It’s a great day to be a Pointer!

Ask a few UWSP alumni how they benefited from attending UWSP and you are bound to hear a variety of answers. “I found a career I enjoy,” “Supportive professors helped me get my degree,” “I met my spouse there,” “I studied abroad and had the time of my life,” “or “I made life-long friends.” The list goes on.

Fortunately, the benefits of being UWSP alumni did not end with your college career. With a new Alumni Association Web site, online community, credit card program and e-mail forwarding service as well as the current alumni travel programs and discounts on out-of-state tuition, insurance and alumni gatherings, now there are even better reasons to celebrate being Pointer alumni.

“Our main goal in the alumni office is to keep alumni connected to each other, the UWSP campus and current students,” says Laura Gehman Rottier, director of Alumni Affairs. “We do this by creating opportunities for alumni to spend time together both in person and online. We realize that for many, once they leave campus, the Internet is a main way to stay in touch. That’s why this year we’ve focused a lot of our efforts into revamping the alumni Web site, trying to make it user friendly and launching an online community.”

While the online community is in its early stages, there is already a lot of interest, adds Gehman Rottier. “Prior to the official launch we had already over 70 alumni sign on to the community and several signed on for the free permanent e-mail forwarding service. We hope that our online efforts, coupled with events both on and off campus, can give alumni the tools they want to stay connected with each other and our alma mater.”

Alumni Affairs online, www.uwsp.edu/alumni

With a new look and many new features, the Alumni Affairs Web site is a great resource for both alumni and friends of UWSP. Through the site, alumni may reach out to friends through The Connecting Point e-mail newsletter, volunteer, find out when the next alumni event will be held in their area, check out the Homecoming schedule, find out when the UWSP Foundation, request a transcript, buy a Pointer sweatshirt and much more.

The Connecting Point

An exclusive Web site for UWSP alumni. The Connecting Point was launched from www.uwsp.edu/alumni in February to offer Pointers a free online community for connecting with one another. It offers an online directory for alumni to update their contact information, find friends and submit class notes, announcements and memorials as well as a permanent e-mail forwarding service and alumni events calendar.

Alumni travel programs

In recent years, Pointers, their friends and family have traveled together both internationally and across our nation in 10 trips offered through the Alumni Association. This month over 17 alumni are headed to Austria, and in May alumni and friends from UWSP will join alumni from UW-River Falls on a fishing trip to the Wiley Point Wilderness Lodge in Ontario, Canada. In September, a trip to Italy is being offered (for details, see page 2).

Alumni made first tackle at 2006 Super Bowl

Clint Kriewaldt, last attended, ’98, made the first tackle of the game on the opening kickoff. By the end of the fourth quarter, the reserve linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers was a member of the world champion team.

Kriewaldt took part in all the Steelers’ special teams during their 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on February 5 at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. It marked the second straight year a former Pointer has won a major pro football title after quarterback Scott Krause, ’04, Waist maker, was a member of the 2004 Toronto Argonauts Canadian Football League Grey Cup squad.

Now in his seventh season in the National Football League, Kriewaldt began his career in Detroit as a sixth round draft choice and played for the Lions for four years. He has played three seasons with the Steelers, wearing number 57 and appearing in every game this season. In his two starts, he made a total 13 tackles. He also had four tackles at Lambeau Field against the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 6. During his NFL career he has played in 95 games and made 143 total tackles, including 109 solo stops.

As a member of the Pointer football team from 1995 to 1998, Kriewaldt became the UWSP all-time leading tackler with 416 during his career. He also scored 16 touchdowns in his last two seasons with UWSP. He was the first four-time unanimous first-team All Conference player in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, was named first team by all three Division III All-American publications and made 12 tackles in the Aztec Bowl, a game featuring Division III All-Stars. Kriewaldt also was named Player of the Year by WIAC and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. A native of Shiocton, Kriewaldt majored in interior architecture while at UWSP. He and his wife, Jamie (Lowney) Kriewaldt, ’01, a member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame as a player on the 1998 softball championship team, reside in Pennsylvania and in Appleton during the off season.

UWSP Athletics’ Assistant Director Jim Strick contributed to this article.
Is it 2006 already? Time really does seem to fly here at UWSP. The new year brought some big changes to our cozy office on the second floor of Old Main. We launched a new Web site and online community, brought a new assistant director on board, held several terrific events, met with volunteers from around the state and even found time to rearrange the office furniture!

You might notice a few new faces in our staff photo. I’d like to introduce our new assistant director, Katie Carlson, who joined the office in January. Katie is a Stevens Point native who brings a wealth of community knowledge to our office. A seasoned event planner with a range of diverse experiences, she is a wonderful asset to Alumni Affairs. I hope you get to meet her at one of our alumni events in the future.

Amidst all the change and hoopla, our mission remains the same: to keep you connected to your alma mater and each other. We hope you will find the new Web site to be user friendly. We also encourage you to play around in the online community, which allows you to update your own information and gives you access to a free alumni e-mail forwarding service. While this is not an account, having a permanent alumni e-mail address should save you a few mass e-mails to friends as well as keep you in the loop with what’s going on for alumni both on and off campus.

Outside of the virtual world, the Alumni Affairs Office is also working to give alumni exclusive travel offers and better benefits. Starting in April, the Alumni Association will be launching a new credit card that offers reward points as well as five star customer service to alumni. We will continue offering international travel through an affinity program, with the next stop being Italy. And, of course, we will continue to facilitate connections through on and off campus reunions and events. This summer and fall we are planning a series called “Welcome to Our City” to encourage recent graduates to meet alumni in their new surroundings and join a new Pointer family wherever life takes them. We hope you join us at a “Welcome to Our City” event in your area to help welcome new graduates to YOUR city!

Best wishes from the second floor of Old Main.

Warmly,
Laura Gehman Rottier

A note from Laura
Loecher heads alumni board

Following seven years on the Alumni Board of Directors after becoming its youngest member in 1997, Shannon Loecher, ’93, Minneapolis, Minn., became the board president in the fall of 2005. An independent consultant for the sports industry, Loecher joined the Alumni Association Board after working on a committee of alumni running the inaugural Terry Porter Golf Classic fundraising event. She was thrilled when Alumni Association Director Terri Krueger asked her to become involved. In a way, she was back home, with family, she says.

Leaving UWSP after her graduation was not easy, she says. “Although I felt I was ready to move on and UWSP had prepared me for the real world, I cried the entire way to Minneapolis. I realized I was saying goodbye to so many special people who had essentially become my family in a home away from home.”

A native of Austin, Minn., Shannon originally planned to attend a private college but on a friend’s suggestion, visited UWSP as a high school senior and decided to enroll here instead. She says she liked the idea of coming to a larger school where she would have many opportunities to get involved on campus and within the community, both in and apart from her dietetics major.

While an undergraduate, she served as Watson Hall president and as a student assistant in the men’s basketball program. She was a member of the National Residence Hall Council, Dietetics Club and Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society.

Among her favorite memories are walks to Belts in freezing cold weather, Yell Like Hell competitions at Homecoming, watching the Hockey team win four national championships and going on many basketball road trips, including one to the Bahamas for a tournament.

Current director of corporate relations for Hazeltine National Golf Club, Shannon is working on the 2006 U.S. Amateur and 2009 PGA Championship. She has worked for the University of Minnesota, National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Hockey League and Professional Golf Association (PGA).

“I consider myself very lucky to be able to get up every day and truly enjoy what I am paid to do,” she says. She credits Frank O’Brien, Bob Semling and Bob Parker for giving her experience in the Athletic Department that gave her a foot in the door for her career. “To this day I consider them mentors that I can call if I need an outside opinion or some words of advice,” she says.

Shannon hopes that other alumni feel the same way about their alma mater.

“The sole purpose of the Alumni Association is not for fundraising,” she says. “You are automatically a member of the Alumni Association for life, so we can work on that legacy for the many generations to follow.”

Nominations now being accepted for alumni award

Do you know an outstanding alumna that deserves to be honored? The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for one Distinguished Alumna per year. If you would like to learn more about the criteria used to select the Distinguished Alumna or to nominate someone for this honor, please visit http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni/Distinguished_Alumna.htm. While the office accepts nominations on an ongoing basis, only one Distinguished Alumna is chosen each year to be honored the Saturday before commencement.

“It’s a great day to be a Pointer!” Continued

“These troops are a terrific way for alumni to reconnect in a unique location and in a meaningful way,” says Gehrmann Rottier. “This program is growing thanks to our alumni, who are, it seems, eager to travel. I think our strong international program units has a lot to do with that given the number of students who go overseas through UWSP. That student experience resonates long after you step foot off the UWSP campus.”

Return to Wisconsin Tuition Discount

 Discounts on UWSP tuition are possible for children and grandchildren of alumni living out of state. With the “Return to Wisconsin” nonresident discount program, a 25 percent waiver of nonresident tuition is offered to all qualifying UWSP undergraduate students. Eligible non-resident students include those who are residents of states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as residents of U.S. territories and foreign countries.

For more information about the purposes of this program, parents are defined as biological, adoptive, step parents, and/or legal guardians.

Grandparents are defined as biological or adoptive grandparents. Grandparents are defined as persons who have been awarded a baccalaureate, associate or graduate degree from UW-Stevens Point.

The return to Wisconsin discount applies only to nonresident tuition, meaning that housing, food costs, segregated fees and all other expenses will be charged at the same rates applicable to all other students. Currently, the program represents a $3,580 discount based on full-time enrollment for a full academic year; however, a student does not need to enroll full-time to take advantage of the 25 percent discount. The discount is renewable as long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the UWSP catalog.

To learn more about the program, go to www.uwsp.edu/admissions/webpages/returnto.html, call (715) 346-2441 or e-mail admiss@uwsp.edu.

The Cardio Center

Alumni in the Stevens Point area can exercise while overlooking their alma mater at the Cardio Center, located in the upper level of the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs.

Open to UWSP faculty, staff, students and MSTC students as well as alumni and their spouses, the Cardio Center includes 65 strength and cardiovascular machines in its facility of over 7,500 square feet. Those using the Cardio Center can benefit from nationally certified personal trainers; holistic health classes including yoga, meditation, Pilates, Latin dance and karate; shower facilities; free towels and lots of locker space. The center is also free on Friday evenings beginning at 5 p.m. Memberships are available for the semester, partial semester, summer, academic year or calendar year. Fees and information may be found at www.uwspcardiocenter.com or by calling (715) 346-4711.

Affinity Programs

What is an affinity program? Businesses with affinity programs offer discounts and special services for alumni while contributing revenue to the UWSP. The Connecting Point and Alumni Association activities. The revenue in turn benefits alumni by reducing alumni event costs and allowing the office to charge minimal fees for gatherings and reunions. Links to current affinity programs may be found on the alumni Web site.

Sentry Insurance offers a variety of discounts to alumni dependent on insurance needs. Alumni requesting quotes also are entered into prize drawings (see page 2).

UWSP alumni may apply for the new US Bank affinity credit card as of April 1. The program offers high customer service and a point earning system that offers travel, leisure merchandise and gift certificate rewards.

M&I Nelnet offers a loan consolidation program to alumni with borrower benefits that include either reducing the interest rate or principal balance after meeting certain criteria as well as reduced application fees.

Click on the link to roomrate.com through the alumni Web site for competitive rates on hotels in the Stevens Point area.

Buy diploma frames from Campus Images and class rings from Jostens through the Web site and the Alumni Association will receive benefits from your purchases.

Alumni donate trees

A business owned by two alumni donated 10 large trees from their nursery to UWSP. Eco-Builder & Forestry, LLC of Stevens Point and Wausau, owned by Tom Girolamo, ’82, and Kathy Clarke-Girolamo, ’83, made the donation to replace trees damaged on campus during a late summer windstorm in Stevens Point in 2005.

The donated red, white and Austrian pines were 6 to 10 feet tall and, according to Tom, all grown by a method where the root system is pruned automatically. “The root pruning system produces trees with light weight and fibrous root balls that can easily be handled by just a one or two-person planting crew,” he said.

Eco-Builder & Forestry designs, installs and maintains sustainable and environmentally friendly landscapes. They also provide large property consulting and management. The company grows their own plant material at their nursery near Lake DuBay and produces a variety of specialty labor saving and natural resource conserving products for the landscape, horticultural and industry and consumers.

Laura Mundschau, ’97, is the company’s landscape designer and computer technician.
Annual campaign making an impact

The Annual Campaign for Point has the impressive goal of raising a half million dollars to benefit the UWSP campus and students. After one semester of calling, the goal is now fifty percent achieved thanks to the support from over 3000 of our loyal alumni, parents and friends!

During the spring semester, students called alumni whose last name begins with A-L and also parents of freshmen and seniors. Starting in February, the Foundation began calling parents of sophomores and juniors, as well as alumni with names beginning with M-Z. This year’s goal is to reach more alumni by calling just once and asking them to contribute to those programs that they have supported in the past.

If you haven’t received your call yet, please pick up your phone because it just might be Kristina DeWitt, a senior from New London majoring in wildlife education who will graduate in December. “Our alumni are great to talk to,” says Kristina, a daytime caller who often speaks with older alumni. “They are always very friendly and continue to be interested in what’s going on here at UWSP.”

Did you know that thousands of employers match gifts their employees make to qualified charities? To find out if your employer will match your gift to UWSP, ask our caller! We have an online database listing thousands of matching gift employers. You may also check with your human resources department. With your help, together we can make an even greater impact on the quality of education here at Point!

Ross remembered as supporter of UWSP

John M. Ross, ’58, Waupaca, a former board member and president of the UWSP Foundation and supporter of UWSP, died of cancer on Feb. 28 at age 69.

A native of Stevens Point, Ross earned a bachelor’s of science degree from UWSP in conservation education, he became a National Park Service ranger-naturalist on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He later earned a Master’s degree at Indiana University in recreation and park administration. He then joined the Department of the Interior Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. In 1969, Ross joined the faculty of Indiana University where he taught courses in recreation and park administration. From 1984 to 1994, he served as director of development and external relations for IU’s School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He retired in 1998.

Ross served on the UWSP Board of Foundation Directors from 1997 until 2003, serving as president from 2001-2003. He also served on the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board and established the Ross-Schmeckel Endowment for support of Schmeckel Reserve. Ross and his wife, Nancy, who survives along with their son and daughter, were generous financial supporters of UWSP.

“As a volunteer, John was always pushing the envelope toward excellence through his creative ideas, his gentle demeanor, and his ability and commitment to help behind the scenes,” said Steve Menzel, director of development and public relations for UWSP’s College of Natural Resources. “UWSP will miss him dearly.”

In tribute to John and Nancy’s contributions to the university, UWSP is establishing the John and Nancy Ross Amphitheater, an outdoor gathering place located on the edge of Schmeckel Reserve. The amphitheater will include natural landscaping, tiered seating, solar-powered light lighting, a stage area and an engraved stone honoring the Rosses. The estimated cost of the project is $6,000.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Menzel at 715-346-2032 or smenzel@uwsp.edu

Foundation Board welcomes new members

The UWSP Foundation Board of Directors recently added two new members and honored an emeritus member.

Helen Godfrey, Stevens Point, and Biff Kummer, ’73, Downing, Ky., have been three year terms as board members.

At UWSP, Godfrey, assistant chancellor emerita of student affairs, served in a variety of roles prior to her retirement in 1999. In 2004, she served as interim director of the Foundation Board and as a community Chancellor.

Virginia Helm. She is also well known for her $50,000 donation to what is now the Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center. Godfrey also serves as chair of the YMCA Camp Manito-wish Board of Directors, is a member of the Portage County Community Foundation Board and has received the UWSP Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Achievement Award.

Kummer is a retired professor of physical education and recreation at Western Kentucky University. He is also a member of the Dorothy K. Voller Foundation Board of Directors and the Komprex Family Fund Board of Directors and has served as a member of the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board for three terms. Kummer’s past honors include an outstanding alumni award from the Department of Recreation and Leisure at the University of Utah and the Silver Beaver from Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to youth.

Robert (Bob) Worth, ’50, was honored for more than 25 years of service to the UWSP Foundation Board, including serving as its president. The retired chairman of The Worth Company, Stevens Point, he is a recipient of the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Worth is also an emeritus member of the board of directors of the Portage County Business Council and Kiwanis Club.

CWES acquires ‘Minister Lake’ land

The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) has acquired a 45-acre parcel east of Sunset Lake for its permanent use.

The tract includes much of the land around Minister Lake, a scenic natural pond and wetland area that has been used by CWES in the past due to a partnership with its previous owner, North New Hope Lutheran Church. In works for two years, the purchase was finalized March 15 and was made possible through grants from the state of Wisconsin’s Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Land Preservation Fund administered by Portage County and donations from friends and alumni of CWES.

“Various groups served by CWES, including youth, adults, school groups and UWSP, have been allowed to use the property for education, research and recreation,” says Steve Menzel, public relations and development coordinator for the College of Natural Resources. “The deal ensures that those uses will continue for the foreseeable future.”

Remembering UWSP faculty and staff

Thomas Overholt

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Thomas Overholt died on August 8.

After joining UWSP in 1975, Overholt participated in a number of university-wide committees and activities and won the UWSP Scholarship Award and the Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Service Award. He led a semester abroad trip to London and co-led several summer biking trips. He retired in 1999 as chair of his department. Originally from Ohio, he earned a bachelor’s degree at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, then earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He taught at Yankton College in South Dakota for 11 years, during which time he received a postdoctoral fellowship to study anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Overholt was active in several professional organizations and wrote four books on biblical philosophy, cross-cultural comparisons and Native American religions. After retirement he was active in the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society and North Central Conservancy Trust.

He is survived by his wife, Sally, and two sons.

Dan Houlihan

Dan Houlihan, Stevens Point, a professor emeritus of communication, died Sept. 1 at age 82.

While at UWSP from 1964 to 1987, he served as director of the Office of News and Publications then was a professor of journalism and advisor to The Pointer for many years. He was on a state committee for the Wisconsin Council on Criminal Justice and worked to develop Portage House, a halfway house for criminal offenders that was the first of its kind in the state. Houlihan was also involved in Stevens Point recreational leagues, was a frequent contributor to Letters to the Editor in the Stevens Point Journal and wrote a memoir, “I Love You, I said. ‘That’s Nice,’ she replied.” Born in New York City, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended Niagara University and earned degrees at St. John’s University and the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Prior to coming to UWSP he taught elementary school in Valley Stream, N.Y., operated and owned the family nursing home business, taught in Stevens Point and worked in the publication department of SENTRY Insurance in Stevens Point.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, and is survived by four daughters and six sons.

Shirley (Cudworth) Busa

Shirley Busa, Stevens Point, an academic department associate in the Department of Theatre and Dance, died Oct. 28 at age 50 after a brief illness.

Busa worked at UWSP for the last 20 years, including many years in the News Services/University Relations photography division, and she was active in the Wisconsin State Employees Union. She enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping and was taking classes at UWSP. She is survived by her husband, Norma, and a son.
**UWSP begins work on Master Plan**

A new Master Plan for the UWSP campus is in works now that the consulting firm Ken Saki Design, Inc. has been contracted for the work.

Under the direction of Chancellor Linda Bunnell, the Sasaki team has been meeting with campus students, staff, and administrators as well as members of the community to discuss ideas on facility space, landscape, campus image, transportation, campus housing, outdoor athletics and recreation, safety and sustainability. The final outcome in December will be a long-range, overall plan which will incorporate recommendations on existing buildings, new facilities, exterior image improvements, landscaping, enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle routes, response to parking needs and on-campus residential facilities.

The plan will cost approximately $500,000 and is being funded by campus funds, UWSP Residential Living and Parking Services.

Ken Saki Design, Inc. an award-winning Madison-based firm specializing in landscape architectural design, has previously worked on exterior campus plans for UW-Oshkosh, UW Green Bay, UW-Whitewater and other universities. One of the consultants on the project is Marsha Lea, a Stevens Point native who attended UWSP and her husband, Keith Lea, is a retired director of UWSP Technical Services.

**Knowledge not the only prize at Community Open House**

On Sunday, April 23, UWSP will host a Community Open House, a day of presentations, demonstrations, displays, tours and planetarium shows that will be offered free of charge. Special programs will be held at Schmeeckle Reserve, including an evening hike. Several displays around campus will have food or merchandise for sale with proceeds going to support various student organizations. The event is co-sponsored by the Worth Company, a Stevens Point fishing equipment manufacturer.

A new feature at this year’s open house is the Point Pass, for which each family will receive a card that may be stapled at various activities and buildings during the day. Drawings will be held for those who have collected the stamps, with the top prize being a family camping weekend at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. Other prizes will include gift certificates for the University Store and Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and tickets to UWSP events. For a schedule of events at the open house, see www.uwsp.edu/openhouse.

The Festival of the Arts will also be held in the Noel Fine Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring items for sale and display by more than 50 juried artists working in a wide variety of media. This event is also open to the public free of charge.

**ASID chapter honored**

The UWSP American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) student chapter newsletter won an honorable mention in the National ASID Student Chapter awards. Kelli Adelmann, chapter president, accepted the award at a luncheon in Vancouver, British Columbia, last July (pictured left).

**Student news briefs**

- **Molly Lindemann**, a senior music major from Valders, won the Undergraduate Division of the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition in November. Her first place prize included being able to perform with the ensemble and $1,200. Last year she was runner-up. Lindemann also auditioned with the National Wind Ensemble and performed with the group at Carnegie Hall in New York City in January. She is the president of Delta Omicron and a student of Music Professor Patrick Miles.

- **Twenty-five voice students performed at The National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) student auditions. Elizabeth Mazier and Katie Minich were finalists in the Freshmen Women division. Megan Youngklee was a finalist and Caitlin Last tied for third place in the Sophomore Women division; Jeffrey Bakken won first place in the Junior Men division; and Jason Zell tied for first in the avocational division.**

- **Dan Solberg, Brookfield, and Ben Wojahn, Waupun, both College of Natural Resource majors, planted a Native American Three Sisters Garden at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center in Ashland as part of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) program. The garden, an ecosystem in which sunflowers, corn, beans and squash grow together in ecological harmony, serves as an example for local gardeners. The students also helped set up community gardens in the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations that provide free produce to tribal members.**

- **Alek Toumi, an associate professor of foreign languages, has published the third play in his French series, the “Sartre-Beauvoir” trilogy. Dans Le Bourgeois e beau volé features one of the series’ main characters, the ghost of Simon de Beauvoir, who again confronts Islamic fundamentalists. The series of plays, which also includes Madah Sartre and Tasier, comments on post-colonialism and the tragedies of women and intellectuals persecuted by fundamentalists. Toumi has now written and published six books.**

- **A UWSP alumna and a UWSP student participated in the Summer Research Internship Program with the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. Melissa Gebhardt, ’05, Wausau, researched genetics involved in monogamy.**

- **Younkle was a finalist and Caitlin Last tied for third place in the Sophomore Women division; Jeffrey Bakken won first place in the Junior Men division; and Jason Zell tied for first in the avocational division.**

- **After serving an externship with Hilton hotels in London through UWSP International Programs, Courtney Sikorski, ’05, Mosinee, was offered and accepted a full-time public relations position with the company. “She not only represented UWSP and the Communication Program well but also has been able to launch what will could be a very impressive career,” says Professor Rich Ilkka, head of the Division of Communication.**

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Highly ranked for study abroad, UWSP looks to China

The Institute for International Education has again ranked UWSP among the top 20 universities for sending students abroad, according to its Open Doors 2005 report. Not only was UWSP ranked 18th in the nation among comprehensive universities for sending 357 students abroad during the 2003-04 academic year, the report spotted trends in international study that are being pursued by UWSP.

“We are so pleased to again be nationally recognized for the number of students we have been able to expose to the life-changing experiences that study abroad affords,” says International Programs Director Dave Staszak. The Open Doors report found that U.S. students are heading abroad in record numbers and that an increasing number of students are going to countries where English is not the primary language. Study abroad in China increased 26 percent, making China the number one host destination for American students.

China is now a destination offered through UWSP. Last summer, Staszak spent three weeks meeting with educators and researching the development of a semester abroad program. Accrediting agencies recently made changes to their policy regarding study in China, beginning next fall. Students who are being offered study at Sichuan University in Chengdu, as well as study tours to Beijing, Xian and Tibet. Courses, with the exception of Chinese language, will be taught in English.

Three new China programs also will be offered during the summer of 2006, including Political, Social and Cultural Transformation in China, led by Jianwei Wang, professor of political science, and Bob Wolensky, professor of sociology; Fossil Resources of China, led by Chris Liu, assistant professor of biology and Mike Borek, unit leader at UWSP's Wisconsin Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit; and business internships in China led by Gary Mullins, chair of the Division of Business and Economics.

“China has become so popular because it is in the news nearly every day,” says Staszak. “It is one of our biggest trading partners and is quickly becoming a major world economic, agricultural, and military power.”

China has a rich culture, tradition and history, he adds, and despite the country’s rise, it is still a developing country with huge challenges. “Students who choose to study there now will witness history in the making and influence the Chinese view of America,” he says.

“I found the Chinese people to be some of the most warm, outgoing and hospitable people I've met in my travels throughout the world. They are very interested in Americans, and in my experience, have a very positive view of our country and the possibilities to build new friendships and partnerships.”

Students who study abroad have several study abroad opportunities, including semesters in Australia, Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland and Spain. Students also may visit 16 countries through short-study programs over summer and winter breaks. These programs, open to a broad range of students, have consistently drawn hundreds of participants and helped the university rank among the top 20 master’s institutions for several years in a row. Since the UWSP International Programs Office was established in 1969, the campus has sent over 10,000 students overseas.

More information about UWSP International Programs is available online at www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad.
Hendel honored for photography

Grace Hendel, a retired professor of dietetics, was recognized for her photography with the addition of her poster, “Silos of Wisconsin,” to a collection of art in the College of Professional Studies Teaching and Learning Library. After she retired in 1995, Hendel traveled across the state taking photos of various Wisconsin barn silos in order to raise money for Project Milk, operated by the Diocese of La Crosse to provide powdered milk to an orphanage in Peru. She has sold 2,500 copies of the posters, with proceeds going to Project Milk.

Emeritus professor blends biology and mathematics

Charles Long, emeritus professor of biology, served as honorary chairman of the World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society Conference in Miami in January. He presented two papers at the conference which use mathematics to explain the shape and function of mammal red blood cells. His research assistants included faculty members Mark Trenholm of mathematics, Sol Sepenson of biology and Michael Veum of physics and astronomy.

GEM receives $1 million grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has funded the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center at UWSP with a $1 million grant in 2006, bringing the total amount of federal and private money for the program to more than $10 million. The bulk of the U.S.D.A. grant will go towards studying sustainability practices of indigenous people, says GEM director Victor Phillips. Formed in 2000, GEM provides several sustainability programs in Wisconsin and around the world, partnering with several Wisconsin Native American groups including the Menominee, Oneida and Ojibwe (Chippewa) nations as well as people in Asia, Central America and Africa. UWSP is a partner in the Global Environmental Management Education Academy and Society Conference in Miami.

Suzuki center named for Aber

Margery Aber, a woman who brought music to the lives of many Stevens Point area children, was honored on October 1, 2005, with the dedication of the Aber Suzuki Center on the first floor of the new Noel Fine Arts Center. The founder of the Suzuki program at UWSP, Aber is credited for making the campus nationally known for Suzuki talent education and for creating the American Suzuki Center on the first floor of the new Noel Fine Arts Center. The installation of her poster in the CPS building.

Trivia: Contest gets a little more “Odd”

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For complete rules, a listing of teams and registration information visit the 90FM Web site at www.uwsp.edu/utousy/msg2 and click on “Trivia.”

Retirements

Susan Gunderson

Susan Gunderson, ’95, an academic staff outreach manager for UWSP Continuing Education, retired last July. She worked at UWSP for 21 years, the last 12 in Continuing Education where she was honored for her creation of the Pulp and Paper Educational Resources (PAPER) Academy certification program as well as the Management Certificate for Manufacturers. She also worked in the Graduate Office, College of Letters and Science and Division of Business and Economics while earning her bachelor’s degree at UWSP. In the community she was involved in several leadership programs and created SalesNet, a club for Central Wisconsin sales managers and business owners.

Her husband, Don, also retired, serves as director of the UWSP Paper Science Foundation. The couple now spends time with their five children and six grandchildren as well as enjoying outdoor activities, volunteering and travel.

Marvin Lang

Marvin Lang, a chemistry professor for 42 years and a Eugene Katz Distinguished Letters and Science faculty member, retired in January. Prior to coming to UWSP, he taught chemistry to members of the armed forces for UW-Extension. He also served as a visiting professor at Iowa State University and UW-Madison.

Since 1980, Lang has shared his enjoyment of chemistry with the public demonstrations, workshops and talks with his colleagues, including more than 600 programs and 500 lectures throughout the United States and Europe. He gave 30-60 presentations a year, including some at Disney World, Disneyland and for members of Congress. A longtime member of the American Chemical Society, he served on the board of directors and was twice honored by the group.

He has traveled extensively to Scandinavia to give presentations and was elected to life-time membership in the Finnish Chemical Society. His retirement plans include genealogy projects, chemical stamp collecting, demonstrations, lectures and research. He and his wife, Louise, will also spend time with their three sons and ten grandchildren.

Meryl Lee Nelson

Meryl Lee (Hoeh) Nelson, ’72, an academic staff administrative specialist in the Foreign Student Office and coordinator of English as a Second Language (ESL) summer programs, retired from UWSP in February.

Since she began working at UWSP in 1991, Nelson has created ESL Web sites and promotional materials, brought the Japanese Student Services Organization Scholarship to UWSP, introduced first generation and foreign students to campus and helped them with their English skills. She earned an ESL minor for teacher certification in 1999.

Previously she was an English teacher in Tigerton and Pulaski, then she and her husband, Stewart Nelson, ’72, moved back to Stevens Point in 1977. She then worked for the Point Area Bus Co-op, Woolson Lumber Company and as a teacher for homebound students. She also owned and operated a window treatment business.

As an avid traveler, Nelson has visited more than nine countries and is planning a trip to France this summer. She and her husband will continue to host a Japanese student as they have each summer since 1991.

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Faculty use dogs for healing, helping and research

Five faculty members have literally gone to the dogs for helping, healing and research.

Biology Professor Terese Barta and English Professor Dan Dieterich own therapy dogs which they take into libraries, hospitals and care centers. Psychology Professor Mark Plonsky trains service dogs for Paws with a Cause and teaches a popular course on canine behavior. Now they’ve also come together with Associate Professor of Biology Isabelle Girard and Associate Professor of Communication Karlene Ferrante to collaborate on a project which assesses the effects of dogs on student learning at UWSP. With studies beginning this spring, the professors surmise that having dogs present in classrooms will reduce student stress levels during exams and speeches.

Surplus partnership benefits UWSP and school district

UWSP and the Stevens Point School District are working together to save money and resources through a surplus property agreement.

Initiated last fall by Fred Hopfensperger, Surplus Property Office manager at UWSP, the agreement allows the office to sell or dispose of surplus items from the school such as furniture and computing equipment. This saves the district costs in time, storage, transportation and personnel, keeps the items out of a landfill and earns the district a higher profit for items sold.

“This is a win-win situation,” said Bunnell. “I am pleased that UWSP can cooperate with the school district in a program that not only is good for the environment but offers advantages for both parties.”

During the first two months of the agreement, the school district saved $10,000 in fees for disposal of computer parts and earned more than $2,000 from the sales of surplus goods. UWSP benefits by having more goods to sell, thereby attracting and keeping more customers. “This is really a great opportunity for us to work together since we are both funded by taxes,” says Hopfensperger. “This is also a way for the campus to work with our community on a broader scale.”

Since October, the surplus office has initiated similar agreements with Portage County and Mid-State Technical College. Located at 601 Division St., Stevens Point, the Surplus Property Office operates for public sales on Fridays from 1-5 p.m.

Brown designs center for Mead Wildlife Area

Thomas Brown, an associate lecturer in interior architecture, designed the new Mead Wildlife Area Department of Natural Resources’ Education and Visitor Center in Milladore, which was dedicated in October. The building has five renewable energy systems, including wind, solar photovoltaic, geothermal, a solar hot water and a biomass masonry heater, and used environmentally friendly building materials. The area is used by school groups and the public for wildlife viewing, education and outdoor activities.

June conference targets sustainability

Jared Diamond, a scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, and Robert F. Kennedy, an environmental activist and best-selling author, will be featured speakers at the 4th International Conference on Environmental Management Education in Sweden. This summer’s theme is “Transforming Ideas into Action: Building Sustainable Communities Beyond University Campuses.”

Diamond is currently a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1998 for his book Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Civilizations.

Kennedy, known for his staunch defense of the environment, serves as the senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance. He is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law’s Environmental Litigation Clinic.

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Dreyfus University Center to undergo remodeling project

The completed Dreyfus UC remodeling project will offer:

- An expanded and welcoming west entrance area and a more prominent, inviting and cohesive facade
- An open two-story front corridor offering various small retail and student organization space
- Site improvements including entry plaza, new landscaping: a revised parking lot and loading dock and additional storage for the receiving area
- An atrium dining addition on the south side
- Renovated dining serving and seating area
- Expanded computer lab
- Remodeled kitchen space for less crowding, more efficient food production, cooking display capabilities and better space layout for delivery systems
- Laird Room expansion from 575 seats to 800 seats
- A small 175-200 person multi-purpose sloped floor theatre
- A fire suppression system
- Upgraded electrical and mechanical systems
- Review of passenger and freight elevators, roofing and associated systems for functionality, with appropriate action taken

Where did they go?

Many of the services normally housed in the Dreyfus UC began moving to new locations in January and will return to the UC when it reopens in the fall of 2007.

Delzell Hall is the new home of Conference and Reservations and the Student Government Association.

Nelson Hall is the new base of operations for Student Involvement and Employment, student organization offices, Campus Activities and Recreation, Centertainment Productions, Campus Ushers, Multicultural Resource Center, Program Services and University Centers administration.

The former County Market building at 200 Division Street is the new home of the University Store, Text Rental, University Box Office, Point Card Office and University Centers cashier. A grand opening of the University Store’s new location will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 24-25.

DeBot Center is the new location of University Dining Services.

The Learning Resource Center/University Library will house the Campus Information Center.

The Residence Hall Association will be located at 601 Division Street.

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Schimpff is a fourth generation ‘Candy Man’

For the past 114 years, a candy shop in downtown Jeffersonville, Ind., has cornered an award-winning assortment of confections. Though it did not want to see that come to an end. So in 1990, he became the fifth member of his family to run Schimpff’s Confectionery since his great-grandfather, Gustav Schimpff, Sr., opened up shop in the spring of 1891.

Still in the original building, the old-time candy shop is complete with a soda fountain, shelves of gleaming glass candy jars and a pressed tin ceiling. The shop specializes in local favorites like hard candy fish and Modjeskas, a caramel covered marshmallow named for 19th century actress Madama Helena Modjeska. Though Warren helped at the candy shop several times in his youth, he never planned on being the “Candy Man” himself.

Warren was raised on the north side of Chicago. “My father wasn’t really involved in the business, but over holidays we would go down to visit and help,” he says. He attended W.H. Taft High School where he met his future wife, Jill Wagner. While she attended Chicago Teachers College, Warren studied at Wright Junior College. In the fall of 1962, he enrolled in the Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point.

During his time in what he calls “the Land of the Golden Sands,” Warren lived in Delzell Hall, even serving one year as a “wing-buck,” or what is now called a community advisor. He also jumped at the chance to be a student lecturer in the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, a new fixture on the growing campus. Having been an Eagle Scout, Warren became an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity. His three years in Stevens Point were filled with science and daily letters exchanged with Jill.

“I also remember playing sheephead for hours after dinner,” Warren adds. He graduated in the spring of 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the newly renamed Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point. He went on to earn a master’s degree in public health and a Ph.D. in environmental health from the University of Michigan. On May 13, 1967, Jill and Warren were married in Chicago. In 1973 they moved to Stockholm, Sweden, so Warren could pursue post-doctoral work.

A year and a half later, Warren and Jill returned to the United States and began searching for jobs. While they sent out resumes and waited for responses, they worked in the candy shop with Warren’s Aunt Catherine and his cousin, Sonny. After nine months they moved to Claremont, Calif., where Warren had taken a job with the Metro Water District of Southern California, a utility company that imports supplementary water to Los Angeles.

Though he left the family candy shop behind, Warren brought his love for candy making to California. The Schimpffs began collecting antique candy-making machinery and set up a make-shift confectionery in their garage. Warren worked days testing water and spent the evenings and weekends honing his skills at the confectionery arts. During their 25 years in California, the couple helped a variety of non-profit groups make candy to sell as fundraisers.

In 1990, after the deaths of Sonny in 1988 and Catherine in 1989, Warren and Jill bought Schimpff’s Confectionery from Catherine’s estate and began to run the business from their home in California. “I just couldn’t stand to see the business die in its 99th year,” Warren says.

For nearly a decade, Warren traveled to Jeffersonville 12 to 15 times a year to check on the shop and crank out batches of specialty candies. Finally in October of 2000, Warren and Jill retired from their jobs in California and moved to Indiana to run the candy shop full time. For the Schimpffs, it has been a labor of love. When they first took over the business they closed for a short time to remodel and restore the building. When they reopened the oldest retail business in Jeffersonville, they did it for their family and for the town, Warren said.

“I’ve never worked so hard in my life… and I’m supposed to be retired,” says Warren with a laugh. “But hopefully people will remember Schimpff’s Confectionery and the people who kept it going.”

For more information about Schimpff’s Confectionery, visit www.schimpffs.com.
Alumnae share their hurricane stories

When devastating hurricanes struck the Gulf coast region last year, Americans responded with donations of money and supplies as well as their thoughts and prayers. UWSP alumni affected by the disasters also responded in their own personal ways.

Bringing food, normalcy, to a devastated city and its relief workers

On the morning of Sunday, August 28, right after the approaching Hurricane Katrina was declared a category five storm, Shawn McBride, ’73, New Orleans, La., the CEO and President of Chef Paul Prudhomme’s filet, and boyfriend, John, a vice president with the company, Prudhomme and other Seasoning Blends staff members took leave from their city and their businesses in a caravan on the north and southbound highways that were taking thousands north, away from New Orleans. “It was a strange experience,” she says of evacuating. Prudhomme’s former doctor had offered him his hunting camp in Pine Bluff, Ark., where they arrived at 3 a.m. on Monday after hours in bumper to bumper traffic. After setting up operations at the camp, and began trying to communicate with employees, taking calls from the media and planning their return to New Orleans. They purchased six trailers, generators, fuel, linens, a washer and dryer, food, water and other necessities. “It was just as if we needed to start over,” Shawn said. “We anticipated we would need a lot and we were right on target.”

Upon returning to the city 10 days later, no businesses were open. “When we came back to New Orleans, it was eerie,” she said. “Roads were impassable and many areas were filled with water. There were no cars, no people. It was a shock. We had not seen the real damage on TV. Until you saw it yourself you could not imagine it.”

Finding Chef Paul’s French Quarter restaurant, K-Paul’s, with minor damages but unable to open, they set up operations at their seasonings plant in nearby Harahan. The McBride’s home near the airport suffered flood damages and have kept them out until this month. They ended up staying at the plant for awhile, returning home only to clean up what they could.

“We whole communities are gone,” says Shawn. “There are no schools, hospitals or banks.”

“The most immediate need seemed to be feeding people so they could do their jobs,” she said. “The rescue workers, members of the military and volunteers were sleeping in tents and trailers and were eating MRE’s. To meet their needs, Chef Paul created the ‘Chefs Cook for Katrina’ Fund to provide food, supplies and paper goods to those helping with Katrina relief efforts. Equipment from the restaurant was moved to tents behind the seasoning company, where food was prepared for delivery or pick up. They had meats and vegetables delivered from Baton Rouge to give people the fresh foods and warm meals they had been missing. Thousands of meals have been served so far, and cookbooks and spices have been distributed as well.

“Comfort food took on a whole new meaning,” said McBride. “Chef Paul is the kind of person that sees food that way and he wanted to do it right. It lifted people’s spirits to see him right there with them.”

With so many employees losing everything, funds were also started for both Magic Seasoning and K-Paul’s staff. In Shawn’s hometown of New London, her sister Tambi Prey led a donation drive for food, medical goods and cleaning supplies which was sent to New Orleans in a semi trailer just as Hurricane Rita was heading their way.

K-Paul’s Louisiana Kitchen restaurant reopened Oct. 18 and the Seasoning Blends plant is operating at about 90 percent, she said. The Blends staff members left their city and their businesses in a caravan on the north and southbound highways that were taking thousands north, away from New Orleans. “It was a strange experience,” she says of evacuating. Prudhomme’s former doctor had offered him his hunting camp in Pine Bluff, Ark., where they arrived at 3 a.m. on Monday after hours in bumper to bumper traffic. After setting up operations at the camp, and began trying to communi-

Helping victims in Houston

Abby Heller, ’98, Houston, Texas, wrote her former teacher, Professor Dan Dieterich of the English Department, about her experiences with relocated victims of Hurricane Katrina last fall as Houston became a central hub for the displaced.

“I have never seen devastation in this way, this closely,” she writes. “It is absolutely heartbreaking to listen to their stories…”

She continues that during one trip to a local store she found a woman without any money begging the store manager for new clothes and personal needs. “As I walked around I watched survivors in a daze picking up toothbrushes, wash clothes, underwear, assorted necessities of life. They seemed unconscious of what they were doing. It was more watching people on auto-pilot doing what they had to do to survive.”

Community members also emptied the shelves, she added, buying items to donate to local shelters.

After spending several hours volunteering at the American Red Cross to take phone calls from survivors, Abby heard even more of the same kinds of stories - parents wanting to get their children in school but not having the resources for it, patients who have missed their chemotherapy treatments, people looking for family members, shelter, food and clothes.

“I admire these survivors for keeping their wits about them. For keeping their faith and hope alive,” Abby wrote. “I can’t imagine losing all of my possessions, my livelihood and my family all at one time. They are patient and grateful even for a phone number or just someone to say, ‘I wish you all the luck. Call us again tomorrow.’

I am relieved to know that those I know and love are safe. I am relieved to know that my new home in Houston is doing all they can to help and that I am a part of it.”

Alumni form Chicago theatre company

Six theatre alumnus living in Chicago combined their talents in February to create the Rubicon Theatre Project, which has produced one show and is staging another this spring.

Alumni Kassi Dallmann, ’02; Josh Johnson, ’03; Scott Allen Luke, ’04; Bridger Schultz, ’00; Micah Rademacher, ’02; and Jeromy Spraker, ’00, will stage a reading of Brain Children at the Studio Theatre of the Apollo Theatre on North Lincoln Avenue from March 23 through April 22. They also produced a rally for Hurricane Katrina relief

Students, faculty rally for Hurricane Katrina relief

Since the devastating hurricanes hit the Gulf coast last summer, UWSP students and faculty have raised awareness and funds for its victims. Students have raised more than $1,500 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund through residence hall and student organization fundraisers, auctions and sales. School supplies were also collected for distribution to Gulf coast students. On Sept. 14, a rally was held on campus featuring opportunities to help the American Red Cross, the sharing of experiences by those who had family in the New Orleans area and performances by musical groups.

Performing in Only You, from left, are Micah Rademacher and Scott Allen Luke, members of the Rubicon Theatre Company.
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Angie (Bellamy) Miller, ‘05, Medford, is a foster care coordinator and social worker for the Price County Human Services Department. Her husband is Scott Miller. Theresa Janke Oestreicher, ‘05, Watertown, is a music teacher at St. Henry and St. Bernard Catholic grade schools. She and her husband, Christopher Oestreicher, were married in July, with many UWSP alumni performing at and attending the wedding. “I loved UWSP! It really felt like home for the five years I attended,” says Theresa. “I continually recommend and answer questions about the university in hopes that perspective students will have the same wonderful experience I had.” Gina (Meronek) Rutzen, ‘05, Wausan, is a social worker and service facilitator for North Central Health Care. Carrie Sircar, ‘05, Stevens Point, is an accountant with Sentry Insurance. Travis Stearns, ‘05, Appleton, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network with the Elevens Group, Appleton. Melanie Wick, ‘05, is attending graduate school at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, where she was a wanted an assistantship. Matt Brault, ‘04, Coleman, is a software developer for Shiree Foods, Inc., Green Bay. Amy Ecklund, ‘04, Stevens Point, is a member of Americans. Matthew Embertson, ‘04, Stevens Point, is an Internet application technician for Skyward Inc. Ian Grasshoff, ‘04, Stevens Point, is a geographic information specialist for Waupaca County. He and Lisa (Brownie) Grasshoff, ‘04, were married on August 6. Lisa is a training specialist for Community Industries, Stevens Point. Jessie Johnson, ‘04, Watertown, is a chemistry teacher for the Watertown school district. Mark Kroger, ‘04, Milwaukee, is a systems specialist with Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee. Kevin Mylko, ‘04, Crystal, Minn., was certified as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture. He works for Top-Nitch Tree Care, Plymouth, Minn. Mike Nechuta, ‘04, Hayward, teaches for the Hayward school district. His wife, Kelly (Meyer) Nechuta, ‘04, is the Soils, Sanitation and Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) secretary for the Sawyer County Zoning Department. Todd Orlowski, ‘04, Grafton, is a crop consultant for Hilltop Agronomics. Wesley Ruflechait, ‘04, Finland, Minn., is a field forester with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is married to Lori Koell. He asks friends to call at (218) 353-7422 or e-mail resenad@mail.com. Megan Sanders, ‘04, Fitchburg, is an associate graphic designer for Intermedia Advertising Group in Madison. Elizabeth Van Lyal, ‘04, Hales Corners, is a program outreach coordinator for University Housing at UW-Milwaukee. Over the summer she relocated from Washington, D.C. Lindsay Ziethow, ‘04, Schofield, is a claims processor for Wausau Benefits. She will be married to Christopher Doman in March. Carrie Lande, ‘05, Minneapolis, Clair Sullivan, ‘05, Molineapolis, Melissa Huber, ‘99, New Richmond, and Stephanie (Bremer) Camer, ‘04, are graphic artists who graphed works for Dances, Chances and Circumstances at The Pupps Center for the Arts, Hudson, in August. Melissa and Stephanie teach dance at the center. Dana Hove, ‘03, Eugene, Ore., is marketing director for 5th Street Public Market. Andrea (Rocque) Millan, ‘03, Minocqua, is a clinical dietician for Howard Young Health Care. Wooduff: She served a dietician internship at Keene State College in Keene, N.H., then completed the exam for registered dieticians. She is married to Stan Millan. Tressa (Jordan) Poitier, ‘03, Tomah, is a receptionist and debt consolidation specialist at Affordable Mortgage. Leigh Ruddy, ‘03, Tacoma, Wash., is a fundraising assistant at the Working Waterfront Maritime Museum, Tacoma. She says she’s met two fellow alumni while living in Washington during the past year. Robyn Wilkinson, ‘03, Washington D.C., is a public relations and marketing intern for the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Washington D.C. She formerly worked with the Lexington Children’s Theatre, Lexington, Ky. Nicole (Montgomery) Dhein, ‘02, Mosine, is a copywriter and co-host of the morning show at WDEZ. “I moved to the east coast and love it here...but I always think about the great education I had back home.” Stephen Ryskiwski, ‘02, Howard, is a supervisor for Schenck Business Solutions, Green Bay. He is a member of the WICPA and AICPA.

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Molly HOLM, ‘02, Metcalf, N.Y., has a degree in graphic design and is a graphic designer at Manhattan-based Big Door Creative, which provides marketing services for the apparel industry. She is a member of AICPA, WICPA and the New York Fashion Group. Molly is an artist and avid traveler and has a passion for photography. She is also a member of the American Institute of Graphic Designers (AIGA).

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First Lt. Jared Nagel, ‘04, Plaistow, is a platoon leader with the Wisconsin Army National Guard 2-127th Infantry regiment based in Kuwait on the Iraqi border. He and fellow soldiers at Camp Navistar worked with their family and friends to collect school supplies for elementary school children in the neighboring town of Salwan, Iraq. Helping with the collection in Stevens Point were students at Bannach School, Ben Franklin Junior High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High School as well as members of the Stevens Point Rugby Football Club and Stevens Point Women’s Rugby Club at UWSP which coordinated the event. Collection boxes were also set at three Stevens Point area Copps stores. A total of 1,146 pounds was boxed and shipped. UWSP’s Vets 50 Club collected $200 to help with the shipping of these boxes at their 50th reunion celebration during Homecoming.

Sarah Mack, ‘02, Wiffleboro, N.H., is a mathematics teacher. She says, “I moved to the east coast and love it here...but I always think about the great education I had back home.”

—Molly Holm

Steve Mytko, ’00, Crystal, Minn., is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Designers (AIGA) and a member of the WICPA and AICPA. He is a member of the American National Ballet Theatre, New York City, has a degree in marketing from UWSP and is currently working on a master’s degree in applied psychology at Francis Marion University. Friends may contact her at loopy_ii@yahoo.com.
Kristen Brickl, ’01, Boulder, Colo., is pursuing a master’s degree in counseling psychology at Naropa University and plans to graduate in 2007.

Brandon Hummel, ’01, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a manager for Wells Fargo Financial, Burnsville. He was named manager of the year for the Minnesota and North Dakota district.

Jimmy Ingman, ’01, Benidjy, Minn., is the assistant women’s hockey coach and events manager at Bemidji State University. His time at UWSP guided his career to working at a college, he says.

Chad Thomack, ’01, Milwaukee, is an environmental educator at the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee’s Riverside Park.

Camille Tubbs, ’01, New Haven, Conn., is a reference librarian and professor of legal research at Yale Law School. She graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2004 and earned a master in law from the University of Washington School of Law in 2005. Last summer she served an internship at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Darin Reschta, ’00, Iola, is a senior account executive at United Parcel Service, Madison. Previously she worked at Covance Labs. She and her husband, Jeremy Birchler, were married in 2002.

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Warburg College in Waverly, Iowa. From left, Matt (Freddy) Hayes, ’01, head cross country coach and assistant track coach at Lynchburg College; Lynchburg, Va.; Dan Schwamberger, ’01, assistant track and cross country coach at UW-Platteville; UWSP Track and Field and Cross Country Coach Rick Witt; Mike Warta, ’99, head track and field coach at Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa; Chad Kuehn, ’96, assistant track coach at St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minn.; and Brett Witt, ’98, head track and field and cross country coach at Carthage College, Kenosha.

John Gardiner, ’00, Shorewood, is an account executive for Zeppos & Associates, Inc., a public relations firm in Milwaukee. Previously he was public relations manager for a national non-profit health care organization represented by Executive Director, Inc.

Elizabeth (Kailoli) Reynolds, ’89, Gainesville, Fla., is a resident lighting designer, master electrician and adjunct professor at Santa Fe Community College. Her husband, Owen Reynolds, ’97, is a technical director at the college. They were married in 2004. Owen continues to support the UWSP Scuba Diving Club and both consider their former theatre professors as “mentors and friends.”

Allison Plute, ’99, Fountain, Colo., is a naturalist with El Paso County Parks. Last August she participated in a study of wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior, sponsored by Singing for Change and the Earthwatch Institute. With other volunteers, she backpacked off trail two to ten miles a day on the longest predator-prey study in existence, she says. Previously Allison has worked as an educator at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs and as a buckcountry camp counselor and wildlife guide in Alaska. She can be reached at aallisplute@elpco.com.

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Donald Harley, ’98, Greenfield, is a medical technician at Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee. In September he married Rebecca Miller.

Lori Hopp, ’98, Oshkosh, is a career trainer and coordinator at the UW Oshkosh Center for Career Development and Employability Training in the youth programs division. She is a case manager for at-risk youth ages 12-22 who are enrolled in Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs. She earned a master’s degree in education from UW-Oshkosh in 2005.

Marie (Johnson) Hornickel, ’98, Denver, Colo., is the director of special events for the Office of Alumni Relations at the University of Denver. She was married to Kyle Hornickel in August. Previously she worked at UW-River Falls and earned a master’s degree in counseling and student personnel from Minnesota State University-Mankato in 2003.

Andrew Moscinski, ’98, Appleton, is a stay-at-home mom to their daughter.

Kimberly (Hinata) Madr, ’97, Chicago, Ill., is director of annual giving at the Lincoln Park Zoo. Previously she worked at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. In her free time she trains for triathlons and marathons – she completed the 2005 Madison Ironman triathlon last September and will run in the Boston Marathon in April. Her husband is Martin Madrid.

Would you consider getting involved in Alumni Association events in your area? Yes ______ No ______
Michelle (Polchinski) Rector, '97, is a career advisor at UW-Oshkosh. She married David Rector in June. She says, "I haven’t had time to look back fondly to my times at UWSP. They were some of the best times in my life. The memories are priceless."

Laura Routh, '97, Lawrence, Kansas, inspects waste generators, landfills and illegal dump sites for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She also serves on the Lawrence Resource Conservation and Recycling Advisory Board. She is married to Mike Hajdu. "Great School! Great Education! Great Faculty! Great Classmates! If I win the lottery I’ll definitely send my fortune to UWSP," she says.

Lisa Tomko, '97, West Bend, owns Blu Inc Graphics and recently celebrated five years of business. She relocated from LaCrosse to West Bend in 2013. Lisa now employs two part-time artists and serves the greater Milwaukee area.

Karl Olsen, '96, Louisville, Ky., is a bassist with the Louisville Orchestra. He credits UWSP training as a great start for his career. He has taught at Indiana University Northwest, The Bowling Green String Academy and at his own private teaching studio. He is married to Allison Olsen.

Travis Strossenreuther, '95, New York, N.Y., is an actor with two theatre companies, Theatrea Lila, directed by Jessica Lanusis, '95, and Hoosary for Everything, an improvisational comedy troupe that recently performed at Carolina’s on Broadway in New York. He had their short film screened at the Beverly Hills Film Festival. He also works as a New York City tour guide. Travis is married to Julianna Mitchell.

Christopher Fischer, '95, Madison, Wisconsin, and his wife, Appleton, is a firefighter with the City of Appleton and was reappointed by Gov. Jim Doyle as a representative on the state’s Public Health Council. He was also appointed to the state’s Emergency Preparedness Committee as the representative for the state’s five EMS, police, nursing and allied health professionals. He has served as coordinator for the North-East Wisconsin Level A Hazardous Materials Response Team and is a member of the Fox Valley Regional Trauma Advisory and Medical Control Committees and the Fox Valley Critical Incident Management Team. He is recognized by FEMA as an Urban Search and Rescue technician with sub rosa in rescue and confined space entry. He is an educator, librarian and coordinator for ThedaCare in Appleton. In 2000, he began work in the veterinary science Ph.D. program at UW Madison and has published his research on infectious disease. He also coaches the UW-Oshkosh women’s rugby football team.

Christopher Thoms, '95, Galesburg, Ill., is a visiting assistant professor in environmental studies at Knox College. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan’s School of Natural Resources and Environment in 2004. His wife, Ann-Marie Finan, '98, is a Ph.D. candidate at Iowa State University in Ames.

Richard Waldvogel, '95, Longmont, Colo., co-founded Givexa Profit Technology, which partners with Amazon.com to help nonprofit organizations retain up to 10 percent of product sales made on their Web sites. The company, which has 25 clients in Colorado and one in Pennsylvania, also plans to assist with Web site design and email for nonprofits. Richard was inspired to create the company after losing a friend to breast cancer.

David Kunze, '94, Stevens Point, is president of Booking Builder Technologies, a new travel-based technology agency. His office will be headquartered in Stevens Point. Previously David was vice president of sales and industry automation for Travel Guard International. He and his wife, Tracy Kunze, have two daughters.

Lisa (Traer) Anderson, '94, master’s, ‘05, Niagara, is a special education teacher for the Florence school district. She and her husband, Mark Anderson, ‘93, have three daughters.

Connie Collotta, '94, Cincinnati, Ohio, is project manager in public affairs at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

Patti Krebs, ‘94, Lakewood, Wash., is an education graduate student at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and is a self-employed licensed massage practitioner. She also teaches dance classes through the Tacoma Little Theatre Young Performer Institute, is involved in theater in the Puget Sound area as a director, choreogra pher or costumer and is a choreographer for as area musicals.

Jill (Seehaver) Timm, '94, Jola, is a physical therapist and licensed athletic trainer at St. Michael’s Hospital, Stevens Point. She and her husband, Aaron Timm, have one son.

Sean Marsan, '93, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a budget analyst for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Fort Stellng. His wife, Kristen (Fodar) Marsan, ‘94, is a homemaker.

Glen Proudfoot, '93, Poulsbo, Wash., named a Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries sciences at Texas A&M University in May. His wife is Jennifer Walter.

The annual first reunion of friends from Third Floor East Hyer Hall from 1983 to 1985 was held last September at the home of Tom Templin, ‘97, West Allis. Picture are, from left, Jeff Bizzi, ‘87, Dona Mac, Larry Schroeder, ‘87, Superior, Chris Utiric, ‘89, Madison, Templin, and Bill Rhett, ‘87, Beaver Dam. The friends looking for memories: 1983 floor mates from the third floor of Hyer Hall as well as those from Third Floor East Neale Hall (where they moved when Neale became co-ed) to continue their studies. The group, originally 20, now is over 100, he said. Jean Fritts, ‘82, Plover, administrates Portage County’s Healthy Beginnings program, which offers educational programming for first time parents. Previously she was a home visitor and staff mentor for the UW-Extension program. She has three children and one grand-daughter.

Nelson Pasha, ‘92, Momire, is a customer service supervisor for Liberty Mutual Insurance in New Wausau. He’s served 14 years on the Mosinee School Board, three years on the CESAW 9 Board of Control and 15 years on the Mosinee Board of Zoning Appeals. He continues to earn several professional designations and has been admitted to Cardinal Stritch University to pursue a master’s degree in management.

Kristin Gjerdestad, ‘91, West Allis, is an associate professor of art at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. Her work has been featured at the University of Northern Colorado-Greeley, Quad Cities Museum of Art in Moline, Ill., and the 16th Annual Northern National Art Competition in Rhinelander. Last fall she organized an exhibit at WLC featuring works created by herself, her students and UWSP Art Professor Diane Bywaters during a 2004 trip to the rainforests of Costa Rica. She can be reached at kristin.gjerdestad@wlc.edu.

Jeffrey Barth, ‘90, is a restaurant business consultant for the Department of Defense/Amy and Army Exchange System. He owns 13 locations stationed at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo, Japan. He earned a master’s degree in 2002 from the University of Phoenix in Hospitality Management, New York City and Germany before transferring to Japan. He and his wife, Laura (Zimmermann) Barth, a Stevens Point native, recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of their commitment of Mt. Fuji. “The lesson of the mountain was all perseverance,” he says. “Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.” He adds, “I experience my UWSP education in everything of value in life comes without hard work, perseverance and dedication.”

Denise Domack, ’90, Apple Valley, Minn., owns, directs and teaches at the Metro Academy of Dance Education, Apple Valley. Carrie Lande, ‘03, Minneapolis, is the assistant director and an instructor, and Gretchen Tal bolt, ‘03, Richfield, andErica Rugemer, last attended ’99, are also instructors. The four alumna work outside of the academy as well. Denise and Erica work together to establish the academy, now in its second year of being the only dance education center in the area, to incorporate dance history, injury prevention and wellness into dance classes for ages 3 to adult. Denise says they hope to expand into acting and vocal as well. They not video clips of dance styles from UWSP in their classes.

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Attention Phi Sigs! Save the date!

Phi Sigs will gather at the Country Sprigs Hotel in Stevens Point, Wisconsin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, to celebrate the fraternity’s 75 years at UWSP with information and updates, see http://www.thesig.org or contact Mark Harkness at pilsenpoint.519.734-8394 or mark10e@verizon.net.
**What's New?**

Let your UWP friends know what’s up by using the Keep in Touch form on page 13.

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**Attention Stevens Point Rugby Football Club Alumni:**

Members of the team are trying to locate any and all ruggers that played for the Stevens Point Rugby Football Club from the club’s inception to the present for a 30-year reunion, set for the weekend of Sept. 30. Please send your name, nickname, street address, city, state, zip and e-mail address to Floyd “Chappy” Serns, 1017 Williams St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 344-4189 or chappyptc@gmail.com

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From the 60s to the 90s, the UWS International Folk Dancers (IFD) involved hundreds of students, often staging a half dozen or more performances each year that incorporates folk and ethnic music, dance and storytelling from dozens of countries including Poland, Romania, Russia and Israel. Organized by dance faculty members Frank and Linda Hach in the late 60s, the group held annual dance concerts in Stevens Point for the next 20 years. The IFD was an active ambassador for the university, performing at high school assemblies, retirement homes and various community events. The IFD alumnae are planning a reunion for next year. While a date has not been set, organizers are asking past members to send their contact information to Al Schuette, 76 Chilton, W15100 Clovis Creek Road, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
Donna Behn, ’76, Janeville, is the director of Instructional Services for the Janeville school district.


Georgette (Petretta) Jeppesen, ’73, Rancho Cordova, Calif., is associate editor for The Diano Magazine in Fairfield, Calif. She is also a senior writer for the magazine, which publishes lifestyle articles in Napa, Solano and Yolo counties of Northern California, and is a frequent contributor to several other regional publications.

Sandra (Herro) Saunders, ’73, Carol Stream, Ill., is a senior enrollment processor in admissions at the Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago. She has raised three sons and formerly worked at Kendall College in Evanston.

John Wulff, ’73, is director of corporate relations for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Appleton, Wis. John formerly worked for Thrivent (formerly Aid Association for Lutherans) in both Appleton and the Twin Cities. He has been involved in several community organizations in both communities and currently is a board member of the UW Oshkosh Foundation and Fox Cities Alliance for Education. He also serves on the education task force of the Wisconsin community college system for Independent Colleges. He earned a masters degree in business administration from UW-Oshkosh.

John Walker, ’73, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Antigo, “We loved the whole campus experience so much that I said to Linda, ‘UWSP is still affecting my life, thank goodness.’”

Linda (Hergert) Schmidt, ’71, is a professor of English at the College of Letters and Science at UWSP. Her husband, Kenneth Schmidt, ’70, is a professor of English at Stevens Point and Antigo. “We loved the whole campus experience so much that I said to Linda, ‘UWSP is still affecting my life, thank goodness.’”

Mary Zabolio McGrath, ’69, Burnsville, Minn., has had a second career last 20 years as a Rowan Education, Teachers in Transition: Growing Forward into Retirement, which addresses the journey of educators with emphasis on enhancing their abilities and professional lives.

Robert Faust, ’73, Merrill, died October 28 at home at age 59 after a long battle with cancer. Before coming to UWSP he served in the U.S. Navy. Later he earned an associate degree at Midstate Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. He worked in the lumber business in Oshkosh then lived and worked in Stevens Point. After moving to Merrill, he worked as a detailer at FTC Trucking then at Ace Hardware. He spoke about drug and alcohol abuse prevention to classes at Merrill High School and was an avid sports fan. His wife, Carol, and seven children survive.

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Philip Reeve, ’04, Merrill, died August 21 at age 25. He was an avid hiker, cyclist and animal lover. He enjoyed traveling in Europe. David was an avid hiker, cyclist and animal lover. He worked as a tour escort for choirs during a battle with cancer. He and his wife, Mary, and a son, had a battle with cancer. He and his wife, Mary, and a son, had a battle with brain cancer. He and his wife, Mary, and a son, had a battle with cancer. He and his wife, Mary, and a son, had a battle with cancer. He and his wife, Mary, and a son, had a battle with cancer.

Timothy Anderson, ’74, Brick, N.J., died Feb. 19, 2005, at home at age 47. He was a forestry technician at Trout Lake in Boulder Junction in 1974. He then served in the U.S. Army. He later earned an associate degree at Midstate Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. He worked in the lumber business in Oshkosh then lived and worked in Stevens Point. After moving to Merrill, he worked as a detailer at ITT Trucking then at Ace Hardware. He spoke about drug and alcohol abuse prevention to classes at Merrill High School and was an avid sports fan. His wife, Carol, and seven children survive.

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Jane Mary Cluney Garvey, '69, Appleton. She earned a master's of divinity from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill., in 1971 and served the United Methodist Ministry in several Wisconsin churches.

Dorothea (Komanec) Schmitt, '67, Holmen. She died Dec. 22 at age 84. Her 40-year teaching career began in a one-room schoolhouse in Plover, Wis., and included posts in Hänno, Luhlin and Holmen. She was known to be very active in community organizations in Holcombe and played in a band with her husband, Darrel Talcott.

Rudolph Voelkner, '52, Marshfield, died Nov. 23 at age 59 due to complications with kidney and heart problems. He was a member of the State Assembly, Enfield Union Schools, and a member of his church. His first son predeceased him in death.

Joyce (Jensen) Zieher, '69, Pittsville, died July 25 at age 75. After a 36-year teaching career she taught at a school in Pittsville, where she was the district librarian. Among her passions were her students, reading, writing, crafts, baking, holidays and time with her grandchildren. She was the husband of 55 years, Ronald, and a daughter and granddaughter.

William (Brian) Talcott, '63, Lake Hallie, died July 24 at age 75. He served as a student pastor in Methodist churches in several states, in 2005, at age 92. She taught for 25 years in 16 room schools near Sai and Leroy in Stevens Point, Delmar, in 1977. Her husband, Leon, a daughter and granddaughter predeceased her in death, and two daughters survived.

Hope (Martin) Moreland, '65, Fort Atkinson, died Aug. 17 at age 87. She was a flight attendant for American Airlines then, after amnesties, she worked in economics at Wittenberg High School. She lived in Milwaukee, Alger, N.M., then Fort Atkinson after her husband, who also predeceased her in death. One son survived.

Bernard “Benny” Gaines, '64, Madison, died Feb. 24 at age 85. After earning a master’s degree at UW-Superior, Gaines taught business courses at University of Wisconsin-Platteville High School until he retired in 2001. His wife, Kay (Guell) Gaines, '61, four children and three grandchildren survive.

Vincent (Wesley) Vokoulet, '56, Milwaukee, died April 23 at age 80. She was a student teacher in Brillion and Maribel. He was a member of the State Assembly, Enfield Union Schools, and a member of his church.

Marilyn (Wipperfurth) Meyer, '43, Ridge, Colo., died April 9. She worked as a librarian. Among her passions were second language to immigrants and being active in her church, Stevens Point United Methodist. She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen, and three children.

Timothy Meyer, '47, Mount Horeb, died Jan. 12, 2005, at age 84. He was a member of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two children, Kay (Metcalf) Ropella, '54, and one granddaughter.

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Rudolph Voelkner, '52, Marshfield, died Nov. 23 at age 59 due to complications with kidney and heart problems. He was a member of the State Assembly, Enfield Union Schools, and a member of his church. His first son predeceased him in death.

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Lisa (Cutler) Iromide, '59, Wisconsin Rapids, died April 3 at age 94. During her 37 years of teaching, she taught in multiple grades in schools, and served as principal at Arpin. Two Miles, and Neillsville. She taught at Biron Elementary for 23 years before retiring in 1976. She was a member of several community and professional organizations. Her husband, Frank, preceded her in death.

Frederick Schwierske, '67, Mount Horeb, died Aug. 4 at age 77. He taught math at Lincoln High School, then earned an master's degree from University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. at UW-Madison. He was an avowed computer enthusiast all his life. His wife, Kay (Guell) Zieher, '61, four children and three grandchildren survive.

Leonard Roppella, '41, Madison, died Sept. 25 at age 87 following a long illness. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and in the Korean Conflict. He was the director of research for Weyerhaeuser Corporation and U.S. Champion Paper Corporation for more than 20 years. His wife of 61 years, Myrtle (Anderson) Wrensch, '61, three sons and nine grandchildren survive.


James Stidteben, '48, Town of New Hope, died Nov. 2 at age 83. A lifelong educator and conserva- tionist, he was one of eight students of Fred Schmeeckle to earn a conserva- tion education major in 1948 at UWSP. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught in Merrill, where he was the first prin- cipal of Merrill Elementary School. After earning a master’s degree from UW-Madison, he taught at Franklin School in Racine for 41 years, then as the director of the Wisconsin Improvement Program at UW-Madison. He then returned to Merrill, where he was superintendent of schools from 1967 to 1976. In 1976, he became dean of the School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He received numerous education awards throughout his life while also serving as the president of the Wisconsin Association of Supervisors. An Association established one in his name. After he retired in 1985, he and his wife Norma, a former school teacher, moved to a family farm in New Hope, where he served as the chair of his local volunteer community, including the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) Advisory Board. Jim was honored as UWSP Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996. Preceded in death by two daughters, he survived by Dorothy and one son.
The 1955 edition of the Central State College (CSC) Pointer gridiron heroes can answer that question without blinking an eye.

John Roberts' team did everything it could on the field 50 years ago – eight straight wins and a conference championship – only to battle politics for a month and lose the opportunity to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day.

First, let's review the season which ended a half-century ago on this weekend.

Saturday, Nov. 5. It was a season with a record not equaled before, not equaled since in University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point history.

The season began at Houghton, Mich., where Michigan Tech was defeated 18-6.

The defense was superb, led by John Boyne, George Roman, Carl Jurgella, Bostad and Bob Marko.

The season ended for a touchdown. The visitors missed the extra point, but a little later had the Pointers nailed back again to the one-yard line.

With 10:56 to play, CSC began a 99-yard march. Miller had runs for 25 and 24 yards. Ted Ludeman had three runs totaling 23 yards, and Stimac went seven yards for the TD. Ken Roloff kicked the point for a 7-6 win.

The Pointers were threatening again in the last four minutes, a 41-yard run by Bob Marko finishing the game on the Platteville 14.

Point had a 17-5 first-down advantage, gained 207 yards to 112 for Platteville and compiled a 74-42 edge in offensive plays. Miller rushed for 156 yards, Marko had 70.
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The football team played one of the nation's strongest schedules and concluded the year with victories in its final two games to finish 4-6 overall. The volleyball team had a big win over Elite Eight participant New York University and finished 16-19 overall. The women's golf team placed just two strokes out of second place at the conference meet and finished fourth, while the men's cross country team won the Pointer Tipoff Classic title and then posted several big late-season wins to join the league title chase. Senior Cassandra Schultz, Hartford, surpassed the 1,000 career point mark during the season.

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### APRIL

**Department of Music Recitals and Concerts**

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- **Mostly Percussion Ensemble**, Monday, May 1
- **Concert Band**, Tuesday, May 2
- **Jazz Ensemble**, Wednesday, May 3
- **String Chamber Orchestra and Suzuki Chamber Orchestra**, Friday, May 5

**Signature Residency-Arthur Kopit, playwright**

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**Summer Session**

- **Three-week session**, May 30-June 16

### JUNE

**Walk Wisconsin**

Saturday, June 3

Steves Point

[www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com)

**UWSP Foundation Board meeting**

Monday, June 5

**Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Camps**

June-August, youth summer camps

[www.uwsp.edu/ceces](http://www.uwsp.edu/ceces)

**SUMMER食物 Session**

**2006 American Suzuki Institute, session one**

July 8-30

[www.uwsp.edu/suzuki/si/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/suzuki/si/index.htm)

**UWSP Department of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition**

May 7-20, reception Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m.

Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

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- **New Works in Progress: Readings of New Student Plays**, Monday, May 8

**Lecture Hall, NFAC**

**Spring Commencement**

Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Spect Forum/Sunday (weather permitting)

**UWSP Department of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition**

May 26-September 1, reception TBA

Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

**Summer Session**

- **Eight-week session**, June 19-August 11

[www.uwsp.edu/summeression](http://www.uwsp.edu/summeression)

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**JULY**

**31st Annual National Wellness Conference**

“*The Power of Supportive Relationships*”

July 15-20

**UWSP Campus**

[www.nationalwellness.org](http://www.nationalwellness.org)

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**UWSP Foundation Board meeting**

Monday, October 23

**Tickets for campus events, unless otherwise noted, are available through the University Box Office, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3376 at the door if not sold out in advance. The Carlsten Gallery is open free of charge when classes are in session. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Thursday evenings and during NATC performances, 7-9 p.m. For more information, contact director Calvin Heff at 715-346-4799 or [cfe@uwsp.edu](mailto:cfe@uwsp.edu).**