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## **President Hansen To Retire**

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**Dedicated to President Hansen**

## NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO RETIRING PRESIDENT

This spring edition of the Alumni News Letter is being dedicated to President William C. Hansen. During his 21 years as president he has worked closely with many of the educational leaders of the state. A number of faculty members, now retired, have enjoyed the privilege of working with him in extending the influences and services of the college in an ever widening area. In his business and social circles he has made friends who have enjoyed his associations and friendly relationship. To provide an opportunity for only a limited number of his many friends and associates who know his extensive professional achievements and who would want to wish him well as he enters his retirement days, the News Letter has obtained letters which are included in this issue. It has not been possible to include all of those who would have enjoyed the privilege of writing a letter for this issue. We are sure that the sentiments expressed by those who were available to provide a letter will reflect well the feelings of those unable to participate in this recognition. We hope that many others will find time to direct a letter or card to President Hansen with their greetings and their personal wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement. We know that the door to his home at Acorn Acres (Whiting), Route 4, Box 211, Stevens Point, will always be opened as has been the door to his office over these many years. The News Letter joins with all others in extending best wishes for an enjoyable future.

### President Hansen Reaches Retirement Age

On July 1, 1962, William C. Hansen will have completed fifty years of professional services for the schools of Wisconsin. For the past 21 years he has served as president of this college.

He was born in Neenah, July 4, 1891. His family moved to a farm near Withee in 1894 where he spent his boyhood in a Danish Lutheran Church settlement. In 1909, he enrolled at this college, then called the Stevens Point Normal School. With the two year teacher preparation course completed, he received his first teaching certificate and began his teaching career at Menomonie Falls.

In 1913 he entered the college of agriculture at the University of Wisconsin and completed two years later a major in Animal Husbandry and his baccalaureate degree. Following two years of teaching agriculture at St. Croix Falls, he began his administrative experience serving as principal at Milltown from 1917 in 1922. His next assignment was that of superintendent of schools at Neillsville from 1923 to 1929. During these years he attended summer sessions at the University of Wisconsin where he earned his Master's degree.

He accepted a position as superintendent at Oconto Falls in 1929 where he served for two years. His final eight years as superintendent at Stoughton com-

pleted his public school administrative career. His longest and no doubt the most challenging of his rich professional career has been at "Central State."

The campus was relatively small (10 acres) when Mr. Hansen became its seventh president. The main building, Nelson Hall, the Campus Laboratory School, Sims Cottage and the Orthman Rural School then met the needs of an enrollment of 700, forty faculty members and twelve office and maintenance personnel. He leaves a greatly enlarged campus of over 130 acres (note map), an enrollment of 2100 students, a faculty of 125 and 73 office and maintenance personnel with civil service classifications. Six larger buildings have been added during his administration: (1) a library (\$700,000), (2) a field house (\$1,000,000), (3) Delzell Hall (\$500,000), (4) Steiner Hall (\$500,000), (5) College union (\$700,000) and (6) Sims and Pray Halls (\$1,000,000) now under construction. Several houses are being removed from an area south of the new field house on Reserve Street, to permit the construction of the new field house on Reserve Street, to permit the construction of the new science laboratory and classroom building (\$2,000,000). This building is scheduled for completion by September, 1964. A sixth dormitory (\$590,000) will be started this summer which will be located north of Sims and Pray Halls on Reserve Street.

Funds have been allocated (\$650,000) for an addition to the College Union with construction scheduled to begin in early summer. A food service building (\$400,000) is to be built adjacent to the three new dormitories, with construction scheduled for this summer and fall. The addition to the Union will be attached to the west end of the present building. During the summer the preparation of the physical education game area is expected to be completed. This will include a football practice field surrounded by a track, eight tennis courts, baseball and softball diamonds, intermural fields, facilities for archery, golf, soccer, and other physical education activities (\$75,000). Ample space is available for the development of an excellent physical education program.

Alumni of the college who have not enjoyed the thrill of visiting the campus in recent years to note first hand all the changes which have been made and the construction now underway are urged to plan to attend the Alumni Banquet, honoring President Hansen for his significant services to the development of the college. The date is Saturday, June 2. It will be held in the college union. If you have not received the details of this banquet which were sent to all Alumni whose address the office had on file, drop a card or letter to the Alumni Office, Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, requesting a notice.

President Hansen, as an alumnus of the college and its retiring president, will enjoy meeting every alumnus who will be able to return for this reunion. This will be an appropriate recognition of his many years of service to the college and an opportunity for him to express his appreciation for your loyal support and service to the college. You will also have an opportunity of meeting Mr. John Thomson, the college regent whose efforts in promoting the program of the college are so very evident. He, too, will enjoy this privilege of meeting the loyal alumnus who too have exerted splendid support of the college program.

## Mission Accomplished

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to write a bit for the Alumni News Letter which will be dedicated to President Hansen. I am happy and honored to do so.

It scarcely seems possible that more than twenty years have slipped by since the day we heard the good news that the Board of Regents had selected Bill Hansen to return to his Alma Mater to fill its top position. There was much rejoicing among alumni.

While Bill was a student at Stevens Point Normal, he had proved that he had the qualifications which a leader needs, a deep interest in whatever job he accepted, a great capacity for work, an uncompromising honesty and that gift of getting along with people.

After his graduation from SPN as a school man in Wisconsin, he proved in his quiet, unassuming way that he had a clear conception of wise goals in education and spared no pains to keep steadily moving toward them.

It is a source of great satisfaction to me personally on my visits to many places in Wisconsin and other states to meet people who have been teachers on his staff or students in his public school locations. Always they expressed their high regard for him and the appreciation they have for what he has done for them.

But the title I have selected for this little article comes from an experience I shall never forget, for it showed me clearly that President Hansen has that virtue a little bit rare but so much needed in the world to-day, gratitude.

When we were students at SPN, the president was John J. Sims, a self-made educator and a great Wisconsin school man. He was revered by the students. We called him "Uncle John". I am sure he knew it and liked it. He was very close to us, knew us individually and tried his very best to inspire us.

In my first visit with Mr. Hansen after he came back to the Campus as the president of Central State, he said, "If I can be as great an influence in the lives of the students here as 'Uncle John' was in our lives, I shall be satisfied."

Now as he is coming to the end of a long career in education in Wisconsin, I feel all of us can join to say to him "Mission Accomplished."

I who say every day, "I believe in the communion of saints" often think of the pride President Sims must have in what President Hansen has contributed to the institution so dear to both of them and how sincerely he would say "Mission Accomplished."

May Roach (1914 - 1956)  
1025 Oxford Ave.  
Eau Claire, Wis.

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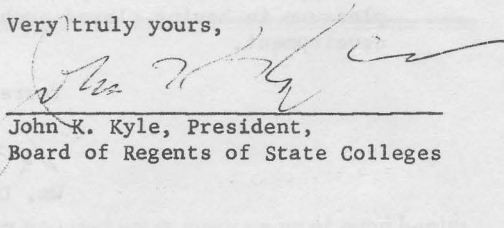
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The unusual administrative qualifications of President William C. Hansen first came to my attention a quarter of a century ago, when he established a record as a fine administrator in the public schools of Stoughton. At that time many of us worked to extend his services by supporting him for the office of State Superintendent. The strong race which he made against a firmly entrenched incumbent was another tribute to his high standing in Wisconsin education.

Alumni of Stevens Point are even more familiar with his outstanding work at the State College during the past two decades than are the members of the Board of Regents. We join you in paying tribute to him for the splendid job he has been doing at Stevens Point as demonstrated by the fact that faculty morale is at an all-time high. President and Mrs. Hansen have been genuine assets to our State College system.

Very truly yours,

  
John K. Kyle, President,  
Board of Regents of State Colleges

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For the past twelve years I have been closely associated with President Hansen in my present work as Director of the Wisconsin State Colleges.

President Hansen was recognized by his fellow college presidents by being named the Chairman of the Council of Presidents for a number of years. He retired from this post voluntarily.



Under President Hansen's leadership the college at Stevens Point has shown remarkable growth in the quality of the faculty, the size of the student body, and the physical facilities of the institution.

He has raised the academic standards of the Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, as evidenced by the present quality of the student body.

The regents, presidents, and faculties of the Wisconsin State Colleges all have a very high regard for President Hansen. They all join in wishing him a long and fruitful retirement.

Truly yours,

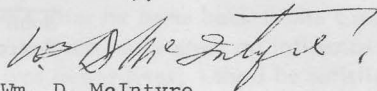


Eugene R. McPhee, Director,  
Wisconsin State Colleges

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I have, as you know, worked closely with President Hansen for many years, and can assure you that his contribution to the success of the Wisconsin State College system has been great--not only from the point of view of the college at Stevens Point, but for the whole college system. As you know, in the past decade tremendous strides have been made in the improvement of the State College system, and, while President Hansen is primarily interested in the college at Stevens Point, his contribution to the entire Wisconsin State College system has been extremely worthy, and he personally should have a great sense of pleasure in having played such a large part in this development.

Yours truly,



Wm. D. McIntyre

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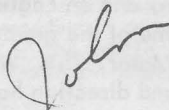
It would take a wide-angle camera to catch, in broad perspective, the breadth of the educational career of President Hansen. His retirement, at the end of June, will bring to an official termination a half-century of dedicated service to the cause of education in Wisconsin. It is fitting that his friends, his colleagues and his fellow-citizens pay tribute to him and wish him happiness in his well-earned retirement.

During the academic year, 1961-1962, the College and the Stevens Point community have vied with each other to honor Mr. and Mrs. Hansen. In a real sense, this has been the Hansen year. Civic organizations, faculty, students, individuals - all want to be sure that the Hansens truly understand the affection and respect we all hold for them.

As a member of the Board of Regents, it has been my privilege to work with President Hansen for the past two years. This has been a memorable experience and an opportunity for me to gain insight into the nature of academic leadership. What are the qualities which have enabled him to guide the College with such skill through two decades of growth? He has wisdom based upon experience; he has a deep understanding of people; he is calm and steady in the face of adversity; and he is fair and ethical in all his dealings.

It has been the great good fortune of Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point to have this man as its President. The citizens of Wisconsin owe him a debt of gratitude.

Sincerely



John C. Thomson

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Dear Mr. Hansen:

Mrs. Palm and I want to wish you and yours many years of good health, rest and enjoyment upon your well deserved retirement.

We have always considered it a privilege to have known you the few years that you lived in Milltown.

As the head of the Milltown School you were always a good influence upon the youth, as well as the older people of the community.

So, with best wishes to you and yours from Mrs. Palm and I,  
I am,

Very truly yours,  
John B. Palm  
Milltown, Wisconsin

Through the influence of the then, Professor F.S. Heyer, I began my school career at the Stevens Point Normal with the Summer Session of 1909. It was at that time I became acquainted with William C. Hansen. We soon grew to be very close friends and lived together at Stevens Point and later at the U. of Wisconsin at Madison.

"Bill" was an exceptional student with an inquiring, aggressive and analytical mind. When problems arose in the class room or outside, he quietly, persistently and cooperatively set about solving them. In him there was no bombast, no hastily formed and loudly expressed opinions. His voice was always that of quiet, thoughtful, and careful consideration expressed in moderation and conciliation.

To me, my school days at S.P.N. were among the happiest days of my life and "Bill" Hansen was one of my closest friends during that time.

It happened that during a great part of the time I was at the Normal School, I was one of the four country boys who roomed together — Paul A. Carlson, of Unity, later to spend years in the Commercial Department of the Whitewater Normal; T. M. Olson, of Sawyer, who became a member of the faculty of the State Experimental College of South Dakota; William C. Hansen, of Withee, your retiring President; and myself from Poynette, Wisconsin. We had many jokes about our varied nationalities which include a Swede, a Dane, a Norwegian, and an Englishman.

One of the greatest honors that can come to anyone is to return to head his Alma Mater. This, William C. Hansen had done and the school under his guidance and direction has grown immensely in plant facilities, student attendance, and aims and attainments.

I am indeed proud of my friendship with President Hansen and I join his host of friends in appreciation of a job well done and to extend to him my good wishes for the future.

George M. Batty, Class of 1911  
Portage, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Your many friends and acquaintances of the Neillsville community, where you served so competently as school administrator from 1922 until 1929, join me in extending our best wishes for many years of happy retirement. We wish to congratulate you on your rise to the prominent position you now hold and your worthwhile contributions to the field of education. The people of Wisconsin will long reap the benefits of your influence on educational practices and the lives of those who have attended the educational institutions under your supervision.

It is with regret that we in the educational field bid adieu to an old friend and colleague, but we know your continued interest and support will long be with us as we endeavor to cope with the many problems facing the whole educational system.

Sincerely,  
I. W. Lauscher  
Superintendent, Neillsville Public Schools





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MADISON

ANGUS B. ROTHWELL  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

R. F. LEWIS  
FIRST ASST. STATE  
SUPERINTENDENT

February 28, 1962

Dr. Wm. Hansen, President  
Wisconsin State College  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

It is with real regret that I view your leaving your post as president of the state college at Stevens Point.

Through the many years that we have known each other both professionally and personally I have regarded you as one of Wisconsin's outstanding educational leaders. Your calm and sensible approach to our problems along with your determination to promote the cause of public education have served all of us well.

In the years ahead I trust that Mrs. Hansen and you will enjoy your being freed from the responsibilities of a college president. We shall continue to count you among the strongest supporters of the public schools, and I hope that you will always feel free to make recommendations to this office.

Personally, I was honored to have you among those who encouraged me to become a candidate for the office I hold. The support which you gave was effective and continues to be most valuable. If I may be of any service to you in the future, I trust that you will call upon me.

Mrs. Rothwell joins me in extending to you and Mrs. Hansen our kindest wishes and a cordial invitation to call upon us whenever you are in Madison.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angus".

Angus B. Rothwell  
State Superintendent

Mr. William C. Hansen  
President  
Wisconsin State College  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

The announcement that you have submitted your resignation to the State College Board of Regents as of June 30, 1962 shocked me into the realization that your passing from the educational administrative scene in Wisconsin leaves me as one of the few administrators of our common vintage.

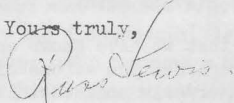
One of the pleasures of having had the opportunity of spending so many

years in the field of school administration in Wisconsin has been the friendship of fellow administrators like yourself. I hesitate to try to pinpoint the time of our original professional acquaintanceship, which I am very happy to say developed into friendship, but without any careful study, I know that the time runs well over 40 years.

It is needless to say that we who have known you so well during these many years have admired the quite, professional, effective way in which you have improved the educational programs in the various school systems and institutions in which you have worked so effectively. You have left a mark upon public education in Wisconsin that will long be recognized.

Perhaps what I want to say most is that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been able to call you a personal as well as a professional friend. I hope that we shall meet many times in the future and that your retiring from active educational administration will be a mixture of happiness and contentment.

Yours truly,



R. F. Lewis  
Assistant Superintendent  
First

President William C. Hansen  
Wisconsin State College  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear William:

It has been a real privilege as well as a source of satisfaction to have known you throughout most of your outstanding career in Wisconsin education.

The results of your efforts have been so far reaching in their constructive results that the total is difficult to contemplate.

You have filled a place in the school, community, and state in a most exemplary manner, which has made a place for you in the hearts of the people with whom you have worked.

As you have time to reflect upon the way you have invested your life, there will be unending joy and satisfaction as the shadows grow longer.

With the very best to you.

Cordially,

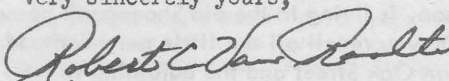


A. R. Page  
Assistant Superintendent

When President Hansen retires, the schools of Wisconsin will have lost the active participation of one of their most loyal and most capable administrators. President Hansen combined his professional training with an unusually broad range of experience. Despite his very demanding schedule as president of a large college, he maintained close relationships with the administration of public schools at the local level. His service and contribution as a member of the Portage County School Committee reflect his ability to consider the practical applications of the guiding principles which gave direction to his administrative accomplishments.

In behalf of the Department of Public Instruction, I wish to express sincere best wishes to President Hansen and to wish him many years of retirement.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert C. Van Raalte  
Assistant Superintendent

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Central State College has had the good fortune in having an outstanding administrator as President W. C. Hansen. He has served tirelessly not only as administrator but as an adviser and friend. He had a natural friendly way, was willing to help and worked untiringly for the advancement of the college and for the progress of education.

His door was open, showing a symbol of a fine relationship existing between him and the rest of the college. His sincere personality will be missed in the future.

Edna Carlsten

Chm. Art Dept. 1923 - 1961 (Retired)

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Members of the class of 1912 will remember "Bill" Hansen for his ready smile, his extreme school loyalty and for his sincerity of purpose.

Having spent 44 years as a Wisconsin school man myself I have watched Bill's progress and noted that he has changed very little. Those same sterling qualities made favorable impressions wherever he taught. His appointment as president of his old alma-mater was no surprise to me or to other school executives.

My heartiest congratulations go to "Bill" along with best wishes for a happy retirement.

Sincerely,

R. B. Woodworth "Nibs" (Class of 1912)  
6524 Easy St., Carlsbad, California

Dear Bill:

From information obtained through articles appearing in several prominent State newspapers, it is quite apparent that you will soon relinquish your duties as an outstanding administrator of one of the very highly rated State Colleges, the Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. With your retirement, the Department of Education is going to surely miss a man of your character and ability.

I have known you, Bill, for 40 years, believe it or not. You came to Neillsville, Wisconsin in 1922 and I must admit you were a darned good neighbor. In fact we had a pretty respectable neighborhood with the Kuennings - the Rowlands - the Bases - the Silicks - the Woelfers - the Pete Browns - the Hansens - the Jacksons. The only ones remaining in that neighborhood are the two Bass girls and Frank Brown. Circuit Judge Bruce Beilfuss, who did such a marvelous job in handling the recent murder trial in Madison, is living in the old Shoengarth house.

Do you recall all the little neighborhood youngsters? There were a lot of them on Oak Street and the adjoining streets. Those youngsters are all grown up and most of them now have families of their own and you and I are S. O. Gs (Silly Old Grandads).

Anyhow, Bill, we have had a pretty good life. We've had fun - we've had problems - we've had many rewarding days and years. And now that you are retiring, you can look ahead to a lot more pleasant and happy years of just doing what you want to do.

The best of luck to you in your retirement. I'll be seeing you.

Very sincerely,  
Leo M. Jackson  
Colonel U S A Retired

Dear Mr. Hansen:

It was just twenty-five years ago that you gave me my first real job. My three years as a teacher in Stoughton were memorable in many ways. I had the opportunity of teaching under an excellent superintendent and also becoming good friends with Mrs. Hansen. As co-leaders of a Girl Scout troop we shared many good times. When I left Stoughton, the same year you came to Stevens Point, I took with me a delicious recipe for Blitz Torte and a cutting from a plant, both of which I still have.

I also took with me, three years of valuable teaching experience and a skill which I could only have developed with your kindly advice and the freedom for creativity which characterized your attitude toward your teachers.

And, I also took with me, a very deep admiration for you and Mrs. Hansen as parents. On many occasions through the years, I have held you up as a wonderful example of personal sacrifice for having three daughters at the University at one time and all taking five-year courses!

I have been pleased that Ernie's position on the faculty at LaCrosse has given me the opportunity to see you occasionally.

We both send you our sincerest wishes for many pleasant and fruitful years.

Olive Dacey Gershon & Ernest J. Gershon

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March 15, 1962

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Mr. William C. Hansen, President  
Wisconsin State College  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Hansen:

In view of your approaching retirement, I wish to put on paper my appreciation for the many fine contributions which you have made to higher education in Wisconsin since you became president of Stevens Point State College. In addition, I want to express my personal pleasure for having had the opportunity of working closely with you in a number of different capacities.

Over the last two decades, and under your leadership, Stevens Point State College has grown tremendously. You provided the leadership which transformed the institution from a State Teachers College to a State College.

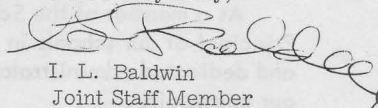
In addition to the very large growth in physical plant, staff, and student enrollments, you made very important contributions to the strengthening of the total academic program. I am sure that you can look back with pride to many of the developments during your term as president, and I am sure that all those associated with the College have that same feeling of pride.

Your contributions to higher education have not stopped with the developments in Stevens Point State College. In the total program of the coordination of the public segments of higher education you have provided strong support and wise counsel. I am sure that the total State is richer for your many contributions.

Perhaps even more important to me personally have been the fine personal relations which I have had with you. I hope these may be continued for many years in the future, regardless of what you may plan to do after leaving the presidency of Stevens Point State College.

With my very best personal wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

  
I. L. Baldwin  
Joint Staff Member

ILB:aks

It is a pleasure to have President Hansen as a colleague and friend. If I were to select the three adjectives most applicable to him I should choose: big — big of stature, big of heart, big of understanding; sound — sound in outlook, sound in judgment; genuine — genuine in his concern for the rights and needs of others, genuine in everything: there is no pretense. This bigness, this soundness, this genuineness has made him a successful president and a leader in education.

Rexford S. Mitchell, President, Wisconsin State College, LaCrosse



Mr. Wm. C. Hansen, President  
Wisconsin State College  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

News of your retirement after a half-century of leadership in education brings mixed emotions: regret, that our future contacts may be less frequent; pleasure, that you will have the opportunity to pursue those interests previously thrust into the background by professional demands.

I am sure that I speak for many more than the officers and staff of the WEA when I say that a large measure of our pleasure in meetings at Central State College at Stevens Point has been the pleasant atmosphere -- a reflection of your own congenial and accommodating nature.

In all fairness, we must acknowledge your right to retirement after service as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and college president. However, we anticipate your continued leadership in educational affairs, a leadership well demonstrated throughout the career which included presidency of two WEA sectional associations, as well as the Wisconsin Education Association.

Once again, our warmest wishes to you and your family upon this occasion, one which we regard more a commencement than a valedictory.

Sincerely yours,



H. C. WEINLICK  
Executive Secretary

(Wisconsin Education Association)

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As a member of the School Board when Mr. William C. Hansen was Principal of our schools in Neillsville, Wisconsin, I knew him as a capable and dedicated administrator, and he and Mrs. Hansen were valued assets of our community.

I am sure Wisconsin educational circles will learn with regret that Mr. Hansen is seeking a well earned retirement, as men of his caliber are urgently needed in our school system, and are difficult to find.

The whole Neillsville community joins me in extending to the Hansens every wish for a long and happy retirement.

Sincerely,  
Frank E. Brown

## STEVENS POINT

### Chamber of Commerce

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STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

March 26, 1962

William C. Hansen, President  
Wisconsin State College  
1100 Main Street  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear President Hansen:

In 1958, you served as president of the Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce. This might be considered unique--to have a college president serve as president of a Chamber of Commerce. To those who know you, it was not considered unique at all because your full cooperation, with the Chamber of Commerce and with the community it has striven to build, has always been evident. More important than the cooperation, however, has been the spirit in which it has been given, in all the years you have been president of our fine college.

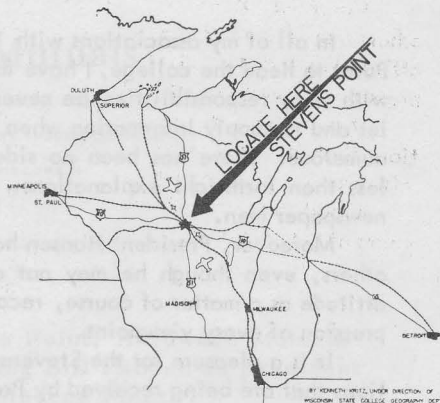
The respect the people of Stevens Point have toward the president of Central State College is great, but the respect we have for you as the president is even greater.

Your qualities of leadership, of integrity, of understanding will be felt on the campus of Central State College and in the City of Stevens Point long after you have relinquished the post of "President".

On behalf of the entire membership of the Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce, I say "Thanks" for serving us so well in the past and may you look to the future with a spirit of anticipation.

Most Sincerely,

*Carl S. Wallace*  
Carl S. Wallace  
Manager



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A long and successful tenure in the field of Wisconsin education is drawing to a close for William C. Hansen, respected and competent President of Central State College. He has done his job well, and with unflagging interest. He has earned both the admiration and respect of students and faculty colleagues, and of the community he has served so well.

In all of my associations with President Hansen, since he came to Stevens Point to head the college, I have found him fair and open-minded. A busy man with many responsibilities, he never-the-less always had time to answer inquiries and to supply information when requested. And these occasions have been numerous. There has been no side-stepping of issues, no attempt to settle for less than forthright explanations. Such qualities command the admiration of newspaper men.

Moreover, President Hansen has a fine sense of respect for the opinions of others, even though he may not agree with them. He takes this admirable attitude as a matter of course, recognizing the merit and value in the free expression of every viewpoint.

It is a pleasure for the Stevens Point Daily Journal to join in the felicitations that are being received by President Hansen. His retirement will leave us with many fond memories of pleasant associations.

Good luck, and good health, President Hansen. May your forthcoming years of retirement be happy ones!

JAMES W. HULL

Managing Editor, Stevens Point Daily Journal

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Dear President Hansen:

Although our acquaintance is long-standing, it has been only in recent years that I have had opportunities to work more closely with you and thus have gained a fuller appreciation of your outstanding contributions to public education.

You have been outstanding in educational leadership in Wisconsin as both superintendent of schools and as college president. Wherever you have served improvement of the educational program has been apparent and you have left an indelible favorable imprint on the community. In your personal qualities as well as professional leadership you have been exemplar.

To me our associations have been most rewarding and I look forward to their continuance.

Congratulations and my Best Wishes to you for many more happy years.

Very sincerely yours,

*A. Moldenhauer*

A. Moldenhauer  
Superintendent

(Stevens Point Public Schools)

# Hardware Mutuals

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STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

CARL N. JACOBS

*Chairman of the Board*

For twenty-one years Stevens Point, Hardware Mutuals and I have profited from having Bill Hansen as president at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point.

By direction and example President Hansen has made the boundaries of the college campus the boundaries of the city. He has fostered a climate of town-gown friendship and partnership. Faculty, students and townspeople have become one in spirit under his guidance.

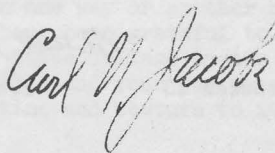
And, as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1958, Bill demonstrated what he always believed: That education and business are truly partners for the improvement and progress in a community. The real contributions which he made to education and the community resulted in his being chosen Stevens Point's Outstanding Citizen of the Year - 1958.

Under his skilled leadership the college has grown from a few hundred students and faculty to well over 2000. Through the fine theater, music and provocative discussion programs developed under his guidance, he has brought the college closer to all of us.

Bill Hansen has had the strength to lead this school at a time when leadership was demanded. He has had the fine character to command respect both for himself and his college from all who knew him and had the good fortune to work with him.

We are thankful that President Hansen has chosen to continue to live in Stevens Point after he retires. The community will remain the better for his being here.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carl N. Jacobs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" being more prominent and the last name "Jacobs" written in a more compact, cursive style.

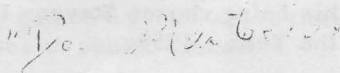
Dear Bill:

Your retirement as President completes your active contribution to education in Wisconsin. In many ways I have had the opportunity to observe your fine work - from A to Z.

The "A" observation was as one of your students when you were a young man, early in your teaching career, at St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.

The "Z" was my observation of your work as President when I served on the Coordinating Committee for Higher Education. In between I observed as a resident of Stevens Point the effect of your leadership in the growth and development of Wisconsin State College in Stevens Point in the quality of educational service, improvement of the physical plant, and growth of the student body. I know that in "retirement" you will continue to exert your influence on higher education in Wisconsin.

Yours very truly



N. E. Masterson

Vice President and Actuary  
Hardware Mutuals • Sentry Life

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Dear Mr. Hansen:

It was with extreme regret that I learned sometime ago of your plans to retire as President of C.S.C.

During the time I have served on the Board of Education we have had a number of occasions to work together on various projects. Your sound judgment and spirit of cooperation have made these occasions most enjoyable.

It is my sincere hope that you will continue to be active in public and civic affairs. We need the help of men like you. Kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Hansen.

Sincerely



Ted G. Holthusen 13

President (Board of Education, Stevens Point)



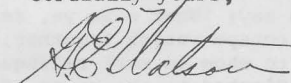
Dear President Hansen:

I am advised that the Alumni Newsletter in its spring issue is being devoted exclusively to your contribution to the college. I think this is a splendid idea and am happy to have been afforded an opportunity to say just a few words.

Certainly you have given strong leadership to the institution. I measure strength in terms of knowing one's objectives and then driving towards those objectives in a very constant fashion. You have always known what you wanted to do at Stevens Point and in your pursuit of that dream, you have made a splendid contribution to higher education in Wisconsin. The college in so many ways bears the imprint of your wishes and ambitions that I am sure it must be very pleasing to you.

On a personal note may I say that you have made a fine contribution to public education in general in Wisconsin. Not only have you had a fine career in the public schools, but you have made a splendid contribution on the Portage County School Committee. The Committee and the school system should be grateful to you. Through all of these years, I have been happy to count you among my friends. I trust the future will bring you and your good wife many years of splendid leisure out on your farm.

Cordially yours,



George E. Watson  
Professor of Education

Dear Bill:

It is hard for me to believe that you will be retiring at the end of this academic year after such a long and distinguished service to public education in the State of Wisconsin.

It must give you great satisfaction to have seen the tremendous growth that has taken place on your campus in the years that you have served as President. You deserve a great deal of credit for what is clearly a great achievement. Your life has also touched, not only your own institution, but the entire State College system and all those who in one way or another have been connected with you over the years have been grateful to you for your leadership and guidance. The State College system in Wisconsin is one of which we can be justly proud and your own personal identification with it has given distinction and stature to it.

I trust you will continue to be active in many of the educational matters of the state. You still have much to give to the people of this commonwealth.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Martin Klotsche



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

1116 BLAINE AVENUE

JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

Dear President Hansen:

It happens to all of us if we are fortunate to live long enough. I refer to retirement. Welcome to the National and Wisconsin Association of Retired Teachers. Membership blanks are available at state and national headquarters.

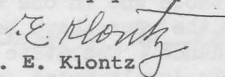
A college education has been defined as something for which you work for four or more years to enable you to make more money unless you become an educator. However, I believe you will agree with me when I say that there are compensations other than money in life. You would not have given all the years of your working life to the task of improving the quality of citizenship in Wisconsin had you been seeking dollars alone.

Socrates has been credited with the following statement, "If I could get to the highest place in Athens, I would lift up my voice and say: 'What mean ye, fellow citizens, that ye turn every stone to scrape wealth together, and take so little care of your children to whom ye must relinquish all'?" This you and all others dedicated to the cause of education believe.

You have served Wisconsin long and well and thousands are indebted to you because of the many contributions you have made to their lives.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to a dedicated educator who has contributed so much to the general welfare of the State of Wisconsin. I know you are proud of the fact that you, throughout your life, have been privileged to work with young people, our most important asset. It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me personally to have been associated with you in the field of education for the last three decades or more. Members of the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators join with me in wishing you many happy years in retirement.

Sincerely yours,

  
V. E. Klontz  
Executive Secretary

I appreciate very much the fact that you are taking this opportunity to permit a number of school men and women to bespeak their affection and high personal and professional regard for your President, "Bill" Hansen; also that you saw fit to include me in that vast assembly of those who have known and worked with Bill over a long period of years.

Yes I have known your president for many years, more than he or I wish to admit. Most of us do grow bigger and stronger as the years come and go, learning from others and from study and personal experience. I think BILL Hansen has never stopped growing, so to speak, and that even today he is alert and forward looking in the great challenge and task of Education. And so I for one feel that his resignation does and will constitute a real loss to the college which has become the very center and heart of his life for so many years.

It has been said that we judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends. To my knowledge Bill has no foes. Some may have differed with him on occasion, but always with a subtle and deep seated respect and in no case were they his foes. Bill was and is too much of a gentlemen for that. And a gentleman can always be distinguished by the way he treats other men — not by the clothes he wears or the clubs he belongs to. In my book, Bill Hansen is a true gentleman, an educational leader and a stalwart American citizen.

It seems to me that Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point has experienced one of its most fruitful years under the presidency of Bill Hansen, because his vision and imagination and 'Know How' has resulted in expansion and development and higher Academic Acclaim then experienced in any similar period of years since it was founded.

And so I would salute Bill Hansen for in my humble opinion an educational giant strode your college hallways during his long years of leadership.

Very Sincerely,  
Gann D. Tinkham

(The Grolier Society Inc.)

Twenty-two years ago, when we heard at C.S.T.C. that Mr. William C. Hansen had been selected by the Board of College Regents to fill the office of president, which was then vacant, many of us wondered what type of administrator he would be. Would he be almost unapproachable by members of his faculty or student body? We soon found him to be most friendly and cooperative.

Few colleges have had less friction or unfavorable publicity than our college at Stevens Point during his presidency. He has had multitudinous decisions to make but he has made them only after careful consideration of what seemed to him to be the best interests of all persons concerned and of the status of the college as a whole.

But time marches on and Mr. Hansen has arrived at the period of life known as the Retirement Age. Much credit is due him for the part he has played in making C.S.C. a great college. He has earned and deserves a good rest. He has a host of friends both inside and outside the college who wish him many years of uninterrupted happiness.

Arthur S. Lyness, Biology Professor Emeritus  
1934 - 1957

I can well remember the reception given for Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hansen at the home of late Mr. Wilson S. Delzell and Mr. Delzell. It made a lasting impression on me, for it was a reception given for a very lovely, honest go goodness, inspiring couple. They greeted everyone with a broad smile and a well ment hand shake. The same smile and hand shake is still evident with the Hansen's when ever you go to their home or to the president's office.

It made me feel happy to read the announcement of President Hansen's retirement on July first of this year. I can't think of any one who deserves a rest from his duties more than he does. I know of his many interests and hobbies so I am sure the retired president will be doing things he hadn't had time to do before.

I have only a small idea of the responsibilities of a president at a college. However, I know that the entire faculty, the student body, the people of Stevens Point and hundreds of friends all over recognize his ability as an administrator and a leader in education.

He must feel greatly satisfied as he looks back over the twenty-two very successful years as the President of Stevens Point State College.

Congratulations to you President Hansen and I want you to know I respect your ability, appreciate your kindness, admire your character and value your friendship.

May God grant you and Mrs. Hansen many healthy and happy retired years.

Sincerely yours

Peter J. Michelsen, Chm.

Music Dept. 1931 - 1954

I presume you speak of him as "President Hansen," but to me he will always be as long as I live just "Bill" Hansen, my classmate of 1911. Also, since I am definitely marked as an oldster, let's put Bill and me both in the finest class ever to have been graduated from the institution - namely, the class of 1911.

I should very much like to reveal to you secrets about the past of Bill Hansen which would rock CSTC to its very foundations, but all I can say is that he wore a stiff, starched collar and a pre-tied bowtie. He was indeed the most successful member of the peerless class of 1911 and was an exemplary student. In those days there were no frats or sororities — instead we belonged to literary societies, of which there were two for men: The Forum and Athenaeum. I belonged to the Forum, and the only criticism I can make of Bill is that he chose the Athenaeum. Each society had a feminine auxiliary, ours was the Arena, while the Athenaeum had a group of girls with a supposedly Indian name "Ohiyesa." My 1911 Iris lists Bill as an Athenaeum debater and in his Senior year he was school orator. The state oratorical contest was held at LaCrosse Normal, and says the Iris, "Large delegations from nearly all of the schools accompanied their respective orators." Can you imagine a present-day student body becoming so enthused about an oratorical contest? What 'squares' we were in those days! Incidentally, the Milwaukee orator won, but the Iris maintained stoutly, "He deserves much credit for the unceasing effort which he made to win." But Bill has accomplished so very much since then including the winning of the Presidency of his Alma Mater that the 1911 contest may well be forgotten.

In recent years I used to see Bill often at the Point reunion during Teachers' Convention. He was always the same, kind friend I had known in school days and now I shall so much miss our visits. May he enjoy many years of comfortable retirement.

Nugent Glennon, CSC grad 1911

Dear Mr. Hansen:

It is with joy and also sadness that I recently received word of your imminent retirement from the Presidency of the college. Joy, because you will now be awarded an opportunity to experience a well deserved rest from the demands of active public service. Sadness, because your retirement will result in a loss to the educational system of our fine State of one of those untiring public servants whose rewards do not come in the form of monetary accumulation, statues, or public recognitions, but rather, from the knowledge that your efforts have contributed to the development of our most valuable asset, our young people.

Our association goes back all the way to 1922 when I was a student and you the principal of the Neillsville High School. A long span of time has elapsed since those days when I as a student looked up to you as one who I could accept as my educator, leader, friend and consultant. After these many years and the events that accompanied them, you still maintain that same position in my mind.

Your career has been significant to me for many reasons, a few of which I would like to list here. The examples of behavior that an individual witnesses during the years of education leave lasting impressions, convictions and ideals. I can thank you for helping to instill in me any good qualities I may have that were solidified during my high school years spent under your direction. Also, during the years since our close association in high school, you have maintained an interest in me, my family and my career, always remembering to acknowledge the events in ones life that are significant to the individual but usually of no concern to anyone other than a real friend. Next, because of the efforts of yourself and men like you, two sons of mine have attended a Wisconsin State College and received an education which was only a dream of mine twenty-five years ago, but has since become a reality. This is significant, not only to me personally, but to the parents of many thousands of young people who have attended Wisconsin State Colleges in recent years and to the generations that will follow them. Lastly, but not least, I do not profess to speak for all the residents of Clark County, but I am sure that you are one of our sons of whom we can be most proud.

I am sure that retirement from active participation in operation of the College will not result in retirement of your interest in sound progress.

I extend to you my congratulations on a job well done and also an invitation to you and your family to visit with me and my family at any time to renew our personal friendship and association.

Respectfully yours,  
Calvin B. Mills, Superintendent  
Clark County Hospital, Owen, Wis.

Having seen so many retirees come and go, I am glad to see my good friend, Bill Hansen, joining our ranks early enough and in good health so that he and his have many years of the "good life," that he so well deserves and has earned.

My associations with Bill Hansen at U. W. summer sessions, in City School Administration, at Conventions, at the College, and as just friends outside the professional environment have always been most pleasant, constructive, and spiced with his common sense, good judgment, and characteristic honesty.

I hope the future holds a long period of good health, no boredom, and continued splendid associations with others.

Sincerely,  
Floyd Smith  
Formerly Supt. of Schools, Wisconsin Rapids



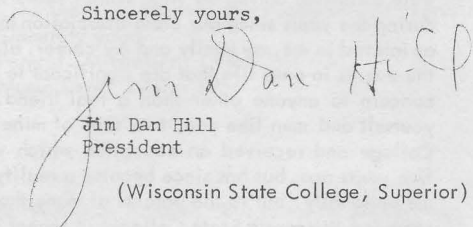
It is indeed a pleasure to pay tribute to the distinguished career of President William C. Hansen of your college. I have been personally acquainted with him since he was administrative head of village schools in this part of the state. If my memory serves me correctly, I first met him when he was in charge of the schools at Milltown or St. Croix Falls.

Even in those comparatively humble beginnings he showed every evidence of being a sound thinker, a man who could see both sides of every argument, and a man who had the courage to come forth with and follow through on recommendations and completion of such solutions as he believed to be best.

There is no educator in our state who has more consistently asked himself the question: What is the need of the students in this situation? more frequently than has President Hansen. His decision may not have always been popular, even with the students whom he sought to serve or the faculty members whom he so ably represented so long before Boards of Trustees and Regents, but the fact remains he asked the question, he answered it for himself in the most professional manner, and had the courage to stand by his convictions.

His retirement is a great loss to Wisconsin education.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Dan Hill  
President

(Wisconsin State College, Superior)


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It is my understanding that President Hansen is retiring at the end of this school year. I want to add my word of hearty congratulations to Mr. Hansen for his splendid contribution to the development and growth at Central State. I know that down through the years he has worked diligently with state officials in bringing to Central State a top quality faculty in every department. His effort to improve housing facilities is well known.

Here in Wausau we look on President Hansen as a real friend and leader in educational fields. His kindness, sincerity, and high standards have greatly impressed his host of friends, and we trust that his retirement will give him opportunity to relax and enjoy his many hobbies.

All Wausau teachers and administrators extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to a splendid gentleman and outstanding educator.

Sincerely



G. W. Bannerman  
Superintendent of Schools

(Wausau)

Dear President Hansen:

Congratulations to you on your coming retirement. Frankly, this event, in my estimation, is not a time for rejoicing, but rather one of sadness and depression, for education will be losing a man with strong vision and character. A man who has guided Central State College, for many years, along the path to excellence.

It has been my privilege during the past decade to have employed many graduates of your college. I have found them to be intelligent, well qualified and adequately trained in the fundamentals of teaching. Certainly, this is a tribute to you, President Hansen, for the leadership you have given to the young men and women of your school.

As you enter into retirement, you should do so with the full realization that your co-workers in education commend you highly for a job well done.

Very truly yours,

*Morgan Poullette*

Morgan Poullette,  
Superintendent - Antigo

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Although retirement is inevitable for everyone sooner or later, I am happy that yours came later. Later because the State of Wisconsin has been benefited by these years of service that you gave to Central State; later because the graduates of Central State under your presidency will contribute more because of that leadership.

I am personally grateful for the privilege that was afforded me in working under your guidance at the college and for the good word you said in my behalf upon coming to Marinette.

I shall not forget the fine fellowship that was ours on our week-end treks, you to Kelly Lake and for me a weekend at home. I shall always remember those goodies that Mrs. Hansen had for a picnic lunch on the way.

Mrs. Godson joins me in wishing you and yours much happiness and contentment in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

WM. C. GODSON

(Superintendent of Schools, Marinette, Wis., CSC grad 19)

## STUDENT LOAN FUND SUPPORT NEEDED

Many alumni of CSC may well remember those days when a loan from some college source would have met a dire need. With the costs of a college education mounting rather rapidly, this need for loans becomes even greater today.

The National Defense Education Act of 1958 provides an excellent source of funds for needy college students but with conditions attached which require the assistance of our alumni. For every dollar the college is able to raise for the loan fund the federal government will provide, on a loan basis, \$9.00.

With our current limited loan fund, freshmen may borrow \$150 per semester, sophomores \$200, juniors \$250 and seniors \$300. No interest is charged until the second year of employment following graduation. Ten per cent of the principal and three per cent interest is repaid annually. Those entering teaching may deduct ten per cent of the loan annually for five years, reducing this loan and interest by 50%. This is a very favorable loan program for any institution which is able to raise the initial fund for qualifying for a National Defense Education Act loan.

To build an adequate fund, the college must obtain a larger number of contributions ranging from \$1.00 to 100.00 or more, determined by the good fortunes of our alumni and their loyalty to the college. The graduating seniors of 1962 have expressed their genuine concern for the welfare of their underclassmates and others who will enroll at CSC by donating the balance of their treasury to the loan fund. In addition, they voted to initiate a program of contacting alumni of CSC for their support of this significant and most worthy project. A leaflet was prepared and printed and mailed with an explanatory letter to nearly 2,000 addresses available in the alumni office. We hope you received yours. The response has been encouraging but needs the full and generous support of every alumnus of the college. Some state colleges have already established an Alumni Foundation into which contributions from alumni and friends of the college are deposited and recorded. A committee of faculty and alumni members determine the uses to which this fund are to be allocated.

The noteworthy effort on the part of the seniors of 1962 should serve to encourage generous support of our alumni so that those capable students who enroll at CSC to take advantage of the fine curriculum offered will not be forced to withdraw because of financial limitations. Send along your suggestions and ideas concerning other such sources of funds for this project. If graduates of CSC are as generous in their support as are graduates of private colleges to building programs and other college needs, we will be able to meet the financial needs of every deserving student. We are counting on you.

## Alumni Membership Directory

### SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER MAILING

For the past several years your alumni office has been at work attempting to bring up-to-date the address, position held, personal details such as marriage, number of children, scholarship and fellowships granted, special assignments and recognitions received, and other information which would interest former college friends and associates, as well as college faculty members who have assisted students while at college. Considerable progress has been made, though requiring many hours of checking and using many sources to locate the current address of many graduates who have not reported new addresses. It is particularly difficult to locate women whose names have changed and this new name not reported to the alumni office. The alumni office receives many requests for the whereabouts of former classmates, and in many instances unable to provide this information. We hope that as our files are more up-to-date this service can be provided promptly when requested.

Each alumni member will receive a copy of the directory when the initial printing is completed. This will make it possible for classmates and friends to contact one another and to learn of interesting developments concerning different families. The alumni office is expecting to issue the first directory in early September. Be sure your file is up-to-date.

## NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTED

Dr. James Albertson, currently executive assistant to the President of Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana, has been appointed president of CSC. Full details of his background and experiences will be featured in the Homecoming edition. He will assume his duties on July 1, 1962.

### Your Alumni Membership Card

When you send in your dollar for your annual membership to the Alumni Association, a membership card is typed for you and attached to a "thank you" note for your loyal support. Your card could be sent you promptly which would cost 3¢ unsealed or 4¢ sealed. However, if we hold these letters until a minimum of 200 is collected, they can be mailed, unsealed, under the college "permit mailing" for 1 1/4¢. This is a considerable saving which provides a greater percentage of your membership dollar to be used for alumni activities. Should your alumni membership card fail to reach you, just drop us a note and the record will be checked promptly. The alumni association is dedicated to serve its members as efficiently and effectively as possible.

When an issue of the News Letter is ready for printing the number of copies ordered depends upon the number of "paid memberships." The membership year begins July 1 and ends June 30. To be sure that you receive a copy of the Homecoming Issue mailed in late September and the Holiday and Spring issues, as well as special issues which are scheduled when funds permit, send in your membership dues as early as possible. Our goal is 100% membership.

If your membership card is not dated 1962-63, clip out this blank and attach your dollar and mail to: Alumni Office, Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. This will assure your receiving the issues of the News Letter beginning with the Homecoming issue. If you haven't sent in your contribution to the Student Loan Fund, this could be included with your membership dues. It is a very worthwhile project.

### Application for Active Membership ALUMNI ASSOCIATION      WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE Stevens Point, Wisconsin

I enclose \$1.00 for my annual dues for 19\_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_

This enrolls me as an active member to June 30, 19\_\_\_\_\_

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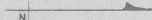
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