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Pres. Dreyfus Returns From Trip Around The World

The president of this University circled the world last month as he took part in our continuing education mission to South Vietnam; visited such cities as Bangkok, Thailand and Munich, Germany where the University may have "Semester Abroad" programs in 1971, and London, England where that program is already in progress.

President Lee Sherman Dreyfus as an advisor for higher education reform in South Vietnam under a contract with the U. S. Agency for International Development stressed the need for more student involvement in the universities. He found the 20-35 year old intellectuals "like sponges."

"They want education to give them the kind of intellectual tools they need to do the job," he said upon his return here.

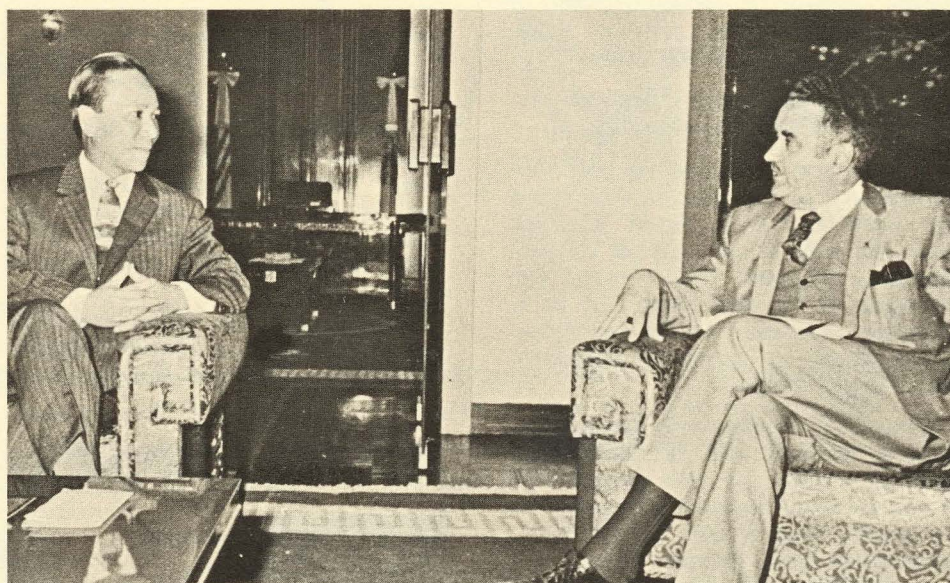
"What the Vietnamese universities need now is advice on such things as guidance counseling, testing, records and registration," he said.

This University will continue its involvement in South Vietnam education service, with about 30 per cent of the higher education advisors coming from Stevens Point.

The next faculty member to go may be Dr. Winthrop Difford, Dean of the Graduate School. William B. Vickerstaff, Assistant to the President and Dr. Burdette W. Eagon, Assoc.

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President to President



The President of South Vietnam, President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam listened thoughtfully to WSU's President Lee Sherman Dreyfus while they conferred this past month in Saigon. President Dreyfus was there as a consultant to aid in the reform of Vietnam's outmoded higher education system. "President Thieu has a clear notion of the role government must play in that reform. He sees it as the war for men's minds, the battle that must follow the war's end," said President Dreyfus, recently returned from his education mission for the U. S. Agency for International Development.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

— THE BIG DATE TO REMEMBER —

ALUMNI DAY — MAY 2

(See inside for more on this)

March 12

Chicago Area Alumni
Reception and Dinner
Como Inn
7 p. m.

April 2

Washington, D. C.
Area Alumni
Reception and Dinner
International Club
6 p. m.

April 23

Rhineland Area
Alumni Meeting
Weir's Supper Club
Cocktails — 6 p. m.
Dinner — 7 p.m

Pres. Dreyfus (CONT.)

Vice President for Academic Affairs have been there previously.

Dr. Eagon completed the mission of the late President James H. Albertson after his death in a plane crash in Vietnam and also advised on below college level education needs. He recently submitted his proposals for a Preparatory Center at the University of Saigon.

Our WSU link to Vietnam has brought a good deal of prestige to the University. The Milwaukee Journal devoted its famous "On Wisconsin" column to praise of the school for this program at the time of Pres. Dreyfus's departure. An excerpt follows:

"Vietnamization means more than a shift in the military action from American to South Vietnamese soldiers. It means changes in education, and a Wisconsin institution, Stevens Point State University, is in the thick of it.

Stevens Point State has been involved in Vietnam for three years.

The current president, former Milwaukeean Lee Dreyfus, is continuing the work and is in South Vietnam now. He sees it not only as an opportunity to move that country out of some of its difficulties but as a valuable experience for his faculty — and a chance to "move the university into a bigger league."

Dreyfus is meeting with South Vietnamese students and faculties, with political leaders and with members of the educational ministry. The program he evolves may involve a half dozen consultants from Stevens Point.

Dreyfus, in an interview before he left, said Vietnamization involves "a national purpose, goal and unity on the part of the Vietnamese people, and the educational establishment has got to be a part of that." He noted that the country had a pattern of French higher education, followed by use of young faculty members trained in American universities. He said Vietnamese university leaders, who have visited this country, have come to see how "we do not view students as a cultural class . . . considerably lower than professors." The idea is not to force the American system on Vietnam, but to make sure that it is understood.

Stevens Point State consultants will be stationed in Vietnam for one to three months. They can leave a good imprint in a sorely tried field."



STEVENS POINT DAILY JOURNAL PHOTO

Sixty Acre Island Is Gift To The Foundation

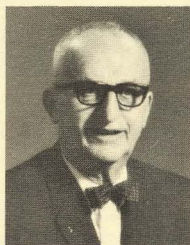
A beautiful 60 acre Wisconsin River island has been given to the Stevens Point State University Foundation Inc. as an outdoor classroom. The donor is Robert S. McDonald, '35, a local attorney and long time friend of the University.

Located only two miles from campus, this island is an almost undisturbed bit of nature and the University

intends to keep it that way, with the Natural Resources Dept. delegated the task of establishing use guidelines. The island has a variety of plant and wildlife as well as timber in many growth stages.

Along with the island a small strip of land was donated for access on West River Drive.

Alumni Association's New Officers



K. B. Willett

Pres.



Robt.
Konopacky

V. Pres.



Betty
Pohlman
Wanta

Sec.-Treas.

Kenneth B. Willett, '23, has been elected president of the Alumni Association. He is Chairman of the Board, First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Stevens Point.

Vice President is Robert Konopacky, '53, owner of Mid-State Photo, Inc., Stevens Point. Mrs. Norman Wanta, (Betty Pohlman, '45) is Secretary-Treasurer. She is married to a local attorney.

New on the Board of Directors are Timothy Taschwer, '63, Madison,

Public Relations Director for Wisconsin Easter Seal Society; Harvin Abrahamson, '48, Milwaukee teacher; Warren Lensmire, '50, WSU Education faculty and Mrs. Tom Vevea, (Nancy Hager, '60), Rhinelander teacher.

Holdover directors are Mrs. Elmer DeBot (Betty Collins Pffiffer, '29), Sherman Sword, '42, Orland Radke, '44, Carl Vetter, '20 and Rick Frederick, Alumni Director, all of Stevens Point.

May 2

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ALL ALUMNI DAY

(PUT SATURDAY MAY 2 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW WHILE YOU THINK ABOUT IT.) THE DAY IS PLANNED FOR ALL ALUMNI, BUT THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME:

Class Reunions

(IF YOURS IS ONE OF THEM, YOU'LL HEAR FROM YOUR CLASS AGENT.)

1965 — Oliver (Bud) Steiner

1960 — Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nelson

(Judith Heintz)

Mrs. Robt. Engelhard (Karen Beebe)

Mrs. James Purcell (Goldine Schmaker)

1950 — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berndt

(Esther Murat)

1940 — Ethel Hill, Marjorie Warner,
Warren Lensmire

1930 — Mary Agnes Boyle Frazee

1920 (50th) — Carl Vetter,
Norman Knutzen, John Whitmer

Cost

COST FOR ALUMNI DAY IS \$5 PER PERSON, \$10 PER COUPLE. IF YOU CAN ATTEND JUST THE LUNCHEON, IT IS \$2 PER PERSON. IF JUST THE EVENING BANQUET, IT IS \$3 PER PERSON.

Schedule of Events

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| 10 a. m. - Noon | General registration and Class meetings. Coffee and rolls |
| 12 o'clock | All Class Luncheon at the University Center |
| 1:00 p. m. | President's Report — Dr. Lee Sherman Dreyfus |
| 1:30 p. m. | Campus Growth — Ray Specht, Campus Planner |
| 2:00 p. m. | Campus Tours — Student guides |
| 3:00 p. m. | Coffee Time and Round Table Discussions on topics we think will interest you: |
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| 1. Campus Unrest — V.P. William Stielstra, Student Affairs Staff and Students. | 7. Vietnam Project — Dr. Burdette W. Eagon, Assoc. Vice President for Academic Affairs. |
| 2. If Not Drugs, What Then? — Dr. Leonard J. Gibb, Assoc. Dean of Men, Dr. Donald D. Johnson, University Physician. | 8. Pollution — Dr. James A. Bowles, Chairman, Department of Natural Resources. |
| 3. Fraternities and Sororities — Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council presidents. | 9. P.R.I.D.E. (Programs Recognizing Individual Determination Through Education) — The University's emphasis on the American Indian, Robert Powless and Ada Deer. |
| 4. Coping with Student's problems — Dr. David Coker, Counseling Center Director. | 10. Fine Arts Facility and Department — Dr. William J. Hanford, Dean, School of Fine Arts. |
| 5. Semester Abroad Program — Dr. Pauline Isaacson and Dr. Allan Lehman and Students. | 11. Learning Resources — Dr. Frederick Krempfle, Dean of Learning Resources. |
| 6. New Programs in Education — John J. Gach, Director of Student Teaching and Dr. Thomas McCaig, Assoc. Professor of Education. | |
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| 5 p. m. | Buses leave the University Center for a Cocktail party at the new Stevens Point Country Club with cocktails dutch treat, but hors d'oeuvres will be served. |
| 6:30 p. m. | Reunion Banquet at DeBot Center — All classes - University Swing Singers, Presentation of Alumni Awards, Distinguished Alumni — Service to the University — Class Memoirs |

Obituary

Helen Weber Faust Wife of University Registrar, and Alum

Mrs. Gilbert W. Faust (Helen W. Weber, '28, wife of the University Registrar, died on November 19 after an extended illness.

Helen W. Weber was born in Milwaukee on July 1, 1909, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Weber. In 1920 the family came to Stevens Point where Mr. Weber headed the Weber Tackle Co. Helen participated in the management of the firm, holding a number of offices.

She attended Central State Teachers College from 1926 to 1928. Her B.S. degree was completed at UW-Madison.

She married Gilbert W. Faust of our faculty on Dec. 20, 1947.

Mrs. Faust was a leader in many civic and University activities to which she gave freely of her time and abilities. She was hostess to many former students who will recall pleasant hours spent in the Faust home.

Mrs. Faust is survived by her husband; daughters, Katherine and Marjorie at home; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice G. (Elizabeth) Rice, Stevens Point and Mrs. James R. (Dorothy) Fant, Whitefish Bay.

Memorials have been established in Mrs. Faust's name for several causes, the Stevens Point State University Foundation — the Presbyterian Church and St. Michael's Hospital.

Ted Olsen, '55 Gains Fame With His Novels

Theodore V. Olsen, '55, is fast gaining recognition as "a talented young writer of great promise." He is the author of a number of books published under his own name or under a pseudonym. His best known novel "The Stalking Moon," was made into a motion picture starring Gregory Peck. His newest book "Arrow in the Sun" will also be featured on film.

Ted Olsen, as he was known to his classmates, is a native of Rhinelander where he still lives and works in a cabin north of that city.

As a student here he was particularly interested in his history and literature courses. After graduation he developed his talents through travel and extensive study. His special interest has been in the Indians of the Southwest. Of them he wrote recently to Norman E. Knutzen, one of his former professors.

"Indians are figuring in just about every story I do now - both above mentioned stories have non-white heroes - and as black people also played a major part in the Old West (something we western writers have always known but only I and a few others ever touched on in our work), they too are moving toward center stage in my books.

"The old fashioned western is dead, and I'm happy to help bury the corpse. The best stories are still to be told. As I wrote in an essay in your creative

writing course so many years ago, there was nothing in all human history to compare with our own frontier."

News Spotlights

A Travel-Study European trip is being offered by the University this summer. This is not to be confused with our Alumni "just for fun" tour. The Travel-Study tour will be of interest to those who would like to earn 6-8 credits. For further particulars, write Dr. Pauline Isaacson at the University.

Gov. Warren Knowles has reappointed MRS. MARY WILLIAMS of Stevens Point to the Board of Regents of State Universities for a term expiring May 1, 1975. She has been a member of the Board for the past five years.

DR. WARREN G. JENKINS, Dean of the College of Letters and Science will be retiring from the deanship at the end of the academic year, and will return to full time teaching as a Professor of History. President Lee Sherman Dreyfus has announced that DR. JOSEPH S. WOODKA, now Chairman of Political Science, will be the new Dean. MARK CATES has been made Chairman of Political Science.

MISS BERTHA GLENNON, long-time faculty member and an Alumna of this University was honored by the students here when they dedicated this year's Winter Carnival in her honor. Miss Glennon retired last year after 29 years of teaching in the English Department.

Sat., May 2

All Alumni Day

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The day is for all Alumni
— but there will be special
reunions for these classes:

Class Reunions

1965	1940
1960	1930
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Stevens Point, Wis. 54481

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I will be there:

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☐ Dinner Only . . \$3 per person

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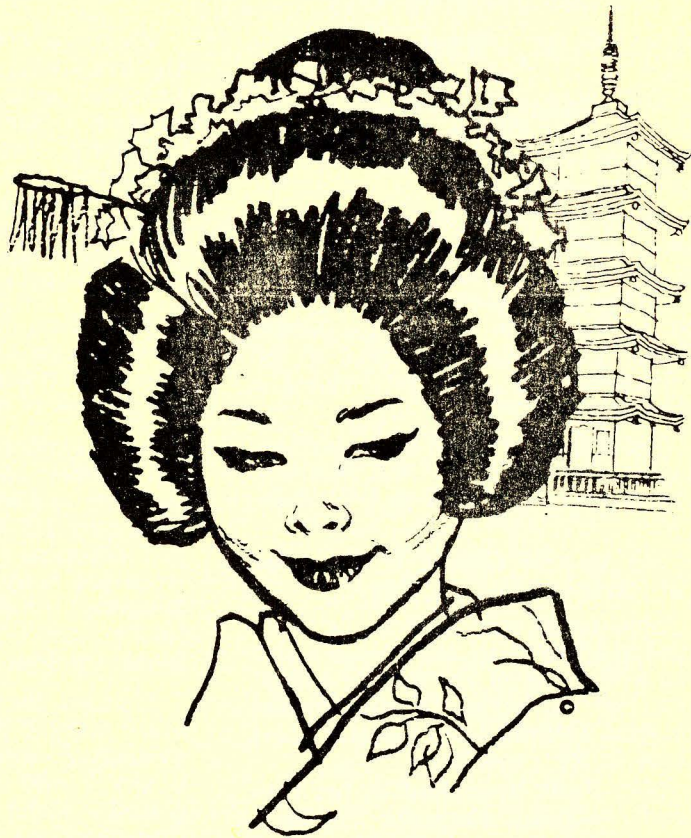
WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY AT STEVENS POINT ALUMNI TOUR

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JUNE 27 – JULY 15, 1970

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Your Alumni Association is pleased to announce that a tour to the incomparable Orient will be offered to all alumni, parents, friends, faculty and their families for the summer of 1970.



Our three-week tour will visit Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Hong Kong. One of the highlights of the trip will be Expo '70, the World's Fair being held in Osaka, Japan. The beauty and charm of the Orient cannot be compared to any other part of the world; it is a world of its own where ancient traditions and modern progress clash violently and live together peacefully. We leave by jet on June 27 from Minneapolis for Tokyo and return on July 15 after nineteen glorious days.

The tour in 1970 will fill up fast; so we suggest you send in the attached coupon now for the itinerary and full details about the tour. We are planning a wonderful vacation in the Orient and hope you will join us.

Return the coupon to: MR. RICK FREDERICK
ALUMNI DIRECTOR
WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY
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Please send me information and details about the 1970 WSU-Stevens Point Alumni Tour to the Orient.

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Outlook For Spring Sports

"The Pointers will be ready!" is the defiant answer of the coaching staff at Berg Field House when put to the question about spring sports. The new facilities of the multi-million-dollar complex are in heavy use these winter months and will undoubtedly give all spring teams a decisive advantage over last year.

New Indoor and Outdoor Tracks

Coach Don Hoff, head mentor for the track team, who has led the cinder-men to a 5-1 dual competition record and a fifth position in the conference championship last season, expects some marked improvement with the recent completion of both a new indoor and outdoor track.

A new four lane extra-turf indoor track gives the team the edge on winter and assures an early start. Completion of an eight lane all-weather synthetic outdoor track is to be a victory over those soggy spring days when workouts would be otherwise impossible.

Coach Hoff cites LaCrosse as the chief competitor this year and intends to give the Chiefs and others a strong challenge with "a team that has the most speed in the history of the school." He acknowledged a weakness in the high and triple jump events, but refuses to worry because of "the over-all strength" of the squad.

Early Tennis Practice

The tennis team is also expected to "have a better showing in both the dual meet season and conference meet," according to Head Coach Lynn "Red" Blair. The two new indoor courts and four outdoor courts with lighting will give the advantages of earlier and more extended practice sessions. It is felt that added practice will be the major factor in overcoming a 5-5 record in dual meet competition and a seventh spot in the conference playoffs.

Coach Blair expects his strongest challenges from Oshkosh and White-water. He is presently preparing a group of recruits and five returning lettermen for what should shape up to be a fine season.

Strong Hit and Pitch Depts.

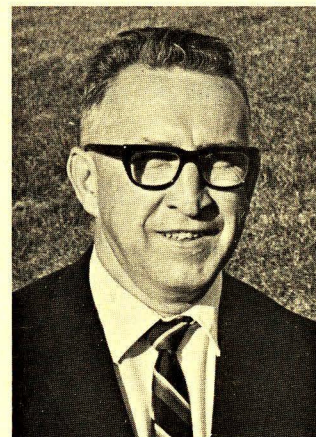
Baseball will also steal its share of the lime-light according to Head Coach Jim Clark. Last season the squad played .500 ball and picked up third berth in the conference. The new field house has made available a greater amount of room and a new field is also in the picture for this spring which should prove to be an advantage also.

Oshkosh is expected to be the chief competitor this year, but Coach Clark thinks that by the time the team returns from its spring practice trip to Missouri, it will be ready to meet the challenge. Although he mentioned a weakness in the defense, the pitching and hitting departments are strong and should overcome any defensive ailments to make for another fine season.

Golfers Teed up for Championship

As soon as the snow clears from the fairways, Coach Bill Burns will have his golfers swinging again after the "highest conference finish in school history." Last season the linksmen took third in the conference and first in five triangular meets.

When quizzed on the prospects for this spring, Coach Burns answered, "We hope to do as well as last year, and expect to be in contention for the conference championship." He pointed out that he had five returning lettermen, "three consistent golfers" and "two erratic swingers." Despite the "strong challenge expected from the eight conference school," Coach Burns believes this will be a "most ambitious season."



All-American Basketball Camp

The new athletic facilities here will be the site of an All-American Basketball Camp on June 7-13.

Larry Costello, Head Coach of the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA will be featured along with Stevens Point Head Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, Bob Krueger, and a number of area coaches.

Costello currently has his Bucks in contention for top berth in the NBA along with the New York Knicks.

His counterpart, Krueger, led Stevens Point to a record win season and a share of the WSU conference championship last year. Krueger was named Coach of the Year in the conference for his accomplishments.

Camp coordinator is Ron Blomberg, Athletic Director at Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam and national coordinator.

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