by Bob Kerksieck, POINTER Editor

The articles and photos in this issue have been taken from past issues of our student newspaper, the Pointer.

This issue is an effort to acquaint you with the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. We hope that you will be able to go through this and get an idea of what it is like to go to school here in the "Point."

We're proud of our school. Despite the lowest funding of any of the University of Wisconsin schools last year, we continued to do a much better job of placing our graduates than most other schools.

Many of our departments and professors have achieved national recognition.

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Take a good look at us. We think we have a lot to offer.

The cupula on Old Main has been the symbol of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) for 80 years.

Photo by Rick Cigel.

This aerial photo shows part of the UWSP campus.
Job opportunities good for UWSP grad's

Placement success for UWSP graduates seeking teaching positions during the past year is about the same, and possible a trifle higher, than in 1973.

With near complete records, 76 percent of the persons who registered credentials with the Career Counseling and Placement Office for elementary education jobs received classroom positions. Another 26 percent found jobs but not as teachers, although some of the graduates had not intended to continue in the field of education anyway. The remaining four percent reported being still available for jobs.

Among those planning careers on the secondary level, 70 percent of 209 persons who registered credentials were placed. Another 20 students went to graduate school, 56 others found non-teaching positions and 13 were continuing their job searches.

Charles LaFollette, who coordinates teacher placement at UWSP, said some of those who remain unemployed or were working but not as teachers had contract offers but refused because of unwillingness to relocate.

Moreover, LaFollette believes the future for job opportunities is much better in teaching than has been predicted in recent years.

In Wisconsin alone there will be a big demand for several years to catch up with all of the new hiring resulting from Chapter 99. Chapter 99 is a new law which, in part, requires school districts to do more for youngsters with special learning needs.

He said UWSP was not able this year to produce enough graduates in some areas that school districts intended to hire. Those areas are in mathematics, physics, chemistry, general science, learning disabilities and business education.

"There's always a strong demand for our home economics, business and economics, mathematics, paper science, pre-engineering and soil. The insurance industry is one of the most stable in today's economy, Kurz said, and is always looking for persons who can serve in sales, claims, underwriting, computer science and other positions.

There's a lot of opportunity for salesmen in many different kinds of businesses, he added.

Even though new jobs have become more scarce in recent years, Kurz said persons should not be discouraged about attending college as a means to prepare for a profession.

LaFollette added that persons should not use current market conditions as a criteria for selecting a major to pursue in college. Shortages and surpluses change, and many jobs, especially those in federal and state government require basically a degree and ability regardless of the major.
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Suicide not the answer

Blood pressure and pulse. You are thirsty, and if you are lucky there is a friend there who will keep the water glass full as the night passes.

Sure enough, if you were smart enough to decide that life was worth an effort to keep living, and you got to the hospital before it was too late, you open your eyes in the morning. You have breakfast.

The next day someone may be bold enough to say "hello" hurriedly and at a distance. It is evident that you are a threat to those around you.

It's like having a contagious disease and people have to share, for instance, your mumps and measles. They certainly don't want to catch "auditing" or "something". You realize that there will be a tomorrow and after I have breakfast.

How do people react toward you? By the time you get up, you have been meaning to read where I can't hire or you may decide to paint your room and get a roommate. And if you only have to see, I think it's just as great! In fact it was the Student Advisory Board that selected and approved the new DASH system," said Johnson. "I hope the students continue to be involved.

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Students find rare remains

Communication is varied major

Communication, one of the fastest growing departments at UWSP, got its own home this fall.

When classes began Aug. 26 in the eightieth anniversary year of the institution's founding, 300 communication majors and 20 faculty members settled in the three-story Gesell Building which had been used as a laboratory school serving toddlers and elementary class children since it was built nearly 45 years ago.

During 1975 the gymnasium will be remodeled and transformed into a two studio television laboratory. Some other alterations will be made, but in general the building will be retained much in its present state with many of the old furnishings kept intact. The total cost of the project will be approximately $1.2 million.

The campus radio station, WWSP-FM, which always has been in quarters on the first story, will be enlarged for additional news room space. There will also be new dark rooms for processing of film for still and motion pictures, a newsroom to be used by the student newspaper staff and journalism students, plus a typography laboratory-communication museum.

Department Chairman Myrvin Christopherson, said he believes the kind of unique curricula that has been developed here for communication majors, opportunities on campus and in the area for practical student experience, plus growing opportunities for careers after graduation are basic reasons for the department's extraordinary growth.

Five years ago there were only about 50 majors or one-sixth of the number today.

The department is an innovator in the kind of preparation it gives its students with special opportunities for careers after graduation which may prepare them for masters degrees.

According to Christopherson, "Our curricula makes sense to both the students and their employers. As a result the placement of communication graduates last year was 100 percent with the graduates getting jobs in high schools or vocational-technical schools, radio and television broadcasting, journalism, public relations, management training, sales and personnel work, he said.

The "hands on" experience the majors get in various areas of communication has provided the extra margin of preparation that make them "so employable," said Christopherson.

About 70 students are involved in the operation of UWSP-FM 90 which sends signals through much of Portage County dating from 3,000 years before Christ, or in terms used by archeologists, the Archaic Period.

Professor John Moore has conducted several archeological digs in the county in recent years, but all of his previous findings have been attributed to the Woodland Period which existed from about 3,000 years ago to the present.

At a dig site in Jordan Park, several miles east of campus, student Naomi Russell of Wisconsin Rapids, spotted the copper object as Moore was shoveling dirt into a screening process. After close investigation, the object was identified as the point of some kind of weapon. It had been crudely socketed to fit into a spear.

In addition, the student archeologists found a scraper believed to be of the same period when the inhabitants of this region were hunters and gatherers who traversed a wide area and probably brought the copper weapon from mines in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Moore said he is quite confident that the materials are indeed from the Archaic Period not only because their descriptions fit finds from that era in other digs in other regions, but also because of a skeleton that accidentally was discovered in Stevens Point a couple of years ago.

The skeleton, after being checked in Madison, was described as several thousands years old. It still had traces of red ochre painted on it which was a custom in the Archaic Period. In those times, bodies of persons who died were exposed to the elements until the flesh was gone, then the skull was painted with the ochre prior to the burial rite.

Moore's student team also found numerous pieces of pottery, some of which have been pieced together. Those were removed from that more recent Woodland period when local inhabitants wandered less and actually pursued some agriculture. From these people's civilizations, the student team found numerous projectile points, and knives in addition to the pottery.

Also unearthed were several round clay objects believed to be made by people who lived near Chicago. These believe were probably used as marbles. "I always thought they might have come from a group that originated in Europe. Perhaps it was started by early native Americans," he mused.

At today's price of copper, a person might understand why students from UWSP were enthusiastic about uncovering a piece of the metal.

Reason for all the excitement, however, is for the sake of science.
What makes a good college student?

William Clements, director of institutional research at UWSP believes he has pinpointed some of the factors that make for improved scholarship among college students.

His previous studies about classroom performance on campus have dealt mainly with students who were on probation or found college studies difficult. "For a change, we wanted to determine what produced those students at the top of the scale, the cream of the crop," said Clements.

The "cream," or sampling group, chosen by Clements were honors graduates from May 1972, May 1973, and the combined group of August and December, 1973. With the help of high school records and questionnaires filled out by the graduates, he came up with what he considers a blueprint for success in college studies.

Using a series of 16 characteristics, including sex, age, hobbies, ACT scores and high school rank at graduation Clements came up with his formula for success.

The most important of those characteristics, according to Clements, is the size of high school. The study indicates that students from smaller schools have a better chance of encountering an individual teacher or guidance counselor who will play a significant role in their education, he said.

"These honors graduates had distinguished themselves academically before coming to the university," Clements said. "Such things as school size and good guidance gave them superior preparation."

However, in another study conducted at UW Madison using Clements design, Sylvia Rimm, a doctoral candidate, concluded that high school size was not a determining factor in college success. In an article published in the August issue of the Eowan Journal of Public Instruction," Rimm noted that the results from surveys conducted at UWSP by Clements could not be used as generalizations for all state institutions of higher learning.

"Taments said he does not consider his studies of college success complete and calls for more detailed investigation. The impetus for much of his research came from a study of the drop out rate of live of the state universities and was not limited to Stevens Point, he added.

"Both of our studies destroyed the myth of the bigger the better because we both found that the big high schools did not produce the scholars," he said. "And I concluded that small schools had the advantage in producing good students because of smaller drop out rates, more National Honor recipients and other important variables."

Referring to his honors graduate study, Clements said there is also more motivation to learn among that select group. The study shows they generally come from low income families and are strongly encouraged by their parents to achieve a college degree.

"Both of our studies identified the same characteristic which identifies the honors graduate, said Clements, it is the occupation of the parents. According to the report, a significant number of the student's records indicate their fathers were farmers and 60 percent of their mothers were housewives.

The report also showed that more of the honors graduates were women, more took part in numerous extracurricular activities and paid a larger percentage of their college expenses out of their own pockets. Their hobbies ranged from sewing and swimming to reading and biking.

The information from the report will be helpful mainly to the student and parents. While it will have nothing to do with the selection process at UWSP, he said it will assist faculty in selecting students in a course of study and may help determine those students most deserving of financial aid in the future.

Europe competes with Clam Lake

by Katherine Kowalski

An International Environmental Studies Seminar at UWSP has produced an alternative program to Summer Camp in Clam Lake, Wis.

For three summers about 40 students from the College of Natural Resources (CNR) have had the opportunity to spend four weeks in Europe visiting natural resources related programs and institutions.

The major emphasis is on field trips in all facets of natural resources, forestry, wildlife and regional planning, said Hans Schabel, professor of forestry, UWSP, whose native land is Germany.

The program includes visits to the Ruhr Valley Water Quality Management Co-op, relaxation of strip mined land inologne and the 600 year-old Frankfurt City Forest.

Homebase in Europe is in the Blackforest, where students live on the top of a mountain at Hornberg Castle. "It was nice staying in the castle. The only thing I didn't like was walking six kilometers to town, down a mountainside, over a mountain and down the other side. It was kind of isolated, but I liked the isolation," Dale Ceolla said, a student who participated in last summer's trip.

Sometimes Bruce Schmidt would go to the top of the castle tower and look over the dark green countryside of the Black Forest. "I would just go up there and sit for hours and think," said Schmidt. He attended the first summer in Germany seminar.

Through exposure of a high density population like Germany, one can see the problems of land abuse and compounded problems in the countryside which resulted from an early awareness of natural resources by Germans, Schabel said.

"By looking at what Europeans are doing, we can possibly be looking at our own future in areas of forestry, aesthetics, wildlife management, water management, planning and lifestyle trends," said Diane student at UWSP, interested in trail planning.

Fitness trails are trails on which one can participate both mentally and physically, said Schmidt. Trails are a natural setting along which one can jog and do exercises on equipment which is designed to provoke and reveal the natural surroundings to the trail user.

"Going to Europe has helped in classes like forestry. I was aware of an alternative to the way things are done in the U.S. We are presented with a different view," Schmidt said.

At Summer Camp in Clam Lake, you are drilled into one way of doing things. The German experience as an alternative program makes one able to contrast and draw their own conclusions," Schmidt said.

Besides the professional benefits of the program, there are personal experiences which are rewarding to the student as the cultural aspects of Europe, Schmidt said.

There is also time for independent travel to Switzerland, Austria, Northern Italy or France.

The program is self-supportive and costs include tuition, room and board, travel with the group to the Ruhr and through the Black Forest and to Hornberg Castle, according to a flyer explained the program.

Information can be obtained by writing to: Dean, College of Natural Resources, UWSP, Stevens Point, Wis., 54481, or by contacting Pauline Beason at the International Affairs Office in Old Main. Applications close January 31, 1975.
During the question and answer session held in the Program Banquet Room of the University Center (UC), students had the opportunity to quiz the senator on various subjects.

One student opened the session with a question about possible cuts in federal spending.

We don't have a lot of option to cut in many areas, because most everything is contracted, said Proxmire. Programs such as Social Security can't be cut easily, he said.

Military and foreign aid spending can be cut by holding down the number of troops we have stationed around the world, he said. He termed these forces "colossal burden." We could strengthen our troops by reducing our widespread vulnerable commitment," he said.

Military spending could be cut in three areas, he said. The number of troops could be decreased, and the purchase of some new carrier and bombers could be denied, he said.

Proxmire also said that the budget could see cuts in the areas of highway building and the space program.

Financial aids cuts were the subject of interest to many students. When asked about the possibility of tuition increases, Proxmire said he felt education should be the top priority in addition to health.

He said he felt that our system may be producing too many Ph. D.'s in one area. It might be advisable to try and persuade people to make a free choice without as much time spent in school and with as much overall satisfaction in their occupation, he said.

Any type of environmental controls that cross state lines are the federal government's responsibility, said Proxmire. In response to a question about land use controls Proxmire stated that we are a mobile country with a national interest in preserving our environment. However, the federal government should try to keep as light a hand as possible with an attempt to leave land use controls to the discretion of the state, he added.

"How can we justify playing God?" questioned Proxmire in response to a question about the alleged Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) intervention in Chile. He said that he felt an overall view of the CIA's record shows that it has been counterproductive. The programs don't appear to work well especially in view of the long term effect on the people, he added.

Special interest was expressed in the senator's jogging. He said he began jogging when he realized that he could run to work faster than the bus could get there. He now runs ten miles a day and cited the added benefits of running. You save gas; wear on the car; you are able to eat more and people say you might live longer, said Proxmire in conclusion.

TV sparks involvement

Opportunities to produce their own programs and having them broadcast over commercial television outlets is sparking wide student participation in a rather new organization at UWSP.

From 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the students' work is fed into the cable TV systems that serve Stevens Point and Wausau.

Approximately 70 persons are involved with the "Campus Television" organization. Many are communication majors; others are merely interested in gaining practical experience in what they regard as the intrigue of broadcasting.

Some of the youth are particularly motivated by a claim the country will have 50,000 new jobs in television by about 1980 because of rapid development of cable systems that serve Stevens Point and Wausau.

The above listed ten travel opportunities are being sponsored by various student organizations on campus to coincide with vacations on the UWSP school calendar.

Cruising the Carribbean, sightseeing in Rome, skiing in Colorado, scuba diving in the Cayman Islands and backpacking in the Smokies, are all available for the UWSP student who wishes to spend an uncommon reprieve from school work this year.

Also coinciding with Christmas recess is a Jamaican trip sponsored by UAB for Dec. 21-28 or Dec. 28 - Jan. 4.

On Jan. 4-11 a group will be heading for Keystone Mt., Colo., for a skiing trip sponsored by the UAB Ski Club. Six trips are being planned for the UWSP spring vacation.
Students manage radio station

by Rick Cigel

"Total Campus Radio," a phrase used by WWSP, the university radio station, provides a very appropriate reference to this student-run effort.

As the term would suggest, the station, which broadcasts from the north end of the Gesell building, provides a full range of programming. Not only do they play the current hit songs, carry news, weather and sports, but the 'Superheroes' of FM-90 play progressive, classical and jazz music as well. In fact, as Tom Bedore, station manager of WWSP points out, "We are the only place that plays classical music, and a lot of people like that."

As an 'alternative broadcast source,' as Bedore terms it, WWSP offers the college student an opportunity to be closer in touch with the campus scene. Since all of the staff, including the announcers, are students, the programming can be geared toward the campus listener with a first-hand point of view. "We want to be associated with this campus. We have a sizeable community audience, but we always like to remind them that this is a campus radio station...if people want to know what's happening on campus, this is one of the places they can turn."

Indeed, the station is a place to which students can turn. Many students who are interested in pursuing a career in broadcasting look toward the station as a source of practical experience. However, about half of the staff is comprised of people that just want to learn a little, and have a little fun. When asked how someone can join the staff, Bedore replied, "Just stop down, and if you want to be on the staff, you are."

Bedore did point out, though, that the station has a 'great track record' for placing people in jobs. Currently on the staff, there are six members who have worked or are presently working in commercial radio. "This year, everybody that graduated here and had worked at this station is now working at a radio or television station somewhere, and that's a lot better than any other university around."

One of this high points from an expansion basis is the station's application for an increase in power. As the station is legally capable of broadcasting only ten watts, the effective range of the station is approximately ten miles.

On campus, this range is cut down quite significantly, because of the obstacles present. In order for a signal to be transmitted to the north side of the university, it must go through the Learning Resources Center, the Natural Resources building, a few dormitories, "yards and yards of concrete," and finally to its destination. However, with the expected increase to 300 watts which the station now awaits final approval, there should be no problem reaching points as distant as other cities in Central Wisconsin. This increase will then allow WWSP to serve the campus audience better, "and that's what we're interested in."

Each year the station provides several 'special events.' The nationally-known Trivia contest leads the list, along with the annual Christmas Telethon, and this year's addition--a Scavenger Hunt.

The Scavenger Hunt is tentatively scheduled for Homecoming weekend. Although it has never been tried before, Bedore is hoping it will be a success. The Telethon, which is produced by the radio station staff with Maggie Victor as Telethon chairman, is expected to draw $8,000 this year for near-by charities. Through the joint effort of the radio and the television people on campus, over $7,700 was raised last year.

"Trivia is a huge event on campus that we have every spring."

'And now, as a presentation of WWSP radio'...Hank Wihnyk, program director. Photo by Rick Cigel

Jeffrey James Van Oien, the current 'announcer of the year,' prepares a taped program. Photo by Rick Cigel
A UWSP Love Story?

by John R. Perdue

I'm studying. I'm really studying.

With that pronouncement, it was clear to millions of moviegoers that the shared life of two struggling married college students was really romantic, enviable and idyllic.

Unfortunately, that was a Hollywood portrayal, emanating from the imagination of Erich Segal, and with Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw making the

discovery that two people could do just about anything and study at the same time. Does it happen that way in real life?

Can a student marriage find happiness overseas not at a cellulo id version of Harvard, but in reality at Stevens Point, Wisconsin?

According to university records, there are over 1,500 married students on this campus. Obviously, not every couple in this group share common lifestyles, but they do often have similar problems. Some of these problems are not altogether different from what other students face, but they often take on added emphasis for the married student. Housing is an example.

Four single students can pool their resources and find an attractive apartment, but the problem for married students is finding a livable apartment at a rent they can afford," said Hope Reetz of the Student Wives Association. "The housing problem is especially difficult for married students who have children," she added.

Mrs. Reetz is a mother and a part-time student. Her husband James is a full-time student and is also employed at Sentry Insurance in data processing.

Mrs. Reetz, soon expecting a second child, is not now attending classes, but she described as "ideal" the time when both she and her husband were enrolled. "It made it easier to study and besides I wouldn't feel fulfilled being 'just a housewife,'" she said.

That attitude is apparently not unusual. Another couple, Richard and Mary Martinson, have found a way that they both can be full-time students and parents at the same time. Their life is not without sacrifice however.

Richard, in addition to pursuing an undergraduate degree, must work 25 hours a week as a custodian in the Junction City school system.

"Along with Dick's veteran benefits we are able to make ends meet," said Mrs. Martinson.

Richard and Mary Martinson find that one of the more trying tasks of being married students is convincing Danny to smile for a photographer. Photo by Rick Cigel.

Leafgren leader in student housing

The word dormitory is passe at UWSP in part because of the influence Fred Leafgren has had on the institution for nearly a decade.

This campus houses its students in 14 residence halls, and Leafgren oversees them with a philosophy that they must be places to "help people understand themselves."

Leafgren has gained national prominence in his work and completed a term as president of the Upper Midwest Regional Association of College and University Housing Officers which serves institutions in eight states.

Besides being administrator, he stays involved in some part time teaching as an associate professor of psychology.

Today's housing officers are increasingly "professionally trained personnel whose primary thrust is educational," and not simply dormitories, Leafgren said.

Examples of residence hall programming, he said, are seminars on human sexuality and programs dealing with career concerns and using community resources. An example would be bringing doctors to dorms to tell pre-med students firsthand what to expect.

Residence halls are also promoting students acting as big brothers to children in the community, Leafgren said. That experience "contributes just as much to the college kids," in getting "a sense of what it means to contribute to the community," he added.

While emphasis continues on informational programs about drug abuse, he said other present concerns include alcoholism and responsible drinking habits.

Current student concerns are unlimited and it goes all the way to the subject of spiritualism and witchcraft, Dr. Leafgren says. "We're not going to develop witches and brainwash them," he said in explaining that a residence hall could invite a professed witch simply for students in interact and become more informed.

"Students are not easily brainwashed" on such controversial issues, Leafgren contended and are usually "pretty objective." Most parents would be surprised to see themselves reflected in their children's statements, he added.

Students are "very, very curious," and want valuable information even if they're unlikely to become supporters of a movement or phenomenon such as witchcraft.

Leafgren will be continuing his involvement with the association he has headed the past year by serving as chairman of its Research and Information Committee.

The Martinsons, the Reetzs and several other couples were quick to praise the Day Care facility. "Without the Day Care Center, I wouldn't be able to go to school," one student-parent said.

Another parent indicated that she had confidence in the University Day Care Center, but that she might not feel the same about leaving her child somewhere else. "The university facility isn't just a baby-sitting service, its also a learning center," she said.

Married students have also been hit especially hard by inflation. "We often find ourselves with a pile of unpaid bills and trying to make a decision about which ones to pay," said one student. Other married students face similar dilemmas. "We had to disconnect our telephone and cut down on other expenses until I graduate," another student said.

Despite all the problems associated with married student life, can it be done and is it worth the effort?

Obviously, each couple has to find their own answers to those questions, but for what its worth, no one who was interviewed said they planned to leave school because it wasn't worth the trouble.

Married student life may not be exactly like the movies, but apparently it isn't all bad either.
Half of the state's 72 counties are sending more students to UWSP this fall than they did one year ago.

This information is included in a study published this week by Paul Cameron Holman, director of management information and institutional research at UWSP. Some of the most significant gains were recorded for two neighboring counties. Marathon's enrollment jumped from 438 to 575 and Wood's went from 536 to 577.

An increase of part-time students, some whom are taking courses in their hometowns such as Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield and communities surrounding Wausau, contribute in part of the gains.

All told, the UWSP total headcount this fall is 8,042 or about 13 below the 1973 level. Approximately 536 students are from communities in more than 40 states. The bulk however, comes from Illinois. Twenty-three are from foreign countries.

In Portage County, the total enrollment fell from 1,271 to 1,164. However, persons who have been involved in student recruitment projects were encouraged by the fact the number of new freshmen from the same area increased from 151 to 235. This is the highest draw in this category since 1970 and down only six from 1969 when the university had its largest freshman class.

Although the draw of new freshmen from Milwaukee has been sliding in recent years, from 336 in 1969 to 263 in 1972 to 197 this fall, the total number of students from that county is only slightly down. The reason is many students the second year of service are not required to drill with weapons although many choose to do so.

The advanced course during the junior and senior years is for selected students who have demonstrated a potential for becoming army officers.

They are taught leadership and management, and theory and dynamics of the military team. Before registering for the advance course, cadets are expected to sign a contract binding them to military service for either two to four years active duty or six years in the reserves.

All cadets graduate as commissioned Second Lieutenants. After graduation women may command any military unit except the infantry, field artillery, armor and air defense artillery.

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UWSP students taught three R's

Skills labs prove worthwhile

by Betty Clendenning

"I got the idea years ago when I was in graduate school in Kentucky, which had a Mathroom for its students. Finally last year when PRIDE provided the funds, we were able to open a Mathroom," said Kung.

Another basic skill for the student is reading. For students who may need help in this area the Reading and Study Skills Laboratory on the third floor of the CCC offers assistance.

"When a student comes in, we explain the various alternatives that he can take. A student can take a class for credit, such as Psychology 101, an eight-week course, sign up for a non-credit reading and study skills group or come in for individual help," explained Barb Smith, a student assistant in the Lab.

There are five instructors and five student assistants, who rotate the hours they work in the Lab. The Lab is open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. - noon on Fridays.

"My job is coordinating the instructors with the students who come in for help. I sometimes teach groups or students, too," said Lillian Spangenberg, one of the graduate assistants.

The Mathroom became available last year. It operates daily with the hours listed on the door of the room.
Students landscape and paint dorms

by Terry Wux

A small army of student volunteers began organizing the inside and landscaping the outside of the residence halls at UWSP this year for the first time since the halls were built.

The painting began early in the spring semester when Housing commissioned the new recruits to paint their rooms, hallways and other areas in the halls. Each student was given a choice of 787 colors and then turned loose with virtually no restrictions. The only subject limitations were on those things which might not appeal to the person assigned to that room the next semester.

Henderson and his crew began re-landscaping an area on the north end of campus this summer, known as the "pit." The pit also recognized as the backdoor of Watson, Burroughs and Thompson and Knutzen Halls was redesigned in an effort to eliminate the perennial defoliation of the area caused by the herd of student traffic moving from and to classes.

Wooden stairways constructed of old railroad ties were placed to funnel student traffic away from the vegetation and over existing sidewalks. Mammoth octagon shaped flower beds, also constructed of old railroad ties, added a "natural look" to the previously naked landscape.

Henderson, Schmeckle, Baldwin and Neate Halls were also redecorated this fall with similar building materials (primarily old railroad ties) but in a new motif. Instead of stairways, boulder gardens nestled among green shrubbery were placed to create a pleasant rural setting.

Henderson said one of the things that was lacking at this campus was an area just to sit and chat with a buddy or girlfriend. "The areas are too open," said Henderson. "The whole thrust of the landscape project is to make a more intimate campus."

"The flower beds break these large areas into smaller areas where people can interact. They need something that has human scale, human qualities and that's what we're trying to do with the landscape project," he said.

Henderson was the man who originally conceived the idea of landscaping the halls and is expected to continue as the main of the project through the summer of 1975.

He would prefer a longer term program be initiated to continue forecasting the needs of the entire university in the area of landscaping, he said. This campus would be ideal because of the excellent natural resources program, he added.
Orientation: getting acquainted

Welcome to Harvard? Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus said he didn’t even know the sign was there during the last session.

Dreyfus opened most of the sessions with a few words on what to expect, and on what he expected during the next four years. Photo by Robert Kerksieck

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"They were the university for some 1,500 incoming students," said John Timcak, orientation assistant director, of the orientation leaders and assistants. "That was a big responsibility."

"I think it's a much more flexible program," said Helen Godfrey, orientation director, "Our basic goal is to serve student needs."

The incoming freshmen and parent evaluations of the program bore out the feeling of quality. Of the approximately 1,500 evaluations, only about 30 were negative. The vast majority of the evaluations ranked the program as excellent.

A unique part of the UWSP Summer Orientation is that there are separate programs for the incoming freshmen and their parents. "We feel there are different needs," said Godfrey. "The students and parents each have different concerns and anxieties."

"Students seem to come to get acquainted with the university, and other students, and to register," said Godfrey. "We try to give parents an overall idea of what is here and what their children are and will be going through. The whole thing is really creating an awareness."

"There were some problems regarding the length of the session," said Godfrey. "The problem is that we don't know how much we can give a student. There is so much that they have to know, and so little time to give it to them anyway. Yet we simply can't bombard them with too much," said Godfrey.

"Nothing says that they have to come. We recommend it and they come on our word that it's a beneficial program. It is a good program and it reflects the student leaders," said Godfrey.

Math bulletins used statewide

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An older publication, "The Point Set" which was started nearly three years ago, is distributed to students at UWSP who either major or minor in mathematics plus to about 50 individuals and campuses in Wisconsin and several other states.

Both publications are printed on the university's own duplicating equipment at limited cost and four pages is the size of an average book. However, there is a certain attractiveness about the neat, simple typography and line diagrams.

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"The Point Subset" also serves as a newsletter for the Central Wisconsin Mathematics League which local professors founded with funds from Sentry Insurance of Stevens Point and Employers Insurance of Wausau for participation by high school students in a wide area.

The publications usually have a geometry, algebra and advanced problem-all difficult enough so "we don't get besieged with responses."

In addition to the time they spend on their labor of love on the publications, Kung and Miller also respond to letters from their readers.

Such publications in mathematics aren't commonplace on the American education scene, but there are a few. Kung, who proposed "The Point Set", saw it as a publication to serve the university; but soon, its popularity spread far from the boundaries of the campus. It led the way for "The Point Subset" and a different audience.

Kung initially teamed up with an eager partner (Miller) who has experienced particular enjoyment from an especially time consuming project of preparing original mathematics crossword puzzles for the "Point Set."
$34,000 giant used in studies

A new electron microscope at UWSP prompted a Marshfield physician and his technician to be temporary collegians this past summer so they can learn to use the powerful instrument as a tool for medical research and diagnosis.

Charunsang Subapodok, a pediatric neurologist at the Marshfield Clinic, and medical technologist Barbara Simonsen spent about four mornings a week at the UWSP campus taking a course in electron microscope techniques taught by Don A. Hay of the Biology Department. Hay also serves as director of the electron microscope laboratory facilities.

The $34,000 giant microscope whose magnification capacity ranges from 1,000x to 128,000x, was installed last spring in the Biology Department's new headquarters in the College of Natural Resources (CNR) Building. Since that time a great deal of interest in the device has been expressed by students, faculty and people in the community, according to Hay.

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Facilities for the lab encompass four rooms. In addition to the room which houses the huge microscope, there is a tissue preparation room where the material is fixed, stained and embedded in a solid block of plastic, a room with an ultramicrotome that is used to slice tissue exceptionally thin, and a dark room.

Subapodok said he was "very surprised and pleased to find such fine facilities in a community this size. I had thought it would be necessary to travel to Madison to take the course, but UWSP's lab and facilities are excellent. I feel lucky to be so close."

Hay, who in the past had been going to UW Madison to use its electron microscope, also appreciates the convenience of having one in Stevens Point. He is now able to continue his research on atrioventricular heart valves here. "With the aid of several thousand dollars worth of grants from the Wisconsin Heart Association, he has been studying the step by step process of normal cell formation to better understand how defects in the operation of the heart occur.

"Mastering the technique of the electron microscope is not easy," Subapodok explained, "but Hay is an excellent teacher. Anyone who completed this course will be a very competent technician."

The Marshfield physician, who also has a full background of training in adult neurology, is a native of Thailand and came to this country 13 years ago. He received his degrees from UW Madison and now lives in Marshfield with his family.

His technician, Simonsen, has worked at the Muscle Histochemistry Lab at the Marshfield Clinic for the past eight years.
The term “fine arts” at UWSP refers either to a building, a college or a variety of things to do and see. Among the usual host of activities to attend or take part in are the university theatre productions, Music Department presentations, arts shows and exhibitions and the annual Arts and Lecture Series in which a variety of talent from around the area is displayed.

The university theatre provides drama students, as well as others interested in theatre, an opportunity to practice their craft four or five times a year in shows ranging from tragedy and opera to musical comedy and dance theatre.

This season’s is a refection of that variety with the musical extravaganza of “Gypsy,” Tennessee Williams’ stark tragedy “A Streetcar Named Desire,” Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” and the popular “Arsenic and Old Lace” among the offerings.

In addition, productions such as these supply the community of Stevens Point and surrounding area with superb theatrical events.

Other dramatic pursuits at UWSP include a Studio Theatre Series, original plays presented and directed by University drama students, and the much acclaimed Summer Theatre series, which this past summer presented three musicals, “I Do, I Do,” “Little Mary Sunshine” and “The Roar of the Greasepaint.”

The Theatre Arts Department at UWSP has also taken part in a number of United Service Organization (USO) tours abroad. In 1973 a troupe of students from Stevens Point took the humorous musical “Company” on tour overseas.

The Arts and Lectures Series has provided Central Wisconsin with entertainment opportunities not otherwise possible. In the past the series has booked such notables as the Warsaw National Philharmonic, the London Bach Society and New Orleans’ own Preservation Hall Jazz ABBand.

The 74-75 season is another mixture of international talent. Scheduled events are Flamenco guitarist Carlos Montoya, the Vienna Boys Choir, the Israel Chamber Orchestra and Professor Peter Schickel’s P.D.Q. Bach.

Other performances presented this season were ragtime pianist Max Morath, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Welsh Guards and Argyll Sutherland Highlanders and the Hungarian dance troupe, Rajko.

A vast array of music recital and concerts, by students and faculty of the UWSP Music Department, are presented year round. In addition, the department sponsors music and opera workshops.

Some of the bigger events of the music season are provided by the Stevens Point Symphony Orchestra, the University Jazz Ensemble, the University Concert Choir and the University Symphony Orchestra. A Madrigal Dinner is held each year at holiday time for students, faculty and area residents, offering Renaissance period entertainment, costumes and decor.

Other student musical groups are the Oratorio Chorus, the Percussion Ensemble and the Clarinet Choir.

The UWSP also boasts one of the finest Suzuki violin schools in the country. The American Suzuki Institute, an annual event on campus since the summer of 1971, draws parents and students from across the country to study the Japanese method of teaching children the violin.

Professor Margery Aber, one of the American pioneers of the method and a UWSP music faculty member, directs the Institute and the school.

In the area of art, the new Fine Arts Center (FAC) has provided the campus with an important addition, the Edna Carlsten Gallery. The Gallery is the showcase for exhibitions by nationally and internationally famous artists as well as student and faculty art shows.

Exhibits have included works of “old masters,” contemporary prints from Mexico and Latin and South America and original works by such artists as Picasso, Chagall, Dalí and Renoir.

Shows for the 74-75 season have included photographs by world-renowned photo journalist Alfred Eisenstaedt and a collection of watercolors by Wisconsin artists.

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) at UWSP also sponsors displays; primarily art work, crafts and photography produced by local artists. Recent displays were of folk art and crafts from Poland collected by two area residents and a series of prints, paintings and rosemalling items.

The FAC, opened in 1970, provides the setting for much of this activity. Besides the Carlsten Gallery, it includes the Warren Gard Jenkins Theatre, the home of university theatre, and the Peter J. Michelsen Concert Hall, the scene of many recitals and concerts.

The University Film Society, a group of faculty and students interested in the craft of film-making presents over a dozen feature films each season. They also sponsor film festivals and special events. Last spring director Frank Capra, whose films include “Mr. Smith Goes To Washington” and “I Happened One Night,” spent two days on campus leading discussions and answering questions.

The Theatre Arts Department bills its offerings in the main lobby of the Fine Arts Building.
by Shelley Hosen

The front porch slab has cracked and settled on the campus' second oldest building, Nelson Hall.

Nelson Hall, built in 1915 as a women's dormitory, was the first building of its kind funded by the Board of Regents for what was the Wisconsin Normal School System. It was named after George B. Nelson, member of the board of Regents and State Supreme Court.

The new women's dormitory opened its arms to its first occupants in September of 1916. The dormitory was complete with a fireplace lounge and a food service.

Dorm life consisted of a 10:30 p.m. curfew, a formal dance once a year, mother-daughter teas and afternoon teas with the whole student body as the guest of honor.

For two years the women of Stevens Point Normal School lived in Nelson Hall. But shortly after the beginning of the 1918 school term the residents were informed that they were to be moved out. A training program for members of the armed forces was to be held on campus.

This training program lasted until January of 1919 when the women got their dorm back. Dorm life for the women was uninterrupted until the depression.

During the depression, the food service discontinued briefly and the cooking facilities were turned over to the women students.

Then, in 1943, Nelson Hall was again taken over by the Air Corps for military purposes. In 1966 it was again used for military purposes. It was last used as a residence hall in 1968.

Presently Nelson Hall is used to house the UWSP Health Center, offices and some class areas.

by Bob Kerksieck

The university's tuition proposal is sound, but it is going to be scuttled by the governor unless we take immediate action, United Council (UC) President Jim Hamilton said Saturday.

Hamilton, president of the UWSP student government last year, was speaking of a proposal written by the UW Central Administration which calls for a reduction of in-state, undergraduate tuition from 25 percent of instructional cost to 12.5 percent.

While speaking at UC's executive board meeting at River Falls last weekend, Hamilton called for the ten member student government's to mount an immediate campaign to gain acceptance of the tuition proposal.

"I don't think there are many students who can bear the anticipated higher costs over the next three or four years," said Hamilton. "Something has to be done."

He said that if current trends continue, tuition and fees for undergraduates may be over $1,000 annually in less than four years.

UW President John Weaver and the UW Board of Regents have come out in support of the lower tuition proposal. But, Governor Patrick Lucey has repeatedly spoken out against the proposal, calling it inflationary and a "pie in the sky."

"The governor has not even seen a copy of the proposal," said Hamilton. "I think his decision to unconditionally reject it is a bit premature."

Hamilton added that increased salary compensation for the faculty and staff is also necessary. But, if they get a $100 million increase they will be cutting their own throats as students will not be able to pay for that without tuition relief, he said. Consequently there may be fewer, higher paid faculty," said Hamilton. "There is ample room in the UW budget to accommodate this proposal, if the governor wants to."

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Faculty offer scholarships to incoming freshmen

Sixty-three freshmen at UWSP have received $100 scholarships under a program established a year ago in which professors recognize academic achievements on the high school level. The participating professors contributed $100 cash and thereby became a "Faculty Sponsor" for the new freshmen. In addition to winning financial assistance intended to encourage study on the collegiate level by persons with outstanding academic credentials, students are also given an extra bit of personal attention by their sponsoring professors, who in some cases invite the students home for meals or provide a special measure of counseling.

The scholarship winners must be ranked at or very near the top of their high school graduating classes to be eligible for the awards. Central Administration constitutes budgeting allotment per full time student or full time equivalency (FTE) said Elwin Sigmund, budget analyst. This means for every 15 credits taken whether it be one student or two part time students adding up to 15 credits Central Administration appropriates monies for one FTE student. The number of off campus students are numbered at approximately 350. These students are usually part time students.

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UWSP enrollment increases

by Harriet Pfersch
Various factors influenced the recent increased enrollments at UWSP. Ongoing trends, increased graduate enrollment, transferring students, and fewer dropouts attributed to the increased figures.

Latest projected figures stand at 8,035 students, including those students enrolled in off campus extension courses according to Assistant Registrar David Eckholm.

Last year's figures show an almost 50 percent decrease in the dropout rate, said Helen Godfrey, associate dean of Student Services.

Those students continuing on the graduate level surprisingly pushed the total of graduate enrollment to 722, approximately 200 more compared to last year's figures at this time.

Last spring, budget planners estimated 7,200 students to be returning this fall. Later figures rose to a 7,700 estimation as school approached.

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Stevens Point was figured to be underfunded approximately ten percent in comparison to other state universities in the system. Although the fiscal relief monies alleviated some of the pressure, future fiscal problems are in question, Sigmund said. Sigmund also stated that Chancellor Dreyfus' decision making policies concerning retention of tenured faculty remains top priority. The chancellor is doing everything he possibly can to please a large group of faculty, Sigmund added.
The UWSP has passed the first of several tough hurdles to win approval for the construction of a new $2.4 million administration building, complete with a 600-seat auditorium, to replace the newly deteriorating Old Main.

The UW Board of Regents' Physical Planning and Development Committee (PPD) voted approval of the proposal Tuesday, Oct. 29, in Madison and also gave an okay for a request to add another four stories atop the Albertson Learning Center on the UW campuses in Madison and also gave an okay for a request to add another four stories atop the Albertson Learning Center on the UW campuses in Madison, Milwaukee, Stout, Oshkosh and Stevens Point. All remodeling jobs in existing buildings will be number six among 23 priority among all of the UW System.

The current LRC design capacity of the stacks area is 300,000 volumes. As of this fall, there already are 312,000 volumes on the shelves.

Among the 'minor' projects approved for Stevens Point is a $332,000 proposal to renovate and redecorate the older sections of the University Center (UC). This would not be financed by tax dollars but through self amortization.

The minor projects funded by the state would be:
- Remodeling parts of the Fine Arts Center at a cost of about $130,000; developing a fluid mechanics and hydraulics laboratory in the Science Building to serve the paper science program, costing $38,196; installing new room dividers, new lighting and ventilation equipment in the Fieldhouse, costing $32,700; a comprehensive landscape project, including construction of signs to identify buildings and further work on an arboretum on the northern part of campus, costing $73,000; installing more outside lights as a safety precaution, costing $37,500; installing new automated bleachers in the Fieldhouse, costing $22,400.

Ban lifted on alcohol in dorms

by Bob Kerksieck

The Board of Regents voted 8-5 July 12 to repeal a restriction against liquor in dorms.

Jim Hamilton, president of the United Council, said that the repeal of the code prohibiting alcohol in dorms shows that the Regents are finally realizing the rights of students.

United Council represents ten students governments within the UW System. Hamilton was president of the UWSP Student Government last year.

Hamilton said there were three basic things wrong with the former policy of prohibiting liquor.

"First, Regent policy simply was not in harmony with state law," Hamilton said, referring to the state age of majority bill. "After all, the Regents certainly couldn't get away with trying to restrict students in dorms from voting."

"Second, Hamilton said that he still had not associated to nothing more than prohibition, and that, like prohibition, it bred contempt for rule making authority in general.

Third, Hamilton said that it doesn't really foster the education of the student to deny him something, especially when that student can simply walk across the street and get a drink. He said it was like trying to pretend it didn't exist.

The Regents in support of the change but were Nancy Barkla, Edward Hales, John Lavine, Bertram McNamara, Frank Pelleck, Ms. Howard Sandlin, James Solberg and Mary Williams.

Oposing the change were Roland Day, John Dixon, W. Roy Kopp, Walter Renk and Barbara Thompson, state superintendent of schools.

Three Regents were absent.

"I think the Regents made a mistake when beer was allowed in the dorms," said Day, one of the five who voted against legalizing liquor.

"I know we're not going to stop teenage drinking regardless, but I see no reason why the Board of Regents should give it our stamp of approval," said Day. "I feel it's an abdication of our responsibility."

"I've always felt that we cannot legislate morals," said Regent McNamara.

He said he thought the legislature made the decision for the regents when it approved the age of majority bill over two years ago.
Student newspaper rated first class

The Pointer was awarded a high First Class rating in the Critical Service of Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) for last semester.

Competing against hundreds of publications from schools throughout the United States, the Pointer was cited for Marks of Distinction in Editorial Leadership, Physical Appearance, Writing and Editing.

Robert Kerksieck, this year’s Pointer editor, was also the editor last year. William Witt, a Communication Department professor and the Pointer advisor, was also the advisor last semester.

Comments in the ACP Guidebook included the following:

The Pointer is well organized (coverage and content). Balance (among sources) is well maintained. Facts are derived from reporting, not writer opinion. The tenure feature (see the Feb. 21, 1974 Pointer) is well researched and well handled. Well developed, objective copy. Sports copy has real pizzazz. A variety of good editorial page features. A bright, newsy front page. Page makeup is innovative and imaginative. Photos have excellent content and quality.

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UWSP laser worth $750,000

With one of the world’s largest lasers as their tool, a research team believes chances are “relatively good” to make a historic break through here in developing a new, clean form of energy.

A laser valued at $750,000 has been installed in the basement of the Science Building at UWSP. In certain focuses, the glass unit can create plasmas containing billions of watts of energy.

The problem is how to harness all of that potential power.

The university announced that it has an agreement with a Wausau-based research organization and the UWSP Foundation, Inc., for the operation of the laser.

Local physics professors will be joined by their students in assisting the work being directed by Myron C. Muckerheide, director of research for the relatively new Wausau firm.

Other research will be conducted in the basement laboratories such as laser applications to medicine and even gravity. But for now, emphasis is on energy at a time when the nation is putting a top premium on alternatives for the price spiraling oil being shipped from the Middle East.

The project won the praise of Caspar Weinberger, U. S. secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and Melvin R. Laird, former congressman and former U. S. secretary of Defense. They were on campus for a youth leadership conference.

Muckerheide said he believes the kind of research on energy being conducted at the university is unmatched at least in the United States.

Lasers are pumped optically, and in the basement lab the energy to do the pumping comes from electricity. Next year, there are plans to capture sunlight as the source of power, which in turn will be used to create the enormously energized plasmas.

For an example of how much power can be sparked up by a laser, Muckerheide said that the energy in a plasma the instant it exists is equivalent to all of the energy being consumed at that same instant across the United States.

During the news conference, it was suggested that if the research is successful it might be possible, at a cost of several thousand dollars per family, to install laser tubes that would be powered by the sun to generate enough energy needed to run homes as they are equipped today.

Muckerheide said several foreign governments were interested in purchasing the laser now owned by Wausau Research, Inc., however, he noted smiling that his small group of men (four persons as investors) could move faster in the transaction than the “bureaucracies of governments.”

The basic laser unit, which the researchers continually expand, was purchased from American Optics in South Bridge, Mass.

Francis Schmitz, chairman of the Physics and Astronomy Department at UWSP, said having the laser on campus available for use by professors and students is an asset beyond value. Stevens Point physics-astronomy majors will have the unusual opportunity of getting experience with such a rare piece of hardware.

A member of a fraternity does some modern “flagpole sitting” to raise money for handicapped students.

Photo by Roger Barr
The Peace Campus Center — A multipurpose facility used by UWSP students and located just a block from the university. Photo by Bill Paulson

UCM aids religious cooperation

by Betty Cledenning

Religion is usually considered a private matter. Unlike other subjects such as your job, classes or hobbies, it can’t be as openly discussed.

"Religion isn’t an overt thing. You usually don’t get too involved with it until something happens and you may need some help or advice. The campus ministry is trying to make religion a more apparent part of a student’s life by providing opportunities for discussion and the exchange of ideas and views," remarked Matthew Smith, a UWSP student and member of the United Ministry in Higher Education (UMHE) Board.

The UMHE Board is just one of the contributory organizations connected with the University Christian Ministry (UCM), located across from Nelson Hall. There are three religious affiliations represented at the UCM—Catholic, Lutheran, and the UMHE which includes the American Baptist, the Disciples of Christ, the Moravian, the United Church of Christ and the Methodist, and the United Presbyterian churches.

"Before the UCM was formed in 1967, there existed separate identities for each religion on campus. Having a total cooperation has proven advantageous in two respects. One is financially, being together in one building with one secretary and one set of office machines helps to cut the costs. Secondly, is communications, there is no need for competition amongst the different groups. We find we can do more together than we could alone," commented Father Vaughn Brockman, one of the Catholic priests at UCM.

Each of the denominations at UCM looks to student congregations or groups for its support. Newman Parish, in the basement of St. Stanislaus’ Church, is one of the bases of the Catholic student support at UCM. Representing the Catholic denomination at UCM are two priests, Father Vaughn Brockman and Father Leo Krynisky.

"Being a member on the Newman Board has made me more aware of some of the problems that the priests face and that the people in the parish may have. The Board consists of four students and five adults. It’s a cross representation of people who are usually members of various committees–liturgy, finance, choir which give reports of their findings to the Board," said Janice Bemowski, a UWSP student.

Pastor James Schneider, the Lutheran Minister at UCM, uses the Peace Campus Center for his worship services.

"One of the aims is to get the people involved, because most people like to just come and watch. But service we like to get four or five people to usher, help with liturgy and help with other aspects of the service.

"Another thing which is done is the ‘specials’ given by Pastor Schneider at different times throughout the year. ‘Specials’ may be anything from a sermon on the ‘Exorcist’ to a play like the ‘Life and Times of Noah’ and having the congregation participate by responding in it. These are all attempts to get the people in the congregation involved,” commented Tom and Marlea Gilbert, members of the Lutheran Student Community.

Besides the worship services, Peace Center has other uses.

"A lot of activities go on at the Peace Center. Besides the worship services conducted on Saturday and Sunday, the Center is open for study from 6-12 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Student groups may also use the Center as long as they check the time with the office," added the Gilberts.

Student involvement and participation is the prime goal of all the ministers.

"We have the Lutheran Student Community, a student organization which includes committees on worship, education, finances and service. Most of what is done is geared to the students’ interests in such areas as music, art, drama and study," commented Schneider.

Although the denominations may have separate identities they often cooperate in sponsoring various programs on campus. One of their past events was the Eugene McCarthy and Martin Marty discussion. More recently they sponsored a film and discussion panel on "Amnesty." Something which was imported from Oshkosh last year is the "Pan Y Vino" retreat.

"It’s an experience in communal living which operates in a religious atmosphere. It gives a person a chance to sort out his values and perspectives. It is student operated and run, they contact and hire the personnel for it. "Pan Y Vino is open to members of all faiths," said Brockman. Another important function of UCM is advising. This may be done on a group level, where members of the UCM may act as "resource brokers" by helping a student group or organization get a project off the ground or on a private basis.

"We have personal counseling where someone may come in and talk to one of the ministers about something that may be bothering him," remarked Edington.

Brockman helped explain the approach to the counseling. "We help people to sort out their thoughts and attitudes and help them reflect on the question of why. We let them think it through and make their own decisions. We provide the data and background which the student can crank into the equation to help solve it," he said.

The UCM ministers also do the traditional things associated with their job such as worship services, weddings and hospital visits.

"People aren’t always aware of everything that a pastor may do, because they can’t see all the things he does," said Smith.

New art history minor offered

A new minor in art history was added to the curricula of UWSP on Thursday night by a unanimous vote of the Faculty Senate (FS).

The minor won’t be unique among the UW Systems 13 degree granting institutions, but it will be one of the few. The UW Whitewater had been the only other member of the old state university system until recently to have a well-developed area of concentration in this subject and has for some time been offering a major in the subject.

Others had been established at UW Milwaukee and UW Madison.

The Art Department incorporated in a prepared text, that "student enrollments in art history courses indicated an interest in visual arts to fulfill humanities requirements and a further interest is demonstrated by those students who would have availed themselves to an art history minor if it were offered."

The faculty added that "this is an unusual opportunity for the university to take advantage of the possibility of offering a minor without having to add new courses, staff, facilities or library and slides over and above the typical enhancement provided for in continuing annual budgets for instructional improvements."
Like its sister campuses across the country, the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point has its basic core of programs in which hundreds of students participate as they work toward degree. They are history, the languages, chemistry, English and so forth. But there are offerings at this campus in the center of Wisconsin that stand out, too—programs that are not common and as a result draw persons to study here from all parts of the country and even the world. These are such things as natural resources; paper science (which has the highest average starting salary for local graduates); communicative disorders focusing on speech and hearing problems; dance involving both modern and ballet; specialized fields of home economics such as dietetics, business, communications, fashion merchandising, food and equipment, housing and interiors and food service management; special learning disabilities; religious studies; peace studies; coaching; museum techniques; philosophy and so forth.

Here is a complete listing of the majors and minors offered at UWSP.

UWSP also offers master's degrees in many of these majors.

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The Norm comic book, part of the work of Dennis Jensen, was done this summer as a recruitment effort and includes some of the Norm strips from the 1973-74 Pointer. Photo by Greg Sprenger.