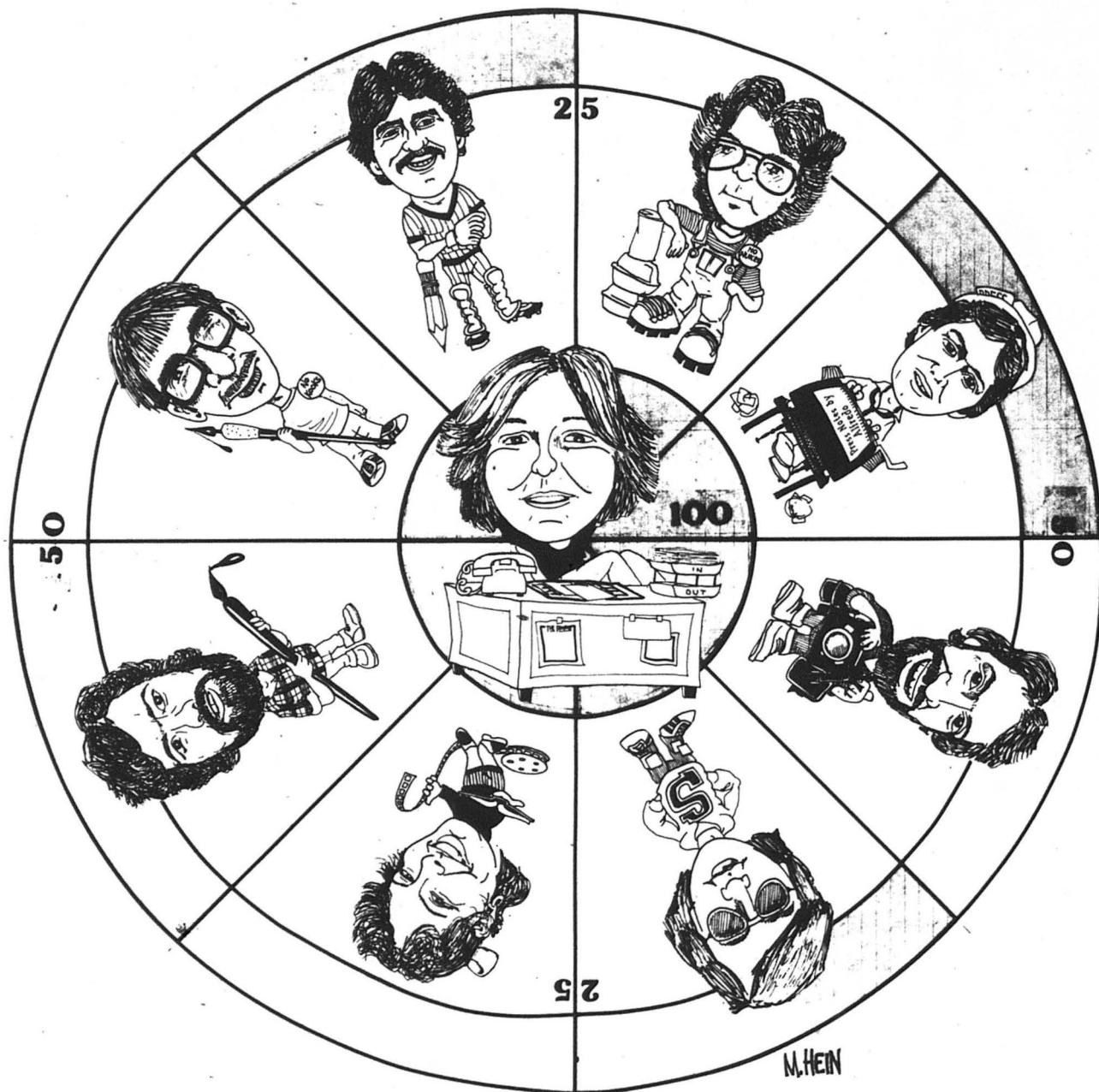


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OPINION

The Pointer Strikes Back

Does anyone need to have the meaning of this week's Pointer cover explained to them? I sincerely hope not... that would shatter a cherished assumption I have about college students — that they are intelligent, tolerant, and above all perceptive enough to recognize editorial comment when they see it.

Incidentally, I'll explain the cover. It means that The Pointer staff is really just a collection of humble students who are not above taking a healthy poke at themselves and letting other people in on it. It is also an absurd peace gesture designed to allow our detractors to blow off a little steam and perhaps admit that we all take ourselves too seriously from time to time.

No doubt the minority that found past issues of The Pointer inadequate or offensive will see this week's cover as self-indulgent on our part. I don't know how to respond to these people, other than to say that The Pointer cannot be all things to all people, nor should it or will it. The wave of hypersensitivity that is sweeping the campus seems to be saying that The Pointer must never print anything that even one person would find objectionable, irresponsible, or in poor taste.

The Pointer, however, owes nothing to the students, the faculty, the administration, the community, and the alumni other than quality journalism. Of course we don't succeed every week, but we are often damned for not being perfect.

"Student newspaper" doesn't just mean that it's for students, but that it is by students. The Pointer staff is going to college to learn how to be journalists; we don't claim to be professionals already. Our faults are badly exposed every week. The mistakes, once printed, cannot be hidden or retracted.

We've gotten a lot of criticism lately, some of it nothing but malcontent's rant. But even critics who have legitimate complaints have to remember that The Pointer is their forum and their principal voice. As next year's editor, I will be receptive to any and all cooperation that will reduce the antagonism between this paper and its readers.

One thing journalists learn is that they probably never will be "liked" for the things they write, but they do want to be respected. I want my staff and The Pointer to at least be respected next year. I expect the staff to earn that respect, just as I expect our readers, organizations, and the public to try and earn ours.

John Teggatz

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Pointer:

This is in brief rebuttal to the letter published in the May 1 Pointer, which criticized the lighthearted form of media presented by John Giordano. We believe that it is nothing more than a jovial form of personal expression to illustrate freedom of thought.

This type of humor we find in no way offensive and, in fact, get up especially early Saturday mornings just to go to school so we can read the Pointer Poop!

Liz, Cheryl, Dave and Jeff seem to have grossly misperceived John's ideas. We believe he had no intention of alienating the community. Rather, he merely wished to add some long overdue levity to an otherwise boring, matter-of-fact publication.

In our opinion, John may have unintentionally offended a few narrow-minded, overly conservative individuals. However, his spirit of outrageous nonconformity probably reflects the general feeling of contempt common to many upperclass student viewpoints.

In conclusion, — you if you can't take a joke. Signed,
Frank Dombrowski
Dan Schweitzer
Steve "Rabbit" Close

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To the Pointer:

I would like to offer my apologies to all those offended by April 26-27 Pointer Poop. The weekend Pointer Poop editor works independently on the weekend and Monday editions. An employee relationship at the Print Shop is based on trust. The Print Shop employee violated that trust when offensive material was included in the weekend edition. The matter has been dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Again, my sincere apologies to those who were offended; an episode of this type will not occur in the future.

Sincerely,
Jill Laszewski
Head Student Manager
U.C. Print Shop

To The Pointer:

The attempts by Majid Bagha to create better understanding between Americans and Iranians are laudable. However, such understanding is not encouraged by his justifying the illegal seizure of the American Embassy and the subsequent holding of diplomatic hostages. These acts were in flagrant violation of international law and are technically acts of war.

I will not attempt to justify all American actions in Iran over the past 35 years. However, it should be noted that U.S. policy during this period was designed not only to protect our own national interests, but to maintain the territorial integrity of Iran and to foster political stability and economic progress in that country. Unfortunately, this was done by maintaining a shah who increasingly became a megalomaniac and a tyrant. Ultimately, he deserved to be overthrown. But when has Iran not been ruled by tyrants? Certainly, the Ayatollah Khomeini is by any reasonable definition a tyrant and a fanatic.

In 1953 the CIA helped pro-Shah Iranians overthrow the ultra nationalist Muhammed Mossadegh. But Mossadegh was of the same authoritarian mold as the shah and the Ayatollah, and, if left in power, he would have produced no liberal utopia as many Iranians now profess to believe. He was already moving ruthlessly against his opposition, and, if given time, he would probably have created an earlier version of the present anarchy.

Mr. Bagha has a selective historical memory and a faulty sense of geography. The Kurds live in northwestern, not southern Iran. He claims that the U.S. is supporting Kurdish rebels against the revolutionary government if Iran. Upon what proof does he base this charge? The Kurds have



Photo by Norm Easey

their own grievances against the Iranian government. Moreover, Mr. Bagha seems to forget that it was the U.S. which prevented the Soviets from establishing separatist republics in Azerbaijan and Kurdistan at the end of World War II. Was that an improper interference in Iranian affairs?

Iranian attempts to blame the U.S. for everything that displeases them are tiresome and unconvincing. Internal Iranian problems are many and massive, and they are not being dealt with while the present charade continues. Ethnic minorities such as the Azeris, Kurds, Arabs, Baluchis and Turkomen want independence or greater autonomy. Iraq and Iran are on the verge of war. Iranian leftists and Islamic extremists are engaged in a bitter struggle for power. Factionalism in the government has brought the country closer to total anarchy. Economically, Iran is a basket-case. These problems would continue, even if the U.S. did not exist.

Many Middle Eastern specialists feel that the political and religious heritage of Iran is the real source of Iran's present problems. Iranians as a people have many admirable qualities. They tend to be intelligent, sophisticated and artistic. They also have some notable hangups.

Sh'ism, the form of Islam which most Iranians

practice, is noted for its extremism, its emotionalism, its fanaticism and its sadomasochistic tendencies. Shi'ism developed in part as a religious-political rejection of Arab dominance, and Shi'ism, for most of its history was a persecuted sect. As Gustave von Grunebaum wrote some 35 years ago, "Oppression engendered a tearful mood. The marks of suffering were declared the marks of the true Shi'i. A blend of self-pity and self-righteousness, unmeasured hatred, and unmeasured devotion, made up the atmosphere." The Ayatollah Khomeini, the object of much unmeasured devotion, has clearly succeeded in turning most of the unmeasured hatred towards Carter and the United States, but this still does not solve the real problems of Iran. Sincerely,
Dr. Neil S. Lewis
2724 Prais St.

dues-paying members vote by mail.

A working paper of the Citizens' Committee has been established and a Citizens' movement to retake control of this country has officially started. Here are some of our goals:

1. Public control of the energy industries.
2. A swift halt to nuclear power.
3. A strong push for more energy conservation and solar power.
4. A sharp reversal in the rate of military spending.
5. A guaranteed job for all those who want to work.
6. Stable prices for life's basic necessities.
7. Vigorous support for human rights — home and abroad, men and women.
8. And placing democracy back into the affairs of this country.

Clearly, these statements raise many very complex questions. These goals, however, are grounded in experience and serious study. Commoner's own writing will lead the interested person to a better understanding of our cause. **Science and Survival**, and **The Closing Circle** are two of his earlier works. **The Poverty of Power** and the **Politics of Energy** are more specific and relate more

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To The Pointer:
Last summer the Citizens' Party was formed as an alternative for a growing number of Americans. The principal founder of this movement was Barry Commoner.
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directly to the immediate problems.

It is easy to understand why half of the eligible voters don't register, and that half of those who do register don't vote. The two major parties in this country have turned us toward an apolitical society. It has become a society where serious issues are seldom raised or solved within the course of routine party events. In the meantime, the American Dream is slipping away.

The Citizens' Party is already over 4,000 members strong with eight regional organizers in at least a third of the congressional districts in 32 states. We have excellent prospects for getting on the November ballot in more than 30 states. If we get 5 percent of the national vote we would qualify for over \$3 million in federal reimbursements and \$6 million in federal subsidies.

We ask you to join us. We appeal to Democrats and Republicans who are fed up with their parties' silliness. We appeal to citizens who have stayed away from the polls and deserve an excellent reason return.

Sincerely,
Fred Ginocchio
Fred M. Dahm
David Aplin
Mark Zanoni

To The Pointer:

I'm writing this letter to protest an unfairness that has gone uncorrected. I recently had to take Ms. Biddlestone of the Physical Education Department to grade review after I had met all her requirements for an A grade and received a C grade. On the Grade Review Committee were Dr. Marjorie Spring of the Physical Education Department, Dr. Don Showalter from the Chemistry Department, and Wayne Halverson from the Art Department, who listened to my protest over the grade and then supported the teacher, though giving me no reasons for how they came to their decisions.

It is my sincere belief that a Grade Review Committee composed of all teachers is equivalent to police judging police when there are accusations of abuse. It is my recommendation to Student Government that they work for equal student representation on the Grade Review Committee, perhaps with a non-teacher and non-student as a mediator in the disputed grade. The present system composed entirely of teachers allows for teacher abuse to continue at the students' disadvantage. It is logically equivalent to police judging police when there are accusations of abuse and is

inherently unfair.
Sincerely,
Bruce Strunc

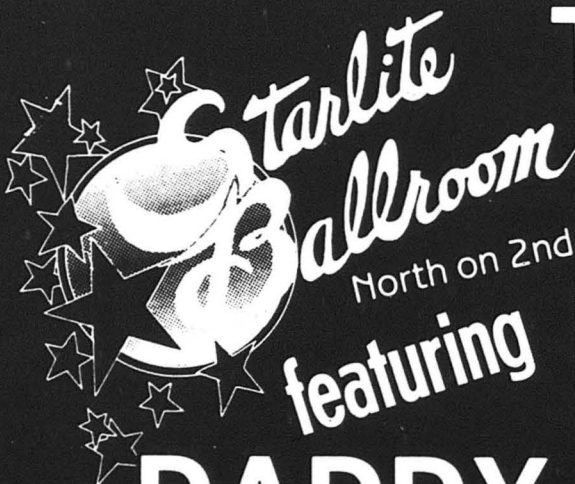
To The Pointer:

I just can't believe some of these people at this school are actually educated! So many letters have appeared in The Pointer explaining the problems some students cause by herding along the grass producing ugly brown expanses (cow paths). But these people are still making our already bleak environment on this campus all the worse.

Now Maintenance is desperately trying to grow grass on these areas, but it looks as if it's just in vain. Now these lazy people are actually walking in these newly planted areas and sinking up to their ankles in mud, or instead producing a new path right alongside the one that's being reclaimed.

Maybe the people doing this aren't reading The Pointer, thus aren't aware. For those of us who care, let's speak up and tell the people doing this to stop!
Sara Grotenrath

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SGA executive board named

By Greg Polacheck

Student Government President Linda Catterson has selected SGA's three-member Executive Board. Her nominations of Lori Beirl as communications director, Richard Eakins, executive director, and Kathy Martinson, budget director, were unanimously approved by SGA last Sunday night.

The Board is responsible for maintaining student participation on the Faculty Senate-SGA committees, preparing the annual SGA budget of over \$400,000, and authorizing all SGA expenditures.

Beirl, a former senator said that as communications director she would encourage more participation in SGA and will put together an informational pamphlet describing its functions. She also said she would like to work more closely with *The Pointer* in communicating SGA motives and activities, and hold more Firing Lines in the Grid.

Richard Eakins, also a former senator and a member of the University Center's Policy Board, said that as executive director he hopes "to establish good communication between the board and the administration."

He said he would work with



New SGA executive board members Kathy Martinson, student budget director, and Laurie Bierl, communication director are pictured here with recently elected SGA president and vice president Linda Catterson and Mike Pucci. New SGA executive board director Richard Eakins is not pictured.

Photo by Aaron Sunderland

the communications director to establish interest in the current SGA senate openings.

Eakins was also alarmed about the potential cuts in student financial aid on the national level and would look into problems that could result from students relying too much on loans to finance their education.

In addition, he would like to work with administration on improving the summer curriculum offerings.

Kathy Martinson will be responsible for managing the

Student Budget Office, presiding over the Student Program and Budget Analysis Committee meetings, reviewing the budgets of all SGA-funded groups, and preparing the annual budget.

As budget director, Martinson said she hopes to rearrange the budget process "by requiring each SPBAC member to be more involved in the process."

For example, she said SPBAC members would become more familiar with

the budget process if they had to serve SGA in some other capacity and members could be selected for their involvement in SGA-funded organizations.

Martinson also favors an independent subcommittee composed of people not on SPBAC. According to SGA Vice-President Mike Pucci, such a committee would review spending policies and "establish tighter control by channeling budget requests for all student groups."

Presently, student groups

go to separate university sources for funding, but with the proposal they would go directly to the subcommittee for additional funding, Pucci said.

In SGA's first meeting under Catterson's administration, no action was taken, but under the new business section, SGA members expressed interest in student faculty evaluations.

Presently, students do not see the results of the evaluations and some faculty tenure recommendations have been said to omit them.

Also, President Catterson reported that Stevens Point Mayor Haberman will introduce capacity limits for the square bars in June when school's out of session.

Vice-President Pucci said if this were done, "There should be some formula for shutting the streets off."

Regarding the remaining 22 senate positions that have yet to be filled, Senator Dan Busch recommended making applications available to students immediately in the Fall. Pucci said that in order to be nominated for a senate position, students must present the application to SGA with 50 signatures. Nominations will then be considered by the SGA Rules Committee.

Placement of students in technical fields are high—

Placement discusses jobs for UWSP graduates

By Chris Bandettini

1980 graduates in technically trained fields are in demand for immediate job opportunities, according to Dennis Tierney, director of Career Counseling and Placement. These majors include the paper engineering sciences, computer science, business, health fields, chemistry and math-related fields.

This year, all UWSP paper science graduates will enjoy starting salaries in excess of \$20,000 per year with a few over the \$22,000.

Entry level positions for computer science minors have soared to \$18,000, with most placed in a range of \$15,000 to \$18,000.

The technical graduate's earning potential presently exceeds the earning potential of the liberal arts graduate. For those trained in business, computer science, and engineering, salaries average \$15,000, as opposed to slightly over \$11,000, for the liberal arts student.

In 1979, the American College Placement Council reported that the 18 percent of the nation's graduates



Dennis Tierney



Mike Pagel

majoring in accounting, engineering, business, computer science, and health sciences received 86 percent of the total number of corporate and industrial opportunities.

Liberal arts graduates, who make up 82 percent of the graduating population, received only 14 percent of employment offers.

The education field looks promising in 1980, according

to Charles LaFollette of Career Counseling and Placement. He states, "Job opportunities in teaching are far superior than they are in liberal arts."

Placement of UWSP's 1979 education graduates was approximately 70 percent for elementary education majors and 80 percent for secondary educators. LaFollette anticipates placement in education to continue

improving over the next three or four years, because of a nationwide teacher shortage.

Last year's placement from the College of Natural Resources was 81 percent in forestry, 76 percent in soils, and 70 percent in wildlife. These statistics are quite impressive compared to the national average, which is only 18 percent, according to Mike Pagel of Career Counseling and Placement.

Federal hiring in forestry is anticipated to be lower than last year because the recession is slowing down hiring in the building

industry.

Pagel advises seniors who are feeling jobless pains, not to give up trying to find a job. He said UWSP is a highly accredited school in natural resources and employers around the country are aware of that.

Career Counseling and Placement, currently in 304 Delzell, will be moving to Old Main this summer and Tierney urges students to start early in their career planning process. "The earlier you start, the better you can plan and prepare for your future."

Energy Expo to be held

An "Energy of the 80's Expo" will be held at the UWSP Quandt gymnasium on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10.

Seminars featuring presentations by authorities in their respective fields will cover wood burning, insulation, solar and nuclear power, transportation, and building earth homes.

There will also be exhibits

set up by dealers, and factory reps displaying energy equipment and systems.

Films on energy will be shown continuously on the balcony of the gym.

Last year a similar expo in Wisconsin Rapids attracted over 4000 persons.

The expo is free and is being sponsored by various groups including UWSP.

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Area summer job outlook is gloomy

By Jeanne Pehoski

If you're looking for a summer job in the Stevens Point area — good luck.

Paul Danielson of the local Job Service office, said students will have "a very difficult time" finding summer work in this area. Danielson said the construction and paper industries are a large part of the problem. "Both industries have been cutting their production, so they won't be hiring summer help. In the past, many students found summer jobs with a construction firm or paper mill."

Danielson added that there will be jobs available, but they will pay minimum wage. The food processing industries will have field jobs available. There will also be openings for waitresses and cooks. However, most jobs will be in the fast-food places and college students will be competing with local high school students for those jobs. "Most employers favor local kids, so the college student will have a harder time finding a job, even at minimum wage," Danielson said.

Mike Pagel of the UWSP Placement office expressed the same views. "It's not impossible to find a summer job in this area, but you should start looking now. The more aggressive you are, the better chance you have of finding a job." Pagel suggested going through the phone book and looking for businesses that might need seasonal help. He said people often overlook prospective employers because they aren't familiar with every business in the area.

Helen Sigmund of the Financial Aid office said there are "a lot more campus jobs than money to fund them." About 900 students will be working this summer, and of those, only 45 will hold full-time jobs.

Sigmund said the outlook is bleak for students who want

to work. The university isn't receiving the work study money it has in the past, so many students who are eligible for work study won't be able to work. "It's a distressing situation," Sigmund said. "The students want to help themselves, but they can't, not even if they're good workers. The money isn't available."

Sigmund suggested that students can maximize their chances of getting a summer job by being assertive and pointing out their skills to prospective employers. She said students should not get discouraged if they can't find a summer job, because money's tight for everyone, and things are bound to get better soon.

UWSP professor conducts draft survey

By Jeanne Pehoski

The results of a draft registration survey conducted by Professor Eugene Clark of the sociology department were consistent with the findings of a SGA survey conducted earlier this year.

Clark conducted a survey that was representative of the student population. He got a list of the student body from the registrar and randomly selected the first name. He then took each 38th name on the list and interviewed the people.

Clark said a systematic sampling of this kind, has about a two percent margin of error. Most people were interviewed by phone by students who were trained as interviewers. Clark said the students knew how to conduct the interview so there would be as little bias as possible. The interviewers made the respondents aware that there was no right or wrong answers. Each person interviewed was asked two questions—"Do you support draft registration for all males 18-20 years of age?" and "Do you support draft registration for all females 18-20 years of age?"

The findings are based on interviews with 243 UWSP students, conducted April 16-23. Clark found that



Eugene Clark

residency had no impact on the results of the survey. Almost 39 percent of on-campus students favored draft registration for males, compared to 41 percent of off-campus students. Almost 50 percent of on-campus students were opposed to registration, compared with 52 percent of off-campus residents. Almost 23 percent of on-campus residents favored draft registration for females, compared to 32 percent of off-campus residents. Almost 69 percent of on-campus people were opposed to registration for females, compared to 61 percent of off-campus residents.

Clark's survey showed that females are not as overwhelmingly opposed to the draft as the SGA survey indicated. Thirty-nine percent of all males surveyed favored draft registration for males, compared to 41 percent of females. Fifty-five percent of males opposed the registration, compared to 48 percent of females. Twenty-seven percent of all males supported registration of females, compared with 29 percent of females. Sixty-six percent of males opposed registration of females, compared to 64 percent of females.

Forty percent of all students surveyed favored registration for males and 28 percent favored registration for females.

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ENVIRONMENT



134 students respond to DNR call

Only U (WSP) can prevent forest fires

By Steve Schunk and Peter Traczek

Smiling soiled fire fighters entered the mess hall last Thursday evening, their yellow nomex shirts streaked with mud and ash, and their bright orange hard hats had lost their gleam.

The crew of 20 had returned from a five-hour mop-up operation near Duluth-Superior to Ernie Swift State YCC Camp near Spooner where they received a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

This was the first real contact with heat, smoke and flame that the 134 Stevens Point fire recruits had experienced. For many, the initial enthusiasm of Monday's departure from UWSP had returned. Once again the group felt a unified sense of purpose and commitment.

Because of the extreme fire conditions and weather reports that showed no prospects of rain, at least throughout the opening weekend of fishing, the DNR made a call for help to UWSP on Monday, April 28. Through word of mouth, announcements in classrooms, and all-hall

requests in dormitories, over 200 people responded to the call. Three chartered buses carried the 134 who were allowed to go to northwest Wisconsin. The complete mobilization process took less than three hours from the time the call was received.

Though the make-up of the group was not completely CNR students, the Society of American Foresters had a major role in the organization of the fire fighters.

Each person was required to fill out a skills card indicating prior fire fighting experience and ability to use common hand tools. Once the cards were collected, the crews boarded the buses and were on their way on a trip filled with many uncertainties.

Many were concerned about the actual experience of being face to face with fire, and knowing how to effectively fight the blazes. There were questions as to what the living conditions, food, and training would be like, especially since everyone had limited themselves to one change

of clothes tucked away in a small day pack. The real concerns of the crews were the classes missed and the school work which needed to be completed upon their return.

That night the group was introduced to the men who would run the operation. They included Bob Mossier from Tomahawk as camp supervisor and training director; Bill Scott, Minong's area forester; and Dave Jacobson, Northwest District Director.

Students were divided into six crews of about 20 people each, headed by some of the older, more experienced crew members. Linen and blankets were distributed, along with helmets and fire resistant shirts. In the days that followed, Mossier presented films and lectures on proper use of hand tools, fire organization, fire behavior, and tactics of fire suppression. Alternative educational experiences supplemented the training. Guest speakers from northwest Wisconsin

conducted presentations on wildlife management, fish management, and law enforcement. As a special treat, the group witnessed a helicopter demonstration in the use of bucket water drops.

UWSP fire fighters received television and newspaper coverage and local townspeople appreciated the presence of trained fire crews in their woods. "You people can stay another week. We sure feel better with you folks up here," stated a Minong woman.

Since fire danger was at its highest in over 20 years, the DNR deemed it necessary to have an easily deployed hot shot crew on call in the Northwest district. Due to extreme luck, only one 10 to 15 acre fire was faced by the crew throughout the entire one-week period.

The cost of the entire operation was approximately \$30,000, including transportation, training, and food. This may seem like a large amount of money, but compared to the \$4 million stumpage value loss and 27

structures with foundations lost in the Oak Lake fire of last year, the DNR felt it was a worthwhile investment.

It was also worthwhile for the students who attended. Aside from being paid minimum wage eight hours per day, they received excellent training invaluable to any student in natural resources. Portage County benefitted in that it has well-trained fire fighters who can be contacted in an emergency, such as the 1977 Dewey Marsh fire.

As crews departed on Sunday afternoon, fire hazard conditions continued to worsen. With UWSP registration on Monday, and approaching final exams, the students were forced to return to school.

When asked what the DNR would do now in the event of a fire, one official predicted that they would have to hire crews from out West at an expense far exceeding that of the Wisconsin group.

Now the major concern of students is to catch up on schoolwork and prepare for final exams. Since this has been a short week, it will be a difficult task for many.

Cock counting in Wisconsin: Boomers on the central sands

By John Faley

All is quiet on the booming grounds. The prairie chickens are now silent. But memories linger for those who rose early to see the mating display, and to record numbers of booming cocks on early April mornings.

Dr. Raymond K. Anderson, professor of Wildlife at UWSP and director of the booming counts, estimates population levels to be equal to those of last year which numbered over 430 booming cocks, the highest since 1950.

Ten UWSP students per day from ornithology and non-consumptive uses of wildlife classes, and others with an interest in prairie chickens rose early and left the university campus at 3 a.m. on the mornings of April 10 through April 30 and headed for the Carson, Sherry, and Sigel Townships west of town; and to the Buena Vista Marsh south of Point to watch the mating display of the prairie chicken.

Senior Wildlife Management - Biology major, Mary Portner, who went on the booming counts nine times this season, said the booming cock counts are

conducted annually to gather information on population trends of the species.

Preliminary work is conducted during the first week in April to determine if old booming grounds are in use, and to see if new ones are being sought by the territorial breeders.

The chickens can be

watched on the breeding grounds from blinds erected during the first week in April, or from the road, visibility permitting, with spotting scopes.

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Area summer job outlook is gloomy

By Jeanne Pehoski
If you're looking for a summer job in the Stevens Point area—good luck.
Paul Danielson of the local Job Service office, said students will have "a very difficult time" finding summer work in this area. Danielson said the construction and paper industries are a large part of the problem. "Both industries have been cutting their production, so they won't be hiring summer help. In the past, many students found summer jobs with a construction firm or paper mill."

Danielson added that there will be jobs available, but they will pay minimum wage. The food processing industries will have field jobs available. There will also be openings for waitresses and cooks. However, most jobs will be in the fast-food places and college students will be competing with local high school students for those jobs. "Most employers favor local kids, so the college student will have a harder time finding a job, even at minimum wage," Danielson said.

Mike Pagel of the UWSP Placement office expressed the same views. "It's not impossible to find a summer job in this area, but you should start looking now. The more aggressive you are, the better chance you have of finding a job." Pagel suggested going through the phone book and looking for businesses that might need seasonal help. He said people often overlook prospective employers because they aren't familiar with every business in the area.

Helen Sigmund of the Financial Aid office said there are "a lot more campus jobs than money to fund them." About 900 students will be working this summer, and of those, only 45 will hold full-time jobs.

Sigmund said the outlook is bleak for students who want

to work. The university isn't receiving the work study money it has in the past, so many students who are eligible for work study won't be able to work. "It's a distressing situation," Sigmund said. "The students want to help themselves, but they can't, not even if they're good workers. The money isn't available."

Sigmund suggested that students can maximize their chances of getting a summer job by being assertive and pointing out their skills to prospective employers. She said students should not get discouraged if they can't find a summer job, because money's tight for everyone, and things are bound to get better soon.

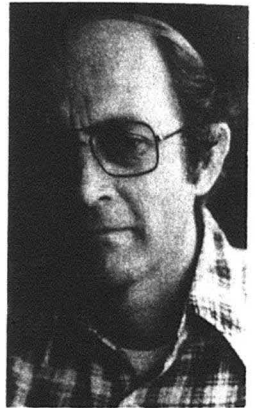
UWSP professor conducts draft survey

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The results of a draft registration survey conducted by Professor Eugene Clark of the sociology department were consistent with the findings of a SGA survey conducted earlier this year.

Clark conducted a survey that was representative of the student population. He got a list of the student body from the registrar and randomly selected the first name. He then took each 38th name on the list and interviewed the people.

Clark said a systematic sampling of this kind, has about a two percent margin of error. Most people were interviewed by phone by students who were trained as interviewers. Clark said the students knew how to conduct the interview so there would be as little bias as possible. The interviewers made the respondents aware that there was no right or wrong answers. Each person interviewed was asked two questions—"Do you support draft registration for all males 18-20 years of age?" and "Do you support draft registration for all females 18-20 years of age?"

The findings are based on interviews with 243 UWSP students, conducted April 16-23. Clark found that



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residency had no impact on the results of the survey. Almost 39 percent of on-campus students favored draft registration for males, compared to 41 percent of off-campus students. Almost 50 percent of on-campus students were opposed to registration, compared with 52 percent of off-campus residents. Almost 23 percent of on-campus residents favored draft registration for females, compared to 32 percent of off-campus residents. Almost 69 percent of on-campus people were opposed to registration for females, compared to 61 percent of off-campus residents.

Clark's survey showed that females are not as overwhelmingly opposed to the draft as the SGA survey indicated. Thirty-nine percent of all males surveyed favored draft registration for males, compared to 41 percent of females. Fifty-five percent of males opposed the registration, compared to 48 percent of females. Twenty-seven percent of all males supported registration of females, compared with 29 percent of females. Sixty-six percent of males opposed registration of females, compared to 64 percent of females.

Forty percent of all students surveyed favored registration for males and 28 percent favored registration for females.

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134 students respond to DNR call

Only U (WSP) can prevent forest fires

By Steve Schunk and Peter Traczek

Smiling soiled fire fighters entered the mess hall last Thursday evening, their yellow nomex shirts streaked with mud and ash, and their bright orange hard hats had lost their gleam.

The crew of 20 had returned from a five-hour mop-up operation near Duluth-Superior to Ernie Swift State YCC Camp near Spooner where they received a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

This was the first real contact with heat, smoke and flame that the 134 Stevens Point fire recruits had experienced. For many, the initial enthusiasm of Monday's departure from UWSP had returned. Once again the group felt a unified sense of purpose and commitment.

Because of the extreme fire conditions and weather reports that showed no prospects of rain, at least throughout the opening weekend of fishing, the DNR made a call for help to UWSP on Monday, April 23. Through word of mouth, announcements in classrooms, and all-hall

requests in dormitories, over 200 people responded to the call. Three chartered buses carried the 134 who were allowed to go to northwest Wisconsin. The complete mobilization process took less than three hours from the time the call was received.

Though the make-up of the group was not completely CNR students, the Society of American Foresters had a major role in the organization of the fire fighters.

Each person was required to fill out a skills card indicating prior fire fighting experience and ability to use common hand tools. Once the cards were collected, the crews boarded the buses and were on their way on a trip filled with many uncertainties.

Many were concerned about the actual experience of being face to face with fire, and knowing how to effectively fight the blazes. There were questions as to what the living conditions, food, and training would be like, especially since everyone had limited themselves to one change

of clothes tucked away in a small day pack. The real concerns of the crews were the classes missed and the school work which needed to be completed upon their return.

That night the group was introduced to the men who would run the operation. They included Bob Mossier from Tomahawk as camp supervisor and training director; Bill Scott, Minong's area forester; and Dave Jacobson, Northwest District Director.

Students were divided into six crews of about 20 people each, headed by some of the older, more experienced crew members. Linen and blankets were distributed, along with helmets and fire resistant shirts. In the days that followed, Mossier presented films and lectures on proper use of hand tools, fire organization, fire behavior, and tactics of fire suppression. Alternative educational experiences supplemented the training. Guest speakers from northwest Wisconsin

conducted presentations on wildlife management, fish management, and law enforcement. As a special treat, the group witnessed a helicopter demonstration in the use of bucket water drops.

UWSP fire fighters received television and newspaper coverage and local townspeople appreciated the presence of trained fire crews in their woods. "You people can stay another week. We sure feel better with you folks up here," stated a Minong woman.

Since fire danger was at its highest in over 20 years, the DNR deemed it necessary to have an easily deployed hot shot crew on call in the Northwest district. Due to extreme luck, only one 10 to 15 acre fire was faced by the crew throughout the entire one-week period.

The cost of the entire operation was approximately \$30,000, including transportation, training, and food. This may seem like a large amount of money, but compared to the \$4 million stumpage value loss and 27

structures with foundations lost in the Oak Lake fire of last year, the DNR felt it was a worthwhile investment.

It was also worthwhile for the students who attended. Aside from being paid minimum wage eight hours per day, they received excellent training invaluable to any student in natural resources. Portage County benefitted in that it has well-trained fire fighters who can be contacted in an emergency, such as the 1977 Dewey Marsh fire.

As crews departed on Sunday afternoon, fire hazard conditions continued to worsen. With UWSP registration on Monday, and approaching final exams, the students were forced to return to school.

When asked what the DNR would do now in the event of a fire, one official predicted that they would have to hire crews from out West at an expense far exceeding that of the Wisconsin group.

Now the major concern of students is to catch up on schoolwork and prepare for final exams. Since this has been a short week, it will be a difficult task for many.

Cock counting in Wisconsin: Boomers on the central sands

By John Foley

All is quiet on the booming grounds. The prairie chickens are now silent. But memories linger for those who rose early to see the mating display, and to record numbers of booming cocks on early, April mornings.

Dr. Raymond K. Anderson, professor of Wildlife at UWSP and director of the booming counts, estimates population levels to be equal to those of last year which numbered over 430 booming cocks, the highest since 1950.

Ten UWSP students per day from ornithology and non-consumptive uses of wildlife classes, and others with an interest in prairie chickens rose early and left the university campus at 3 a.m. on the mornings of April 10 through April 30 and headed for the Carson, Sherry, and Sigel Townships west of town; and to the Buena Vista Marsh south of Point to watch the mating display of the prairie chicken.

Senior Wildlife Management - Biology major, Mary Portner, who went on the booming counts nine times this season, said the booming cock counts are

conducted annually to gather information on population trends of the species.

Preliminary work is conducted during the first week in April to determine if old booming grounds are in use, and to see if new ones are being sought by the territorial breeders.

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Administrators, faculty discuss

By Greg Polatcheck

Forecasting the future of the UWSP campus during a time when student enrollment is expected to decline can be a complex, intricate process, and as the chairman of UWSP's Faculty Planning Committee, Professor Michael Kocurek says with tongue-in-cheek, "It's fine as long as it doesn't have anything to do with the future."

Kocurek, in referring to inflation, different funding methods, and the projected enrollment decline, said that all University of Wisconsin campuses are planning for the 1980's in accordance with a new planning policy adopted by the Board of Regents last November.

The Regents' policy allows campuses to continue individual planning procedures and formalize the existence of a six-year planning cycle for each UW System school.

It also creates a "special planning process" to identify those campuses which may need "more involvement at the System level" in dealing with enrollment decline and budgetary constraints.

While UWSP is expected to fare better than other UW campuses in regard to enrollment decline, a slight reduction between 1980 and 2001 is listed in the Campus Development Plan with enrollment leveling off in the range of 8,000 to 9,000 students during the next ten years.

In discussing the Regents' policy and planning procedures, Kocurek said there are a number of groups on campus that are looking at how budgetary constraints will affect future academic programs and the use of facilities.

Kocurek stated that "Even if enrollment were not to decline, we would want to take a position on where to put our resources," and "with planning, we can know what types of situations will arise in 10, 15 or 20 years."

"But," he added, "the question is how to cut back on everything while still preserving the programs that serve the students."

Kocurek listed the Faculty standing committees on Planning and Academic Affairs, along with the Campus Master Planning Committee and the Administration, as all addressing the future of the campus.

He said this year's Planning Committee has provided input on the Regents' planning policy and "to date, the committee has been more of a reactive committee by reacting to the planning procedures suggested by the University System."

Kocurek said that last year, the Planning Committee addressed the difficult issue of determining faculty tenure guidelines without establishing quotas. They concluded that departments with instructors up for tenure "have to justify why they won't be in a position of having a staff cut."

Kocurek also said that the Faculty's Academic Affairs Committee "is charged with looking at the strengths and weaknesses of special programs."



Philip Marshall

Academic Affairs Chairman, Professor John Moore says that determining the effects of program cuts is a sensitive issue.

"The problem," he said, "is that we are partly financed on the number of students we have, which level of courses they are taking and with a drop we could have a lower budget, fewer positions allocated to the university and therefore we would have to do something about extra faculty."

Moore added that a result of budget cuts could be to set departments in direct competition with each other for students.

Chancellor Philip Marshall addressed the faculty issue saying, "What we will have throughout the 1980's is probably the same student-faculty ratio we have now." He added, but it might improve slightly because we might lose 10 percent of the student body and only five percent of the faculty."

The chancellor continued, saying, "I don't believe we have carefully planned what we want to do in the way of our instructional process in order to maximize the use of the faculty."

Marshall added that, "Our student-faculty ratio is such that the average class size will be about 27 students" with some classes having more, and some less, "but we haven't deliberately decided how we should structure classes."

Regarding the structuring of classes and overall programming, Moore said, "One way of planning for possible enrollment drops is to identify a number of different programs which are thought to be a key to a balance in undergraduate offerings."

However, he added, "If we determine the courses which are nice to have but aren't all that necessary, the question arises: What's basic? What do you need to have a university?"

He explained, "I, coming from a liberal arts college, have one idea of what an undergraduate curriculum ought to be, but someone else coming out of a university where there is a great deal of specialization is going to have another."

In addition, Moore noted that universities in general have to recognize that, "Because we are a rapidly changing society, most people will not be employed in occupations that are directly based on their undergraduate experience."

In dealing with specific programs, Moore said the Program Review Subcommittee of Academic Affairs voted to discontinue a coordinated program in dietetics.

He stated, "While the merit of the program is considerable, the Program Review Subcommittee, Academic Affairs and subsequently the Senate felt that the cost was out of proportion for what was offered."



Michael Kocurek

Moore said the subcommittee is presently evaluating the Communication 101 requirement and may recommend introductory courses to "ensure that a number of speeches be offered."

When asked about the possibility of future program cuts, Moore responded, "I don't know if any programs will be cut here. Some people have suggested that it's

easier to cut programs than it is to cut individuals.

"But," he added, "programs can't be evaluated solely on the basis of costs."

Moore went on to say that possible methods of maintaining enrollment and funding levels could be to attempt "coordination of scheduling between departments" and "offering more classes in early morning or at night" for the nontraditional or working student.

Regarding physical



David Coker

planning and the use of facilities, a 10-Year Development Plan drafted last year by the University Master Planning Committee outlines future land and facility usage.

The plan states that, with the exception of the library and physical education complex, "existing facilities are adequate to accommodate the project enrollment for the foreseeable future."

It also calls for no additional on-campus housing and making former building sites available for off-street parking.

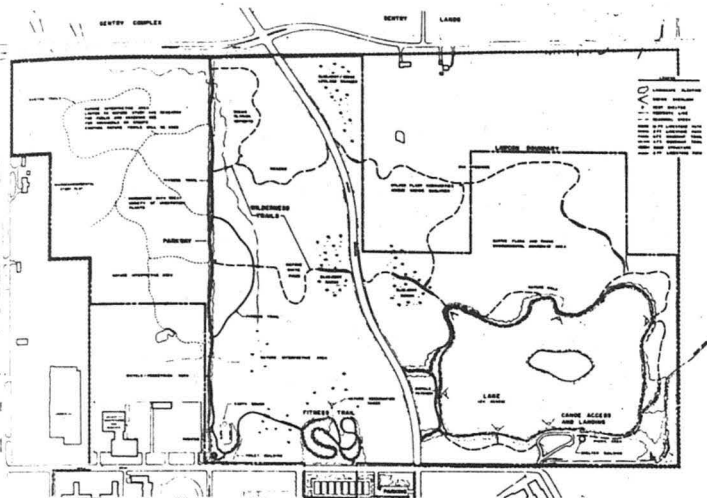
In the area of improvements, the plan lists the expansion of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) as the top priority.

The UWSP LRC, compared with other UW campuses has the greatest need for library space, and by 1982 it is projected to have a space shortage of 52,000 square feet.

According to Assistant Chancellor David Coker, head of University Services, the LRC currently has a shortage of 45,000 square feet. The LRC's Alan Barrows said, "We've been moving out into the seating areas and have taken out the third floor conference rooms to make room for stacks."

Barrows also said that with current budgeting, "We're losing 10 to 20 percent a year in the amount of materials we can buy." But he added that, "We have the highest

future planning for UWSP



SCHMECKLE RESERVE

Future plans for the reserve call for development of a fitness trail on the southern end and preserving the northern boundary for research and study.

campus zoning and land use policies, approved of UWSP's landscape plan last Monday night.

The landscape plan details a need of \$60,000 to complete the area between Old Main and the University Center.

The plan is also in line with the overall Development Plan that stresses a need to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists and solve parking problems.

Regarding implementing the landscape plan, Harlan Hofbeck, UWSP Facilities Management Director, said a landscape architect will be hired "hopefully this summer" to determine actual designs and costs.

Hofbeck said the money for the architect has already been appropriated by the System and actual funding for the landscaping would be phased in several stages.

Concerning the future of Schmeckle Reserve, the Development Plan states that the goals of the Schmeckle Reserve Board are to "maintain the natural ecosystems, use the area for educational study, and provide recreational use that is compatible with the preservation and education goals."

The Reserve is under the jurisdiction of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service which provides federal funding for development, but protects it from incompatible development.

Plans to be completed by the end of the summer are the construction of a combination

shelter and toilet facility, boardwalks, plantings and a physical fitness trail.

The construction of tennis courts is also slated for 1981 but this depends on how much grant money is left after 1980.

Concluding the discussion of facilities, Assistant Chancellor Coker said, "In the future, we'll be doing additions or renovations more than anything else. There's not going to be brand new buildings."

Chancellor Marshall agreed with this, saying, "If we get one new building during my tenure, we'll be lucky."

In discussing the overall planning process, Campus Planner Specht stressed that "Physical planning must coincide with academic planning."

Kocurek echoed this, saying, "At this point, there's no person or single group looking at planning as a whole. But I'll predict within two years, the various groups could be tied together."

Whatever the shape of academic programs and facility usage will be by the end of the decade, Coker summed it up saying, "Programs and services are always going to be modified because planning is a process that represents current thinking at a current time."

With this, and at the end of the first semester of 1980, the current thinking is one of cautious optimism as students, Faculty, and the Administration deal with a projected enrollment decline and budgetary constraints.

funding for construction would be included in the Wisconsin 1981-83 budget.

The LRC was originally constructed to allow for vertical expansion and Barrows said the footings would accommodate a ten-story building.

The Development Plan also lists space shortages in the Phy Ed complex. Coker said that a \$3.5 million addition and renovation Phy. Ed. project is being looked at by the Regents, however,

existing funds for the project are questionable.

The project, which may go to the Building Commission in June, includes the renovation of gymnastic, wrestling and locker rooms along with the construction of a new swimming pool.

Coker said that the plan initially included four racquetball courts but the Regents ordered the project cut from \$5.4 to \$3.5 million.

He said the current proposal better reflects the more important needs of Phy Ed programs.

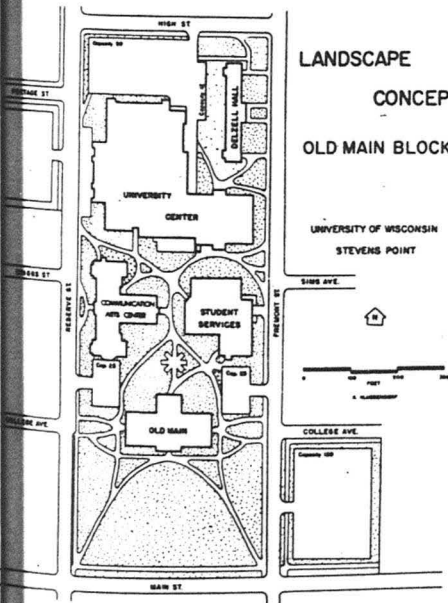
Coker also said the \$1 million renovation of the University Center approved by the Building Commission last year was tied up in the state's annual budget review bill. The review bill was passed last week, and construction for bringing the Grid kitchen up to health codes and installing facilities for the handicapped may be bid for this fall.

Concerning other UWSP needs and projects, Coker said, "We still don't have enough storage area in the Fine Arts Building," and "we haven't finished landscaping the academic superblock."

Campus Planner Raymond Specht said funding for the landscaping between the CNR and Science Buildings has run out and he noted a need for landscaping the area between Old Main and the University Center once the Old Main project is completed.

Concerning future projects, Specht said, "With dollars the way they are, major projects could be very dim." But, he did say that the Stevens Point Planning Commission which governs

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT OLD MAIN BLOCK



Landscape plans call for finishing the grounds around CNR and Science and landscaping the administrative block.



A six million dollar expansion proposal calls for the addition of five floors on the UWSP Learning Resource Center.

Carter cuts may affect LAWCON

Outdoor recreation funds threatened

Cuts recommended by President Carter in his plan to balance the budget will result in a freeze on \$4,228,682 in funding that had been allotted to Wisconsin this year under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON), according to Paul Guthrie, director of the DNR Office on Intergovernmental Programs.

Moneys allocated must be matched on a 50-50 basis by the state agency or by local governments for approved individual projects. This means that the President's cuts will amount to a loss of \$8,457,364 in Wisconsin, Guthrie said.

Congress must act on the rescission proposal within 45 days from the time it was presented for it to take effect. Including holidays and recesses, this will give Congress until about mid-June to consider and vote on the recommendation. The proposal will fail if no action is taken within that time.

If the rescission is upheld it would result in curtailment of 36 state and 51 local outdoor recreation projects, Guthrie said. He noted that this will be particularly hard on those communities that have committed local funds to projects in anticipation of matching grant moneys to complete the projects.

"While the decision to cut federal payments is expected and necessary in the effort to balance the budget, it is especially galling when you realize that the Department of Interior chose to take all its cuts out of the hides of state and local governments and federal LAWCON land purchases," Guthrie said. He noted that no general agency cuts, administrative or otherwise, were made in the Department of Interior, whose budget authority is \$5.6 billion for 1980.

In addition to the rescission of funds for the current fiscal year, the President's proposal calls for a 53 percent cut in LAWCON funding to the states for next year.

Guthrie said the cuts will mean that Wisconsin's program is effectively closed down for a period of at least 18 to 24 months.

Since it went into effect in 1965, LAWCON has funded 1471 projects in several hundred communities in Wisconsin. This is more than any other state in the country.

LAWCON moneys come primarily from sale of offshore leases by the federal government. The intent of the program is to take revenues from the sale of these resources and invest them in natural resources and outdoor recreation projects throughout the states. In Wisconsin, the program is administered by the DNR.

Northern lakes sampled for acid

Water samples from 132 lakes within a 65-mile radius of Rhinelander are being taken in a continuation of the acid deposition investigation program.

In cooperation with the DNR's North Central District, the EPA-Duluth Research Laboratory will be using a helicopter in

sampling the 132 lakes. The sampling period will end on May 9. These are the same lakes sampled by the EPA crew last fall.

The sampling is being done to detect possible susceptibility of the lakes to acid deposition and to determine if there is impact on these lakes.

March energy contest results announced

RESIDENCE HALL	HEAT%	ELECTRIC%
Nelson	14.12	8.52
Smith	- 3.78	- 5.21
South *	-34.11	-26.95
Pray-Sims	6.20	.54
Hyer	11.08	- .26
Roach	-10.62	11.12
Baldwin	-22.66	4.06
Neale	-24.57	7.01
Hansen	-21.21	34.73
Burroughs *	- 6.47	-30.01
Knutzen *	-16.81	- 4.45
Steiner *	-20.05	- .86
Thompson	6.48	21.49
Watson *	-22.78	- 1.98

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90 FM underwriting—

Future looks bleak

By John Slein

It hasn't become official yet, but Chancellor Philip Marshall is expected to require 90FM, the campus radio station, to stop soliciting for underwriting donations in the local community.

According to Paul Kelch, executive secretary to the chancellor, Marshall will discontinue the practice at 90 FM as soon as alternate funds are secured. Kelch said that he was confident that alternate funding would be worked out, and mentioned the UWSP Foundation and SGA as two possible sources.

Marshall recently told The Pointer that he felt underwriting was really advertising, which is prohibited by the FCC on non-commercial stations like 90 FM. He said that many local merchants would "probably not" donate funds to 90 FM if the name of their business was not mentioned on the air.

90 FM station manager Chuck Roth said that underwriting as practiced by 90 FM "is by no means advertising," and that the station has always stayed within the limits of FCC regulations. But station managers from WSPT and WFHR, while not questioning the validity of the practice under FCC codes, contend that local merchants misinterpret underwriting

donations as advertising expenditures. As WFHR station manager Jack Gennaro recently put it, "It's not what you call it, but how you perceive it."

WSPT station manager Jim Schuh said this misinterpretation often leads to potential advertisers refusing to buy time on WSPT because they have already "bought" time on 90 FM.

Both Gennaro and Schuh said they oppose underwriting not because of the potential loss of advertising revenue 90FM could cause their stations, but because of the principle involved. "Either you're commercial or non-commercial," said Schuh. Gennaro said that he didn't care how small 90 FM's advertising revenues were. "They're licensed as a non-commercial, educational station, and that's what they ought to be," he said.

90 FM is licensed by the FCC through the Board of Regents, which Marshall, like all UW system chancellors, is a representative to. According to 90 FM faculty advisor Tom Draper, he does have the authority to override the FCC rule that allows underwriting.

Marshall said that he wants to maintain a good relationship with WSPT because of the station's value to the university. "We want

their friendship and we want them to support the university," he said, adding that half of WSPT's staff are products of UWSP.

Indirect support for the university is also obtainable by maintaining this good relationship with WSPT, according to Roth, because the station is owned by Sentry Insurance, which supports the university in many ways. Roth said that "one of the vice-presidents" of Sentry was concerned with 90 FM's practice of underwriting. He suggested that Sentry could be concerned about maintaining the profitability of WSPT, one of the company's most profitable stations.

The implementation of Marshall's probably new funding plan for 90 FM, which, according to Kelch, will be decided upon before the start of next semester, greatly depends upon the UWSP Foundation. Leonard Gibb, the Foundation's head, said that he had discussed this issue with 90 FM and the chancellor. When asked if the foundation was going to help cover 90 FM's operating costs in the future, Gibb replied, "The way it looks now, yes." But he was uncertain of the amount, which the Foundation's executive committee will determine sometime before May 15, when 90 FM submits a budget request to the Foundation.

Siegel not boaring

By Vicky Bredeck

Poet Robert Siegel has a "fascination for pigs."

At the University Center last Thursday night, Siegel began his poetry reading by telling his small, but appreciative audience that his fascination for pigs came from working on his uncle's pig farm in Illinois.

Siegel's latest book of poetry, appropriately entitled *In A Pig's Eye*, includes two light, humorous poems titled "Sow Moon," and "Sow's Ear" (a poem about a skinny boar taking on more sows than he could handle.)

But Siegel is clever. Light and humorous as his poems may seem, he carefully carves meaning into them with his highly skilled and polished knife. "Ego," from his book, *The Beasts and the Elders*, is a perfect example. Ego is a pig, or so he would have us believe:

"Ego has thrust his nose under every board,
smelt out every wild carrot and white grub,
stucco'd the dirt with his tracks from side
to side, rubbed smooth the corner
posts, left his pink, red-bristled hide
on every barb of five strands of wire."

Siegel, an associate professor of English at UW-Milwaukee, doesn't just write about pigs. He writes about state hospitals, highways, small towns, "chance" as a grandfather, animals and nature. He writes about anything that comes to his mind, using this experience as a counterpoint. He shares his perceptions of the world with a kind of modesty, a kind of openness and curiosity sometimes lost in a world of cynicism.

Siegel's original descriptions and fanciful metaphors are highly imaginative. A good example would be his poem "Widower," in which he speaks of "the complaining chuckle of bed springs," or the "satin of your breath." The poem leaves the reader with a feeling that he has captured those fleeting thoughts of the moment, the ones he should have written down.

But Siegel doesn't select words at random. Each word seems deliberately chosen, fitted together like a literary mosaic:

"All day the great planes gingerly descend
an invisible staircase, holding up
their skirts and dignity like great ladies
in technicolor histories, or reascend,
their noses needling upward like a compass
into a wild blue vacuum,
leaving everything in confusion behind:

In some such self-deceiving light as this
we';; view the air force base when moved
away

from where its sleepless eye revolves all night.
We'll smile and recollect it conversationally —
tell with what ease the silver planes dropped
down

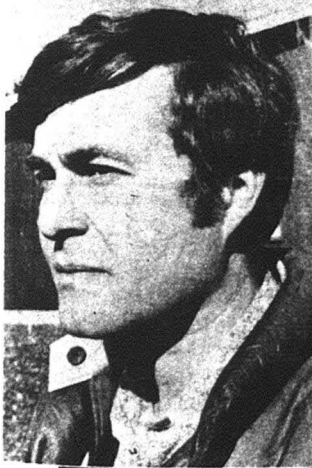
or how they, weightless, rose above
our roof. We'll pass it with the sugar and
cream,

forever sheltered from this moment's sick
surprise that we have lived with terror, with
pride,
the wounded god circling the globe, never
resting,
that in the morning and the evening we have
heard

his cry, have seen him drag his silver wings
whining with anguish like a huge
fly seeking to lay its deadly eggs."

Siegel has won innumerable prizes and awards for his poetry and has made contributions to several publications including *Poetry Northwest* and *Atlantic Monthly*. He is currently working on a fantasy novel.

McKeown gets fellowship



By Vicky Bredeck
Poet Tom McKeown, who teaches creative writing and English courses at UWSP, has been awarded the "1980 Wisconsin Arts Council

Creative Writing Fellowship."

McKeown says he will use his \$3000 award to become a member of a writing colony, probably McDowell or

Yaddo. He will take his departure from UWSP in May of 1981.

According to McKeown, these writing colonies are "where all the big guns go," and he hopes to complete unfinished manuscripts and spend a lot of time writing. McKeown has been teaching at UWSP since August of 1976.

James Dickey, author of "Deliverance", judged the creative competition which comprised several hundred entries. Also winning awards were novelists, a playwright, and poet Lee Merrill.

Some of McKeown's entries for the competition will be published in the *Hopwood Anthology of Michigan*. McKeown is currently working on a book of poetry entitled, *The Strength of Illusions*. The title poem of this book will be published in *Atlantic Monthly*. McKeown has published four books of poetry to date, including *The House of Water*, and *Certain Minutes*. He is also working on poetry about Russia, which he has visited twice.


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UWSP edged by La Crosse in conference track

Men's track

By Joe Vanden Plas

It was a proud moment for the UWSP men's track team Saturday afternoon at Colman Field. Not expected to finish highly in the 62nd annual WSUC outdoor track meet, the Pointers surprised the field by finishing second only to perennial champion UW-La Crosse.

La Crosse, which had all but wrapped up the title early in the second day of competition, successfully defended its championship as it took first with 170 points in a meet where eight new records were established.

However, the most interesting battle of the meet was for second place between the Pointers and UW-Whitewater with UWSP taking the runner-up spot with 106 points; followed by Whitewater with 99; UW-Oshkosh, 74; UW-Eau Claire, 67; UW-Stout, 57; UW-Superior, 24; and UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls with 16 points apiece.

Pointer track Coach Rick Witt expressed his delight with the second place finish. "I am very, very happy with the final outcome of the meet," beamed Witt. "We felt going in that we had a shot at second and that is what we got. The guys really came through and did what they had to."

Point raced to an early advantage in its battle with the Warhawks and held on to

the second place position as a number of miscues slowed the Whitewater rally.

The Warhawks' biggest mistake came in the 440-yard relay where they dropped the baton on the second exchange and then failed to score. Their second mistake took place in the 100-meter dash where ace Tom Stepp was disqualified for a false start.

But to take anything away from the Pointer effort would be unfair because they turned in a number of superior performances.

Jeff Ellis turned in the first UWSP first place finish in the 10,000-meter walk with a time of 49:15.2. His time was somewhat slower than usual because he made an effort to save himself for the 800-meter run.

The Pointers took advantage of Whitewater's misfortune in the 440-yard relay as the team of Mike Gaab, Barry Martzahl, Dave Lutkus, and Al Sapa finished first with a clocking of 42.77.

The only other UWSP first was registered by Sapa as he raced to a victory in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Sapa's time of 53.0 broke his own conference record of 53.2 which he set in Friday's trial competition.

Pointer Coach Rick Witt praised the execution of his first place finishers. "Jeff Ellis was very tough in the walk and Al Sapa proved that he is in a class by himself in the intermediate hurdles," claimed Witt. "The guys in

the 440-yard relay were outstanding. We work a lot on handoffs and it really paid off. We may not have the best sprinters in the conference but we made the good exchanges."

The mile relay team of Martzahl, Tim Fitzgerald, Dave Soddy, and Sapa claimed the only second for UWSP with a time of 3:19.49.

Earning thirds for UWSP were Dennis Kotcon, 1500-meter run, 3:53.1; Bruce Lammers, 400 intermediate hurdles, 54.5; and Tom Bachinski, high-jump, 6 feet, 8 inches." Dennis Kotcon was fantastic. His time (in the 1500-meter run) is equivalent to a 4:10.5 mile, which is great for a freshman and he is only going to get better," said Witt. "Tom Bachinski was the biggest surprise as his best jump going into the meet was 6 feet, 2 inches," noted Witt.

Fourth place medals were captured by Dave Bachman, 10,000-meter walk, 50:36.5; Soddy, 400-meter dash, 49.45; Gaab, 100-meter dash, 11.3; Lammers, 100-meter high hurdles, 14.9; and Kirk Morrow, shot put, 49 feet, 1½ inches.

After the meet, Coach Witt couldn't refrain from looking forward to future success in UWSP track. "We are already looking forward to next year as we are such a young team and we have 90 of our points from the conference meet coming back," anticipated Witt.



Photo by Gary Le Bouton

The UWSP men's track team came in a surprising second in the WSUC meet held at Colman Field.

Women's track

By Carl Moesche

The UWSP women's track team ended its season, finishing a strong second at the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet held last weekend at UW-Superior.

UW-LaCrosse won the meet with 123 points, UWSP accumulated 111, and UW-Whitewater was third with 90. The remaining schools in the WSUC finished with insignificant point totals.

Individually, Dawn Buntman led the Pointers as she captured first place in all three of her distance events. The Green Bay native captured the 1500-meter run in 4:41.29, the 3000-meter run in 9:57.24, and the 5000-meter run with a time of 17:21.09. She was the only person to win three events at the conference meet.

Also enjoying a fine weekend for the Pointers was Becky Seever. In the field events, she won the discus with a throw of 42.02 meters and finished second in the javelin with a toss covering 38.68 meters.

Shannon Houlihan shattered a school record in

opening innings but Platteville managed two runs off starter Horner while UWSP scored only once.

The Pioneers managed four runs on four hits in the third, which proved to be enough. Larson scored the only other Pointer run in the fourth when he walked and was later driven in by catcher John Fuhs.

UWSP 7, Platteville 2
Frank Stockus finally pitched as he had in previous years, limiting Platteville to just three hits while fanning five, allowing two runs.

the 400-meter hurdles as she raced to victory with a time of 1:04.79.

Also running personal records was freshman Sharon Kraus as she placed third in the 3000-meter run at 10:05.64, and fourth in the 5000-meter run with a time of 17:32.21.

In the shot put, Ann Maras and Sherry Thein finished third and fourth with tosses of 12.58 meters and 11.77 meters, respectively.

The UWSP 440 relay team finished third with a time of 50.72 while the medley relay team came in fourth at 1:54.52.

Other fourth place finishes included Anne Bumgarner in the high jump, 5 feet 0 inches and Beth Mayek in the 1500-meter run, 4:51.58.

Pointer coach Nancy Schoen was very pleased as her team ended the season on a high note.

She stated, "We were in it all the way to the end. I think we showed LaCrosse that they aren't as strong as everyone thinks."

Dawn Buntman and the rest of the Pointers can certainly vouch for that claim.

The Pointers scored two runs in the first when Kugi tripled. In the third, Platteville scored a pair, while Point tallied three runs on five consecutive singles by the top of the order.

UWSP scored its final two runs in the fourth.

The Pointers will host Oshkosh in a doubleheader Friday at Look Out Park in Stevens Point and will travel to Whitewater to end the WSUC season on Saturday.

Pointers have up and down week

By Tom Tryon

If you charted the play of the UW-Stevens Point baseball team last weekend, it would resemble the path of some killer roller coaster at Great America — flying high, at its peak one minute, then crashing down just as fast the next.

The Pointers have been plagued with inconsistency this season and it haunted them again last weekend. UW-Whitewater and UW-Platteville came to Stevens Point for important WSUC doubleheaders, but none of the teams managed to gain much ground on Southern Division leader UW-Oshkosh. UWSP split its doubleheader with Whitewater, won the postponed game with Platteville, then split with Platteville in the regularly scheduled twinbill.

The Pointers now have a 4-4 WSUC record and are 12-11 overall. The two losses

severely hurt any chances the Pointers had of winning the Southern Division title outright. It will take a doubleheader sweep of Oshkosh on Friday and sweep of Whitewater Saturday for

the Pointers to capture sole possession of the title.

Whitewater 6, UWSP 5

The Pointers were held hitless until the fifth inning by pitcher Andy Block, a junk-throwing lefty. Meanwhile, Whitewater scored in each of the first four innings off of Point hurler Jeff Seeger. Seeger gave up two solo blasts in those innings.

The Pointers scored all their runs in the sixth with an explosive effort and took the lead 5-4.

Jim Herdina was in relief of Seeger, and he walked Pat Dahmen, who advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Dahmen then tied the game as he scored on a single by Brian Dyszelski.

The Pointers were unable to score in the bottom half of the seventh. Bill Weltich led off the eighth for the Warhawks and belted a homer to deep left, putting Whitewater ahead 6-5. The homer proved to be the go ahead run as UWSP was held scoreless in the bottom of the eighth.

In the opener, the Pointers had only four hits. Jeff Seeger pitched six and one-

third innings and Jim Herdina was charged with the loss in relief.

UWSP 22, Whitewater 9

The Pointers came out of the valley in the nightcap and rose to the top of their hitting game, scoring 22 runs on 22 hits.

For UWSP, Thomas and Wilcox each had four hits. Two of Thomas' were home runs. Larson, Suchon and Fisher all had three hits. Pat Pavelski went the route and got the win.

UWSP 12, Platteville 11

In a game that was delayed in the seventh inning at Platteville earlier because of darkness, the Pointers decided the outcome in a hurry.

Suchon reached first on an error by the third baseman, Larson then forced Suchon at second with a fielder's choice. Kevin Wyngaard won the game by hitting a double that scored Larson.

Dwight Horner pitched to Platteville in the bottom of the eighth, giving up a single but then retiring the next three batters and earning the win.

Platteville 10, UWSP 2

Both teams scored in the

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Student Life in the summer

By John Teggatz

If you are facing your first summer in Point (or even if you are not), do not despair. Stevens Point and the university are not movie-lot props that are just assembled for the academic year. The whole place stays right here, and if you are too, there are many things to look forward to.

There is, of course Orientation... that anxious time when high school students get their first taste of big university life. The Orientation staff manages to keep to its business in a very low-key manner, blending into the summer environment quite easily.

Other conferences that stand out a little more are music camps like the giant Suzuki invasion. When thousands of little violin players descend on the campus, it's like nothing you will ever see again. Many people think they will be put off by the precocious brats, but are touched by the kids' talents, often deeply. The Suzuki kids are great and can

affect even the most jaded college student.

An annual conference favorite (especially with certain members of The Pointer staff) is the High School Cheerleaders Clinic. Most of the athletic fields are filled with cheering young ladies all honing their skills in preparation for the fall. Another event Stevens Point has the honor of hosting again is the Special Olympics. The organizers said they chose Point because of the fantastic community response and the excellent student volunteer help. To the kids in the events, this is the Olympics. Volunteers are still needed, so check it out.

In July, the world's largest health and wellness promotion workshop will be held in Point, as reported in these pages last week. It isn't too late to sign up to help with the children's programs or help with registration.

For the summer school set, and anyone else who happens by, Chuck Mitchell and other coffeehouse performers will be putting on "Brown Bag

Specials" every Thursday noon. The audiences are invited to pack their lunches and enjoy them outside on the grass as the performers play their music.

Remember—even if you have to go to summer school or work all summer, the next three months are your vacation. There are so many leisure-time activities in Point this summer that those first few weeks of school in the fall will seem like a slowdown.

Recreational Services and the Arts and Craft Center will be holding mini-courses throughout the summer. Classes include photography, home canning, canoeing, sailing, and pottery. For all you sharks, Rec Services will be sponsoring an ongoing pool tournament.

Intramurals is promising a full schedule of sports and games, from baseball and softball to swimming and running.

The University Activities Board will have trips to Sunset Lake every Friday and Saturday for everyone

who has to go through summer without the benefit of a car. A round trip to Sunset will cost only a buck.

UAB will also sponsor concerts at the bandshell in Pfiffner-Pioneer Park. One can get a good old fashioned feeling by laying in the grass, listening to a bandshell concert as the sun sinks slowly into the mighty Wisconsin River. Heady wine for the impressionable. They are free too.

Fans of our national pastime will not be neglected either. UWA has several trips to Milwaukee planned so the Pointers can go support the amazing Brewers. Similar trips to Summerfest are in the works too.

RHC will continue its series of outdoor films. Most are shown in the Pit at late hours against sheets put up to the dorm's outside wall. These films have many advantages over drive-in: you don't need a car, you can look at the stars, you can make yourselves as comfortable as you want on the cool grass. The films' plots are never

too complicated, so if you get distracted you can always pick it up near the end. Free, of course, from RHC.

Incidentally, 90 FM will be on the air all summer again. If you have ever had to listen to top 40 radio for three months, you know how welcome this is.

The Pointer usually puts out two or three issues every summer and this year is no exception. There isn't a lot of news to cover, so the writers can cut loose and write more features and entertainment stories.

Culture is not lost and forgotten for three months—the University Theatre puts on some of its best plays in the summer. Arts and Lectures holds its own with a couple of fine concert performances.

If the job prospects back home look slim and the old home town doesn't appeal to you anymore, consider staying in Point. There will be a lot to do with a lot of loose and friendly people.

New research on an old contraceptive

By Carol Weston

The decision on what type of birth control method to use is always a difficult one for women. Women have a variety of methods to choose from, the diaphragm, IUD, the Pill, foam, condoms, and suppositories. All of these have different pros and cons and it is up to each woman to choose which method is best suited for her needs. That is why women should be accurately informed on all of the possible side effects and the effectiveness rate of contraceptives.

Important information dealing with contraceptives has recently been released. Once again women have been misled about information dealing with a contraceptive. This time it is the vaginal contraceptive suppository. The Medical Tribune reported in its April 9 edition that the Federal Trade Commission has charged companies with "false, deceptive, and unsubstantiated" claims in the advertising of the suppositories. Susan Lerner, attorney for the FTC, said consumers have been misled about effectiveness. More than 100 unwanted pregnancies have been reported to the FTC. The companies, Eaton-Merz

Laboratories, makers of Encare; American Home Products Corporation, makers of Semicid; and Jordon Simmer Inc., makers of S-Positive, advertise their products as being more effective than they are. These companies compare the effectiveness rate of suppositories to the IUD and Pill, which are 96 percent and 99 percent effective. In actuality the effectiveness rate of the suppositories is closer to vaginal foam, which is 76 percent effective.

The companies now must report the actual effectiveness rate. They have also agreed to make additional disclosures about their products, including a warning that the products may cause irritation in some users, information about the need for a 10 to 15 minute waiting time between insertion and intercourse, the need to consult a doctor about the use of this product by women who have been told not to get pregnant for health reasons, and that for best protection against pregnancy, the user should follow package instructions.

The manufacturers cannot use the terms "highly," "extremely," or "very" effective or reliable in their advertising. If you are currently using

suppositories, additional protection by means of a condom is recommended.

New developments in the old method of cervical caps may bring the caps back into use. The caps are not a new method—Casanova supposedly suggested a lemon half to one of his lovers. In 1838 a German gynecologist started to advocate them, and over the years their popularity grew—especially in Europe where they were preferred 4 to 1 over the diaphragm. With the development of the IUD and the Pill, the caps gradually lost favor. Now with the general concern about the risks associated with the pill and IUD, women are looking for another method of birth control. Is the cervical cap the answer?

The caps are a small, thimble-shaped devices that fit over the cervix. Through the years the caps have been made of materials ranging from molded gold to plastic. Because of these stiff materials, exact fitting was impossible. The cap is comparable to the diaphragm because it prevents the semen from reaching the uterus, and holds a spermicide. The cap is held in place by suction instead of spring tension like the diaphragm. Thus the caps

do not have to be refitted like a diaphragm if the vaginal muscle tone changes, and the caps can be used by women who have vaginal malformation.

So why can't women get these caps if they are so great? Well there have not been any accurate studies done on the caps, so the FDA has refused to recognize them as a form of contraceptive. Also there is not a company in this country that manufactures the caps. They must be ordered from Lambert in England. Doctors are going to be very hesitant to suggest caps if they are not recognized by the government and are difficult to obtain. Some other reasons for slow acceptance of caps are: a odor may develop if the caps are left in place for a number of days, the caps could become dislodged without the woman being aware of it, and there is a fear of cervical erosion which could lead to cancer.

These may be problems of the past. Dr. Robert Goepf, DDS, PhD, teamed up with Ewe Freese, MD and came up with a new idea in the design of the caps. Goepf has designed a cap that can be fitted exactly to each cervix by using alginate to mold an impression of the cervix. It follows the same principle of

making molds for dental appliances. This guarantees a perfect fit, alleviating pressure on underlying tissues. The cap that is being patented is made of thermoelastomer polymeric material similar to rubber. The cap, held on by suction and surface tension, rests on a layer of mucus, fitting the same way a contact lens fits.

The new cap also does not need spermicides because of the tight fitting. The new cap includes a one-way valve permitting uterine discharges to pass through. This would eliminate the odor that sometimes occurs from the entrapment of uterine discharge. The cap would be less likely to become dislodged, because of exact fitting. So far this cap has been well accepted and clinical testing is being carried out at the Chicago Medical School. In another two years or so the results of this testing will be known.

The caps can only be prescribed by clinics or doctors participating in research in this country. It may take a few more years before the caps will be approved and used in this country, but the wait could further developments in the caps, making them safer.

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