Reserve Board. He earned a Ph.D. at Brown University.

Sue Clark Kuble, ’78, Stevens Point, is in academic counselor for Student Support Services at UWSP and the advisor of the Hmong and South East Asia Club. She earned a master’s degree in education, counseling and guidance at UW-Oshkosh in 1987. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

Tom Caston报业, master’s, ’77, Red Lake, Minn., is a trustee forester with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wisconsin Region, Red Lake Department of Natural Resources. He retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel in July 2000. Tom Caston报业, last attended ’77, is a registered nurse.

Patrick Durat, ’77, Bangkok, Thailand, is senior forestry officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He recently coordinated the “In Search of Excellence: Exemplary Forest Management in Asia and the Pacific” initiative, an analysis of 30 forests to be published in early 2005.

John Scherer, ’81, is pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. She and her husband, Tom Caston报业, are parents of twin daughters.

Connie (Schmidt) Scherer, ’77, Clear Lake, Iowa, is supervisor of Speech and Language Services for AEA 267 in Iowa. She heads a 90-person staff, that provides services to 62 school districts in eastern and northern Iowa. She and her husband, Patrick, a special education consultant, are parents of twin daughters.

Keep in touch

To be eligible for the drawing, send us your information by June 30, 2005, to be included in the Fall 2005 issue.
Jim Buchholz Sr., '76, Plymouth, received the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He has been involved with the state parks and forests for the past 28 years and is a natural resource professional in the Shawano County, where he oversees operations at Elcho State Park and Harrington Beach State Park in Ozaque County. He and his staff at Kohler-Andrew Park are chosen to receive the 2003 State Property of the Year Award. His son, Jim Buchholz Jr., '90, master's, '02, Stevens Point, is the assistant director of Schmerrc Reserve and in July will marry Sunshine Kapusta, '00, a program specialist in the Learning Experience and Activities in Forestry (LEAP) program at UWSP.

Linda Jagielo, '75, Alexandria, Va., was awarded a master's, '88, in curriculum and instruction from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Delaware in New Castle, Del., and is a member of the American Guidance Service. Jagielo serves on the board of directors for the National Head Start Association. She is married to Douglas, a mortgage broker.

Tom Meier, '73, master's, '80, manager of McMillan Wildlife Area Complex, was named Wildlife Manager of the Year. He transferred to Milwaukee in 1981 to assume responsibility for McMillan. During the ensuing 28 years, he worked with the Friends of McMillan-McGuire Association to raise money for a wildlife education center. Groundbreaking on the 6,200 square foot “green” building took place in 2004. He and his staff have created educational programs to serve more than 4,000 students who come to the center from surrounding schools. He also took part in the Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area Feasibility Study aimed at establishing more areas for prairie chickens and grassland birds.

Mike Blaszczyk, '72, Appleton, has been inducted into the George Martin Hall of Fame by the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association. A member of the UWSP Wrestling Hall of Fame, he has officiated high school wrestling since 1975. He has been active with the Fox Cities Officials Association and served on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Officials Advisory Committee and is a rules interpreter for the state wrestling team at Kimberly Middle School. He has coached football and wrestling and coordinates the annual Youth Wrestling Tournament. He and his wife, Cathy, have two daughters.

Tom Dewerth, '72, Monomonee Falls, is a hypnotherapist in Monomonee Falls. Dave Edwards, '72, Baraboo, is a detective sergeant with the city of Baraboo Police Department. His partner, a 15-year-old bomb detector, was killed in a training accident. He and his wife, Cathy, have two daughters.

Veda (Nelson) Dahlke, '22, Louisville, Ky., formerly of Westfield, celebrated her 104th birthday. She taught at schools in Sheboygan, Stoughton and Westfield, where she grew up and graduated as valedictorian of her high school class. She enjoys listening to her radio and has a long player collection.

Delta Zeta reunion

The fraternity that began as Alpha Kappa Rho in 1955 and became Sigma Tau Gamma in 1965 will celebrate 50 years at UWSP with a reunion on campus on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23.

The Gamma Beta Chapter reunion will begin Friday evening with a welcome back reception (location and time to be announced). Saturday’s activities will include a campus tour at 10 a.m., a reception at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites, 715-341-6000, through March 21 for $64.99 per night or at the Country Inn and Suites, 715-345-7006, through April 1 at $59 or $65 per night.

If you are a Sigma Tau Gamma member or “little sister” and have not received registration information or would like to know more, contact Steve Zywicky, reunion committee chair, at 715-346-3833 or szywicky@uwsp.edu.

Zahn's travel the globe for teaching career

Jim Zahn, '70, and Sherry (Kast) Zahn, '70, recently returned to Wisconsin after 30 years teaching career in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the South Pacific. They plan to attend the 2005 Sigma Tau Gamma reunion set for Saturday, April 22. They have been a part of the UWSP chapter of Delta Zeta in July. Most of the 35 members attending hadn’t seen one another in more than 30 years, she said. The next reunion will be in July 2007, e-mail her at kjkvavra@cs.com for more information.

Bill Meissner, '70, has published his fourth book of poetry, American Compass, a collection that takes the reader on a journey down the American highway. A professor of English and director of creative writing at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., Meissner also has published a collection of short stories, Hitting the Wind. He has worked in more than 150 journals, magazines and anthologies; has received numerous writing awards and conducts the week long Mississippi Creative Writers Workshop. He holds a master of fine arts from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. For information on American Compass, go to www.undpress.nd.edu.

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Alums gather in D.C.


Class Notes

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1990s

Stephanie Dalledenne-Rediger, ’55, Mosinee, died Aug. 7 at Palliative Care in Wausau at age 37. She was employed as a financial analyst for the Professional Services Group for the past eight years. Survivors include her husband, Paul Rediger, and two sons.


1980s

Paul Stadler, ’55, died Oct. 2, Plover, died Sept. 3 after fighting cancer. He was a physical education and health teacher at East High School, Wisconsin Rapids since 1973 and received the 2005 PPHS Club Award for Teaching Excellence in 2001. A certified U.S. Professional Tennis Association official, he also coached tennis at East and in Stevens Point at Pacelli High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High and Ben Franklin Junior High School. A Glee Club member, he also previously worked at The Restaurant at SentryWorld. He is survived by his wife, Susan; and daughter, Andrea.

Anne Melchior, ’77, died at age 48. She lived in West Bend.

Ellen (Grove) Houck, Rothschild, died Aug. 10, 1997. She had taught in one-room schools before teaching in the Reedsburg area for her activities in community organizations. Survivors include her husband; and sons.

Stevens Point, died June 7 at age 85. She was a journalist and married to Samuel, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and taught in several public schools. She had also enjoyed local sports including UWSP women's soccer. Her husband, Melvin, and two children survive.

Jean (McFeetor) Batten, two-year certificate ’55, died July 6 at age 85. She had lived in the U.S. Marine Corps for 30 years. She was a lay minister and Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; and four children.

Grace (Lapel) Korbich, ’46, Grantside, Ill., Feb. 27, 1997, 87, died in Lake Forest, Ill., at age 77. She was a member of the Class of 1946, and received her bachelor’s degree from Roosevelt University-Chicago in 1970. A former resident of Hurley, Wisconsin, she was a teacher in Wisconsin and Illinois for 32 years before retiring in 1997. She was active in many organizations and loved to travel, cook, golf and bridge. Her husband, Duane, survives.

Lucy (Stefanski) Sandquist, last name unknown, died Aug. 24, 1997, in Wausau, at age 79. She was born in 1918 in Wisconsin and was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She worked as a nurse in the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Parkville, Mo., and continued later at St. Mark, Rocholletal, and Holy Name, Wausau. She is survived by her sisters.

Virginia (Lundgren) Shaw, last name unknown, attended ’42, fell Feb. 18, 1997, in Stevens Point, at age 70. She was a native of Wisconsin and was a graduate of North Central College in Illinois. She was a member of the Class of 1942, and continued later at St. Mark, Rochester, and Holy Name, Wausau. She is survived by her sister.

Margaret (Clark) Wunsch, ’42, Two Rivers, died Feb. 29, 1997, in Green Bay at age 82. She was a member of the Class of 1942, and continued later at St. Mark, Rochester, and Holy Name, Wausau. Survivors include her husband, Melvin, and two children.

1970s

Jeanette Rediger, ’60, died April 1, 1985, in Stevens Point at age 85. She enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps after graduation in 1943, then served in the Pacific Northwest, where she was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. She retired as a master sergeant with 27 years of service. He was a former policeman in Calumet, Wis. and a Royalist as a switchman, brakeman and fireman for 30 years as a local expert who was active in his community organizations. Survivors include her wife, Elmar, and two children.

Marion (Roberts) Welke, ’41, Stevens Point, died Aug. 19, 1985. She served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, then taught in the Elementary School at Sturgeon Bay and Sheboygan. She was also a county extension agent in Utica, N.Y., and was an active member of the University of Wisconsin Alumni volunteer at Lincoln Center in Chicago in the 1970s. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia.

George Latta, ’40, Stevens Point, died in a car accident on Oct. 13 at age 83. She served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, then taught in the Elementary School at Sturgeon Bay and Sheboygan. She was also a county extension agent in Utica, N.Y., and was an active member of the University of Wisconsin Alumni volunteer at Lincoln Center in Chicago in the 1970s. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia.
Leonie (Cuff) Du Four, two-year certificate ‘32, three-year certificate ‘33. She was given a title of cancer at age 92. After graduation she married classmate Theodore Du Four, two-year certificate ‘32, then worked at various jobs and raised her family in Wisconsin. Following his death in 1963, she returned to college and received a bachelor’s degree in 1970 at UW-Oshkosh. She taught in elementary schools in Seymour until her retirement in 1977. Active in her church and as a volunteer, she was named Seymour’s “ Citizen of the Year” in 1990.

Elizabeth (Strawn) Hurbut, last attended 1929, died July 30 at Stevens Point at age 93. She was active with her church and community and enjoyed traveling. Survivors include five children; her husband, Kenneth, preceded her in death.

Wolfgang Horn, born in Germany, he served the German Army in World War II and was drafted into American service after the war. After the war he earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Marburg in Germany. He served for the Department of Justice in Germany, then came to the U.S. in 1968, where he taught for UWSP for 15 years, becoming an expert in creating tests to measure intelligence and personality.

Henry “Hank” Sparapani, professor of English, died unexpectedly on August 21 at age 60. He came to UWSP in 1977 and in 1978 he and fellow Professor Dan Lotzheich conducted the first of many writing workshops. The two offered specialized training for businesses across the nation, co-founded the Association of Professional Communication/Colloquium and helped organize and present workshops at the Business Communication conference held annually at UWSP. Sparapani was the first faculty advisor to the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He held degrees from Michigan State University and University of Indiana-Bloomington.

Theodore Sparapani, professor emeritus, died unexpectedly on August 21 at age 60. He was an expert in creating tests to measure intelligence and personality.

Henry Harris, a native of Wisconsin, was stationed in New Brunswick with the U.S. Army during World War II, then taught in British Columbia before working as a forester in his home country and for the Canadian government. After coming to UWSP in 1975 he was recognized several times by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (CWSO) for his work. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Roland “Rollie” Juhnke, who retired as an educator in 1994.

Deanna “De” Juhnke, named Seymour’s “Citizen of the Year” in 1990.

Wolfgang Horn, born in Germany, he served the German Army in World War II and was drafted into American service after the war. After the war he earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Marburg in Germany. He served for the Department of Justice in Germany, then came to the U.S. in 1968, where he taught for UWSP for 15 years, becoming an expert in creating tests to measure intelligence and personality.

Leonie (Cuff) Du Four, two-year certificate ‘32, three-year certificate ‘33. She was given a title of cancer at age 92. After graduation she married classmate Theodore Du Four, two-year certificate ‘32, then worked at various jobs and raised her family in Wisconsin. Following his death in 1963, she returned to college and received a bachelor’s degree in 1970 at UW-Oshkosh. She taught in elementary schools in Seymour until her retirement in 1977. Active in her church and as a volunteer, she was named Seymour’s “Citizen of the Year” in 1990.

Elizabeth (Strawn) Hurbut, last attended 1929, died July 30 at Stevens Point at age 93. She was active with her church and community and enjoyed traveling. Survivors include five children; her husband, Kenneth, preceded her in death.

Leona ‘ Peg’ (Lloyd) Vertheim, ‘29, Coloma, died Oct. 24 at age 94. She taught in Unity, then moved to Coloma Elementary for 40 years and served as a church librarian. She received a three-year certificate ‘32, and a son preceded her in death.

Loretta (Leary) Dean Carlson, ‘22, died Feb. 18, 2004, at Rockford, Ill., at age 102. She taught first grade from 1924-27 and fourth grade from 1938 to 1968 with the Arrowhead and Hartland School. She was active with women’s groups and was the first Girl Scout leader in Hartland. Her first husband, Herbert Dean, preceded her in death. Survivors include her second husband, Hub Carlson, and three children.
Cross country

The men’s cross country team made its 18th trip to the national meet and its fourth straight, earning an 11th place finish. Senior Mark LaLonde, Park Falls, was sixth overall at the national meet and also placed second at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet. The Pointers placed fourth at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships and won meets at St. Mary’s and Grinnell during the season.

The women’s cross country team won its second straight WIAC championship and went undefeated in the regular season against NCAA Division III competition for the second straight year before placing sixth at the national meet. Senior Megan Craig, Bangor, won the WIAC regular season championship against NCAA Division III competition.

Football

The football team finished 6-4 overall against one of the most challenging schedules in the NCAA Division III and nearly rallied for a conference championship after losing its first two league games and a nonconference game against national finalist Linfield (Ore.). The Pointers won four straight conference games, rallying from behind in the fourth quarter for three straight wins before losing the season finale at UW-River Falls. Senior tight end Ross Adamczak, Plover, was a second-team All-American and quarterback Brett Borchart, Huntley, Ill., was a first-team preseason All-American and is the men’s all-time leading scorer. Coach Jack Bennett also passed Hale Quandt as the winningest coach in school history.

Winter winners

Men’s basketball

The men’s basketball team achieved the second-longest winning streak in school history, entering its holiday break. Senior Jason Kalsow, Appleton, became the school’s all-time leading scorer. Coach Jack Bennett is the men’s all-time leading scorer. Coach Jack Bennett also passed Hale Quandt as the winningest coach in school history.

Soccer

The women’s soccer team captured its 11th conference championship in the 13-year history of the league and also claimed the WIAC tournament title with a 1-0 victory over UW-Oshkosh. The Pointers made their eighth straight NCAA tournament appearance and defeated Concordia (Wis.) in the first round before losing to the University of Chicago. UWSP finished the year 16-5-1 with four of its five losses posted against ranked teams. Senior defender Tara Schmitt, Brookfield, was named the WIAC Player of the Year.

Tennis

The women’s tennis team finished sixth at the WIAC championships for the second straight season. Kim Goron, Green Bay, was the consolation champion at No. 3 singles to lead the Pointers.

Volleyball

The volleyball team achieved its highest win total since 1998 with a 21-14 overall record. The Pointers played another strong schedule with eight of their losses coming against ranked opponents. Sophomore Lori Marten, Pittsville, was named to the all-WIAC defensive team and set a school record for single-season digs.

Women’s basketball

The women’s basketball team achieved the second-longest winning streak in school history, entering its holiday break. Senior Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was named the WIAC Player of the Year.

Men’s hockey

The men’s hockey team opened the year 6-4-2 and went undefeated through its first three conference games. Senior Mike Brokota, Appleton, became the 20th player in school history to reach 100 career points and tied a league record with five assists in a single game as the Pointers beat fifth-ranked UW-River Falls.

Women’s hockey

The women’s hockey team opened the season with eight straight victories and was among the nation’s top-ranked teams. Last year’s national runner-up, the Pointers played their first six games of the year outside Wisconsin and then beat UW-River Falls and UW-Superior, the top two challengers to the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association title. Senior Ann Ninnemann, Rosenmont, Minn., scored her 100th career point in an overtime win at Lake Forest on Nov. 20.

Swimming and diving

The swimming and diving teams are both among the challengers for WIAC championships as the men are contending for their third straight crown. UWSP had several individuals and relays earn nationally qualifying times at the Wheaton Invitational earlier in the season. The Pointers also took time away for their winter training trip to Barbados in January.

Wrestling

The wrestling team has been among the nation’s top ranked teams once again this year and opened the year with a 6-2 record. Senior Cody Koenig, Underwood, Iowa, is on pace to become one of the school’s all-time winningest wrestlers and is among the nation’s top-ranked competitors at 174 pounds.

Football

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Winter winners

Men’s basketball

The men’s basketball team achieved the second-longest winning streak in school history, entering its holiday break with 17 consecutive victories. The defending national champions spent the first half of the season as the unanimous No. 1 team in the country and won their first eight games all by at least 11 points. Senior Jason Kalsow, Huntley, Ill., was a first-team preseason All-American and is the men’s all-time leading scorer. Coach Jack Bennett also passed Hale Quandt as the winningest coach in school history.

Women’s basketball

The women’s basketball team was nationally ranked for the first four weeks of the season and opened the year with a 6-3 record before the holiday break. Senior Amanda Nechuta, Mosinee, was a first-team preseason All-American and has become the school’s all-time leading scorer.

Golf

The men’s golf team placed fourth at the WIAC championships for the second straight year. Sophomore Suse Lewis, Crystal Lake, Ill., shot below 90 for every round during the season and posted an 83.7 average while placing ninth at the conference meet.
(1) Stevie Pointer bobblehead dolls $10
Proceeds from colorful 6 1/2" mascots support UWSP Athletics. Contact Alumni and University Relations, 715-346-3811 or 877-764-6801 toll free, or alumni@uwsp.edu

(2) UWSP pendant $160
The 14 karat gold pendant is 3/4" wide. Chain not included. Contact Lee Ayers Jewelers, 1044 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or 715-341-0411

(3) Old Main signet ring $220 to $350
Four side designs available, please specify two. Silver rings, $225 for men’s and $220 for women’s; 10 karat gold, $315 and $285; 14-karat gold, $350 and $335. Contact Sean Brick, Brickhouse School Services, 1000 Rolling Green Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313 or brickhouse007@att.net or 920-494-6111

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

(5) Diploma frame $199

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

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

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Mon-Thur 8am-7pm
Friday 8am-4:30pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Sunday Noon-5pm
MARCH

Spanish Colonial Religious Art 1650-1950: Work from a Midwest Collection and Stevens Point Area School District Elementary School

Artwork
Sunday, March 6-Sunday, April 3; reception Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery, Noel Fine Arts Center

Music Department recitals and concerts
All events are in Micheleau Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center
7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted

Voice Recital-Tuesday, March 8
Symphony Orchestra, Wednesday, March 9
Combined Bands-Thursday, March 10
Combined Choir-Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m.

March Percussion Ensemble-Tuesday, March 15
Jazz Ensemble-Concert-Wednesday, March 16
Centraline Trio, guest artist-Tuesday, March 29

35th Annual International Dinner
Saturday, March 12, 5:15-10 p.m.
Laud Room, University Center
715-346-5819 or isidow@uwsp.edu

APRIL

Music Department recitals and concerts
All events are in Micheleau Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center
7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted

Composers Concert-Monday, April 4
Rodale/Writer faculty recital-Tuesday, April 5
Horn Quartet, Monday, April 11
Voice Recital-Wednesday, April 13
Jazz Ensemble, Friday, April 15

Guest artist clarinetists-Monday, April 18
Opera performances-April 21-23
Campus Band-Sunday, April 24
Flute Choir-Monday, April 25
USP Symphony Orchestra-Wednesday, April 27
String Chamber Concert-Thursday, April 28
Solere Musicales-Friday, April 29

AIRPO Pow Wow
Saturday, April 2, 1-10 p.m.
USP Berg Gym, Health Enhancement Center
715-346-5376

Performing Arts Series:
Bruce Wood Dance Company Wednesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theatre

Performing Arts Series:
Kristin Kerb, jazz bassist
Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
Micheleau Hall, Noel Fine Arts Center

Trivia 2005, “Keep on Trivia”
Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10
90 FM, UWSP

Department of Theatre and Dance: “Musical the Musical”
April 8, 8 p.m.; April 9-10 & 13-16, 7:30 p.m.;
April 16, 2 p.m.
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

USP Juried Student Exhibition and Paul Leonard: Recent Work
April 10-May 1; reception, Sunday, April 30, 2-4 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery and Schneider Student Gallery
Noel Fine Arts Center

43rd Annual Festival of the Arts
Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
USP Berg Gym, Health Enhancement Center

Melvin Laird Youth Leadership Day
Monday, April 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
University Center

USP Alumni Board of Directors meeting
Saturday, April 25, Noon-4 p.m.
Founders Room, Old Main

JUNE

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps
June-August, Youth, camps, ages 6-17
June-July, Family Adventure Camps
www.usp.edu/adventureclass

Class of 1955 50th Class Reunion
Friday-Saturday, June 17-18
USP campus

2005 North Star Summer Theatre
New Horizons production, David Aubrey’s Proof
June 22-26, 9 p.m.
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center

USP events calendar

http://events.uwsp.edu

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Spring Workshop
Saturday, April 23-Sunday, April 24
Portage County Cultural Festival
Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Stevens Point Area Senior High School

Lee Sherman Dreyfus University Center Dedication
Saturday, April 30, 2-4 p.m.

50th Annual National Wellness Conference
July 9-14
USP campus

American Suzuki Institute, session one
July 31-August 6
USP campus
www.usp.edu/cnr/bow

American Suzuki Institute, session two
August 2-13
USP campus
www.usp.edu/cnr/bow

Future Homecoming dates:
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006
Foundation Board meeting
Location TBA

SEPTEMBER

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18th Annual Festival of India
Saturday, Oct. 8
Garrison Point Arts Senior High School
www.garrisonarts.org/SHAMA/

Foundation Board meeting
Monday, Oct. 10
Location TBA

American Suzuki Institute Hawaiian Holiday trip
Location TBA

American Suzuki Institute Northern California trip
July 10-17
715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu

30th Annual National Wellness Conference
July 9-14
USP campus

American Suzuki Institute, session two
July 31-August 6
USP campus
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For information, contact director Caren Heff at 715-346-4797 or cheff@uwsp.edu.