

Classified Staff Spring Awards Ceremony

**The Classified Staff
Spring Awards Ceremony
will be held on Tuesday,
April 18 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Alumni Room,
University Center.
The Carolyn Sargis Award,
Classified Employee
Recognition Awards, and
25, 30, 35 and 40 year
length of service pins & awards
will be presented.**

Refreshments will be served.

CSAC Elections

CSAC is looking to fill seven vacancies this year. Thank you to **Kathy Paulson, Chris Cherney** and **Diane Dieterich**, who have served on CSAC for their two year terms. Thank you also to **Tom Reich, Fred Hopfensperger, Linda Schmidt** and **Dorothy Snyder**, who served on CSAC before promotions and additional campus responsibilities led to their stepping down from the Committee. As CSAC had not been operating at full strength membership due to these unforeseen circumstances, the full slate of seven electees will return the Committee to its proper allotment. Ballots have been mailed out to all classified employees and should be returned to Faith Sanders by April 12. Election results will be announced at the Spring Awards Ceremony.

The committee serves on behalf of all UWSP Classified staff. CSAC promotes active participation in university decision-making, informed communication and a positive professional environment for all classified employees. The organization supports equality, respect and a spirit of collegiality among all members of the university community, including academic staff, faculty and students.

Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award



The Classified Staff Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that **Bernice Kurzynski**, Interior Architecture, has been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award.

Bernice started working at UWSP in 1954 in the Campus Laboratory School and Placement Office. In 1961 she left to become a full-time homemaker and Mom to 3 sons. She came back to UWSP in 1977, working part-time on a grant project for Dawn Narron, Professor of Education, and by 1980 she was back to working full-time for Professor Narron. In 1986, Bernice transferred to the Home Economics Department, which has since split into 2 departments, Interior Architecture (IA) and Health Promotion and Human Development.

In her current role as Academic Department Associate in IA, Bernice provides administrative and technical support for the Division and the Associate Dean. She supervises and monitors budgets, supervises course and Division internet communications for the IA website and public folders, and coordinates program activities involving special and ongoing projects, such as Campus Preview Day, Open House, and Agnes Jones Gallery Exhibits. Bernice is very involved in events the Division has each year such as the Annual Spring Awards Banquet, the Annual 3-day Chicago Study Tour, and the ASID Student Holiday Banquet, to name a few. Many of these activities are held after regular hours, but Bernice considers each one very important and assists with, and attends, as many as she can. She also coordinates field trips for IA classes and student organizations, monitors the student CAD lab (often before and after normal working hours) and is a mentor to the students, assisting them with writing resumes and letters of applications, and providing resource materials.

Bernice has also found the time to serve the campus community. She has served on search and screen committees, provided clerical support for search & screen committees, served as a member of the CSAC Sargis Selection Committee in 2003, and is a CSAC mentor for new UWSP employees. Since 1998, she has been a member of the STAR team (Support for Technology Applications and Repair) in CPS, and troubleshoots software and hardware problems within the unit. She provides assistance to faculty and students in the AutoCAD lab and with other technological equipment in the IA division. In 2003, Bernice received a Classified Recognition Award for University Service, recognizing her time and effort given to the University Community, which is not part of a normal work assignment.

Bernice has a strong commitment to personal growth and her desire to continue her education prompted her to start part-time correspondence classes through UW-Madison, then through courses at UWSP. In 1980 she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education. She continues her training and education, particularly in the area of computer technology, through various classes, training seminars and workshops. She has been successful in writing and obtaining 3 grants through the University Personnel Development Committee (UPDC) to attend training seminars and workshops.

Bernice's life away from campus is just as busy. With 3 sons who started as Cub Scouts and all became Eagle Scouts, she has been very involved with the Scouts – on all levels. In the past, she served as Den Mother and Secretary-Treasurer for the St. Stan's Cub Scouts. She serves as Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 298 and is also on the Adult Scout Committee, which meets every month planning Scout activities.

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Classified Employee Recognition Awards



The Classified Employee Recognition Awards recognize outstanding contributions of time and effort to an employee's department or to the University community.

There are two categories for the awards - University Service and Outstanding Contribution. All permanent classified employees, project employees and limited term employees are eligible for these awards. Each recipient will receive a \$50 gift certificate and an award certificate at the Classified Staff Spring Awards Ceremony on April 18.

University Service Award

The University Service Award recognizes a Classified employee for exceptional service to the University community outside of the employee's normal work assignment. Results of the employee's efforts should increase the positive perception of the University within the community or enhance the ability of the University to accomplish its mission of providing educational opportunities.

Recipients of the 2005 University Service Award are **Mike Okray**, HESA/Facility Services, and **Anne Swenson**, Library.

Mike is currently an LTE Custodian Lead in the Health Enhancement Center, working mainly nights and weekends. He assists the HESA Department Chair with building management and internal building operations, and is responsible for cleaning the HEC during and after scheduled University athletic events and HESA sponsored activities. He always goes above and beyond the call of duty in making sure the HEC is a safe, clean and well kept environment. Mike plans with staff members and student workers to ensure the job gets done, pays attention to every detail, and always checks to make sure everything went OK. He is at most of the games and events to supervise and troubleshoot any problems that may occur. In the past few years, Mike has served as Interim Sports Information Director, Interim Athletic Facilities Director, Assistant Women's Golf Coach and Head Women's Golf Coach. He is an advisor to the UWSP Adventure Racing Team and is a board member of the Museum of Natural History. Outside of the University, Mike is an instructor for Wisconsin Junior PGA Golf Camps.

Anne, a Library Services Assistant-Advanced in Acquisitions in the Library, organized the CSAC blue wristband fundraiser/food drive for the Katrina Relief Fund. The "Relief / Recover / Rebuild" wristbands were sold on campus and all profits were donated to the Red Cross and all food items were donated to a local food pantry. Anne spent her lunch times putting up posters and selling the wristbands at the UC, HEC and Allen Center. When she learned that SPASH was also raising money for the Relief Fund, Anne contacted them to find out how she could help. Remaining wristbands were donated to SPASH, in the name of the CSAC organization, to help with the efforts to raise \$10,000 – a goal that was achieved. Anne is currently a member of CSAC and compiled data survey for the committee, works on the campus tours and the Sargis Award sub committees. She is active on the Historic Preservation Committee and helped with the renovation of

the Founders Room and maintains the displays in that room. Anne is also very involved in community activities. She helped with the American Cancer Daffodil sale, helps out with the American Cancer Walk/Run in Stevens Point, is co-chair for the St. Joseph's Church decorating committee and sews for St. Joseph's Hospital (Marshfield) "Crafters for a Cause."

Outstanding Contribution Award

The Outstanding Contribution Award is presented to Classified employees for outstanding contributions to the operation of their department. Their efforts should result in measurable improvement and efficiency of service offered by their department.

The recipients of the 2005 Outstanding Contribution Awards are: **Jackie DeKay**, Personnel Services, and **Laurie Graboski-Bauer**, Multicultural Resource Center and **Pat Konkol**, Communicative Disorders

Jackie has been on campus for more than 35 years, 29 of those years in the Payroll area, and is currently a Payroll & Benefits Specialist Advanced. In the Fall of 2005, the Benefits Specialist in Personnel Services took an extended leave of absence, due to a serious health issue. Without hesitation, Jackie stepped forward and took on the extra workload in the Benefits area in order to continue to serve the UWSP employees in the best possible manner. Doing two jobs means many extra hours, but Jackie has, and continues to, function very effectively and efficiently, in spite of the tremendous workload.

Laurie is currently an Office Operations Assistant in the Multicultural Resource Center (MCRC). Besides her normal office duties, Laurie is very involved with the students and their activities. She chaperones students at leadership conferences, plans events in the MCRC for social and educational purposes, helps promote and participates in events such as the Soul Food Dinner, helps organize 2 pre-college programs and proofreads papers for the students. Most importantly, Laurie makes the office feel like home for the students and treats them like extended members of her family. As a special touch, Laurie made couch pillows and a mosaic table for the Social Lounge. She pitches in whenever something needs to be done, is enthusiastic about her job and always has a smile on her face!

Pat has consistently gone above and beyond the expected tasks in her role as University Services Program Associate in the Center for Communicative Disorders. She has initiated several new office procedures and special projects that have significantly improved the business practices and the effectiveness and efficiency of the Center. Because of a reduction in support staff, Pat has taken on numerous additional responsibilities, one of which is the billing process with clients. This has required additional training and research and has added considerably to her workload. She serves on the Clinical Affairs Committee and brings excellent ideas to the group regarding the Center's practices. She participates in the training of the Center's students and is an excellent role model for the students.

Classified Staff Appreciation Month

CSAC has designated the month of April as Classified Staff Appreciation Month and have planned several activities for the month. A couple of the activities have already taken place, but there are a number of Brown Bag sessions and events you can still attend.

Thursday, April 6

Tom Miller, Legislative Liaison & Senior University Relations Specialist, spoke on TABOR II at a Brown Bag Session in the Heritage Room. TABOR II is the vehicle that will make state and local units of government adhere to strict spending limits, without reasonable latitude for governmental services like police and fire protection, trash collection, etc. Tom is convinced that any TABOR-like amendment to Wisconsin's Constitution would be very damaging to our long term mission as a public University.

Monday, April 10

A Brown Bag Session on the UC Renovation was held from 11:45 -12:30 in Room 125, University Center. Representatives from the University Center staff provided information on the upcoming remodeling project, along with important information on relocation plans.

Wednesday, April 12

Back by popular demand, CSAC is sponsoring a tour the Noel Fine Arts Center from 11:45 – 12:30. Meet your tour guide at the east atrium entrance.

Monday April 17 – Friday, April 21

This is CSAC Week! The name of a lucky Classified employee will be drawn each day. The employee will receive a special visit from a CSAC member who will present them with an appreciation gift.

There will be a free week of fitness at the Cardio Center and Group Fitness with staff ID. Check out their website for details on what they offer – www.uwspcardiocenter.com or <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/groupfitness/>.

Outdoor EdVentures has a special \$10 Nalgene deal, which includes a 32oz. Nalgene bottle, carabineer and bandana.

Monday, April 17



Do you have too much stress in your life or not enough hours in your day? Make plans to attend a Stress Management Workshop/Brown Bag Luncheon for Classified staff and retirees on Monday, April 17, 11:50-12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, University Center. Laura Meier and Bridgette Fischer,

Employee Wellness practicum students, will present an overview of the symptoms of stress, how we perceive stressors in our lives, positive self talk, and different kinds of stress. They will also guide attendees in a stress-reducing visualization and introduce some desk stretches that can be done throughout the work day.

Tuesday, April 18

The CSAC Spring Awards Ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, University Center.

Wednesday, April 19

Two popular programs will again be offered in the Cardio Center at Allen Center:

- Ann Cisewski will give Paraffin Dips from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the Cardio Center. Slip your hands into a warm paraffin wax glove for a soothing way to relax and revitalize your tired hands. **Please sign up by April 18 via email to Kathy Paulson (kpaulson@uwsp.edu) or call 4497.**
- A drawing for 6 chair massages will take place at the CSAC Spring Awards Ceremony on April 18. Appointment times will be 12:15, 12:20, 12:25, 12:30, 12:35, and 12:40 and will be in the Cardio Center. Dianne Houlihan will give you a massage that can help release chronic muscular tension and pain, improve circulation, boost the immune system, and much more!

Thursday, April 20

Join your co-workers for lunch at DeBot Center. CSAC is sponsoring a buffet luncheon from 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. in the Northwoods Dining Room. Cost will be \$5.00. Transportation to DeBot Center will be provided, with pickup locations in front of the UC and CPS, beginning at 11:45 a.m. **RSVP to Kathy Paulson at ext. 4497 or kpaulson@uwsp.edu.** Please indicate if you will be utilizing the shuttle.

Wednesday, April 26

The UWSP Library isn't just for bookworms!! A tour of the Library is scheduled for 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. on April 26th. Join the tour and see what the Library has to offer! **Please RSVP to Anne Swenson (aswenson@uwsp.edu) by April 21.**

Sargis Award (Cont. from page 1)

She participates in many Scout activities and fundraising functions, and in 2005 she received the Muskodany Spark Plug Award, given to those who made a special impact on the troop. Bernice has been a member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Auxiliary Chapter 181 since 1973. She has served as Historian and Sergeant-at-arms and participates in their many functions. She serves as a VAVS Deputy Representative at the Tomah Veterans Affairs Great Lakes Health Care System. She is a member of St Stan's Rosary Society, has volunteered at many events at St. Stan's and Pacelli High School and has served as a volunteer Meals-on-Wheels substitute driver.

Pat Kluetz, Associate Dean, fondly refers to Bernice as "the source of all information" and calls her a "rare gem, extremely difficult to find and impossible to replace." Tom Brown, Associate Lecturer, sums up Bernice in 3 words, glue, oil and acrobat. She is the "glue that holds everything together in the Interior Architecture Division," the "oil that keeps everything running smoothly," and the "acrobat who can keep everything in the air at once while juggling a zillion things at the same time."

Congratulations Bernice!!

In Memory of...

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Jim Adamski, Central Stores, and his family, and the families of Shirley Busa and Rita Meshak,

Jim's wife, Sandy, lost her battle with cancer on October 28, 2005. Sandy was employed as LTE for about two years in Career Services and Music.

Shirley died unexpectedly on October 28, 2005. At the time of her death, Shirley was an Academic Department Associate in Theatre & Dance. She started at UWSP in November 1984 and had worked in Upward Bound, Student Life Administration, Theatre Arts, and University Graphics and Photography.

Rita passed away on February 1, 2006. Rita retired from UWSP in September 2005 after working here for 34+ years. She worked in the Learning Resources Department and the Counseling Center.

Length of Service Awards

Length of Service pins and awards are given to Classified employees for continuous service and recognition of investment of time and effort to the UWSP community. Length of service was determined as of December 31, 2005. The 5, 10, 15 and 20 year pins were sent to employee supervisors for distribution. Employees reaching the 25, 30, 35 and 40-year goal will receive their pins and awards at the Classified Staff Spring Awards Ceremony on April 18.

5-Year Pin

Lorraine Clark, CWES; **Kathryn Congdon**, Academic Custodial; **Heidi Corcoran**, Suzuki; **Paul Hamm**, Academic Custodial; **Dale Hanus**, Academic Custodial; **Marlowe Henry**, Telephone Support; **Lisa Megal**, General Ledger Accounting; **Debra Metzger**, Residential Living; **Bruce Paegelow**, Residential Living; **Sandy Palmgren**, Safety & Loss Control; **Andrew Pech**, Library; **Lynn Rasmussen**, Center for Watershed Science & Education; **Ann Ratkowski**, Bookstore; **Karen Rutta**, Residential Living; **Bill Singer**, Academic Custodial; **Linda Vogel**, Library; **Lori Yonash**, Education

10-Year Pin

John Bedard, Academic Custodial; **Tammi David**, Foundation; **Dianne Dehlinger**, SNAP Program, HEC; **John Falkavage**, Academic Custodial; **Jack George**, Administrative Information Systems; **Stuart McDoniel**, Information Technology; **Kent Meronek**, Information Technology; **Jim Olszewski**, Facility Services; **Linda Rice**, Education; **Kelly Thompson**, Student Involvement & Employment

15-Year Pin

Darrell Austreng, Academic Custodial; **Kim Becken**, UW Extension Lake Management Program; **Pat Birrenkott**, Registration & Records; **Dale Bruni**, Facility Services; **Dennis Church**, Residential Living; **Donna Gear**, Registration & Records; **Mark Kinney**, Academic Custodial; **Lucy Klesmith**, Telephone Support Office; **June Mancheski**, Text Rental; **Cindy Marczak**, Grant Support Services; **Ron McKee**, Facility Services; **Irene Pintar**, Text Rental; **Joan Schuh**, Health Services; **Jean Watkins**, Text Rental; **Sara Weisensel**, Library

20-Year Pin

Fidel Asuquo, Academic Custodial; **Jean DiCicco**, Bursar; **Debbie Getzloff**, Student Support Services; **Jill Judd**, Counseling Center; **Kyran Knudtson**, Facility Services; **Rosemarie Kulinski**, Text Rental; **Rob Simkins**, UC Maintenance; **Susan Sparapani**, Library; **Bruce Sroda**, Academic Custodial; **Sue Wojciechowski**, Communications

25-Year Pin

Colleen Angel, Library; **Dale Christiansen**, Academic Custodial; **Jerry Herek**, Facility Services; **Jim Maas**, Library

30-Year Pin

Gail Allen, Library; **Michael Amundson**, Biology; **Cheryl Felckowski**, Psychology; **Lois Hamerski**, Text Rental; **Cathy Ligman**, Political Science; **Chris Seefeldt**, University Box Office; **Richard Stephens**, Inorganic Lab; **Marge Thompson**, Text Rental

35-Year Clock

Jackie DeKay, Personnel Services; **Bernice Kurzynski**, Interior Architecture; **Bonnie Maher**, Tutoring Learning Center

40-Year Award

Julie Bodzislav, CPS Dean's Office

CSAC Bus Trips



On December 18, 2005, CSAC sponsored a bus trip to the Appleton Performing Arts Center to see the International Sensation “*STOMP*.” Thirty six people signed up. Everyone had a great time and were amazed at the talent of the performers and the rhythmic sounds one can make with items like newspapers, garbage cans, matchboxes and hubcaps, to name a few!

Another bus trip to the Appleton PAC is being planned for Sunday, May 7, to see the performance of “*CATS*.” The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical has become the longest running show in Broadway’s history and has won seven Tony Awards. Tickets can still be purchased at the Campus Information Center and are available to campus and community folks. The cost is \$45 and includes transportation and performance ticket. What better way to travel – no need to worry about directions, parking, etc. You are guaranteed a great time, so sign up today!

UPDC Grants

The purpose of the University Personnel Development Program is to fund projects useful for the development of University personnel and programs. Classified employees receiving UPDC grants include:

- **Sarah Stillwell**, Admissions, \$395, “*Bringing Out The Very Best In Yourself And Those You Work With*”

Classified staff may apply for UPDC small grants or development grants. Small grants must be \$200 or less, and they require at least a 50% match from the applicants unit. Further information can be obtained from Cindy Marczak, Grant Support Office, ext. 2632.

Department News

GEM

The new website for the Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) is up and running. Check it out at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/gem. Ron Tschida and Kyle Rockman had been working on it for the past few months and made major changes that have really brought the website up to speed in internet technology and overall, it just looks much better! GEM is a center for world class curricula and outreach education services in natural resources and environmental management.

CWES

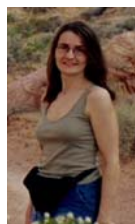
The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), on the shores of Sunset Lake, has undergone many changes over the last year. The main building and dining area, Sunset Lodge, was remodeled last summer and fall. Sunset Lodge now has even better views of Sunset Lake and they have added bigger bathrooms, more teaching, meeting, and staff work station areas. On April 4, construction started on a new fieldstone fireplace. Work is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Summer is approaching fast and the CWES staff is gearing up for kid’s camps, middle and high school adventure trips, and family camp weekends. If you would like to learn more about CWES, please visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/cwes, call them at 715-824-2428, or stop out for a visit sometime this spring!

CLASSified AcCenT

The **CLAS**Sified **Ac**CenT section features interviews with classified employees selected at random. If you will note, the capital letters in the title spell **CLASS ACT**. That is just what our employees are -- a class act!

~ ~ *Cristina Altobelli* ~ ~



Cristina Altobelli has been the Academic Department Associate in the Department of Chemistry since July 2004. She started working for UWSP in December 2001 as a part-time LTE in UWSP Extension and accepted a Project Appointment in Extension in July 2002. In her current position in Chemistry, she assists the Department Chair with administrative duties, updates the Department website, performs general office tasks, monitors the budget, helps students with general questions, maintains course waiting lists, updates the Student Information System, provides general assistance to faculty and helps to ensure that all instructional materials are available at the beginning of each semester. Cristina likes everything about her job! She says the faculty and staff are “all wonderful, nice, warm, easygoing, but hardworking people,” and she has developed friendships with several of them. She enjoys the work because it “offers enough variety and just the right amount of challenges.” And she especially likes the fact that she works part-time during the summer. This allows her time to visit her family in Germany and do some other traveling.

Before Cristina started at UWSP, she had been bicycling in Europe for 17 months with her husband. Before that she worked as a temp at Donaldson Company for about 2 years.

Cristina likes the overall atmosphere of working at UWSP. She says “I sense a certain dynamic enthusiasm and also optimism from many faculty, staff and students that I find very uplifting.” The biggest visible changes she has witnessed on campus are the additions to the College of Natural Resources building and the Noel Fine Arts Center.

She also thinks the current budget crunches may have dampened the spirits of some faculty and staff.

Cristina was born in Düsseldorf, Germany and spent most of her childhood up to early adulthood in southwestern Germany, near the Black Forest. She graduated from Faust Gymnasium-Staufen (high school) in 1986 and completed a 2-year trilingual secretary school in Freiburg in Spring 1990. In December 1990, she immigrated to the United States. She graduated from UWSP with a triple major in French, Spanish and International Studies in spring 1997.

Her husband, Ken Wanta, is the reason Cristina came to the United States. She met Ken in Germany in 1986 and after a 4-year long-distance relationship with a few visits in between, she finally decided to move here. She and Ken have been married for 15 years and she has not yet regretted her move!!

Any free time Cristina has is “sacred” to her. She enjoys reading, biking, hiking, running on trails, traveling and watching movies. And if she had a garden, she would enjoy gardening too! Her most memorable vacation was her extended bicycle journey with her husband. They biked through 17 western and central European countries. They saw a lot of wonderful and very different places, and also met some very nice people.

As for her future plans, Cristina lives a day at a time, so she doesn’t plan too far ahead. She does however, have a trip planned at the end of this semester to visit family in Germany and relatives in Italy.

Cristina’s advice to graduates entering the work force is “make sure to find a job that you truly enjoy and that leaves you enough time for yourself. Money is not everything.”

~ ~ *Jackie Christianson* ~ ~



Jackie Christianson started working in the UWSP Foundation Office in May 2001. In June 2005, she transferred to her current position as a Program Assistant Advanced Confidential in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Before coming to UWSP, she was employed at the Newman Center for ten years.

In her current position, Jackie does a variety of tasks,

including general office duties, financial duties, working with personnel contracts, and working with two Honor Societies. The favorite part of her job is working with the people in the Division of Student Affairs. She says “it’s an outstanding Division filled with wonderful people who work hard to make UWSP a great place for students to succeed.” She enjoys working at UWSP and being around the students because “they keep you young!”

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Jackie Christianson (cont.)

The most memorable person Jackie has met here was Helen Godfrey. Helen was Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs and also interim director at the UWSP Foundation, which is where she encouraged Jackie to "take a couple classes" at UWSP. That started Jackie down the road to "finally" completing her education. She has been a non-traditional student for about 2½ years - working full time and taking classes part time. She will graduate in December 2006 with a BS degree in Business Administration and minor in Psychology. Her most memorable event at UWSP will be when she does actually graduate in December!

Jackie was born in Wausau, WI. She met her husband,

Doug at UWSP in a Political Science class in 1975. They have been married 28 years and have 2 children, Josh (25) and Kate (23). Josh will graduate from UW Law School this May. Kate graduated from UW Madison in May 2005 with a degree in Engineering Mechanics and Astronautics and is now working as an engineer in Illinois.

Away from the office, Jackie enjoys walking with her Boxer (who needs lots of exercise), traveling, cooking, and even though the last football season was tough, she's a big Packer fan. In May, Jackie will be taking her children to Ireland as their graduation gifts from college and law school.

Jackie's final comment – "It's great to be part of UWSP!"

{Note: Jackie is pictured with her mom, Sue Ortlieb, who worked at UWSP for about 30 years. Sue retired in 1996.}

~ ~ John Orłowski ~ ~



John Orłowski has been with UWSP since May 13, 2003 when he was hired as an LTE in Facility Services. He began his permanent position as a Facilities Repair Worker 2 in that department on March 15, 2004. Here

he devoted his time, along with many others, to assure the good image and proper function of the academic buildings. In April, 2005, he transferred to Parking Services. In his current position, John enforces and maintains the 21 student, staff and metered parking lots. There are 559 electronic parking meters used to maximize the usage and availability of parking spaces in six of the campus lots. Along with the assistance of approximately 10 devoted Student Enforcement Officers that John supervises, they are able to very efficiently manage and update the complete meter inventory. A recent project was to update the meters with new coin discriminators and software, which allows the meters to accept the wide variety of coins in circulation today. John says the favorite part of his position is "having the opportunity to work outdoors in the summer, as well as being able to interact with student employees."

John actually began his career journey at the age of 10, when he worked for a retired building engineer from Chicago, who John says "was a valuable friend and mentor to me until he passed away last year." Through high school, until late 2005, he was employed by a local service garage where he became certified in many areas of auto and light truck service and diagnostics. John also worked for a

commercial construction company in the Stevens Point area where he learned many valuable skills in the trade. He assisted in the construction of many Stevens Point businesses and also some small jobs on the UWSP campus.

The biggest changes John has noticed on campus are the addition to the Fine Arts building and the introduction of the new Chancellor. John's most memorable event so far was having the opportunity to transfer to a different department and experience something completely new, while working for the same organization. His most embarrassing moment was backing into a parked vehicle in Lot H! Dale Bruni, PM Maintenance Supervisor, is the most memorable person John has met. He says "I thank Dale for giving me the opportunity to start a career with the University."

John was born and raised in Stevens Point. He is currently taking classes at North Central Technical College to complete an Associate's degree in Supervisory/Management. He is also studying for a license in life insurance sales and financial investment, and has attended training in real estate investment through the Russ Whitney Education group. He enjoys spending time with his family and remodeling homes. He owns two homes in Stevens Point, one of them currently under construction. He traveled to Riviera Maya last year for a cousin's wedding and is looking forward to a trip to Cozumel this April. His future plans include completing his degree and utilizing his talents and abilities in the best way possible.

**"Friendship improves happiness and abates misery,
by doubling our joys, and dividing our grief."**

Joseph Addison



New Employees (Permanent and Project)

Dan Danczyk, Power Plant Operator, Power Plant
Ruth Daniels, Academic Department Associate (A),
Theatre & Dance
Michelle Janowski, Financial Specialist (50%), Facility
Services
Adam Johnson, Custodian, Residential Living
Steve Oelke, Power Plant Operator, Power Plant
Sue Marie Rendall, Library Services Assistant, Library
Mary Shaw, University Services Associate, International
Programs
Gloria St Cyr, University Services Associate, UWSP
Foundation
Lisa Viegut, Financial Specialist (50%), UWSP Foundation
Beverly Wenzel, University Services Associate,
Admissions

Transfers

Mike Havron, from Laborer in Academic Custodial to
Custodian in Academic Custodial

Linda Mirr, from University Services Associate in
International Programs to Academic Department
Associate in School of Education
Anne Orlikowski, from Custodian in Residential Living to
Custodian in Academic Custodial
Laurie Scheunemann, from University Services Associate
in Admissions to University Services Associate in
Freshman English

Farewell!!

Jean DiCicco, retired from Bursar's Office
Cheryl Hasenohrl, retired from Personnel Services
Brody Knutson, resigned from Power Plant
Leah Kozlowski, resigned from Academic Custodial
Roy Kuschel, retired from Television Production Services
Brian Lelonek, resigned from Power Plant
Judy Ratkowski, retired from Information Technology
Maija Stumbris, retired from Library Administration
Darlene Wechsler, retired from School of Education
Long Yang, resigned from Library



Dollars For Your \$ense



The Dollars for your \$ense program rewards Classified employees for their suggestions and ideas that will improve operations, increase efficiencies and improve safety conditions within the University.

The October and January quarterly award winners were honored at a reception on March 16, 2006. The winners included **Kathleen Prior**, Foreign Languages; **Charlotte Harvath**, Financial Aids; **Daniel Berger**, Information Technology; **Larry Rutkowski**, Central Stores; **Christine Mezera**, Academic Custodial; and, **Brody Knutson**, Power Plant.

Kathleen noticed that most departments in her building (CCC) have a lot of papers that include personal information. She suggested the building buy a paper shredder to protect the privacy of these individuals. Kathleen received a certificate for her suggestion.

Charlotte received both a certificate and a \$25 award for her suggestions. One of Char's suggestions was to trim the trees near the west entrance of the Student Services Center so the building name is more visible. Her other suggestion was to have the automatic door opener on the west entrance more visible.

Daniel received a certificate for his suggestion to install

motion sensors in classrooms and hallways in all buildings on campus to control lights. This would lower electric bills, increase bulb life and increase safety and security for anyone walking in a dark hallway or entering a dark classroom.

Larry received a \$50 award for his suggestion to make a skid which would hold two different sizes of plate glass currently in stock in Central Stores. The skid would make storage and handling of the glass much easier and safer.

A certificate and a \$25 award were presented to Christine for her suggestions regarding the Noel Fine Arts Center. She received the certificate for her suggestion to install floor plan diagrams in the building and the \$25 award for suggesting that coat hooks and shelves be installed in the restrooms in the building.

Brody received a \$25 award for his suggestion to install a flow indicator and a bypass button at the Power Plant. If there was a chemical incident in the Power Plant which would require an eye wash or shower, and the button was not pressed, an alarm would indicate that someone was in need of assistance.

Any Classified employee may submit a suggestion. The Dollars for Your \$ense form is in the Personnel Public Folder. Suggestions should be submitted quarterly to Vicki Marksteiner, Personnel Services, Main Building.



Judy Bushman, Military Science, spent her spring break down in New Orleans with 25 other individuals to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. For five days they handed out relief supplies, gutted out homes and toured the 9th ward (the hardest hit area.) The trip was organized by the Church of the Intercession in Stevens Point.

Grace Gibbs, Business Affairs, has authored a book entitled, "*She Always Wore a Dress.*" The book is a collection of realistic and inspiring stories shared by her mother, the late Josephine Wanta Konkol. The publication consists of personal reflections of Josephine's 95 years, with beginnings on a homestead in Marathon County, followed by life with husband, Ed, and their ten children on the now century-old Konkol homestead in the Fancher area in eastern Portage County. During the past four winters, Grace entered the accounts into her home computer, thinking that someday she would publish them to pass on to her family. When her siblings learned of the project, they volunteered additional stories, recalling living in a home without indoor electricity or utilities, harvesting potatoes and going to Milwaukee to get a job in the 1950's. The first printing of 300 copies sold in ten weeks. A second printing is now available at several bookstores in Stevens Point and Wausau. All proceeds from book sales are being contributed to the St. James Catholic Church Building Fund in Amherst. Contact Grace at gralaronss@yahoo.com for more information.

Tammy Goman, CNR/Biology, is the mother of a king! Her son, Kurtis, was crowned the 2005 Homecoming King at Almond-Bancroft High School. He will be graduating in May.

Jim Maas, LRC Media Lab, became a grandfather on March 13. Jim's son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Dylana, are the proud parents of "the attractive and well behaved" Aryannah Valkerie Maas, who came into this world at 7 lbs. 3 oz. Jim has been advised to "spoil the heck out of her!"

Tom Jensen, Health Center, was recently named Chairman of the Finance Committee for The Green Circle Trail. And since he "just loves the Green Circle Trail," he is quite excited about this position!

Chris Mezera, Academic Custodial, will be the proud mother of the groom on June 10th. Her son, Ben, will marry a young woman who is originally from El Salvador and is a mom to a seven year old boy. Ben received a five year scholarship in 1997 from the University of Minnesota for football and played as a true freshman through his senior year. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and works for *Super Dimension*, a newer company that sells and services equipment which is used in lung biopsies.

Congratulations to everyone!!

History of Carolyn Rolfson Sargis and the Sargis Award

The Sargis Award is one of the most coveted recognitions for Classified Staff on campus. Carolyn Rolfson Sargis was proud to have her name associated with this award given in recognition of notable accomplishments and service by members of the University's Classified Staff. In her words, it is the "behind the scenes people" who keep the university running.

Ms. Sargis served this University as a secretary, financial secretary and business manager from 1919 to 1963. Her 43-year length of service record has yet to be matched by another Classified Staff member.

Ms. Sargis began her tenure at the Stevens Point Normal School as secretary to the principal of the training school. Five years later she became the school's financial secretary and eventually was promoted to business manager. Her responsibilities were as diverse as her many positions. She provided the budget management and planning function. She did student registration and purchasing (which at the time included everything from frogs to coal for the heating plant). She was the university cashier; she did payroll; gave out student scholarships; and was responsible for printing, personnel and any other category of work assigned. Carolyn Sargis was a stabilizing member of the university community serving under 11 presidents and chancellors. Besides her professional career at the university, she was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She did volunteer work for the American Red Cross for nearly 40 years. She was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Stevens Point, the Portage County Historical Society, the Wittenberg American Legion Auxiliary and the Home for the Aging Auxiliary.

The Carolyn Rolfson Sargis award was established in 1985 to recognize outstanding classified employees. Since 1995, an annual award has been given by the Classified Staff Advisory Committee. A UWSP Foundation fund has been established through the generosity of the Sargis estate.

As the first recipient of the prestigious award named in her honor, Ms. Sargis's lifetime contributions and dedication set the criteria for future recipients. Others who have received the Sargis award include:

- Sidone Anderson** (1985), Credit Auditor in Registration and Records for 38 years, retired in 1985
- Lois Low**, (1987) Secretary to the Chancellor, retired in 1987 following a 24-year career at UWSP
- Gerald Burling** (1995), Director of Purchasing, retired in 1996 after a 36-year career at UWSP
- Bob Kilcoyne** (1996), Educational Services Assistant in the College of Natural Resources, retired in 2002
- Chris Seefeldt** (1997), Program Assistant in the Arts & Athletics Ticket Office
- Glen Fink** (1998), Electrician in the Physical Plant, retired in 2000
- Dianne Smith** (1999), Student Status Examiner in the School of Education
- Mary Kay Hamilton** (2000), Program Assistant in the Foreign Languages Department, retired in 2000
- Sandra Wanserski** (2001), IS Network Support Technician Senior in Letters & Science and Information Technology
- Linda Garski** (2002), Financial Specialist Supervisor in International Programs
- Jane Burroughs** (2003), Program Assistant in Political Science, retired in 2003
- Kathy Paulson** (2004), Program Assistant in University Center Administration
- Bonnie Maher** (2005), Program Assistant in the Tutoring Learning Center

CSAC's 2005-06 Annual Report

Another busy but productive year is drawing to a close. It is always great to look back and see how well the CSAC team pulled together and made some neat things happen. As co-chairs, we would like to thank each and every one of them for their enthusiasm, willingness to "get er done" and great ideas!

The fall semester started off with Classified Appreciation Week. Each day during this week, staff members selected from a drawing (thank you, Chancellor Bunnell, for being such a good sport) were presented with "We Appreciate You" baskets. **Fidel Asuquo, Jane Shippy, Sandy Knapp, Dick Bartosh and Bob Helgemo** were the lucky recipients. There were other events: a tour offered in the still under construction Noel Fine Arts Center, a brat and burger sale in front of the UC, a brown bag session to help keep you informed about the Administrative Support staff survey and new classifications and the process for position transfers, and lunch at DeBot Center.

CSAC was honored this year with three fantastic guest speakers to keep us current on issues affecting the campus. Our speakers included Dave Eckholm, who spoke on behalf of the Chancellor and discussed the Chancellor's Vision Statement and the parking fee, Todd Kuckkahn with Foundation

updates and Peter Zuge, Info Tech, made a presentation on UWSP Information Security.

Classified Staff were proudly represented by **Ismael "Roy" Benavides** at Chancellor Bunnell's Installation Ceremony. **Faith Sanders** served as an "Honorary Marshall", also representing Classified Staff.

CSAC members sold blue Hurricane Katrina bracelets ("Relief / Recover / Rebuild") through various venues with the proceeds going to the Red Cross. Many, many thanks go to **Anne Swenson** and **Lin Vogel** who were the movers and shakers in this effort.

All work and no play? No way! CSAC sponsored a bus trip to see "**STOMP**" at the Appleton Performing Arts Center, and the trip was so well received that a second outing is scheduled for May. This time the show is "**CATS**." These events would not happen without **Kathy Paulson's** expertise, enthusiasm and willingness to coordinate these events.

April is always Classified Staff Month and CSAC has offered more informative brown bag sessions, tours and other special events. It has been a busy, fun and productive year.

Lisa Nelson & Faith Sanders, Co-chairs

2005-06 Classified Staff Advisory Committee

Christine Cherney, Internal Audit, Main
Fritz Menzel, Printing & Design, Science
Kathy Paulson, UC Administration, UC
Anne Swenson, Library, LRC

Diane Dieterich, Admissions, SSC
Lisa Nelson, Personnel Services, Main
Faith Sanders, Paper Science, Science
Lin Vogel, Library, LRC

University Committee Appointments

Chancellor's Cabinet, *Chris Cherney*; Classified Awards Selection Committee, *Vacant*; Committee on Status of Women, *Vacant*; Equity and Affirmative Action Committee, *Joan Schuh*; Facilities Naming Committee, *James Maas*; Parking Appeals Board, *Jerry Reinwand*; University Affairs Committee, *Christine Cherney*; University Personnel Development Committee, *JoAnne Evica*; University Technology Committee, *Sheila Bannister-Gross*; Plan 2008: Diversity Oversight & Advisory Committee, *Fritz Menzel*; Budget Review Committee, *Lisa Megal & Terri Chang*

THANK YOU to all the individuals who accepted appointments on various ad hoc and search and screen committees. Your time and talent in representing Classified Staff is very much appreciated.