

Classified Staff Spring Awards Ceremony

The Classified Staff Spring Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center. The Carolyn Sargis Award, Classified Employee Recognition Awards, and 25, 30, 35 and 40 year length of service pins & awards will be presented.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

CSAC Elections

Two Classified Staff Advisory Council (CSAC) members have come to the end of their two-year terms and two new positions were created to get CSAC to thirteen people. Elections were recently held to fill those positions.

CONGRATULATIONS to the six new CSAC members:

- ★ **Stacy Allen-Bannach**, Natural Resources
- ★ **Jackie Engum**, Biology
- ★ **JoAnne Evica**, Residential Living
- ★ **Thia Heil Oelke**, Facility Services
- ★ **Anne Swenson**, Library (has agreed to another 2-year term)
- ★ **Heather Tetzlaff**, Library

Thank you to **Faith Sanders** and **Lin Vogel** who served on CSAC for the last two years. Your dedication, hard work and fantastic ideas were greatly appreciated.

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



Pictured with Tom (center) are his wife Pamela and Bill DeVita, who nominated Tom for the Sargis Award.

The Classified Staff Advisory Council is pleased to announce that **Thomas Charles Jensen**, UWSP Health Services, has been selected as the recipient of the 2007 Carolyn Rolfson Sargis Award.

For the last 29 years, Tom has been taking care of the physical and mental needs of the university students as a Physician Assistant in Health Services.

Tom enrolled at UWSP in the fall of 1967, dropped out after one semester, spent four years in the

United States Coast Guard, enrolled (again) at UWSP in 1972, and after two years was accepted into the Physician Assistant Program at the Marshfield Clinic. He was in that program for 24 consecutive months and was then hired as a Physician Assistant at UWSP. He realized he was only 37 credits short of his Bachelor's degree, so with the support of his family and an understanding and supportive work environment, he went back to school and graduated from UWSP in December 1984 with a BS in Biology. His graduation gift from his wife was their 4th child, a baby girl. She had three big brothers to help take care of her!

In 2004 Tom established a scholarship at UWSP in his mother's name – *The Janet Ruth Jensen Education Scholarship*. He raised over \$5,000 in three months. His mother was able to attend the School of Education Spring Awards Banquet and hand out the first scholarship.

Twenty years ago, Tom decided to quit smoking and get into shape! Three years later he developed a one credit class at UWSP entitled "Kick Butts," offered to students to help them quit smoking. He developed a "Kick Butts" slide presentation and has had speaking engagements at national, state and local conferences. At age 45 he began running and has participated in numerous marathons including the 100th Boston Marathon in 1996. He races bicycles, has done many triathlons, swims, does Pilates, rides his bike to work almost every day and can do his age in push-ups!! (WHEW!)

Tom is involved in the UWSP Track & Field and Cross Country programs as a mentor, financial contributor and team "Doctor." He is also an avid supporter and financial contributor to the Pointer men's and women's basketball teams. During the Dick Bennett era of basketball, he traveled to Kansas City to cheer on the Pointer men in the NAIA Tournament all three years they participated, and two years ago traveled to the NCAA Division 3 National Championship games in Salem, WV.

Tom is very involved in community activities as well. He has volunteered for the Breathe Free group and was involved with the Portage County Tobacco Coalition for years. He is on the board for the Green Circle Trail and is currently the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Each fall he heads up the campaign to generate funds to help maintain and improve all aspects of the trail. He has "adopted" the Holiday Trail section (running from SPASH to Zenoff Park) and picks up litter once a week between April and October. He is the founder, organizer and leader of "Link-on-Trails," a senior citizen summer walking series coordinated through the Lincoln Center. This program offers free guided walks on various sections of the Green Circle. He is in the process of creating a motorized transportation service for physically challenged individuals.

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 Work Performance. 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 March 27.

The 2007 Recognition Awards Committee was chaired by Dianne Smith. Committee members included Sandy Bauman, Jessie Draper, Shelly Janowski, Joe Konopacky, Laurie Kujawa, Cindy Marczak, Linda Mirr, and Nancy Stokosa. The committee met to review the paperwork submitted for several deserving candidates and the decisions were quite difficult given the qualifications of all nominees.

University Service Award

The University Service Award recognizes time and effort voluntarily given to the university community. The time and effort are considered not part of the normal work assignment and may include being involved on a campus committee, providing assistance to staff, students or a campus organization, etc. The result of this involvement is increased positive perception of the University within the community or enhancing the ability of the University to accomplish its mission of providing educational opportunities.

The recipients of the 2006 University Service Award are: **Andy Pech** and **Linda Pluke**.

Andy's involvement in campus life, as well as the community, is varied and diverse. He has been involved in a number of activities, including Jail & Bail for March of Dimes, Bowling for Kids Sake (Big Brothers/Big Sisters), judge for History Day, playwright and director for student plays, and Chair of a Health & Safety Committee. He has gone out of his way to accommodate the added responsibilities in the LRC as a result of some UC services relocating to the LRC Circulation Desk and other areas of the library. He currently is involved in a proposed campus smoking ban as part of his work with the campus Health & Safety Committee.

How many of you are aware that the annual "Festival of India" is no longer a UWSP function, but rather a community function? **Linda's** publicity efforts have had a significant impact on this festival enjoyed by both the university, as well as the surrounding community. Linda is also involved in pre-college programs for multicultural and disadvantaged students and goes out of her way to make this diverse group feel welcome at

UWSP. She sits on the board of SHAMA and SHAMA Kids and has been involved in fundraising efforts for this group. Linda's nomination states that "helping make the next person have a better situation is what drives Linda!"

Outstanding Work Performance Award

The Outstanding Work Performance Award recognizes performance far beyond what is normally expected of an employee. It includes taking on additional responsibilities or increased workload, accepting and completing special projects that are not part of the employee's normal work duties, developing or modifying procedures or exhibiting behavior that enhances the employee's workplace. The result is improved effectiveness and efficiency of service offered by the work unit or the University.

The recipients of the 2006 Outstanding Work Performance Awards are: **Sheila Bannister-Gross**, Continuing Education; **Martina LaRosa**, Parking Services; and, **Fructoso "Frank" Rodriguez**, Facility Services.

Sheila's nomination detailed many reasons why she should be considered for this award. The committee felt her dedication and commitment to outstanding work performance was detailed as "donating time from home on weekends." When co-workers asked why she does this, her response to them was, "because it needed to get done and I'd hate to think of our students having to wait even an extra day for it." Sheila is described as "the unsung hero of Continuing Education."

Have you ever stopped in at Parking Services simply to ask them if they were having a nice day or to chat about the weather? Yeah, probably not! **Martina's** nomination indicated that although she works in an extremely stressful office, she continues to "maintain her civility and composure." How many people would have the level of commitment as Martina and postpone retirement because of something job-related? Martina's nomination detailed her "unwillingness to leave the project (new software for Parking Services) half done prior to retirement."

Frank is being recognized for his outstanding work performance as Custodian in the LRC. Custodial services staff are the "quiet angels" who work into the night with few people around to see what they do. People in the LRC definitely notice Frank's absence when he takes a day off work. Frank respects work spaces and does not stop simply at his custodial duties. He will go out of his way to help carry things or open doors for anyone in the library. His assigned work area expanded as a result of UC services relocating to LRC, yet this did not affect Frank's outstanding work performance.

Congratulations to all award recipients on your well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your outstanding level of commitment and performance to the University as well as the community.

In Memory Of...

After a courageous three year battle with cancer, Vicki Marksteiner passed away on March 9. CSAC would like to extend their sincerest sympathies to her husband, Mike, Facility Services, and her family.

Vicki spent her entire 30+ year career at UWSP in Personnel Services. She will be deeply missed by her family, co-workers and her many, many friends.

Sargis Award (cont. from page 1)

Tom is a co-director for the Riverfront Rendezvous free 5K Prediction walk/run. For the past ten years he has organized a New Year's Day Run/Walk Celebration at his family's farm and over 150 people attended this year's event. For the last four years he has sponsored a Lamers Bus for an overnight trip to the NCAA Division 1 National Cross Country meet in Terra Haute, IN to support the Badgers and Stevens Point's own Chris Solinsky. And, for the last nine years, he has sponsored a bus trip to Winter Park in Minocqua to participate in a three mile trail run. He has coached both boys basketball and youth soccer traveling teams. As a Town of Hull resident, Tom is on a committee for the Town that is formulating long range growth planning for that area. And, he is currently initiating the steps necessary to become a Big Brother in the Portage County Big Brothers Big Sisters Chapter.

Tom says "I believe in taking charge of your life, holding yourself accountable and doing things for others! It's really never too late to be what you might have been, every day truly is a gift and I have been very fortunate to have been able to have been a graduate of and an employee of UWSP for the past 29 years. I lead by example, put my time where my mouth is and believe that 'love is a verb – i.e. action.' Lastly, there are a lot of people out there who have toiled silently and unnoticed in obscurity who deserve this award. I just feel proud and grateful that just even one person out there somewhere thought I might be deserving of it."

Congratulations Tom!!

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, 2006. 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 March 27.

5-Year Pin

Stacey Allen-Bannach, Natural Resources; **Cristina Altobelli**, Chemistry; **Debra Anderson**, Residential Living; **Sean Casey**, Facility Services; **Christine Cherney**, Internal Audit; **Ruth Daniels**, Theatre & Dance; **Steve Dix**, Information Technology; **Jessica Draper**, Information Technology; **Nancy Euler**, Sociology; **Randolph Fredrick**, Power Plant; **Tammy Hanson**, CNR Dean's Office; **Mimi Johnson**, Art; **Sveindis Meyer**, HESA; **Theresa Michalski**, International Programs; **Terry Molder**, Facility Services; **Renee Nachman**, Foundation; **Robert Newby**, Center for Land Use Education; **Wendy Peterson**, Safety & Loss Control; **Sarah Pliska**, Athletics; **Cheryl Reed**, Payment Services; **Dawn Roberts**, UC Administration; **Peggy Rzentkowski**, Residential Living; **Eric Verhagen**, Facility Services; **Todd Wipperfurth**, Facility Services

10-Year Pin

Alice Harkness, Academic Custodial; **Michael Havron**, Academic Custodial; **Michael Higgins**, Academic Custodial; **Betty Kieliszewski**, Education; **Richard Kleifgen**, Library; **Patricia Konkol**, Communicative Disorders; **Jeanne Pawielski**, Health Services; **Deb Yanda**, Academic Custodial; **Peter Zuge**, Information Technology

15-Year Pin

Peter Brandl, Facility Services; **John Gallagher**, Library; **Ellen Holguin**, Biology; **Christine Mezera**, Academic Custodial; **Barb Nelson**, Provost's Office; **Roger Parmeter**, Telephone Support Office; **Barb Perron**, Accounts Receivable; **Linda Pluke**, Multicultural Affairs

20-Year Pin

Sheila Bannister-Gross, Continuing Education; **Julie Benson**, Registration & Records; **Terri Chang**, Financial Operations; **Tom Johnson**, Facility Services; **Jerry Kummer**, CNR Dean's Office; **Sally Reese**, University Store

25-Year Pin

Barb Bartkowiak, L&S Dean's Office; **Carolee Cote**, Philosophy; **Virginia Crandell**, University Relations & Communication; **Joseph Hencik**, Facility Services; **Fred Hopfensperger**, Surplus Store; **Christine Neidlein**, Library; **Warren Rudy**, Academic Custodial; **Nancy Stokosa**, Physics; **Ken Szymanski**, Residential Living; **Julie Thiele**, Admissions; **Cheryl Wachowiak**, Student Rights & Responsibilities; **Kathy Wachowiak**, Telephone Support Office; **Martin Zblewski**, Power Plant

30-Year Pin

Karen Cisewski, Math & Computing; **Janelle Ewen**, Personnel Services; **Carl Garski**, Residential Living; **Carole Iwanski**, Financial Aid; **Nancy LaMar**, Personnel Services; **Vicki Marksteiner**, Personnel Services; **Armando Ramon**, Academic Custodial; **Henry Ramon**, Residential Living; **Fructoso Rodriguez**, Academic Custodial; **Mike Szymkowiak**, Residential Living

35-Year Clock

Roy Benavides, Facility Services; **Sandy Knapp**, Budget; **Pat Literski**, Telephone Support Office; **Tom Przybylski**, Academic Custodial; **Sharon Simonis**, Facility Services; **Judy Slowinski**, Administrative Information Systems; **Dianne Smith**, Information Technology; **Cindy Witzel**, Registration & Records

40-Year Award

Vern Gumz, General Ledger Accounting

March Madness Brown Bag Day



On Thursday, March 29, CSAC is sponsoring two Brown Bag sessions. Unfortunately you will have to "pick" which one you would like to attend!

Dr. Sharon Gahnz, Counseling Center, will present "Do You Have Emotional Intelligence?" from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 353, Delzell Hall (take the elevator to 3rd floor.) Learn what emotional intelligence is and why it is important in your life. To be emotionally intelligent means to "Know Yourself," "Choose Yourself," and "Give Yourself." It is a new way of thinking about the ingredients of life success. It includes learning the skills of self mastery, optimism, confidence, empathy, and the social arts. These competencies can determine success in relationships, and success at work. It is important for children as well as adults. Space is limited. Please sign up with Anne Swenson (aswenson@uwsp.edu) by Monday, March 26.

Also, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m., CSAC is sponsoring the Planetarium presentation of *Aurora!* This program takes a look at our understanding of the Aurora Borealis or northern lights. Look at some of the early myths associated with the northern lights and follow our understanding of their origin from ideas of the ancient Greeks to our modern-day knowledge of their appearance as a link between electricity and magnetism and between the Sun and the Earth.

PERSONNEL ON THE MOVE
as of October 2006



New Employees (Permanent and Project)

Colleen Boardman, University Services Associate 2 – Project, Continuing Education
Troy Ekstrom, Power Plant Operator, Power Plant
Roberta Erwin, University Services Associate 2 – Project, Dean's Office, Fine Arts
Barb Grunwaldt, University Services Associate 1, Foundation
Amy Konietzki, Laboratory Prep Tech-Sr., Biology
Sherry Lazar, University Services Associate 2, Career Services
Mary Liebe, Financial Specialist 2, Bursar's Office
Ken Matsche, Security Officer 4 – Project, Protective Services
Lisa Nelson, Payroll & Benefits Specialist Advanced Confidential, Payroll
Joe Pientka, Custodian, Academic Custodial
Alice Stoffel, Operations Program Associate (A), University Bookstore
Kim Szczybalka, Custodian, Academic Custodial
Robyn Woytasik, Accountant, General Ledger Accounting
Danielle Vorpapel, Operations Program Associate (A) - Project, Conference & Reservations
Ann Whipp, University Services Associate 1, Registration & Records

Transfers

Tom Johnson, from Facilities Maintenance Specialist to Buildings/Grounds Supervisor in Facility Services

Farewell!!!

Dale Bruni, retired from Facility Services
Dawn Roberts, resigned from Point Card Office
Richard Scipior, retired from Grounds Maintenance
Carol Strasser, retired from University Bookstore
Terri Zabrowski, retired from Information Technology

UPDC Grants

The Classified Staff Personnel Development Subcommittee strongly encourages Classified Staff to submit grant requests for training and development projects. The funds administered by the University Personnel Development Committee (UPDC) may be granted to individuals for career development and for some group projects.

Classified employees receiving UPDC grants include:

- **Jennifer Hess**, Continuing Education, \$1,585, "LERN's Annual Conference on Lifelong Learning"
- **Wendy Peterson**, Environmental Health & Safety, \$338, "2006 Ergonomics Conference and Expo"
- **Linda Garski, Carol Grasamke, Mary Shaw and Teri Michalski**, International Programs, \$4,652, "Meeting the Challenges of Contemporary International Education: Professional Development Opportunities through 2007 NAFSA Conference in Minneapolis"
- **John Gosz**, Web & Media Services, \$1,170, "Concurrent Broadcast Education Association (BEA) & National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Conventions"
- **Fred Hopfensperger**, Surplus Property Office, \$1,250, "University Surplus Property Association Conference"
- **Ann Klosinski**, Centers Reservations, \$675, "Leadership Portage County"

Development grants support Classified Staff development and training. Examples of projects that have been funded include sending a photographer to a seminar on black and white photography and bringing a speaker to campus to conduct seminars on stress reduction.

Classified Staff may apply for small grants at any time during the academic year until May 1. Activities eligible for this category must cost \$500 or less, and they require at least a \$100 match from the applicant's unit.

If you have a question about submitting a grant, you may contact either Cindy in the Grant Support Services Office at 346-2632 or cmarczak@uwsp.edu; or, JoAnne Evica, at jevica@uwsp.edu.

2007-2008 Classified Staff Advisory Council



Name	Department/Building	Ext.
Stacy Allen Bannach	Natural Resources, CNR	4232
Judy Bushman	Military Science, SSC	3821
Jackie Engum	Biology, CNR	4524
JoAnne Evica	Residential Living	2397
Becca Franzen	SIEO, Nelson	2174
Mary Gliniski	University Store	3431
Thia Heil Oelke	Academic Custodial, CCC	3647
Jennifer Hess	Continuing Educ, Main	2740
Shelly Janowski	Facility Services, M&M	2552
Lisa Nelson	Student Payroll, Main	4085
Anne Swenson	Library, LRC	4937
Heather Tetzlaff	Library, LRC	2105
Peter Zuge	Info Tech, LRC	4831

University Committee Appointments

Budget Review Committee - *Terri Chang*, General Ledger

Accounting

Classified Awards Selection Committee - *Dianne Smith*, Chair, Information Technology, *Sandy Bauman*, Information Technology, *Jessie Draper*, Information Technology, *Shelly Janowski*, Facility Services, *Joe Konopacky*, Academic Custodial, *Laurie Kujawa*, Payment Services, *Cindy Marczak*, Grant Support Office, *Linda Mirr*, Education, *Nancy Stokosa*, Physics & Astronomy;

Classified Grants Committee - *Becca Franzen*, Student Involvement & Employment

Committee on Status of Women - *Eileen Gavinski*, Faculty Senate

Equity and Affirmative Action Committee - *Joan Schuh*, Health Services, *Stacey Allen-Bannach*, Natural Resources, and *Alfredo Casas*, Facility Services

Facilities Naming Committee - *Carol Wake*, Natural Resources

Parking Appeals Committee - *JoAnne Evica*, Residential Living

Plan 2008 Committee - *Kate Reck*, Residential Living

Sargis Award Committee - *Lin Vogel*, Co-Chair, Library, *Becca Franzen*, Co-Chair, Student Involvement & Employment, *Julie Benson*, Registration & Records, *Tammi David*, Foundation, *Joe Hencik*, Transportation, *Karlyn Jakusz*, Information Technology

University Affairs Committee - *Tammy Hanson*, Natural Resources

University Technology Committee - *Sheila Bannister-Gross*, Continuing Education

University Personnel Development Committee - *JoAnne Evica*, Residential Living

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.

Mandy Johnson, Financial Aid, and **Martin Slowinski**, KP Appliance, were married on October 14, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stevens Point. The couple's 3-year-old son was the best man. The reception was held at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Prairie Ballroom with over 300 guests attending. The couple honeymooned in Door County.

Jackie Christianson, Student Affairs, graduated in December with a Business Administration major and Psychology minor.

Linda Rice, Education, and her husband, **Chad** (a '95 UWSP graduate), had a daughter on September 8. **Rebecca Clare** (7 lbs. 8 oz) joins her big brother **Jacob** (6) and big sister **Rachel** (3). Linda says, "Rebecca is a sweet, easy-going baby so far, which is very helpful now that we have three kids!"

Wendy Dolan, Theatre & Dance, is unfortunately leaving the ranks of the Classified Staff after 8 years. Her position as Costume Shop Manager has been converted to an Academic Staff position.

Dianne Smith, Information Technology, had a daughter get married in September, another daughter is being married in May and her first grandchild is due in July. Her daughter **Lori**, who works at Sentry, married **Paul Hoffman** on September 9, 2006 and they are expecting their first child in July. **Dianne's** daughter **Lisa**, a teacher with Tomorrow River School District, is marrying **Jesse Disher** on May 5, 2007.

Anne Swenson, Library, is officially in the "10 gallon club" after almost 30 years of giving blood for the Red Cross.

Vern Gumz, General Ledger Accounting, has reached a hallmark of longevity on campus – 41 years (as of March 14, 2007.) His new supervisor, **Robyn Woytasik**, congratulates him and thanks him for his years of dedicated service.

Christine Mezera, Facility Services, and her husband were vacationing in Las Vegas and went on a tour of Hoover Dam. While visiting some of the exhibits in another area of the complex they ran into **Dave Zinda**, a retired UWSP Custodian. She would also like to share the news that her son, **Isaac Mezera**, is the head track coach for Middleton High School. He teaches freshmen English and participates in several triathlons around the state.

Ella Weetz, CWES, celebrated her 30 years of service to CWES with a surprise party on January 30. She thought she was attending a birthday party for some CWES staff members when in fact it was a party for her! Attending were many past and current staff members, others associated with CWES and some of her family members. Ella would like to thank **Abbie Enlund** and **Jenni Webster** for coordinating the event and putting together an album commemorating her years at CWES. And Ella says that she is NOT retiring!!

Sue Beeken, Point Card Office, became a grandmother on March 10, 2007. Her daughter and son-in-law, **Elizabeth** and **Richard Russell**, had a baby girl, **Molly Maria Russell**. She weighed a whopping 10 pounds 3 ounces and was 23 inches long when she was born.

Congratulations to everyone!!

CLASSified AcCenT

The **CLASSified AcCenT** 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!

~ ~ Colleen Angel ~ ~

Colleen Angel began working at UWSP on July 1, 1980 when she was still an undergraduate. She was in the Reserve & Circulation areas of the Library until 1990 when she accepted a new position in the Reference and Interlibrary Loan area. Her official title is Library Services Advanced Lead, but she will answer to “anything resembling librarian, or ‘do you work here?’.” She helps people with their research, finding and obtaining articles and books, as well as locating websites. When articles or books are not available in the Library’s paper or electronic holdings, she “pounds the computer keyboard, making requests from other libraries to share their materials with our students, faculty, and staff.”

Colleen says jokingly that the favorite part of her job is vacation! More seriously though, the favorite part of her job is helping people, whether it is teaching them how our resources can be accessed or helping them reach a decision on what topic they will choose to research. She says “often that choice is influenced by what they can find on the topic, so by helping them find resources they have more choices in what to research.”

Colleen worked as an Instructional Assistant in the Communication Department for four semesters while finishing her MA. She absolutely loved working with the Comm 101 students and also says “the professors I took classes from were/are some of my favorite mentors.”

Before coming to UWSP, Colleen had jobs cooking, waitressing, and managing the evening shift at the UW-Marshfield/Wood County campus library, which is really where she got her start in library work. As the student manager, she had the opportunity to begin sharing her own research techniques as a sophomore in college.

When Colleen started at UWSP, typewriters were still used for library work, email was non-existent, and we didn’t have links to cameras to monitor the progress of building projects on our computer screens. Needless to say, Colleen has witnessed quite a few changes since 1980! One major change was the move from using paper indexes to find articles and a “card catalog” to find books, to accessing hundreds of full text electronic articles and using online catalogs to find out what libraries across the country own as well as our own books (and whether they are checked out.) However, she says “one of my favorite changes has happened in the consciousness or awareness of people I

find myself interacting with on the campus. Our whole culture is recognizing the energetic components of medicine, communication, and simply the interdependence of all of us, human and other terrestrial occupants (plants, animals, etc). Examples are the imaging of human bodies in scans with ever increasing power and accuracy, e-mail and IMing were not used by most people when I began working here. And complementary or alternative medicine concepts were seen as somehow suggestive of “flower children” or hippy types who might also use mind-altering illegal substances. Now Reiki and Tai Chi are taught at our campus. Talk about “good vibrations!”

There is a long list of things Colleen likes about working at UWSP! She likes the campus as a physical place; interacting with the students; the fact that she can take a class and “keep the old brain pan from rusting shut;” the campus community; and the Stevens Point community. She says “the openness of people here helps me to see possibilities in life, and to see the good aspects in the people here, no matter if they are ‘university’ or ‘community’ members.”

Some of her most memorable times at UWSP were her graduations and seeing her sisters and her son graduate. Colleen has met many memorable, interesting, helpful and talented people here at UWSP. (Too many to name!) A number of them have retired or moved on, but she still has the highest regard for everyone!

Her advice for graduates is “Do what you can to make sure you have all the training in computer use, website construction, and use of technology you can fit in no matter what your major. It will help no matter what job you take. Personally, look into financial literacy. We don’t learn enough of that early enough in our culture. You may not need an MBA to come out financially sound, but get the financial knowledge from people who have the true entrepreneurial spirit.”

Colleen has earned a BS from UWSP in Psychology, an MLIS (Masters in Library and Information Science) from UW-Milwaukee and an MA from UWSP in Organizational Communication. She is the proud mother of one son, Daniel. In her spare time, Colleen enjoys jewelry making, buying and selling beads, studying different alternative medicine techniques and spirituality in various forms. She has traveled to Tucson for bead shows and spent a month camping across the western states.

~ ~ *Alfredo Casas* ~ ~

Alfredo Casas started working in the UWSP Recycling Center as a Motor Vehicle Operator-Light in May 1997. He transferred to Academic Custodial in May 2004. He is currently on the Project Crew and his duties include moving and delivering furniture within buildings, changing burned-out light bulbs, setting up for UW events, unlocking all administration and class buildings early in the mornings, shoveling snow in the winter and anything else that may come up during the work day! He also fills in for other custodians when they are sick or on vacation.

The best part of the job for Al is that he is never stuck in one place for long. He goes wherever he is needed and gets to meet and talk to people and is always doing something different. He says there is “never a dull moment here at UWSP.” He also likes his work schedule of 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The biggest change he has witnessed is all the building additions and remodeling.

Al’s most memorable experience on campus was having a spot on 90-FM radio playing Spanish music every Saturday afternoon. His most embarrassing moment was that he almost came to work on Martin Luther King Day.

Al is originally from Laredo, TX. He graduated from Almond-Bancroft High School and is currently taking classes at North Central Technical College. He has been married to Yvonne for 7 years. Their combined families

include 7 children and 17 grandchildren. Al has 3 children - Armando (26), Manuel (25) and Tanya (22) and 7 grandchildren - Alejandro, Adriana, Giovanni, Xavier, Alexis, Aaliah and Jazzmin. Yvonne has 4 children - Scott, Shawn, Shane and Stacey, and 10 grandchildren - Stephanie, Casey, Kelsey, Shane, Chase, Erin, Olivia, Tyler, Kelli and Erica.

Al has been on quite a few memorable vacations. He’s traveled to Las Vegas, Mount Rushmore, Disney Land and Mexico. He saw Shania Twain in concert and in 1994 he was at the Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day game in Dallas.

When not busy on campus, Al enjoys playing softball and pool, listening to music and watching boxing and football. He and Yvonne have a DJ business and Yvonne decorates for weddings and plays piano for weddings and church services. They also enjoy camping, especially when it includes family. His future plans include spending more time with his family and to work on his and his wife’s family trees.

Al says “I have enjoyed working for UWSP for the past ten years. I work with a bunch of ‘crazy,’ but very outstanding people in the Custodial department and also have met outstanding people around campus. The morale of our department is very good. It has improved within the last year and I can tell it’s going to get better, and I’m very happy to be a part of this.”

~ ~ *Ed Marks* ~ ~



Chances are if you’ve been to the UWSP Museum of Natural History, you have met Ed Marks. Ed began his career at UWSP in 1973 and has spent all 34 years as Curator in the Museum. He educates the public and students about natural history and the Museum exhibits, cares for the collections, does exhibit research, design and construction, is Curator of the Menominee Clans Project and supervises the student staff in the Store and Museum.

Activities in the Museum vary each day, which is the favorite part of Ed’s job. These activities include exhibit design and construction, giving presentations to various groups, researching natural science and fossil history, interviewing potential donors, meeting with students and administrators, interaction with the Menominee Clans Committee, or writing references for students.

Ed remembers the days of printing labels with lead type and an ink press. Then came electric typewriters and he could enlarge the labels on a photocopy machine that had just arrived on campus. So...the biggest change Ed has witnessed is all the technology we now have!

The most memorable experience for Ed was working closely with the late Jim Frechette for 7 years. Ed says “being a traditional Menominee elder and artist, Jim valued honor, respect, commitment and purpose. He also had a great sense of humor.”

In the days before direct deposit, Ed used to walk to the bank downtown to deposit his check. His most embarrassing moment happened one winter day when he walked to the bank. He had a habit of placing his winter hat on his desk. He put on his coat, gloves and hat and proceeded downtown. People he was passing seemed to look at him in a strange sort of way. He went to the bank and deposited his check and again noticed the odd looks from the bank teller and others. Feeling a bit confused about peoples’ reactions, he returned to work, took off his coat and gloves and threw his hat on the desk. And there, attached to the front of the hat, was a large ball of steel wool! From that day on, he took more care in where he put his hat!!

Ed has always enjoyed working with students, staff and faculty on campus. He says “the people, along with the institution, offer an endless resource for information, ideas and perspectives.” His advice to graduates entering the work force is “learn to listen well, write well, to assert yourself and keep in touch with your feelings.”

Ed was born in Milwaukee. He received a BS degree from UWSP. He and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 36 years. They have 2 children, Amy (31) and Dan (26), and one grandchild, Liam (3). Ed’s hobbies include gardening, reading, bird watching, nature study, geology, painting and traveling. And traveling in their “Scamp” (a tiny trailer) is what he and his wife plan to do in the future - visiting wilderness areas and smaller towns.

"North End" Soup Cook Off



Congratulations to **Ray Firkus**, Plumber in Facility Services, for winning the 2nd "North End" Soup Cook Off held in October. About 15-20 people entered their

favorite soups and a panel of 3 independent judges selected the top 3. **Pete Brandl**, Painter in Facility Services, took 2nd place with Creamy Potato soup and **Todd Wipperfurth**, Carpenter in Facility Services, took 3rd place with Venison Stew. Ray's winning recipe is below. **Chris Brindley**, Buildings/Grounds Superintendent, initiated the Soup Cook Off event last fall with a Chili Cook Off. **Todd Wipperfurth** was the winner of that contest.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE SOUP

- 1½ lbs. mild Italian bulk sausage, fresh
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 28-oz. can Dei Fratelli brand "Chopped Italian Tomatoes, Herbs and Olive Oil"
- 3 14-oz. cans regular strength beef broth
- 1½ C. dry red wine
- 1 tsp. crumbled basil leaves
- 3 T. chopped parsley
- 1 medium chopped green pepper
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced about ¼" thick
- 3 C. uncooked bowtie pasta

In a 5-quart (or larger) Dutch oven, cook the sausage over medium heat until lightly browned. Drain. Add garlic and onions; cook until onions are "limp." Stir in the tomatoes - including liquid. Add broth, wine and basil. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

Remove from heat; and cool/chill long enough to be able to remove excess fat from surface of soup. Return to heat. Add parsley, green pepper, zucchini and pasta. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and simmer for about 25 minutes. Serve with Parmesan cheese on top.



Department News

The Conservatory for Creative Expression

The Conservatory for Creative Expression, housed in UWSP Continuing Education, has changed their name to Arts & Culture Outreach. Check their website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/conted/aco/>, for the art, music, theatre, and other culture programs offered.

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES)

CWES is again holding many different summer camps for children ages 5 to 17. There are two day camps for the younger children to see what they can do in a couple of years and then a three day or six day camp. There are four exciting Adventure Trips scheduled for this summer. Three family camp options are also offered, all including waterfront activities on Sunset Lake. Registrations are coming in every day. For more information on the summer camps, go to the CWES website at www.uwsp.edu/cwes.

This spring, CWES will host a Summer Camp Open House on Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors can participate in some of the summer camp activities such as crafts, hikes, programming, plus waterfront activities such as swimming, kayaking and canoeing. Food and beverages will be served. Come and check out our summer camp activities.

Continuing Education

Several seminars for professional and personal enrichment are being offered this spring at the Wisconsin Learning Center (WLC) through Continuing Education.

- *Starting & Surviving in Business: Make Your Business Dream a Reality* - April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11 or August 8 (-pick one date), 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Free workshop, Trainer: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
- *Listening for Colors* (blends two significant concepts for improving interaction with contacts -- personality & listening) - April 3, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$129 (Lunch included), Trainer: Jim Moe
- *Effective Public Speaking & Presentation Skills* - April 19 and 26, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., \$139, Trainer: Dan Dieterich
- *Communicating Between Generations in the Workplace* - May 16, 8:00 a.m. - Noon, \$89.00, Trainer: Jana Nelson
- *Hindi Conversational Workshop ('Namaste')* -: May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, & 17, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., \$199 plus materials, Trainer: Kaushalya Gopal
- *Italian Conversational Workshop (Buon Giorno!)* - March 27, 29, April 3, 5, 10, & 12, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., \$199 plus materials, Trainer: Jutta Brendel
- *Spanish Conversational Workshop (Hola!)* - April 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., \$199 plus materials, Trainer: Roberto Assardo
- *Diffusing Workplace Violence* - March 28, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, \$89, Trainer: Rae Ann Thomas
- *Dealing Positively With Challenging Situations* - April 17, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, \$89, Trainer: Jana Nelson
- *Effective Writing for Professionals* - April 17 and 24, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$139, Trainer: Dan Dieterich

All courses are held at the Wisconsin Learning Center, 5501A Vern Holmes Drive. Registration forms are available at www.uwsp.edu/conted. If you are interested in details on any of the following seminars or workshops, please contact Colleen Boardman at ext. 2631 or cboardma@uwsp.edu.

CSAC's 2006-07 Annual Report

2006-07 was another eventful year for CSAC.

In October, Bob Mosier talked to us about the Campus Accreditation process going on this next year.

We held the Fall Classified Staff week October 9-13, 2007. Names of five "special" people were drawn and each received a gift from CSAC. The lucky winners were Lynn Rasmussen, Center for Watershed Science & Education, CNR; Jessica Tomaszewski, WCEE/LEAF, CNR; Jean Scherer, Chancellor's Office, Main; Paulette Rogers, Vice Chancellor's Office, Main; and, Patty Cray, Library, LRC.

All week long, Classified staff were able to use the Cardio center for free. We hope many of you took advantage of this opportunity!

Several Classified staff members enjoyed a presentation of the Hubble Vision on an October 9 visit to the Planetarium.

On October 10, CSAC members flipped burgers and brats and sold them in the Sundial from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Weather was perfect for good food and great conversation.

Roger Parmeter demonstrated several basic Tai Chi moves at a Tai Chi session on October 11.

Julie Hayes, University Benefit Specialist, presented information about Dual Choice and our 2007 benefits at an October 12 Brown Bag. This session was well attended by about thirty five Classified staff. Julie informed attendees on the benefit changes and answered their many questions and concerns.

On November 15, Mary Mielke gave a Word formatting demonstration. About twenty Classified staff attended this brown bag workshop and learned many short cuts in word processing.

In December, Lori Yonash spoke to CSAC on behalf of the UWSP Sustainability Committee. She informed us that many projects have already been completed such as solar panels on top of some dorms, use of timers on lights, and motion detectors. All of these projects save on electricity. The campus is directed to

be self-sustainable within five years, which is a large project.

At CSAC's January meeting, Tom Miller, Legislative Liaison, presented information on the University's need for a new major in the health field. CSAC wrote a letter to the legislature stating our desire to have this new major approved.

Dick Schneider presented a historical and interesting Brown Bag on the CNR mural on February 7. The mural is one of the highlights of the campus, featured on everything from postcards to web sites. Fourteen Classified staff members heard the story of the design, development and completion of the mural.

At a February 28 Brown Bag session, Jessie Draper, Information Technology, gave a presentation on "Microsoft Outlook Possibilities." Seventeen Classified staff learned several tips on using Outlook, such as how to use remote access and how to create personal folders.

In January, a survey was sent out to all Classified staff about possibly having a state-wide conference at UWSP. CSAC has decided to look into it for 2008, after the University Center has been completed. Many possibilities and ideas came from the survey and we appreciate all who participated.

All the brown bags, tours, and events are open to ALL Classified staff, LTE's and Project appointments. Please feel free to contact any member of CSAC to offer ideas or suggestions for activities.

CSAC now has a new name! It was unanimously passed to change to Classified Staff Advisory Council.

The Spring Awards Ceremony will be March 27, 2007 in the Jenkins Theatre from 3:00-4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! ☺

The goal of CSAC is to promote active participation in university decision making, informed communication and a positive professional environment for all classified staff. CSAC is here for YOU!!

Lisa Nelson & Anne Swenson, Co-chairs

During the week of March 26-30, Classified Staff are invited to use the Cardio Center for free. Just bring along your staff I.D. and sign up at the main desk. CSAC Appreciation Week will be coming up in April. Watch your email & MOD for information on a brat/burger sale, a tour, brown bags and other activities. The names of five lucky Classified employees will be drawn and they will receive an appreciation gift from a CSAC member.