Student Government elections soon

by Carol M. Martin

Student Government elections will be held Monday, April 28, said Mark Herte, Student Government Rules Committee chairperson.

Elections will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Quandt Gym lobby just outside from where registration for first semester of next year, will take place.

About 65 percent of the senate seats are open, said Herte. There is supposed to be only 50 percent, but due to resignations and current vacancies there are more openings this year.

The other positions open are president and vice-president, Herte said. Assembly elections are in the fall, he added.

A senator's duties are to represent a district and make known the interests of the constituents of that district. They must attend the Sunday night Student Government meeting, a student committee meeting, a faculty committee meeting and spend at least one hour a week in the Student Government Office, Herte said.

The vice-president assists the president in many ways. He is chairperson of the assembly and manages local administration.

The president has more statewide duties such as handling matters involved with the Injured Council. He chairs the senate and makes appointments to committees and committee heads with the approval of the senate, Herte said.

"The petitions must be turned in by 4 p.m., April 21," Herte said.

Text rental fee change awaits approval

by Harriet Pfersch

A recommended restructuring of the text rental fee has been sent to Central Administration (CA) for approval by the UWSP Administrative Council.

Currently, $12 of each students' activity fee is appropriated to text rental. Part time students as well as full time students presently pay the same amount for text rental.

The new text rental restructuring will prorate the text rental fee, $.80 per credit, taken. Those students who take six or nine credits have been subsidizing the 17 and 19 credit students.

"I feel the concept is good, the more credits you carry, the more books you'll be using," said Bob Badzinski, student budget director of Student Government. "It's almost like a user charge.

Badzinski added.

The proposed restructuring of the text rental fee was coordinated through the efforts of Bud Steiner, assistant director of the University Center (UC), Ron Hatchet, director of the UC, Joe St. Marie, business manager and the text rental staff.

The University Centers Policy Board (UCPB), composed of students who give input to the policy making decisions of the UC were notified after the approval.

"I see the reasoning and justification for it, but there was no student input," Badzinski said.

The new text rental will be a better distribution of fees with no raise in fees unless students have an abnormal credit load, according to St. Marie.

The current surplus the text rental has in its budget is invested by the state in books and is used to subsidize the current bookstore each year.

The UCPB opposed using the deficit budget which would include $16,000 eating into that surplus for the proposed text rental restructuring.

Student Government has accepted the proposal.

The text rental proposal is currently awaiting final action by CA in Madison.
Legal drugs discussed at symposium

Speakers for the symposium on "Legal Drugs: Use and Abuse" have been named at UWSP; there the event will include an analysis of current and future psycho-pharmacological research, its potential applications and ethical issues that may be raised by future developments.

The objectives of the symposium are to provide information about and to examine the implications of legal drug usage.

The symposium will begin with a 9:45 a.m. welcome and symposium introduction. "Legal and Political Issues in Drug Usage" is the title of the first presentation, beginning at 10 a.m. Gaylord Nelson, U.S. senator, will be discussing the political and legal perspective of drug usage, including the relationship of Congress and the Food and Drug Administration to the drug industry, current and projected legal regulations and issues related to the control of drugs.

Donald Fullerton, M.D., will follow the senator at the podium to speak about the implications for general health and for misuse by physicians, including the potential for psychological dependence, tolerance, physical dependence and general drug abuse.

Murray Jarvik, professor of pharmacology and psychiatry at UCLA, will speak at 3 p.m., on "The Pharmacological Future." Discussion will include an analysis of present and future psycho-pharmacological research, its potential applications and ethical issues that may be raised by future developments.

"The Socio-Psychological Motivation for Drug Usage" will be discussed by Seymour Halleck, M.D., at 4 p.m.

This discussion will include the implications for the individual and society, focusing on the socio-psychological motivations for drug usage and implications for the individual and society in the continued expansion of drug usage.

Robert Veatch, associate for medical ethics at the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences at Hastings Center, New York, will present a lecture at 7 p.m., on "Ethics of Legal Drug Usage."

The lecture will include the overall implications of current and projected drug usage patterns in this country. Issues such as societal control or individual rights and norms of value or self-determination will be integrated with information imparted during earlier presentations.

Bringing the symposium to a close will be a panel discussion by the speakers at 8 p.m., chaired by Norman Post, M.D.
New mayor expresses his views

by Bee Leng Chua

One of the many issues expressed by Jim Fiegleson, Stevens Point's new mayor concerns taxes.

Generally, said Fiegleson, the lowering of taxes in the U.S. and Stevens Point is impossible in the present economic situation. He considers the fact that there are projects already started that must be completed.

On property tax, Fiegleson said that a study is being made to choose one of the two plans that will help to get us out of the unequal assessment. However, there will be a decision on later that the body had reconvening the Board of Assessors to reassess property taxes by the lowering of taxes in the U.S. and Stevens Point is impossible in the present economic situation.

Fiegleson added that he was in error in one of his campaign promises to reassess property taxes by reconvening the Board of Appeals. He had found out later that the body had already started that must be completed. However, there will be a more open and active Board of Appeals in the next year to give the citizens proper consideration in the unequal assessment they have had.

An important issue to the campus and also to Fiegleson is the Michigan Avenue extension. He said that the decision on the status of the project had come from the university itself and the Common Council had already started. He had campaigned against it on ecological considerations and on the basis of it's high cost and safety factor, being in close proximity with the entrance to P.J. Jacobs High School. Fiegleson added further that little can be done to change the situation he is going in the wrong direction.

Besides, a person should have the intestinal fortitude to stand up and be accounted during this time," said Fiegleson. Fiegleson said he advocated a two-year mayoral term instead of the present four year one. The criticism of this period as time consuming in the electioneering process is not significant in a small city like Stevens Point, said Fiegleson. He added that if people should take a look at their mayors every two years and be given a chance to change their mind if they find unsuccessful. Without constituents, there is no direct control on a manager-type person.

He added that the volunteers and people of Stevens Point are a lot more effective than the credit given to them.

Commenting on the potential of students in government, Fiegleson said that it will depend on the student body getting its vote out, as in the case of electing a student alderman. It is always possible that the student body could do it again. However it would be difficult for a student to set on a common council and as an alderman when one considers the double load of work he will have to undertake in serving his area and his academic responsibilities, said Fiegleson.

Fiegleson invites the student body to raise any questions or issues and in the event of a critical issue, he said he will call upon the university to speak.

It becomes most frustrating for an elected official, whether aldermanic or mayoral, when people revert to apathy and tend to leave it to the Common Council to anticipate their needs, said Fiegleson.

Any information and interest from the student body and community will be appreciated. If the student body wishes to pursue programs or have any inclination, it should get more involved in city politics, he added.

Fiegleson concluded that at this time he has no future plans in politics beyond the mayoral seat.
IFD preserves folk culture

by Rick Cigel

A county patrolman stopped a car for running a stop sign last week. As the driver of the car stepped out, the officer noticed the IFD button on the driver’s jacket.

The officer asked what that meant, and upon finding out that it stood for International Folk Dancers, the deputy asked “aren’t you the ones that performed at Bernards last week?”

The deputy asked that the driver stop for signs in the future and then drove away.

What is behind the ‘IFD’ button? International Folk Dancers is a group of students concerned with preserving the folk culture of the Old World, according to Clar Schuette.

“We are a collection of students and non-students, males and females and future businessmen who vary in age and disposition but who all share a common respect and appreciation for the music and dance of our ancestors,” said Schuette.

Founded in 1967 by two members of a Brigham Young dance group, the IFD has had a rather shaky past. Since those two left, “we ran into all kinds of problems,” Schuette said.

The club was not permitted to meet in the dance studio where they had been practicing anymore and the IFD could no longer meet as a club-class. They were forced to practice in the courtyard of the Fine Arts Center. The club began to grow and was permitted to again practice in the dance studio during the second semester of the 1971-72 school year.

“It was just like a big explosion. We had three big performances that semester besides the annual concert plus three high school assemblies. Along with the move back into the studio, we had a line semester,” said Schuette.

Students can now receive an academic credit for participation in the IFD. They have to commit to practicing international folk dances once a week to practice international folk dances. Presently, the IFD has a repertoire of over 30 dances from 12 countries.

Karen Buchholz, Clar Schuette and Karen O’Connell did a Scottish dance called ‘Sheppard’s Crook’ at a performance last week.

Performers’ costumes are fitted with care as Karen Beck (left) and Karen Grimm help Bob Kerkseck.

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April 9 marked the supposed start of the 1975 baseball season for UWSP. Ridiculous you say. There's still snow on the ground! How can you expect to play baseball at the start of April in northern Wisconsin?

That's exactly what Head Coach Jim Clark would like to know. How is it possible to carry on a successful baseball program when you only have approximately four weeks to work with, three of which are in the unpredictable weather of April?

But what can be done? Part of the problem is that baseball is not permitted to preempt exam week therefore nullifying the last week of school. It almost seems an injustice to expect a team to complete a season within this four week time limit. The main problem however, is the school calendar.

Our calendar simply is not conducive to the weather that warrants spring time sports. Most schools start semesters approximately 10 days later than Point giving them an extra week and a half. Many times this means the difference between playing in the late unpredictable cold weather of winter or the early spring air.

Many agree that an early semester termination is to provide students with a head start in the annual summer job hunt. Early termination however means a crippling blow to spring sports.

Coach Clark would like to see a unified school calendar where all universities would be subject to the same starting and ending dates.

If this is not possible perhaps the lifting of the no competition during exam week should be given consideration. Because this week is lost in the baseball calendar, it creates havoc with the schedule.

If it is necessary to leave school early in the spring then perhaps fall baseball is the solution.

Coach Clark had hoped this would come about but in a meeting of athletic directors this proposal was defeated - by a vote of 4-5.

What else could be done? No one knows. But surely something has to be considered.

The UWSP baseball team can not continue trying to honor all of its game commitments in four weeks when the season starts early in April.

The way the baseball calendar is set up at present, one almost has to question the validity of the spring time sport.
Athletics face uncertain future

by Jim Habek

If anything is more uncertain than today's economy, it may well be tomorrow's UWSP athletic program.

According to Athletic Director Bob Krueger, any number of options could be chosen, but none have definitely been decided on yet.

Student Government's Planning Programming Budget and Analysis Committee (PPBAC) recommended a funding of $54,330 for next year.

The figure is the same total allocated as last year, which raises several problems, Krueger said.

When the athletic budget was frozen last summer, UWSP had no hockey coach and a hockey program seemed uncertain.

Hockey Coach Rick Blanche joined the faculty in August and the hockey program was retained.

No additional student fees have been allocated to the athletic department to pay for the hockey program. In addition, inflation has reduced the buying power of the frozen budget, Krueger noted.

As a result of the proposed funding, all men's sports next year plan to be funded at the 1974-75 level.

A meeting of UWSP coaches in March produced several recommendations for the program.

Those attending felt every effort should be made to maintain the present program where possible.

It was recommended that women's gymnastics be dropped, due to a proposed lengthened season and increased cost.

Also recommended was a statement of support for the athletic module proposal.

The proposal approved in LaCrosse, was recommended by officials from different schools.

All schools in the Wisconsin State University Conference (WSUC) were urged to field at least 10 men's athletic teams and six women's teams.

In 1974-75, seven female and 11 male sport teams were offered at UWSP.

Considering what sports should be dropped if necessary, the coaches established several criteria to be used in evaluation.

Whether the sport involves conference competition will be considered. (Hockey is the sole non-WSUC sport.)

Staff availability to serve as coaches will also be considered.

Currently it is uncertain whether Limited Time Employment funds will be available next year. If they are not, the present wrestling, men's gymnastics and women's field hockey coaches would not be paid and the sports might possibly be dropped.

A program's success and student interest in terms of participation and spectator involvement will also be considered.

The coaches make recommendations to the athletic board, who makes final decisions.

Bob Badzinski, PPBAC chairmain, has previously stated that in the future he would not consider unrealistic self-sustaining sports.

In addition to the athletic program funding, a separate PPBAC proposal of $3000 for women's athletic uniforms was recommended.

At present, the PPBAC funding recommendations must be acted on by Student Government to determine the final allocations.

"Right now the overall situation is very vague. We haven't decided anything for certain," said Krueger.

Trackmen win set for Relays

by Randy A. Pekala

The UWSP Pointers came home from Evanston, IL, victorious in a meet held April 4 and 5.

In the quadrangular meet held on the Northwestern University campus the Point tracksters tallied 71 points. It was the first outdoor meet for the track team in which the Pointers battled a strong University of Illinois, Chicago Circle team and brisk 30-degree temperatures.

Coach Don Amiot said, "I felt we did as well as possible considering the cold. It was an excellent outdoor meet for this early in the season."

The thinclads took top honors of first place in five events: the 220 yard dash, intermediate hurdles, the shot put, discus and triple jump.

"Dennis Rue and Ted Harrison did real well in the triple jump and Don Batman turned in a 4:20 mile. John Fussnatto did an excellent job in the 880 yard dash too," said Amiot.

Rue triple-jumped 44'2" and Dave Holmes threw the discus 177 in earning their firsts for the Pointers.

When asked if the outdoor meet was beneficial to his squad, Amiot said, "Definitely. No other team in the conference has been outside so far as I know. It was good experience for the guys."

The Pointers next meet is this Saturday, April 12, when they will host the Colman Relays here. All events begin at noon for the six teams entered: UWSP, Parkside, LaCrosse, Whitewater, Goshen and Loras College.

Amiot said, "We're looking forward to Saturday. There will be some darn good teams here, LaCrosse for one because of their depth. We hope to see a lot of people out there to watch us."

Results of the Northwestern meet were as follows:

UWSP - 71
U of Chicago Circle - 34
North Central Naperville - 30

Coming events

by Jim Habek

Both the UWSP baseball and track teams will be busy with home events this weekend.

Today the baseball team is scheduled for their home opener against Winona State. The doubleheader is slated to begin at 2 p.m.

Saturday the track team will host the Colman Relays, while the baseball team takes on Whitewater.

The meet, which begins at noon, will feature 20 events, including the 440 and mile relays, the javelin, the new two mile walk event and the steeplechase.

Whitewater will meet the Pointer baseball team at 1 p.m., Saturday, for a doubleheader.

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Trivia's over- 'now what?'

Open letter.
First of all, congratulations to the WWSP people for making Trivia '75 a runaway success.

But we mustn't forget that it was successful because of an amazing number of people willing to get involved in it. For many of those people, it's the first time they have been totally involved and committed to anything. They found that if they gave a little effort, they could accomplish things and these accomplishments could be seen and appreciated by themselves and others. Maybe they found themselves top dog in the final tally, or maybe it had been a fight all the way to stay out of the cellar.

Whatever it was, the sleepless nights and hectic days are over and something you can be proud of has been accomplished.

But now what're you gonna do? It was a hell of a lot of fun, but there's no more trivia for one full year. That's a long time to wait for something as good as that.

What I'm trying to get at is, you don't have to wait. Now that you see that being involved doesn't hurt, that it's an exhilarating experience, you shouldn't be afraid to stay in.

Here's a list of trivia questions that you can start working on right away.

5 points. You're a Hall Council member. How do you get the pool table in the basement re-felted?

15 points. You're Hall President. How many options do you have for the Hall sign-in policy?

25 points. You're in Residence Hall Council. What do you do to get the Moody Blues to play in Stevens Point?

50 points. You're on the Pointer staff. You can change the food situation with a series of editorials. How?

100 points. You're Student Government President. What would you do about the Michigan Avenue extension? About the physical education requirement? About communication breakdown?

1,000 points. You're you. Do something. Don't let Trivia '75 be the only thing to shake you out of your coma.

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