

Stereo proposal meets opposition

by Albert Stanek

A proposal to grant campus radio station WWSP FM-90 additional funds enabling them to go stereo met some opposition at Sunday night's Student Government meeting.

The Student Program Budget Analysis Committee (SPBAC) has recommended that an additional \$4,720 be

allocated to the station to pay a portion of the cost of conversion from monaural to stereo. The total cost of the conversion is estimated at \$24,035.

A little over \$5,300 of that figure would come from funds allocated for the renovation of the Gesell Institute building which houses FM-90. The remaining \$14,000 would be covered by the relocation of two stereo control boards from the campus television station.

Members of the station's

staff were present at Sunday's Student Government meeting to answer questions about the proposed conversion. Station Manager Tom Bedore said that the conversion to stereo was "inevitable" and that the "time is ripe" because of the funds available for Gesell renovation.

Rick Westenberger, FM-90 chief engineer, said that costs for equipment have gone up by 20 percent each of the past five years. He told Student Government conversion will

"undoubtedly cost less now than in the future".

One of the opponents to the proposed conversion to stereo was Assemblyman Bob Shaefer. Shaefer said that FM-90's budget request for next year was already an increase of 26 percent from last year. He criticized the additional request "in light of the budget cuts that many student organizations are being forced to face".

The combined senate and assembly tabled action until next week on a motion to accept the request.



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Residence halls - coed or not?

News Analysis
by John Anderson

UWSP's administration has knelt to demands that an all-woman's residence hall continue to operate and not be transformed into a coeducational facility for members of both sexes.

The irony, perhaps, rests on the fact that about one month ago the UWSP Faculty Senate (FS), at the recommendation of its standing committee on student affairs, voted to make four more campus residence halls coed.

One of the facilities, Neale Hall, has housed women since it opened a decade ago and has more tradition than most halls at UWSP.

The FS had been assured there was significant interest among students here for more coed living with men and women on alternating floors but sharing lounges and laundry rooms. Results of surveys supported the proposed changes, the senators were told.

The action spurred an immediate campaign to reverse that action. Linda Stevens led a petitioning project that received 119 signatures or about half of the Neale residents. They

requested that no more halls go coed.

Some parents wrote letters to support the petitioners.

As a result, Neale will maintain its all-women status, even though, according to hall director Debbie Donelson, there is disappointment among some residents.

But four other halls will be converted, two men's and two women's, on the basis of overwhelming support of its residents in a recent survey.

Chancellor Lee S. Dreyfus and Assistant Chancellor David Coker announced, however, that four halls will remain for single sex residents to provide that kind of alternative in living style despite the strong interest throughout most of the campus for the coed arrangement.

The housing staff, meanwhile intends to continue its efforts to educate the public about coed living at a time when parents and persons coming to campus for the first time still have misunderstandings about what it entails.

News Analysis
by Mari Kurszewski

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As some theories have it, high power electrical wires tend to produce changes in our environment that could be detrimental to most forms of life. Does the same apply to electrical lamps? Photo by Roger W. Barr.

SPBAC continues budget hearings

by Bob Kerkisiek

The Student Program Budget Analysis Committee (SPBAC) recommended in a budget hearing Monday, March 10, that the University Writers be allocated no funds for next year.

Along with other student activity budgets, the recommendation for University Writers will go to Student Government in April for their approval, said Bob Badzinski, SPBAC chairperson.

Badzinski broke a tie vote to defeat a motion to give the group \$1,000.

The group, which was allocated \$1,000 for this year,

requested \$2,500 for next year.

Badzinski said that nothing the group had done showed him that it deserved to be allocated any money.

Members of the committee who supported giving the University Writers funds for next year said the group should be permitted to bring in poets to read their works and lecture.

A representative from the organization said that the group had about 12 or 13 active members and that they had sold only a little over a hundred copies of their literary magazine *Portage*.

The committee also recommended that Activity and ID be given \$9,960 for next year. That represents a substantial decrease from this year.

If the committee recommendation is passed by Student Government the same ID will be used for as

long as a student continuously attends UWSP.

About \$2,100 of the Activity and ID budget was earmarked to purchase new equipment to make a more durable ID.

A motion to raise the ID replacement charge to \$3.50

failed. At the present time \$2 is charged. Assistant Registrar David Eckholm said that the actual cost to replace an ID is \$1.28.

The last budget hearing will be next Monday when SPBAC will consider the athletic budget.

Phy. Ed. options reviewed

by Penny A. Gillman

"What we want to do is present different options for the student to choose from," said Maria Alvarez, member of the Student Government Academic Affairs Committee, concerning the Physical Education requirement.

The committee will be handing out a questionnaire today, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the solicitation booth at the University Center.

Alvarez said the committee wants the students to question "whether the Phy. Ed. requirement of taking 101 courses enhances the student's education."

The committee has listed options for the requirement on the questionnaire.

Some of these options are to decrease the number of requirements anywhere from four to zero, to include health courses under the requirement or that any Phy. Ed. course that doesn't need a prerequisite would fall under

the Phy. Ed. requirement, said Alvarez.

"If the student did want a change in the requirement, we have to deal with the aspect of four extra credits to graduate with," said Alvarez.

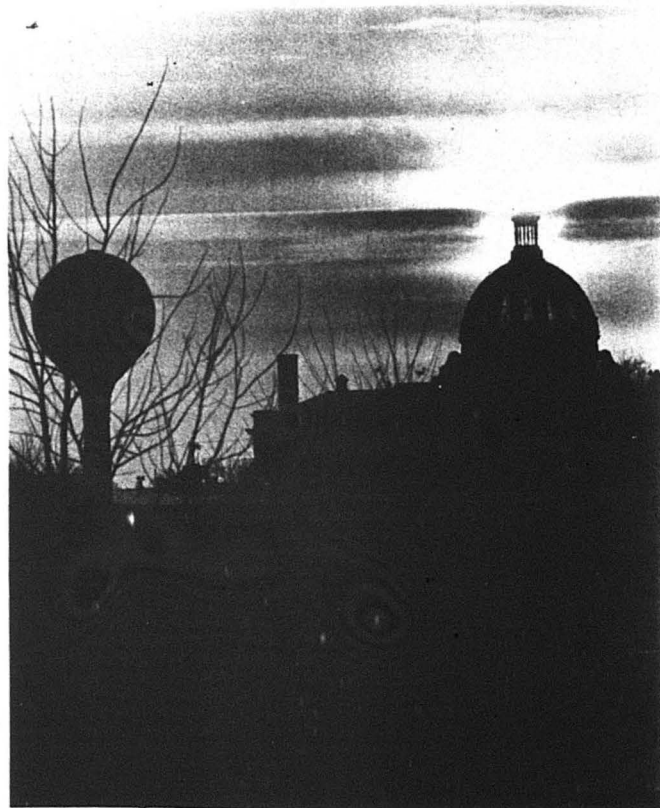
The student would have more flexibility in taking courses "to learn for learning sake rather than just fulfilling any requirement," said Alvarez.

The majors and minors in Phy. Ed. would not be affected, said Alvarez.

"Obviously if we cut the requirements of Phy. Ed. there would be a cut in 101 courses and that would mean a cut in faculty," said Alvarez. "If you do have cuts it (the money) could be allocated to other departments because they're all GPR (General Purpose Revenue) funded," she added.

We are the only university with a four credit requirement, said Alvarez.

We're not the only ones considering this, she said. Eau Claire is trying to change their two credit requirement, she added.



An early evening sunset creates a tranquil scene in a south western Wisconsin Community
Photo by Roger W. Barr.

Education day for women at UWSP

"Women's Scripts - How Women Learn How to be Women" is the title of the keynote address to be given Saturday, March 22, by Transactional Analyst Emily Ruppert during the fifth annual Continuing Education Day for Women at UWSP.

Ruppert, who is engaged in the private practice of Transactional Analysis in Milwaukee, will speak at the event's general session in the afternoon.

In her talk, subtitled "My Mother Told Me So!", she will examine the subject of improving a woman's self-concept by rewriting her present life script.

Through her therapy work, Ruppert has found that low personal self-esteem ranks as the number one problem for many women, regardless of income level, appearance or

education.

The day-long event, sponsored jointly by the

women of the Stevens Point community and the UWSP Alumni Association and Extended Services Division, will also include morning conference sessions on four other topics of contemporary concern and a noon luncheon.

For a special three hour art mini-session, Colleen Garvey of the UWSP Art Department will offer a comprehensive overview of art and its relevance to life today.

Those interested in such topics as starting a small business, saving and investing money and improving their health and shape, morning seminars will be offered by leading citizens of the community.

Ruppert is a member of the

National Association of Social Workers, the Academy of

Certified Social Workers and the International Transactional Analysis Association and has published several papers in her field.

In organizing the annual Continuing Education Day for Women program, the sponsors hope to provide an opportunity for women of all backgrounds to participate in a day of contemporary concerns.

Because such a large number of women are expected to attend this year, all registrations must be made by March 17. No registrations will be accepted at the door. Contact the UWSP Alumni Association for further information.

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Fee increase approved

by Albert Stanek

Student fees may increase by an additional \$2 per full time equivalent (FTE) student next year because of a recent revision in a resolution adopted by Student Government.

The \$2 increase would go toward the University Health Center Fee. It was added to an earlier approved \$2 increase for the health service because of proposed changes

in policy of the service. If the latest \$2 increase is approved by the Board of Regents the user fee at the health service would be eliminated. A user fee is currently being assigned for prescription drugs and pelvic examinations.

The Health Center currently receives \$26 per FTE student from student fees. The elimination of the user fee and an increase in salaries causing the original

\$2 increase would boost the Health Center portion of the student fee budget to \$30 per FTE.

The \$4 increase for the Health Center coupled with a requested \$3 increase in the Student Activity Fee would boost the Student Fee to \$150 per FTE student next year. Each FTE student paid \$143 in fees this past year. All increase in fees are subject to final approval of the Board of Regents.

Church announcements

Trinity Lutheran Church: corner of Clark and Rogers St., Pastors: Jim Oliver and Dan Litzer, Sunday Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m., Lenten Services: 7 p.m., Thursday.

Newman University
Parish: Newman Chapel, basement of St. Stan's. Cloister Chapel, 1300 Maria Drive, Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4 and 6 p.m., Newman Chapel; Sunday, 10 a.m., Newman Chapel; 11:30 a.m., Cloister Chapel; 6 p.m., Cloister. Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 12 noon, Newman Chapel; 5:15 p.m., St. Stan's Upper Church. Confessions: Saturday, 5:15 p.m., Newman Chapel, or anytime by appointment.

The Pre-Marriage Seminar will be held at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Peace Campus Center, Corner of Maria Dr. and Vincent St. This seminar is for all couples who have already pre-registered.

The Evangelical Free Church: Rev. Fred Moore, Pastor: 341-0031, Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. College Class, 10:30 a.m. Worship, 7 p.m. Bible Hour, YMCA Building, 1000 Division St.

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First Baptist Church (American): 1948 Church St., Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Baha'i Faith meeting: (firesides) will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, at 2510A Warner St. for information call 341-1087.

The UMHE Fellowship Hour will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at the Peace Campus Center.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church: 600 Wilshire Blvd. Sunday service, 10 a.m.

Frame Presbyterian Church: 1300 Main St., Sunday services at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Peace United Church of Christ: 1748 Dixon St., Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Lutheran Student Community: Peace Campus Center, Corner of Maria Drive and Vincent St., Service with Eucharist; Thursday, 6 p.m., Peace Campus Center, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Peace Campus Center.



Student displays his artistic abilities on the wall of 2nd South Smith. Photo by Susie Hoffmann.

News briefs

The Philosophy Club will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 18. Barb Smith will read a paper entitled "Exorcism in the Catholic Church: Traditional and Contemporary," with a discussion following.

The meeting will be held at the home of Pat and Peter Wenz, 1909 Center St. The public is invited to attend.

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The deadline is Friday, April 11, for purchasing textbooks and settling accounts for lost books. List price will be charged for all books reported lost after that date.

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The Arts and Crafts Center located on the lower level of the University Center, has new hours.

Monday, 4-10 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 2-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 4-10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1-10 p.m.

A special four day leathercraft session will be held at 4-7 p.m., April 14, 17, 21 and 24, in the Arts and Crafts Center, University Center.

Anyone who wishes to make leather mail bags, boots, thongs, hats or belts may sign up at the Arts and Crafts Center for the area of work desired. Under the direction of Don Palmquist the deadline is April 1.

Hours for the center are: 4-10 p.m., Mondays; 2-10 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 4-10 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays and 1-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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Ecology basic to man's existence

The chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality said that environmental protection is not a "Dessert on the social menu" but "the meat and potatoes of man's existence."

"The public is exposed to so much emotion and so little compensatory science that I'm afraid ecology is in danger of becoming synonymous with a soft headed desire to repeal technology and invent the Garden of Eden," said Russell W. Peterson in remarks before the Wilmington World Affairs Council.

When ecological concerns come into conflict with other social needs or appetites, said Peterson, policy makers in industry and government tend to regard ecology as a desirable but a dispensable extra.

Peterson called this world

an integrated, interdependent system and said, "This integration supplies the basic principle or natural law of ecology, a law which can, with only minor exaggeration, be stated: everything effects everything

else."

Peterson also expressed his concern over the impression that the energy crisis would be over in 10 to 15 years and that we would then be able to relax.

"I am not at all convinced

that we will ever be able to do this—not, at least, in the sense in which we understand economic growth or American standard of living today. On the contrary, I think our past patterns of exploitation of the earth's

resources, coupled with the deeper political significance of the Arabs' quadrupling of prices on oil, confront us with the necessity for altering our conceptions of growth and of living in some profound ways," said Peterson.

Reservations program expanded for campsites

The advance campsite reservation program will be expanded this year to include 19 Wisconsin state parks and forests, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

In announcing the 1975 program, D. L. Weizenicker, assistant director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in the DNR,

outlined some of the procedures to be used in the campsite reservation program.

--Reservations will be accepted for the camping period May 15 through Labor Day.

--Reservations may be made up to 60 days in advance.

--Advance campsite reservation application forms must be used.

--Applications should be sent directly to the state park or forest for which the reservation is desired.

--Camping fees for the entire camping period plus a \$2.00 reservation fee must accompany each application.

--At least 50 percent of the campsites at each park or forest where reservations are accepted will continue to be operated on a "first come, first served," basis.

One of the most important changes in the 1975 reservation program is a requirement that the camping party must check in prior to 11 p.m. on the first day or their site will be reassigned. However, Weizenicker said, "If a party will be late, a telephone call to the park will keep their reserved site available until their arrival."

More than 1,400 campsites out of a total of 6,000 campsites in state forests and parks will be available for advance reservation this year. State parks participating in the reservation program are Devil's Lake,

Governor Dodge, Hartman Creek, Interstate, Lake Wissota, Mirror Lake, Newport, Pattison, Peninsula, Perrot, Potawatomi, Rock Island, Terry Andrae, Willow River and Yellowstone. State forests in the program are Northern and Southern Kettle Moraine, Point Beach and Northern Highland-American Legion.

The new revised 1975 campsite reservation forms will be available at all state parks and forests, tourist information centers, other DNR field offices and the Madison DNR office after April 1 of this year.

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The monies are from private sources including businesses and organizations throughout the state. The recipients will be persons specializing in all phases of natural resources plus pulp and paper science. The amount of the awards range from \$50 to several thousand dollars.

In addition, several university and student sponsored awards will be presented to area residents

for contributions to environmental protection and conservation.

George Mead II, chairman of the board for Consolidated Papers, Inc., will speak on "Industry and the Environment."

Approximately 400 tickets will be sold on a first come-first serve basis for the banquet of venison and other wildlife delicacies. Tickets are available at the University Center (UC) Information Desk and in the CNR dean's office.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, UC, followed by the banquet in the Program Banquet Room, UC.

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Methane from wastes being researched

by Katherine Kowalski

Manures, table scraps and any kind of organics are being used in the production of methane from organic wastes, said Joe Wysocki, graduate student in soils. He has been doing research work in the production of methane from organic wastes since last semester.

"Methane is a by-product of anaerobic decomposition. It is a matter of placing organic wastes in an environment which can produce methane," said Wysocki.

A digester which is an airtight container, is used to keep the organic wastes in an environment which has the proper temperature, pH, carbon and nitrogen ratio.

This digester could be a fifty gallon drum or a concrete tank, said Wysocki.

"We use a small scale model digester which has a 10 liter capacity," Wysocki said.

"The gas is collected from the digester through the displacement of water. The gas is approximately 70 percent methane, 29 percent carbon dioxide and traces of

other gases. To purify gases, it is put through a scrubber to remove carbon dioxide and other gases," he said.

One objective of this research is to "analyze different manures and different sources for the amount of methane produced," said Wysocki. Different manures will have different nutrients and will be of different nutrient value to certain bacteria; certain organics will be higher in their production of methane, said Wysocki. For example, chicken manure is a better source of methane and nutrients than cow's manure, he added.

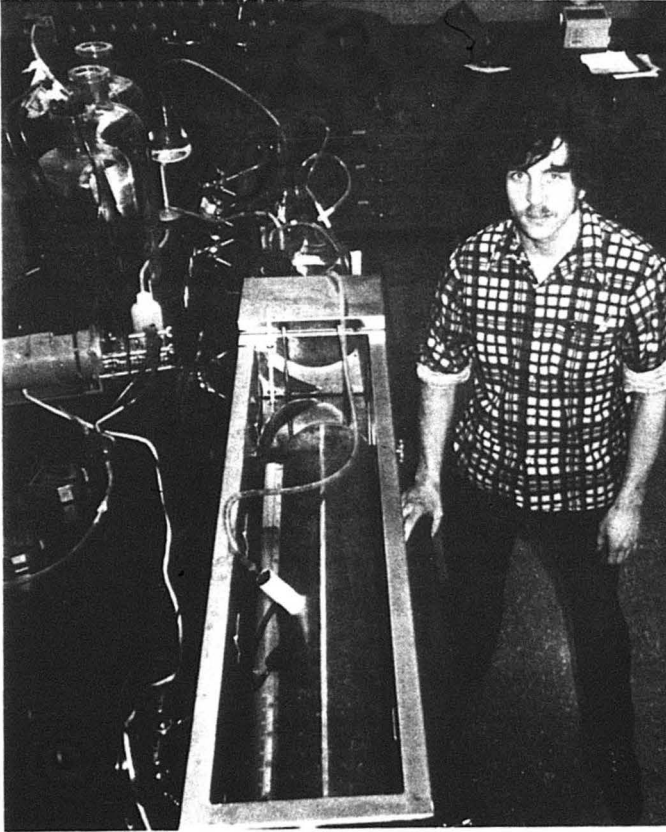
Another objective is analysis of the effluent, he said. A high quality fertilizer can be produced from the effluent. The digester is

designed so that organics are put in one end and the effluent comes out of the other end, said Wysocki.

Other objectives are to research the possibilities of converting methane to methanol and to establish some of the optimum conditions for temperature, pH, bacteria and carbon and nitrogen in a digester.

"Methane is a cheap source of energy," said Wysocki. "It is a fuel, a chief constituent of natural gas, so it can be used as a natural gas. 'It is an alternate source of energy worth looking into and developing from a standpoint of energy and a by-product of fertilizer,' he said.

"We might try to power an engine or convert methane to methanol. So far, we haven't tried to power anything," he concluded.



Joe Wysocki and methane converter.
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Winter fleas harmless

Portage County has become infested with fleas but an entomologist at UWSP said they are harmless.

Professor John W. Barnes, a member of the UWSP Biology Department faculty, said there have been reports of small, black, jumping insects "occurring by the thousands on the snow" in this area.

Barnes said these snow fleas are not true fleas but insects properly identified as collembolans or springtails. They live in the upper soil and when spring thaws take place the snow fleas leave the soil

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Alcoholism - an increasing problem

by Rick Cigel

"What are we talking about when we talk about alcoholism?" said John Timcak, Baldwin Hall director.

"Are we talking about people who are on 'skid row' or are we actually talking about people who are abusing alcohol and are finding slowly but surely that they are slowly losing control?" Alcoholism, one of the nation's most widespread health problems, has drawn increased attention of area health and counseling services.

Most people would look at the consumption of alcohol as an escape and it is probably one of the major misuses of alcohol that leads to alcoholism, said Dennis

Elsenrath, director of the UWSP Counseling Center.

During their lifetimes, 400 UWSP students will become alcoholics, Elsenrath said. Therefore, the causes of problem drinking must be identified and proper action taken.

There are three general reasons why people drink, said Elsenrath. It is an escape from emotional stress, tension and anxiety; immediate effects are pleasurable and there is socialization and social pressure that occurs with the consumption of alcohol.

"People do need an escape from pressure," said Elsenrath. However there are a lot of ways of escaping and enjoying life other than becoming intoxicated."

Rather than turning to

alcohol, Elsenrath suggests engaging in activities where people can really get away from their pressures, worries and concerns and have fun without having to use a drug to permit them to escape.

Many times students use alcohol as an attempted escape from problems which occur. "If we can deal with them head on and resolve situations then there is no real reason for escape," Elsenrath said.

In order to solve personal problems, Timcak said, alcohol should be shunned. "Do you allow an answer by forgetting about the causes or do you try to do some problem solving? If it's problem solving, you better have all your capacities at hand because that's what you're going to need - your emotions,

judgement and intellect."

Students can learn to accept their flaws and not allow them to cause undue stress.

"It's all right to be very human. Very human people are very imperfect, and that's okay," said Elsenrath.

"People who have really accepted themselves and can accept their imperfections and their flaws and their failures probably are going to have less need to escape than those who haven't come to terms with themselves," he added.

One can learn how to laugh at their mistakes from others who have adopted that attitude towards life, Elsenrath said.

"If you've got a serious problem, my recommendation is to get some help before it really becomes catastrophic," Elsenrath said.

Although the immediate effect of alcohol is pleasurable, abuse carries severe consequences. "One of the drawbacks is that the immediate effect is pleasurable where the long-term consequences of heavy sustained use of alcohol are devastating, absolutely devastating in terms of physical and psychological functioning," said Elsenrath.

The third reason people drink is to be involved in socialization. "People drink as a socialization process. Bars are someplace they can go to meet people and interrelate," said Mary Krawiecki, mental health coordinator of the Portage County Human Services Board.

"There is a fair amount of social pressure put on people to consume alcohol; not only to consume alcohol but to consume a fair amount," said Elsenrath. "Unfortunately, a good hostess considers

keeping the glass full as part of doing a good job as hostess," he added.

"The social pressure is sort of two-fold. You get reinforced pretty heavily through acceptance and praise and a lot of inclusion if you go along with your friends and drink. On the other hand, if you don't go along, many students have experienced the sometimes overt but mostly subtle isolation and non-inclusion with the social group," Elsenrath said.

"Social acceptance through the bottle-I really think that's a rip-off," Timcak said.

Last semester a UWSP student died of acute intoxication. Last week, one was hospitalized with a similar blood alcohol level, 42 percent. The Wisconsin level for intoxication is .10.

Even though this student was comatose and near death, his friends thought it was really funny, according to Bill Hettler, UWSP Health Center physician. "He got a lot of positive feedback because of his great drinking," said Hettler.

Normal slow drinking would cause a person to bleed out before they get a blood alcohol level high enough to kill them. But if the drinking is a game, or worse yet, an athletic contest to see how much a person can hold, he can drink three times as much as might have been necessary to knock him out, Hettler said.

"After he becomes unconscious the alcohol is still being absorbed and the individual ends up killing himself," said Hettler.

Anytime an organized group such as Siaseli has activities such as "drink until you drop" it is very childish behavior, Hettler said.

"I think it's amazing that people will praise someone

for drinking so much but never praise someone for drinking so little," Krawiecki said.

The bars downtown and the 'drink all you want for \$1 add to the alcohol abuse problem, according to Krawiecki. "You put the emphasis on the drinking rather than it being a place to meet people," she added.

One of the things that can be done is not to reinforce consumption of alcohol as a way of coping or even as an essential part of social life, said Elsenrath.

It is important "to realize in fact, in a rather serious way, that to reinforce heavy long-term consumption of alcohol is a very hostile thing to do to someone you care about," said Elsenrath.

To counter the peer pressure to consume alcohol for group acceptance, people should be educated that there are alternative ways of socializing, Krawiecki said.

"There are lots of other ways to meet people than to go drinking; intramurals, activities and lots of other places where you can make some good friends that don't require the consumption of alcohol," Elsenrath said.

Much of the alcohol-related activity is passed on from upperclassmen. "There is a tradition that is being carried on. Freshmen learn it from sophomores, sophomores from juniors and juniors from seniors. They learn that they have been accepted with a group because of alcohol consumption. They also learn that they can pass it on to new students," Timcak said.

"There has to be an all-out campaign to change attitudes early in the game, like at the junior high school level. We must try to counter the adult model that is being provided

for the younger students that drinking is an adult activity," Hettler said.

"I've had situations where I have talked to students who were troubled because they did or said something while intoxicated that they wouldn't have done otherwise," Timcak said.

"As a student assesses his behavior afterwards, when he is sober, he is very hesitant to talk about it with his friends. He is personally very upset about it, he may come in to talk to our counselor about it but yet to actually confront his friends and say 'last night I did something I don't want to do again,' he kind of feels in the back of his mind that his friends will say 'Okay, we won't invite you next time' or 'Okay, now you can't be our friend anymore,'" said Timcak.

There is a difference, however, between problem drinking and occasional social drinking. "I don't want to become overly judgemental about occasional drinking or even occasional drinking to excess, but what I am talking about is patterned heavy drinking," Elsenrath said.

"There is a good number of people that go out to a bar, have one or two beers, listen to some music, talk to some friends, play some foosball and that's it. That is a form of relaxation and enjoyment," said Timcak.

The problems begin when a person is becoming more and more often intoxicated. That is probably a sign that something is not going well, Elsenrath said.

If someone has a drinking problem, professional help is available at the Health Center or the Counseling Center.

"With the majority of alcoholics, the very real first problem that must be dealt

with is helping them understand that they are alcoholics. Most alcoholics would tell you that they could stop drinking if they wanted to," Elsenrath said.

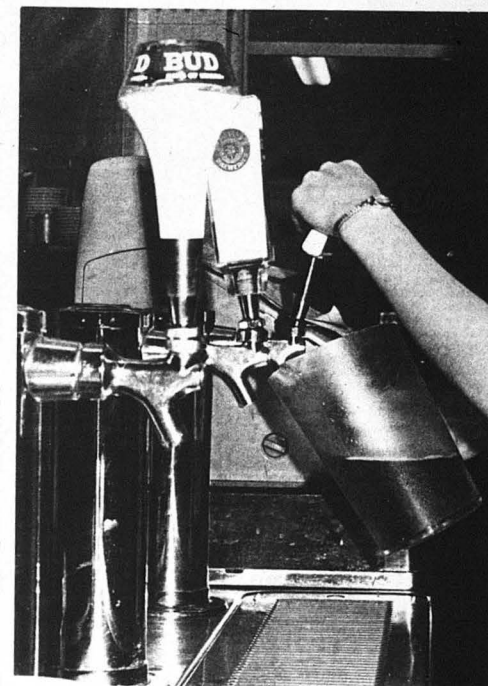
"In the early stages of alcoholism, more than a physical dependence, there is going to be a psychological dependence. If the individual is beginning to recognize that his way of coping with problems is to drink and that consumption of alcohol is increasingly his pattern of dealing with problems, that is a very good sign," said Elsenrath.

If you're going to talk to somebody who you perceive has a problem in this area let them know that you really care about them and that is why you're bringing it up. Your hope is that you are not offending or upsetting them but that you're just being very real and you're doing it because you care about the other person, Elsenrath said.

"You run the risk of somebody getting very angry or even losing a friend. There is some risk of over-reacting. I don't know that there are all that many problems associated with responsible social drinking," Elsenrath said.

"Some sense of judgement about just when is consumption of alcohol becoming a problem is important. The best an individual can do is talk about his thoughts on alcohol consumption. If we get into the business of trying to regulate other people we're probably not going to have a lot of success," he added.

One might say, "Here's my thinking. I'm not trying to tell you what to do but instead I'm offering you my thinking and my concern for you," Elsenrath said.



One more pitcher adds to the problem.

Photos by Rick Cigel.

SPECIAL FEATURE
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Liquor stores hold shelves escape.

Swim team places 20th

by Steven Schultz

March 6 through 8 the UWSP Swim team placed 20th in the 19th Annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Championships at South West Minnesota State, Marshall, Mn.

Simon Fraser, perennial powerhouse, won the meet with 515 points. Finishing second, Central Washington, had 191 points.

Sevens Point had four points to tie Carthage for 20th in the 40 team field.

The best overall performance by a UWSP athlete was turned in by Mike Slagle, who placed 10th in the 500 free, 17th in the 1650 free and 20th in the 200 free style.

He also made Honorable Mention All-America honors for his 10th in the 500 free style. Anyone placing from 7th to 12th makes honorable mention.

His time of 17:09.9 in the 1650 free style set a new school record and his time for the first 1000 yards of that event was also a new school record in the 1000 free style, even though it was a part of the 1650.

Jeff Hill placed 23rd in the 200 breast stroke; and he and Ted Hulsiek also placed 24th and 31st respectively in the 400 Individual Medley.

In the 200 and 100 butterfly, Matt Ryan placed 22nd and 15th, respectively.

The 400 Medley Relay, made up of Greg Edwards,

Hill, Ryan and Scott Schrage placed 16th and the 800 free relay, whose members are Edwards, Schrage, Slagle and Steve Schuster, placed 15th.

Backstroke Greg Edwards placed 17th in the 100 back and 29th in the 200 back.

The third of UWSP's three relays, the 400 free style, placed 17th, with Edwards, Slagle, Pat McCabe and Ryan.

Not at all disappointed with some of the low finishes, Coach Lynn 'Red' Blair said, "It's the best year we've had. We really had a great season and these guys had a good learning experience, (going to nationals) because now they know how fast they've got to go."

He also said that his goals for the next few months would be recruiting. "Right now, it looks good. The word has spread. They all know how well we did at the Conference Meet, so now they are talking to me," he said.

"We're going into it pretty heavy. We know who we have to get," said Blair.

SPORTS UWSP POINTER

Promises, promises...

News Analysis

by Jim Habeck

It was reminiscent of the 1936 Literary Digest poll.

The poll that showed Landon would beat FDR only weeks before the President carried all but two states.

Yet there was the headline: Size and depth make Pointer basketball outlook promising.

It was from a Nov. 16 Stevens Point Daily Journal article by Don Friday.

Looking back, the article's content now seems ridiculous.

The Pointers set records for most losses in a season and worst winning percentage for 20 game or better seasons.

The low finishes of the past three years in a the conference race may be a thing of the past, the article began.

Other gems include the following excerpts:

Veteran Coach Bob

Krueger is determined to reverse the losing trend and has assembled perhaps the most talented, promising group of players since the last club of 1969.

Not one to be overly optimistic, Krueger nonetheless feels he has the makings of a contender this season.

Six lettermen will return. (Three - Brian Leigh, Curt Hinz and Dave Welsh were off the team before second semester began.)

Speaking of the group as a whole, Krueger said, "We seem to possess good basketball sense and most of the players are fundamentally sound."

If the fast break possibility is there, the Pointers won't hesitate to run this season, said Krueger. (The Pointers were last in the conference in scoring average, averaging nearly six points less than the eighth ranked team.)

"We have winning type kids who come from schools with winning basketball programs. They're very competitive and not the type to be satisfied with just coming close," said Krueger.

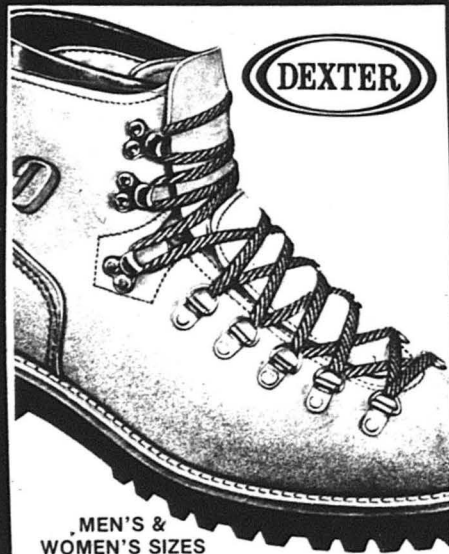
"It's the best group I've had in the last 5-6 years," enthused Krueger recently. "There's more size than we've ever had and the jumping ability is there, too." (After 24 games, the Pointers averaged six rebounds per game less than their opponents.)

The extreme youth of the squad is one concern, said Krueger.

John Wooden, the UCLA basketball coach once said, "I'd rather have talent than experience."

Unfortunately for the Pointers, this past season they lacked adequate amounts of both.

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Athletics need monetary support

by Don Schroeder

"Not enough money to go around."

This everyday phrase sufficiently sums up the condition of UWSP's 18 sport program (men and women). There simply are not enough funds for all the sports to function effectively.

Why? There are several reasons. Stevens Point has no self-sustaining sports. Neither basketball, football nor hockey; the major income raising sports have done well enough to support themselves.

The main reason is the limited support the Pointers have attained in these three areas. Strong fan support is what it takes to make money

and big crowds are not exactly common in Stevens Point, especially in basketball and football.

Hockey has finally come around and could in the future support itself. But at the moment the use of the Iceodrome greatly disrupts any thought of self-sustaining. This year the hockey program had to pay \$7,000 for ice fees at the Iceodrome.

If Stevens Point is to overcome its money shortage adversity, more student interest has to be generated. Bigger turnouts are necessary at the basketball, football and hockey games.

Bob Badzinski, chairperson

of the student Program Budget Analysis Committee, (SPBAC) said, "I don't think whether teams are winning or losing is the important issue. I think we've got to get out and start producing income and then you'll see a strong athletic program."

Unfortunately Badzinski, winning and losing is an important issue when you want to increase income and have self-sustaining sports. Fans support winners not losers. Maybe this is wrong but that's the way it is.

Here at UWSP it seems we have grown accustomed to a losing football and basketball team. How can the basketball team be self-sustaining when

crowds of 700-800 are common in a 4,000 capacity gymnasium? But then how can you expect big crowds to turn out to see a lack-luster basketball team that seems to thrive on failure?

Both the basketball and football programs have shown high degrees of inefficiency the past four or five years. Neither has produced a winning season. Fans can only be so patient. Watching habitual losers is a drag.

What's the solution? Success, I suppose. Go 20-6 in basketball instead of 6-20 and see how fast Quandt fills up. Having 7-3 instead of 3-7 would do the same for football crowds at Goerke Field. At the present time support is

low but so is the caliber of play.

Something must be done fast. There's only so much money. SPBAC can give athletics. Tennis, wrestling, gymnastics and women's field hockey are on the firing line and fact possible extinction.

Suggested proposals to solve the money problem are few. Increasing student activity funds or the dropping of some sports seems inevitable.

The athletic program needs money but then so does TV 6, the radio station and all student activities in general. The concern for athletics is there but only so much can be done.

Track team finishes third

by Jim Habeck

"It seemed like everything went wrong," said Track Coach Don Amiot.

The Pointers finished third among nine teams at last week's North Central Invitational, but Amiot said he felt they could have won it.

"We gave the meet away through our own mistakes," said Amiot.

"One of our relays was disqualified and Don Buntman was also disqualified in the mile."

"Our long jumper scratched all three times, and he could outjump anyone else there; the pole vault was won

at 12'6", after our man had done 13' a week before," Amiot said.

LaCrosse and Whitewater tied for first in the meet with 57 points, while the Pointers finished with 51.

Bill Wright won the shot put for the Pointers, while Dennis Rue won the triple jump event.

Joe Young finished second in the two mile race, while teammate Rick Zaborske finished third.

The Pointers also finished with a second place in the 60 yard dash and third in the 70 yard hurdles.

"Right now we're pulling

for the conference indoor meet, a week from Saturday," said Amiot.

The Pointers, according to Amiot, will get a good look at the other conference teams today at the Oshkosh Invitational.

"We're not that worried about how we do this week, we're concentrating on the conference meet," Amiot said.

Ted Harrison, a jumper who competes in several events for the Pointers, has a slight hamstring pull, but otherwise the team should be injury-free by the meet,

Wrestlers do well at Nationals

by Jim Habeck

Joe Johnson, competing at heavyweight, was UWSP's only all-American wrestler this season.

Johnson earned the title by taking fourth place in last weekend's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national meet.

Johnson won four of six matches, and as a result of his finish was named Resident of the Week by UWSP's Residence Hall Council.

Teammate Rick Neipert

also competed at the meet.

Neipert, wrestling in the 177 pound class, won his first match 11-5 before being pinned in his second match.

Neipert, the only senior on this year's team, finished with a 22-9 record this season and a 42-29-1 career mark.

Johnson produced wins in his first two matches before he lost 4-1 in overtime in the quarter finals.

He came back to win twice, advancing to the consolation finals before being pinned in 4:35 by his first round victim.

Students study hunger

Eleven students at UWSP will spend their spring break at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City in a semester on "The Politics of World Hunger."

The seminar is being arranged for the UWSP group by the United Methodist Office for the United Nations. Locally, it is being sponsored by the United Methodist in Higher Education and with a grant from the Wesley Foundation of Stevens Point. It has been promoted through the University Christian Ministry.

The seminar is being designed to cover some of the political, economic and corporate dimensions of the problems surrounding food production and distribution on a global scale. The role of multinational corporations and the uses of power betwixt developing nations also are to be studied. Strategies for dealing with the hunger situation on a local level will also be given to the group.

Soccer club begins practice

by Allen Schuette

"We're trying to build a program that can compete in an intercollegiate program," said Dave Garrett, coach of the soccer club.

The first step in building such a program is to get new people involved in the sport, said Garrett. He is presently searching for interested students.

Soccer practices are being held 10-12 a.m. every Saturday in Quandt Gym. These practices are open to anyone 16 years of age or

older. "No experience is necessary only an interest is needed," said Garrett.

For added incentive, Garrett also set up a six game spring schedule. This spring's program will be less structured and everyone that shows up at practices will get into the games, added Garrett.

Garrett's plans also include involving area high school students in soccer clinics in order to increase soccer's popularity.

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'Marriage of Figaro' performed

The Marriage of Figaro, Mozart's comic opera, opened at 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Warren Gard Jenkins Theatre of the UWSP Fine Arts Center for a run of five performances on March 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20.

Presented by the University Theatre, it is the fifth show of the 1974-75 Winter Theatre Season.

The production is described as "a fresh look at an old masterpiece" by Director Ronald Combs of the UWSP Music Department.

"My purpose has been not to do an authentic 'Figaro', but an amusing one, an idea I think Mozart would have applauded heartily," said Combs.

"I have omitted several sub-plots in this already confusing story and shortened wherever I felt it would not hurt the character of the

scene," he said, "and some recitatives have been replaced by spoken dialogue to save the singers' voices for the real music of the opera." The production will be done in English.

Considered by many as one of the two or three masterpieces of comic opera in the entire history of music, The Marriage of Figaro is an account of the often hilarious goings on of Count Almaviva and his witty servant Figaro.

The production has a cast of 24 assisted by a 23 member orchestra that will be conducted by Robert Frisbie, a guest conductor from the Chicago Opera Workshop. The production was choreographed by Susan Hunt and the set was

designed by K. Clarke Crandell, both of the Theatre Arts Department. Knight Blank, a student, served as the lighting designer.

Playing the title role of 'Figaro' is baritone Robert Heitzinger, senior, at UWSP. 'Susanna', the chambermaid to the countess is played by soprano Kevin Darrt, a graduate student; Jane Kenas, senior, will play the role of Countess Almaviva, while the Count will be played by Richard Norby, also a senior.

"I hope this production will help us of the present day realize the enormous genius of the three men who created it: Mozart who wrote the music, Lorenzo da Ponte, who

wrote the libretto and Beaumarchais, who wrote the play on which the opera was based," Combs said.

"Beaumarchais' marvelous play was considered quite daring in its day and while some of the lines are not too shocking today, they made the play controversial 200 years ago," Combs explained.

In addition to sexual reference (that had to be cut from the libretto in order to

have the opera performed at all), the play has a strong undercurrent of reference to social abusers.

Tickets are now on sale at the Theatre Arts Box Office, upper level of the Fine Arts Center, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. on the evenings of the performances. Phone 346-4100 for reservations. Season coupon book holders are reminded to exchange their coupons for reserve seat tickets.

Guest review-

Vienna Boys Choir

by Marlyce Polk

Uninhibited, effortless music in its purest and most beautiful form. The Vienna Choir Boys presented this, complimented by an unconceivable amount of youthful wit at their concert Thursday night March 6 in Quandt Gym.

While one couldn't help but

recognize the overdominance of one rather talented young soprano in the group, it was evident that every boy was an artist in himself as they presented various pieces, including a very well done, corny humored, one act comic opera.

How they turn a group of fidgeting, mischievous bounding little boys into a choir of golden throated angels, I'll never know but the finished product certainly results in sounding like heaven here on earth.

Sax quartet presented

The Chicago Saxophone Quartet will present a guest recital at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 16 in the Michelson Concert Hall.

The quartet was organized in 1968 as a performing ensemble and as an influential force in the field of saxophone pedagogy.

Each member of the quartet possesses a saxophone quartet per-

formance background and each is a soloist and teacher.

The Chicago Saxophone Quartet has made two commercial recordings, "The Chicago Saxophone Quartet" and the "Chicago Saxophone Quartet Clinic Recording."

The concert is sponsored by the Xi Omicron Chapter of Phi Mu alpha Sinfonia fraternity. There will be no admission charged.

Upcoming movies

Lord Of The Flies will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20 in the Program Banquet Room of the University Center.

Lord Of The Flies is an agitating fable based on the novel by William Golding. It is about a group of British boys cast away on an uninhabited island in the Pacific, where without adult guidance and on their own, they abandon their familiar social system and revert to

savagery.

The film has many gripping and touching dramatic incidents. The film's main point, questioning the innate innocence of children, is expressed in drama which reaches the melodramatic point of throwing a large group of youngsters into savage ritualism and ecstasies.

It is through this that the meaning and horror of it come to brief clarity and the

terror of their turning on their old friends is momentarily realized.

Scarecrow will be shown at 7:30 Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14, in the Program Banquet Room of the University Center. Scarecrow is a bittersweet comedy about two strangers who meet hitch-hiking.

Al Pacino plays Lion, an innocent type of man who fled the responsibilities of a family and a 'nine to five' job for the Merchant Marine. After five years at sea, Lion is on his way to see his wife and child in Detroit.

Max, Gene Hackman, is a brawling cynic of the open road. He has just finished a six year stir in San Quentin and is going to Denver to see his sister and invest in his life-long dream: Max's Car Wash.

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OPINION

POINTER



by Bob Kerkusick

It will be sad if Student Government does not allocate the \$4,720 the campus radio station, WWSP FM-90, needs to go stereo.

The normal cost of such a conversion would be over \$24,000. Due to unique circumstances of other funding and equipment being available at this time, the conversion can be made with the less than \$5,000 requested.

The initial results of a poll being taken by the radio station show that over three-fourths of the students surveyed would listen to the station more often if it were stereo.

Student Assemblyperson Bob Shaver was the most vocal against the extra allocation. He said WWSP had already requested a 26 percent increase for next year.

It is hoped that Shaver is not always so adept at manipulating figures to suit his purpose.

Actually 11 percent of the 'increase' goes to the federally required raise in the minimum wage, another seven percent goes to fund personnel to operate the station during the summer and a whopping 18 percent goes to needed capital equipment for which permission was granted to deficit spend this year.

So, looking at it another way, WWSP has asked for a 10 percent decrease for the next academic year.

Shaver also said the request for stereo should not be granted because of budget cuts other organizations are facing.

Shaver was present at the budget hearings and should know better than most that the two have no bearing on each other.

The request for stereo came after recommendations had been made to cut other organizations. The funds for the conversion would come from the reserve.

To the editor,

Within the last several weeks the Student Academic Affairs Committee has been taking a critical look at the mandatory Physical Education Requirement.

The committee has been actively seeking both advice and criticism from the university community, from students and from faculty administrative personnel.

One of the main questions that we find being asked is the simple question of 'why', why are you after the Physical Education Requirement? We mainly answer by stating that we are concerned with the quality of education that is received at this institution. That there is a strong possibility that we may be soon sacrificing some of our quality academic programs by maintaining this requirement.

But, there is another aspect

of this question which has a more futuristic outlook in regards to the new students educational process.

There are many programs at this university which have been locked-in merely because of some 'idea' of scholastic tradition. This should not be construed as an attack on all general degree requirements, since as long as programs are academically sound they should be maintained at all costs.

What this is to say is that when traditional programs become outdated as to their purpose and may even have become academic handicaps to the university student it is then time that they be critically examined. When it is found that programs have outlined their purpose and value to the majority of the student population, the only intelligent action that can be taken is to substitute new

programs which more adequately fit the needs of the new student.

It is hoped that this university will recognize that some programs, which have been traditionally recognized as a part of a university education, may have lost their meaning and that they should not be stubbornly defended just because they exist.

A university must constantly change and adapt to a world which also constantly changes. A university which holds tradition as a reason for existence will eventually become stagnant and will no longer create new ideas and means to carry them out.

When a university does become stagnant and callous to a changing world it ceases to be a university and fails the purpose for which it was created.

Kurt Andersen
Student Senator

Residents unaware of radiation exposure

To the editor,

It is unlikely that the radioactive dose leaked from Point Beach last week will ever be known. The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) estimates a volume of 125 gallons per minute--"the highest rate that we're aware of," Milwaukee Sentinel, March 1.

But the NRC has repeatedly criticized measuring of radioactivity at the plant. For instance, on Jan. 14 liquid wastes were discharged to Lake Michigan without continuous monitoring.

Another January report lists eight recent occurrences, mostly involving unexpected radioactive releases and criticizes measuring of gaseous and liquid radioactive releases. Even a container carrying wastes to New York was found radioactively contaminated on the outside.

Documents in the UW Stevens Point Library are eye-opening. We especially urge self-appointed 'expert' nuclear power enthusiasts to study them. How can a utility assure the public of no danger when measuring does not meet standards?

No agency measures radioactivity in Wisconsin foods except for milk and some fish. Milk analyzed by the Wisconsin Department of Health in the Kewaunee-Point Beach area shows levels far above recent NRC guidelines. However, analysis by Public Service Corporation shows only about half as much contamination. Radioactivity in trout increased nearly 700 percent over pre-operational levels.

Federal studies show cheese, soybeans, cranberries, strawberries, green beans, salmon, deer, game and leafy vegetables to be high absorbers of radioac-

tivity. Yet none of these is sampled. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends testing of meat, poultry eggs and vegetables. Yet this is not done in Wisconsin.

Point Beach residents may not be concerned but a recent UW Madison study finds them badly misinformed on nuclear facts. The utility is not required to publicize all leaks, only those which are exceptionally high or cause the plant to close.

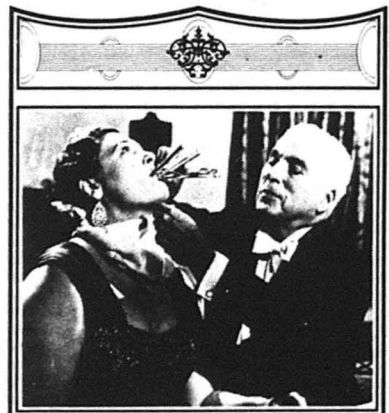
The fact that the chairman

of Wisconsin Radiation Protection is a former vice president and lobbyist for Wisconsin Electric is in conflict with the public interest.

Wisconsin residents will never know how much cancer and leukemia causing radiation they are exposed to until an independent agency undertakes thorough dose monitoring and makes information public.

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'You made that up!'

Guest editorial by Mari Kurszewski
 "What's an 'international' woman?"
 "Who cares?"
 "You're hallucinating..."

These were common responses voiced when I asked the question, "Did you know it's international Women's Year (IWY)?"

Well, 'since you didn't ask', 1975 was declared IWY in January by the United Nations General Assembly. Their goals are threefold: "to promote equality between men and women; to ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort and to recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and cooperation among nations and the strengthening of world peace."

In searching the entire Learning Resources Center I found only one article in reference to IWY. It was in Ms. magazine.

Reviewing the responses I received and what little (or no) literature is available (other than from those organizations like the National

Organization for Women) I think it is reflected just how seriously people are taking IWY and the Feminist Movement.

If I were making a statement analogous to 'the sun rises in the east', which is common knowledge, then perhaps I wouldn't have any reason to write this editorial.

My purpose is not to encourage everyone to rush out and 'take a woman to lunch' but rather an awareness campaign directed toward the Stevens Point community and the university population.

Another response voiced was "if we have women's year, why not have men's year, black american year, etc.?"

If that's what's necessary to take a step in the right direction, the integration and equality of all people, then my answer is yes, why not?

Maybe there will come a time when we won't need to declare awareness days, months and years for minority and ethnic groups.

Idealistic, maybe.

Realistic...hopefully.

Oh, who cares anyway?

Greek name upheld

To the editor,

You talk of discrimination, of apathy on campus and about how nobody seems to care. And you the common majority, the resident assistants (RA) hall directors and perhaps even the administration continue to put down and try to stamp out the Greeks on campus. What's the deal?

I have heard so many stories in the past five months that I have been here, about how RA and hall directors and hall residents cut down Greeks; how roommates "steal" pledge books, paddles, etc. and how new students are informed that Greeks are the worst possible organizations to join.

Is this really fair, coming from people who have never been Greek themselves? How about some of that 20th century open-mindedness?

As far as apathy, what percentage of the hall floor participated in Winter Carnival? If you remember correctly, the Greeks seemed to take most of the honors. How many of you campaign for UNICEF, March of Dimes or Easter Seals? Greeks do and with an organized effort. Do you need a longer list?

Unfortunately, Greeks are stigmatized today for things that may have happened two, five or even 10 years ago.

Greeks live on ideals that

perhaps are a little too outdated for you. Here are a few: 1) Greek life can offer you friendship apart from all others, a close bond between you and your brothers or sisters. 2) It offers an outlet for your creative abilities, even if it is a painted knee contest, for your desire to get out in the swing of things. 3) It also may offer an atmosphere in which qualities of leadership and character are strengthened.

4) You can have a lot of fun times with a purpose.

How about a fair shake for the Greeks?

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Hockey team expresses thanks

To the editor,

The team members and coach of the hockey team would like to publicly thank everyone who helped make this hockey season the success it was.

We want to thank the Pointer for the indepth coverage of the team and its fans.

But most of all we would like to thank and congratulate the fans that came out and supported us this year.

We heard and appreciated every one of them.

We hope that in the future with better competition and a longer schedule, we will improve on this year's record and give you even better hockey action.

We feel that hockey is the up and coming UWSP spectator sport on campus. We hope to see more of you there next year.

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