



UWSP Women's Sports through the Decades

"We need a new gymnasium and we need some means of obtaining money for girls sports." - 1917 IRIS Yearbook

The GAA was organized on campus in 1926, becoming the Womens Athletic Association in 1929 with the slogan "Sports for all, All for Sports" and for years sponsored not only activities for college women but also play days for local high school girls.



The Girls' Athletic Association



The Girls' Athletic Association of the Stevens Point Normal School was organized November 20, 1918. All girls who had taken an active part in athletics last year were admitted as charter members.

The purpose of the organization is to promote clean sportsmanship and a higher standard in women's athletics. Meetings are held once a month for the purpose of transacting routine business.


To become a member of the Association each individual must have 100 points. The points are obtained through the following activities:

1. For making a class department team—100.
 - (a) Basketball.
 - (b) Volleyball.
 - (c) Indoor Baseball.
 - (d) Hockey.
2. For making substitutes of the above teams.
 - (a) If substitutes played in final games—100.
 - (b) If not used in final games—75.
3. For hiking 100 miles while a member of the Hiking Club—100.
 - (a) Hiking 25 miles—50.
 - (b) Hiking 50 miles—25.
4. Tennis.
 - (a) For every ten hours of practice—25.
 - (b) For winning first place in any event—25.
5. Class work.
 - (a) To every person who earns a semester grade of 90 or above—25.
6. Field and track.
 - (a) For winning first place in any event—25.
 - (b) For winning second place in any event—10.
 - (c) For winning third place in any event—5.


Volleyball teams have been organized under a departmental plan, and the tournament took place sometime in April. Hiking and tennis are the spring sports. The basketball tournament brought out the real spirit of the school. The following teams competed: High School, Home Economics, Grammar and Primaries. The Home Ec's won the championship and the Primaries second place; the High School and the Grammar won in the order named.

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1920 Field Hockey



Hockey Squad




Field hockey, volleyball, indoor baseball, and hiking all have their appointed place in our curriculum. The fall of 1920 was the fourth season for field hockey. The members of all gymnasium classes played and the season closed with some very interesting competitive games. Ample material from which to choose volleyball teams was available this year. In March, competitive games were held, and for the first time volleyball and basketball for first place in athletic interest. Indoor baseball aroused much enthusiasm, but hiking may boast of more popularity than any other one activity.

In connection with athletics, one should not overlook the lesson of good sportsmanship which may be learned in all competitive playing. "Win if you can, lose if you must, but learn to take your shipwreck without a whimper."


Our Handed Photo

1921

1923 Iris



Girls' Basketball



The girls' annual basketball tournament was held in the Normal Gymnasium, February 20, 21 and 22. By winning every game which they played in this annual Inter-Departmental basketball series, the High School-College girls took first place. Coach J. E. Swetland refereed the games, and Roy Norrington acted as umpire.

At the end of the games, the percentage was—


	W	L	Pct.
High Schools	3	0	100%
Grammars	4	1	80%
Primaries	1	1	50%
Normals	1	1	50%
Home Ec's	0	3	0%

Each department was represented on the side lines by a goodly number of rooters led by their own cheer leader. Around each group was draped the department colors, and symbols of the section's work.

The success of the tournament was in no small measure due to the coaching ability of the departmental coaches and Miss Mary Browne.

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1948 Iris



Back Row—Guth, Douglas, Mews, Connor, Shapstone, Liberty, Jacobson, Schrader
Middle Row—Brennan, Bahl, Dean, Thompson, M. Nelson, Gotsch, Hammock, Kruger, Miss Loren
Front Row—Collins, Reddick, Kruger, Hummel, Hughes, Gilbertson, Beards

WAA

The Women's Athletic Association of CSTC provides recreation and sports for all girls, regardless of ability or skill. This organization strives to promote good sportsmanship and social ability. The WAA is affiliated with the National Women's Athletic Association.

WAA sponsors parties and social activities not only beneficial to themselves, but also of value to all others who are interested. They held a social dancing class which gave interesting and practical lessons to those who had never had the opportunity to learn to dance. At these sessions chants of "step-together-step" and the shuffling of feet could be heard.

Their annual Christmas Cheer, a seasonal gathering of all students and faculty was held in the Student Lounge. A huge Christmas tree was placed at one end of the room, and the walls were decorated with paper Santa Clauses. All attending were served hot cider and Christmas cookies.

A play day for high school girls was another of their many enterprises. Sixty-five schools


were invited to take part in this event. This organization was well represented at the 1st Cross Country Day where the girls spent an enjoyable time. This proved to be a highlight of the year for the members.

Every Wednesday night finds them participating in activities such as basketball, volleyball, softball, hiking and many individual sports which include archery, badminton, table tennis, and shuffle board. After the volleyball tournament this winter, an all-star team was chosen. WAA affords a wonderful opportunity for college girls to become acquainted with other fun-loving girls in the colleges and throughout the state.

Under the competent and enthusiastic leadership of Miss Christine Loren, the meetings were conducted by the following officers: president, Mary Connor; secretary, Carol Mews; treasurer, Margie Schrader; and press representative, Lilian Douglas. Mary Connor took office upon the resignation of Jane Fumelle, the first-semester president.

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1955 Iris


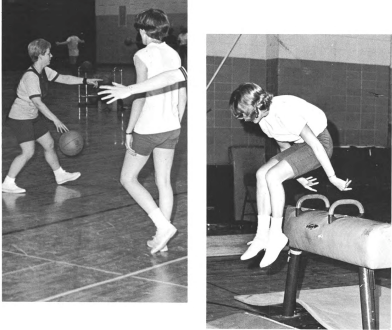


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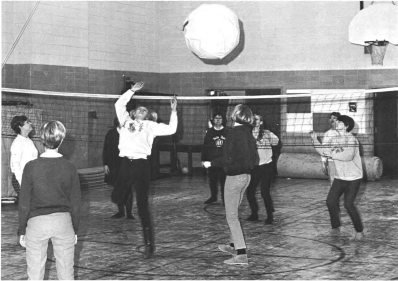
The Women's Recreation Association sponsors the Wednesday Play Days for all girls regardless of their skill in sports. The instrumental basketball tournament is the highlight of the year as well as the annual Christmas Cheer and the 1955 Play Days. The neighboring high schools, Bernice, Holm, with active Miss Kruger, kept the program going this year.

Row 1: E. Lindahl, Malen, Niska, M. Bahl, Ryan, Allred
Row 2: Kathy Reid, Doris M. Smith, Mary Ann, Helen, Wright

1968 Iris



1968 Iris



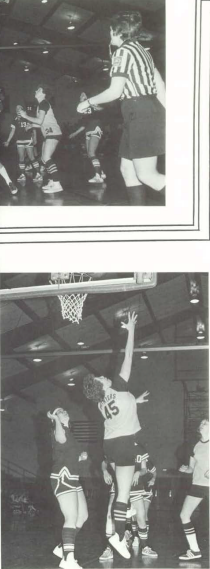
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The Women's Recreation Association is the women's instrumental organization on campus. All women are members upon their arrival on campus. On Monday nights the girls have full field house privileges — including the pool. Activities throughout the year include field hockey, volleyball, basketball, softball, badminton, track and field and swimming. In addition to the Monday night events, the organization sponsored traveling field hockey, basketball, and swimming teams, and a number of spinetone and play days.

It is the goal of the organization to further the process of education by providing an outlet for both built-up physical and emotional energy in a constructive manner.

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WOMEN'S BUCKETS

