Whitewater withdraws from United Council

Students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater recently voted to withdraw from the United Council of UW Student Governments. Jon Strasburg, President of student government says, "Our students have sent a message to United Council that they are not satisfied with the representation they have been receiving."

In responding to the 466 to 303 vote to remove United Council Strasburg said, "I feel the students were unhappy for two reasons, one was fiscal irresponsibility of United Council, and second was their mishandling of the utility chargeback issue."

According to Strasburg, United Council's fiscal irresponsibility was shown by voting last December to give the executive board members a $550 bonus, while voting to raise United Council's fee from $3.50 a semester to $7.5 a semester in February. In addition United Council spends over $500 a month for a computer system that is inoperative. Lastly, United Council was assessed a penalty by the IRS for late payment of federal taxes.

The utility chargeback issue came up when the State Building Commission decided to have the students pay for utility work in program revenue buildings. Program revenue buildings include residence halls, dining halls, and student unions. United Council argued for a plan that would force the fee to be paid for out of user fees and would prohibit the use of "new segregated fees." Segregated fees are fees that are assessed equally for all students at the university. UW-Whitewater objected to this because it would mean a $20 increase for residence hall students. UW-Whitewater already has had problems filling the residence halls and the new fee does not help. Strasburg said, "Of the 800 students who voted in the referendum, about 650 came from residence hall students, and they sent a strong message to United Council that they don't appreciate the extra $20 they will pay next year."

UWSP Health Enhancement Center nears completion

After seeing the new athletic center in its semi-finished condition, it's easy to understand why Athletic Director, John Munson, is so excited. The huge 80,000 sq. ft. structure, is considered by Physical Education faculty and students, to be a welcomed and long overdue addition.

The renovation and construction work, performed by Market & Johnson Company of Eau Claire, is right on schedule and will be finished in early October. "With the rainy Spring weather, we get behind on the brick and block work on the main portion, but we're ahead on the new portion," said Munson.

While the current men's training room will be knocked out to make room for the women's locker room, the laundry room will be undergoing and even greater change to house two new visiting team locker rooms. The new locker rooms will have an additional entry way, better ventilation, and will provide more locker space, according to Munson.

The old tennis court area space will be used efficiently to provide for the coaches' locker rooms on the north east end, a centralized equipment room on the south east end, an Athletic training education classroom and whirlpool along the south end, and Health Visions 2000 which will span the length of the old annex two on the west side. As a result of a last minute plan change, the weight room, which was originally going to be extended into the old swimming pool area, will now span two-thirds of annex two. When combined with the seven dimensional wellness assessment area, the two will form Health Visions 2000. "This is the part that I am most excited about," said Munson. The area will include 60,000 sq. ft. of Cybek rehabilitation equipment, and will be used for individualized health assessments and stress management.

53,000 sq. ft. will be used in forming the 300 meter national caliber track area that will be joined to the old complex by a long north south hallway. Drop nets will section off six tennis courts in the area.

The new wellness center will be available to staff and students for 8-9 hours per day. Community groups will have to pay a price comparable to that charged by Sentryworld or the YMCA. "We won't undersell the Y and Sentry," said Munson. According to Monte Charles, Director of intramural athletics, although his office is expecting an increase in group space requests, there will not be a problem meeting the demand. Said Charles, "We're really fulfilling our requests now. The biggest problem is that everyone wants a prime time (from 6-8 p.m.). With the exception of aerobics, there are no groups here at 6 a.m., for example." Munson agreed, "We will continue to be swamped with space requests, but that's OK. It would be terrible if no one made use of the facilities."
NEWS

UWSP student to ride across America in support of Milwaukee homeless project

A group of five Wisconsin men are literally taking the problem of the homeless to the streets. The five men, including UWSP senior Ron Wirtz, are planning a 1,300 mile bike trek across America to raise money to benefit the homeless.

For the Homeless will bike from Dallas to Milwaukee. They will start August 1st and are expected to return to Milwaukie 11 days later.

Corporate small business and individual contributions are being raised by the five and will be used to assist The Guest House of Milwaukee, a privately operated emergency shelter for the homeless.

"Our goal is to raise $50,000 for The Guest House," said Wirtz, "as well as to raise consciousness toward the homeless problem which is becoming a prevalent issue of the day."

"Dallas was chosen as a starting point because homelessness is a nationwide problem. To spotlight this, we wanted to ride across the nation. However, going from New York to California involves riding over two major mountain ranges and we felt that the same goal could be more realistically reached by riding from the south to the north rather than East-West."

Wirtz said that the idea for the trek began on a casual bike ride several months ago.

"One day, while riding, three members of project decided that there was a need for something to be done about the homeless problem in Wisconsin and decided that Milwaukee was the logical choice because it was the most needy."

He said that they have received a lot of support for the project.

"Although we have obviously run into obstacles, many people have gotten involved to make the project very successful. Hopefully, this involvement will continue both here in the Stevens Point area and the Milwaukee area."

Among the major contributors for the trip is Hyatt Hotels, who is providing the group with lodging in Dallas and St. Louis.

The route will take the bikers north from Dallas and into the Little Rock, Ark. area, and will then proceed to St. Louis andMilwaukee.

Wirtz said that recent bad weather along the route almost forced changes.

"The flooding they had in Arkansas almost made us change our route to a more northerly one from Dallas up through Oklahoma and Nebraska. Fortunately, we were able to continue with our original plans."

In conjunction with the ride, the team also plans two events to help raise additional funds for the Guest House, as well as to heighten public awareness to the homeless crisis.

On July 25th, the Pedal For The Homeless team will hold a sports auction at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Milwaukie. Wirtz, the coordinator of this event, said that among the items to be auctioned off are an autographed basketball from Michael Jordan and a 7-T-shirt in return for a $15 registration fee.

"So far, things are going well with the project. But there is still a lot of prep work to be done with the trek as well as with the two additional events," said Wirtz. He added that "we've already achieved a great deal, and our goal appears to be on target. We just hope for continued progress both with the community and with remaining preparations."

Homelessness a Problem Even here In Portage County

On any given night, 10-20 families a night have no where to call home. However, it is a problem hidden from society's view. Homelessness.

Often the homeless in small communities are ashamed and proud to be recognized as part of the fastest growing group in America.

Basically, homelessness is exactly what it implies—that you have no home. However, drug addicts and alcoholics are not the only people who are homeless.

Quite to the contrary. The face of America's homeless is quickly becoming recognizable as friends, relatives, and others who have run into misfortune and hard times and can no longer make ends meet. Since 1986, families as part of the homeless population has risen eight percent to 36%. Children under the age of five are reported to make up as much as 15%.

Currently, it is believed that the homeless population stands somewhere between 300,000 and 3 million. An accurate count of the homeless population is basically impossible because many remain hidden from the public eye.

Even more eye opening is the trend in homelessness. Recent studies indicate that homelessness could reach as many 19 million by the year 2003. This is due mainly to the dire lack of affordable housing available, which in turn creates many people and families who live from check to check. In the age of the service revolution, manufacturing jobs have a high turnover rate. Consequently, many people stretching to make ends meet cannot do so if they are laid off. They also often find it hard to retain their service sector when they have no job or educational experience in it.

Helping the homeless can be difficult. Often they are too proud to accept any help.

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Summer school--Where did all the fun go to anyway?

Summer edition Pointers can only mean one thing—the editor and other important people (if you consider the editor important to begin with) are stuck in summer school just like all the disgruntled students reading this newspaper. Part of me thinks summer school is a communist practice—professors depriving students of the leisure they deserve after two grueling semesters. But when you consider the fact that summer school gives the administration one more chance to charge tuition fees, it appears that summer school is instead grounded in capitalism.

I actually admire the professors who teach summer school. Not only do students put on their most aesthetically face, but the sun also beckons professors to golf courses, beaches, and general relaxation. They are committed to the same drudgery that the students have to put up with—except professors can probably tolerate a farmer tax better than students.

So why do students do summer school? Simple. They're trying to get a good credit load so they don't have to go on the ten year plan to graduate. Rumor also has it that the Vulcan Mind Meld has something to do with it.

There is one thing I don’t agree with concerning summer school, and that is the four week session. Modern science has not yet come up with a drug that can keep a student’s interest for three straight hours. I know many people who have trouble with one hour classes. Combined with the added heat and numerous distractions, a four week class comes to the plate with two strikes and a battle of Copperstone for a bat.

With the added pressure to become extracurricularly involved, class time suffers enough without trying to compress an abridged version of class material into four weeks. Now in certain instances, a four week session can be very appropriate. In classes dealing with fundamental learning, a four week session is perfect— you learn basic skills or ideologies without having to deal with the redundancy of a full semester’s work.

However, classes of applied learning are another story altogether. The in-depth involvement and research needed in such classes cannot develop in a four week period. True, not many of these classes are offered in the summer. Those that are offered often fulfill the needs of students who don’t want to come back in the fall. However, I think a better solution would be to give the full semester curriculum more depth by adding more sections of required classes that students need to get into. By doing this, not only would better concentration be given to important class material, but it would also let everyone have a normal, relaxing summer, complete with a tan slightly darker than Casper the Ghost.

Open letter--Stop burning MY freedom flag!

Recent voting on the flag burning issue in the House of Representatives has ME burning. Not only does the vote against a constitutional amendment stopping all burning of our American flags seem un-American, it strips the pride which I and many others feel for the flag itself.

The flag represents the blood, sweat and tears Americans have shed in building America into what it is today. It’s image is sacred to those who have died for their country, and to those who are willing to in the future in order to preserve the American way of life.

Desecration of the flag is the most unpatriotic act any person could do to the American ideal. What comes next? The Statue of Liberty? How about mining Mount Rushmore? People who believe burning the flag is an appropriate expression of discontent with American politics are missing the symbolism of the flag.

To me, burning the flag for political reasons lacks the respect due our flag. There must be a better expression of discontent. Letters to congressmen, non-violent demonstration, and boycotting are all better ways to express views different than federal policy.

Flag burning needs to be understood at its roots. It is a violent demonstration against every taxpaying American. Nothing concrete can be gained from the physical burning of a symbol. You can’t hold a flag for ransom. What it shows is a basic ignorance and lack of respect for the hardships America has had to endure in becoming the proud nation it is.

Where do you see flag burnings nowadays? In Iran, Libya, and other countries that are radical and very unstable. Is that the image we want to portray to the rest of the world, especially now, when the U.S. will be looked upon for strong leadership in helping to stabilize western Europe? People who advocate flag burning on the grounds of first amendment rights can’t see the forest for the trees. Yes there are examples of free speech which must preserved in order to ensure that minority opinion is heard. However, lines must be drawn, and the flag would be a good place to start. Maybe the flag means nothing to radical pyromaniacs, but it does to a soil-loving American.

Name withheld upon request.
FEATURES

Dick Tracy -- believe the hype

by Mary Kaye Smith
Features Editor

Believe the hype. "Dick Tracy" is all it is billed as and more. In a summer barrage of action, action, action -- "Tracy" is a breath of artistic fresh air.

"Tracy," Warren Beatty's first major product of the decade attempts to recreate Chester Gould's comic strip and does so successfully. The film moves at a frantic pace delighting the eye with its cartoonish sets and colorful characters.

Beatty stars as Dick Tracy, a straight-laced workaholic torn between his commitment to rid the world of crime, his desires for the normalcy of family life with his girlfriend Tess Trueheart (Glamour Hedy) and the charms of Madonna as the crime underworld's chan­

The real stars and frankly most entertaining roles in the film belong to the outlandishly made-up villains -- from hunchbacked Big Boy Caprice (Al Pacino), the godfather of the underworld, to Dustin Hoffman's priceless cameo as Mumbles, the unintelligible in­

formant. These brilliant perform­

ances are one aspect which make "Dick Tracy" the must see film of the season.

The other is its artistic merit. The picture is a beautiful car­

toon come to life. From its highly stylized comic book violence to its surreal big city landscape to the brilliant primary-hued costumes donned by the characters, "Tracy" is one of the best packaged films of the summer.

Thousands to visit UWSP this summer

Thousands of visitors are ex­
pected on the UWSP campus this summer to take part in educational, recreational, or social activities.

A total of 56 groups will be renting university facilities be­tween now and the end of August, with another 25 educa­tional meetings for wide-ranging activities such as student councils and cheering. 22 groups are involved in athletic activities such as sport camps, 7 organizations are studying music, and three groups are studying religion.

In addition, most Saturday nights at the University Center are booked for wedding receptions, class reunions or family reunions.

International Club plans summer events

On Thursday, June 21, officers of the UWSP International Club met to plan this summer's events.

Tentatively, the club is planning a trip to Noah's Ark amusement park in Wisconsin Dells on July 14, a movie night at Debat Center on July 19, and a cookout and dance on the evening of July 28. Many of the club members will also participate in the cam­

pus orientation day for foreign students on August 28. In addi­tion, the club is encouraging its members to attend the Riverfront Rendezvous during the weekend of June 30.

People who are interested in the summer timetable, may sign up at the foreign student office in Nelson hall by July 6. The trip cost will be 20-30 dollars depending on student interest.

For more information about activities, call Alphonsum Chung at 341-5010.

2,400 to attend summer school

About 2,400 students are ex­
pected to attend summer school at UWSP between may 29 and August 10. This enrollment is consistent with that of previous summers.

According to David Eckholm of the Office of Records and Registration, 1,680 of the stu­
dents who attended last year were continuing students while the number of transfer students was 351.

Although course offerings are more limited during the summer session, many of the 100 level introductory courses and general degree requirement courses are offered. Most cour­
es are four weeks long and are taken during the first or second half of the eight week summer session. The second four week session begins July 16.

Additional information about the session, available in the summer timetable, may be obtained from the Office of Records and Registration.

DNR announces increased walleye bag limits

DNR fisheries personnel an­

nounced that walleye bag limits for hook and line anglers will in­

crease on 50 lakes in five Nor­

thern Wisconsin counties follow­ing the release of tribal harvest quotas by the Lac du Flambeau Chipewa.

With the changes, walleye quotas are at least three on all lakes cited, with some quotas going up to five.

The Lac du Flambeau tribe also released the unused harvest of 85 of the 112 lakes selected to spearfishing. DNR secretary C.D. besaday commented that, "The tribe's action is a positive gesture and will contribute to continuing progress in developing good relationships among Northern Wisconsin com­

munities."

The Lac du Flambeau tribe

High water levels diminish river fishing

River fishing has dropped off throughout Wisconsin due to extremely high water levels on rivers and streams. But this is a hopeful sign for improvement of the state's trout population.

Adams County lakes and

flawages are giving up bass and pike to anglers. Stream trout fishing is fair to poor due to an abundance of natural food being carried in the waters of flowing streams. Mosquitoes and ticks are out in good num­

bers, and horseflies appear to be following.

Northern lakes are seeing good pike action. Walleye fishing has been picking up in Sawyer county, as has musky fishing in Oneida County.

In Waupaca County, nice catches of white bass continue to appear. Trout fishing is slow due to the water levels, but many lakes are reporting good action from pan­

fish.

Town dumps disappearing from Wisconsin

A piece of America, the town dump, is disappearing from the Wisconsin landscape. Over a three year period, the total num­

ber of licensed landfills has dropped 25% according to DNR records, and that percentage is expected to rise.

Once regarded as a cheap, convenient solution to household trash, town dumps are losing out to environmental concerns.

Lakshmi Sridaran, DNR Chief of Solid Waste Manage­

ment said, "The fear of long­
term liability and the expense of complying with U.S. Environ­

mental Protection Agency regulations are driving municipal boards to close the old, traditional town dumps."

The towns, she said, are wor­
ed that their town dumps might contaminate drinking water or cause other health and environ­

mental problems. "Environmental repair is expensive, something towns want to avoid."

As added incentive for proper waste management, U.S. EPA rules will outlaw the old fashioned dumps, where garbage is tossed on a pile and then buried without modern environ­

mental safeguards.

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We Must Learn to Use Our Fossil Fuels Wisely

Dear Editor:

I am a concerned student about the use of fossil fuels as being a prime energy source in the world today. Looking into the situation I have discovered what I feel is our best hope of remediating the damage fossil fuels have done to our planet and will continue to do well into the future unless changes are made. The best hope I am referring to is solar power.

Solar power was a big issue in the late seventies and early eighties. Since then it has been pretty quiet. It is my hope, then, to rekindle the push for solar energy as a prime energy source.

Moreover, this lack of funding lessons the extent to which the homeless can be helped. Immediate needs must be met first before any other task can be undertaken. Ideally rehabilitative efforts are focused on the entire person - needs - emotional, physical and emotional. However, with the lack of available funding, organizations are often forced to concern themselves with the immediate needs of food and shelter, instead of the truly rehabilitative opportunities a homeless person needs in order to overcome the situation which created his homelessness.

In the long run the use of solar energy by homeowners will pay off. Not only is solar energy free, it is also non-polluting. The hidden savings also pay off. Not using coal hinders the acid rain problem. The nuclear waste problem (which has successfully been stored for 30 days max without leakage) and oil and natural gas which also pollute our atmosphere. So I urge the students of UWSP to keep in your minds that using solar energy is a must for the survival of our planet and everyone gains from the benefits of using it.

Very Concerned, Jeff Toftan

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However, more often than not there is not enough funding to properly care for the homeless in a particular area. One reason for this is because government funding goes to the most needy areas. In this case Portage County is not high on the priority list.

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**Men's runners place 23rd at NCAA Div III championship**

The UWSP men's track team finished 23rd in the NCAA Division III men's track championships last month.

Seven points separated the top five, with Lake Forest College (IL) taking the meet with 48 points, followed closely by UW-Oshkosh with 45, Nebraska Wesleyan 43 1/2 and UW-Eau Claire with 42. Stevens Point scored a total of eight points.

Dilan Bryan led the Pointers with a fourth place finish in the 400 meter dash, while Kim Laszeczi finished sixth in the 10,000 meter run.

Point coach Rick Witt complimented the performances of both Bryan and Laszeczi. "I am very pleased with the way that Dean ran," said Witt. "He ran the two fastest times of his career in the semi-final and final, and what more could I ask for.

"Kiran ran a great race, and he got yrh best time of his life in the biggest race of his career. He ran very smart and led the race with five laps to go. Then, the extremely fast pace began to tell on him and he fell from the pace."

Witt said that he was disappointed in his 4 x 400 meter relay team which finished fourth.

"That real team was really the e-ly disappointment of the meet. We really thought that we could earn all-American honors with this group. We did not run our best, but due to illness, we were not really at full strength."
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PERSONALS

Jennifer,
What’s up with this summer schedule? I think you need to find a new job, preferably in cranberries. Oh yeah, nice tattoo.

Home

Hey Kat,
You’re lucky they keep mi in dis cafe, or I’d mess you up good. So remembr, me and da bolt are watchin fur ya.

The Black Spot

P.S. Sorry bout the spelling Mr. Editor

Bunkie,
You fuzzy little thing, is the only thing you do lie around and eat? Oh well, I guess I will go out and play.

Love you, IYV

To all of you who know what I am talking about, I hope you appreciate this. I sure don’t. MIT

To all of you pointer people who missed out on this, too bad, it was fun! RON

Fort Kent Man (Village Apts #1)
You better have read the book I gave you. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! So where’s the truck? I’m still waiting for my dinner. You could be getting yourself in trouble 202 twins T&J.

Cookie Jo-
Prepare your dancing shoes. Is Friday good for you? Well you can’t bring Boberoo, just a night for the girls. Why jo?

Colin Baby
You blow me up! Wanna go see the fireworks? the planets are colliding I bear.

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