



WOMEN'S ATHLETIC FUND (WAF)

In the 1970's funding for women's athletics at UWSP was a struggle to say the least. In 1973, the entire women's athletic budget for seven sports was a miniscule \$8000 which included pay for coaches. The volleyball, basketball and track and field teams all shared the same uniforms. Recognizing a glaring need, seven local visionaries created the Women's Athletic Fund in 1981.

For the next 25 years, WAF provided tremendous support to UWSP Women's Athletics. WAF provided funding for a vast assortment of items not covered in the budget and even raised enough funds to renovate the women's locker room. The annual WAF Banquet was a time for all female UWSP athletes and coaches to gather together for a meal as keynote speakers shared experiences from the "early days" of women's athletics.

A special thanks to the founding members of WAF: Helen Godfrey, Marge Spring, Emil Pagel, Marty Anderson, Eddie Kraus, Nancy Page and Bonnie Gehling. Your determination and generosity allowed hundreds of young women a greatly enhanced athletic experience at UWSP!