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John M. Bernd, Stevens Point, retired from UW-Stevens Point after 40 years in 1984. He moved to Atlanta that year and returned to Stevens Point in 2000. He recalls fine teachers at La Crosse State: Bill Glover, Myrtle Trowbridge, O.O. White, Milford Cowley. He was in several plays and was editor of the *Racquet*. Since he'll be 91 in August he doesn't imagine there are many left from that 1944 class, but he would be interested in any correspondence.

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Roger L. Nichols, Tucson, Ariz., had his 11th book published, "Warrior Nations: The United States and the Indians" by Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2013. Nichols is a professor of history at the University of Arizona.

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William F. Heineke, Gillette, Wyo., recently completed directing an intensive summer day-treatment program for abused and neglected children and their families that he developed and implemented for 28 years. The program ran six hours daily, four days a week with 20 group leaders working with 85 children over six weeks. The program will continue on a smaller scale during the school year. "If you get paid for doing what you love, you won't have to work a day in your life," Heineke notes.

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Mary (Tornowske) Lubner, Cedarburg, recently returned from a 4-H cultural exchange program

to Argentina. She served as chaperone to nine youth for the month-long exchange. Lubner has been spending much of her retirement volunteering for 4-H.

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Barbara Jacobs, Johnston, R.I., is experiencing changes with the new athletic conference created with the break up of the "old" Big East Conference. The American Athletic Conference becomes her full-time employer while the "new" Big East has retained her as an independent contractor to coordinate its women's basketball officials, as well as create the conference schedule. She's looking forward to many new challenges.

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Jim Kobs, Onalaska, is retired. Their daughter, Liisa, is teaching in the UW-L Biology Department. She has traveled all over the world in various jobs and decided La Crosse is a great place to live and work.

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Rob "Oliver" Cowan, Deerfield, Ill., has retired from teaching. He would like to say "hello" to friends he went to college with and wish them much success in their later years. He would also like to thank the many friends who sent condolences to him and his family over the loss of his son-in-law, Trooper James Michael Sauter who was killed March 28 on I-94 in Glenview, Ill. "Great times, great people, that was UW-L," he concludes.

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Mary Beth Castino, Wauwatosa, has been promoted to director of risk management of The Marcus Corp. in Milwaukee. After earning a bachelor's Castino earned a JD from the John Marshall Law School in 1985.

Susan L. Thornberry Censky, Germantown, became a first-time grandmother July 24, 2013, when her daughter, Shannon, had a baby, Connor.

Steven Jacobson, Hopkins, Minn., has been a poet for seven years. He was recently published in an anthology from the country of Romania in which his poetry was translated from English to Romanian.

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Todd Fitzgerald, Grayslake, Ill., has been named director of information security with Grant Thornton International, an international public accounting firm based in London with U.S. headquarters in Chicago. He had been with ManpowerGroup.

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Betty (Zastrow) Armstrong, Brule, Neb., retired in March 2013 after more than 30 years with the Ogallala Public Schools as the elementary librarian.

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Lynn (Seidlitz) Kretlow, Waukegan, Ill., is a fifth grade teacher in Waukegan District No. 60. "Teaching is wonderful and always changing so it's never boring," she says.

Tim Thorsen, Rhinelander, and his wife, Lisa, saw their daughter, Kassi, graduate from UW-L in May. Their youngest of four, Tyler, started at UW-L in September. They're proud both are at UW-L. Thorsen says it's surreal discussing the same look of the bluffs coming east to west on the interstate as it had looked for him on his way to La Crosse for classes the first time 27 years ago.

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Rob Zeitler, Sewanee, Tenn., is now director of athletics in addition to his responsibilities as health and fitness instructor and varsity volleyball and boys' basketball coach at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in Sewanee, Tenn. He earned a master's at Georgia State University. Zeitler joined St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in 1996. In his 17-year tenure, he has served as assistant director of athletics, volleyball coach, varsity boys' basketball coach, health and fitness instructor, physical education instructor, and lead house parent.

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Susan (Whittle) Stank, Cedarburg, works at Mayfair Physical Therapy. She and her husband, Dennis, were married in 2008. They have two children, Sean (12) and Erin (4).

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Melissa R. Atheimer, New Berlin, earned a licensed practical nursing degree from Waukesha County Technical College in 2011. She is a workers compensation claims case manager for West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. She had her first child, Ava Grace, in March 2012.

Mary (Swab) Rostad, Marysville, Wash., is a graphics production specialist with Rick Steves' Europe Through the Back Door. Her job entails working on maps and images that appear in his well-known guidebooks. She also continues to do freelance work on maps.

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Josh Schaub, Minneapolis, is the new CEO and co-owner of the Joliet Slammers, a minor league baseball team in Joliet, Ill. The Slammers are a member of the Frontier League of Professional Baseball. He is an attorney with the Weber Law Group in Minneapolis.

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Tracy Machtan, Terre Haute, Ind., is assistant director for fraternity and sorority life at Indiana State University. The alumna of the Delta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi at UW-L was recognized by the Iota Sigma colony of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity with a certificate of appreciation for "Exceptional Service and Support." Machtan served as the primary support person for Iota Sigma throughout its 21-month colonization process. She was presented with the recognition in February at the chapter's re-installation banquet.

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Amanda Acklin, La Crosse, has been named executive director of Habitat for Humanity of the La Crosse Area.

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Tristina Davis, Lithia Springs, Ga., graduated with a business management degree in December. She works for Pillar Hotels and Resorts traveling the country at the different hotels that Pillar manages, helping out in management positions. "It's a wonderful job and I would not have been able to have this job without the help from UW-L," she says.

Rachel Gerke, La Crosse, is an occupancy specialist with the Horizon Management Group Inc. in La Crosse.

Class of 20??

Tom, '01, and **Lauren Wieme**, Martinez, Ga., a daughter, **Anna Katherine**, July 2, 2013. She joins sister **Kristen** (3).

Adam, '02, and **Crystal (Neeb)**, '03, **Rogahn**, Greenfield, a son, **Drew Peter**, Oct. 11, 2012. He joins a sister, **Bellamy** (2).

IN MEMORIAM

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Alumni remembered

- 1935** — Wilma Leide Pfiffner, Milwaukee
- 1939** — Ruth (Pertzsch) Markle, Anaconda, Mont.
- 1942** — Carmen Sherette Marsh, Wisconsin Rapids
- 1943** — Joan (Oesau) Canning, Boise, Idaho
- 1943** — Verna (Larson) Schumacher, Glendale, Ariz.
- 1947** — Mary Brady, Elroy
- 1947** — Alice Capaul Miller, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
- 1953** — Ivan R. White, New Berlin
- 1956** — Rollo G. Taylor, La Crosse
- 1959** — Pauline Rae Martin Thelen, La Crosse
- 1962** — Donald C. Betz, La Crosse
- 1962** — Sandra (Vassar) Braun, Fall River
- 1963** — Gerald Gilbertson, Prairie du Chien
- 1965** — Mary Neprud Sutton, Westby
- 1966** — Peter vonAllmen, Fort Atkinson
- 1969** — Roger A. Hedrington, Chippewa Falls
- 1971** — Claire Morse, Sunnyvale, Calif.
- 1974** — Wendy Trulson Pope, Edgerton
- 1975** — Enid L. Stevenson, Milwaukee
- 2001** — Dale H. Woods, La Crosse

Staff & faculty remembered

HUGH C. BOYLE, 88, of West Salem died Aug. 1, 2013. After high school he served in the U.S. Navy for three years before going to the University of Michigan to study journalism and history. He earned a bachelor's and master's from the University of Michigan before completing a doctorate in history from UW-Madison. Boyle taught at Knox College and the University of North Dakota before coming to UW-L in 1968. He taught in the History Department until retiring in 1987. He is survived by his wife and son.

ROLLO G. TAYLOR, 78, of La Crosse, died Aug. 23, 2013, after a 13-year struggle with the genetic neurological disease, Cadasil. He graduated from UW-L in 1956, serving his senior year as class president. He was an athlete at La Crosse State, lettering in basketball and cross-country. Taylor began his 36-year career in education with 10 years of high school teaching and coaching in Horicon and West Bend. During this 10-year period, he continued his education with advanced degrees at UW-Madison and Arizona State University. He returned to campus in 1965 to teach and coach, retiring in 1992 as Professor Emeritus. He is survived by his wife, Kay, and their three children and their families. Memorials may be given to the Taylor Family Scholarship at the UW-L Foundation, 615 East Ave. N., La Crosse, Wis., 54601. This scholarship was established when Rollo and Kay retired to provide financial support to physical education and elementary education majors.

For complete obituaries on most listed staff and faculty, go to www.lacrossetribune.com.

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