

History of the Minnesota House of Representatives Mini-sessions & Governors State of the State Addresses held away from the Capitol

By
Representative Gene Pelowski
January 2019



Black Sweater for House Members

Sweaters made by Winona Knits



White Sweater for Local Hosts

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Record of the House of Representatives Mini-Sessions 1987-1997.

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Winona/Rochester
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(Sept. 13 - 16)
• Highlights
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Interim Report

Minnesota House of Representatives



Winona area residents met with state legislators at the town meeting Sept. 14.

Winona town meeting

Hundreds of residents from Winona and surrounding areas occupied St. Cecelia's Hall on the College of St. Teresa during a Sept. 14 town meeting. Those taking the microphone during the informal forum expressed concerns to state legislators on various issues. One resident told lawmakers that environmental education should be part of the curriculum in schools and asked for direction from the Department of Education (DOE) to meet this goal. Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) told the audience that the Legislature considers that issue important. She believes that environmental education should be a part of curricula at all levels. Kahn agrees that aspect of education should be a crucial part of the DOE. Other speakers indicated concerns about levy limits in human services, taxes

on charitable gambling, drug prevention and awareness, recycling, and abortion. Lawmakers met with residents in small groups after the discussion to talk about other issues.

SOCs

Lawmakers got a first-hand look at a state-operated community services (SOCs) facility Sept. 15 while visiting the town of Byron during the recent legislative mini-session. SOC's opened its first facility in August 1986 with funding from Title 19 Waiver Services, a federal funding program for people with developmental disabilities. SOC's aims to habilitate severely mentally retarded people in a community setting. The facilities are licensed as adult foster care homes. Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), chair

MINI-SESSION REPORT
MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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NOVEMBER 25, 1987

Alexandria
of Scandinavian descent

Alexandria, the Douglas County seat, grew up among the lakes and farms of west-central Minnesota. In the late 1850s, brothers Alexander and William Kincaid migrated to west-central Minnesota and they, and others later formed a community. Named in honor of Alexander Kincaid, Alexandria incorporated as a village in 1877, and became a city in 1926.

Today, this city boasts a population of more than 7,000 people in town, and more than 16,000 within a five-mile radius. Most residents claim either Swedish or Norwegian heritage. Agriculture and manufacturing Viking greets downtown visitors. Agriculture and manufacturing residents, while areas where visitors. The region offers fishing, water sports, professional theater, and auto racing in summer, snowmobiling, downhill and cross-country skiing in winter.

Minnesota's health growth. Kincaid Health Center, a major health care facility, is located near Alexandria in 1987. Originally from Norway, Nelson Thorgren, a local physician, studied law, served in both Wisconsin's and Minnesota's state legislatures, and represented Minnesota in both houses of Congress.

INSIDE:
• Mini-Session highlights, committee action, photos
• Updated legislative membership lists

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OCTOBER 23, 1987

Metro Area
Facts about cities, counties

- Twin Cities Metro Area population (April 1, 1985): 2,086,360 (an approximate increase of 100,000 since 1980)
- Metropolitan counties in order of population (1985): Hennepin 966,150 Ramsey 668,470 Dakota 220,680 Anoka 115,550 Washington 124,630 Carver 49,800 Carver 40,570
- Approximately 87.1 percent of the region's population live in Hennepin and Ramsey counties in 1985; approximately 69 percent lived there in 1980.
- Fastest growing county in the region: Dakota, estimated 26,011 population (13.5 percent) increase between 1980-85.

Cities with largest population gains between 1980-85: Capron, Eden Prairie, Plymouth, Maple Grove, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids, Blaine, Apple Valley, Burnsville.

Source: 1985 Population Estimates and Trends in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, by Beverly Coleman, Metropolitan Council, St. Paul, Minn. Demographic Profile, No. 620-65, May 1986.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

Mankato
Where the rivers meet

In 1852, when the Minnesota and Blue Earth rivers meet, settlers founded the town of Mankato. Its name comes from the Sioux word "mankato" for blue earth, "into which the blue clay lining the Blue Earth River's banks.

Tragedy marked its history when, in 1862, frustrated Sioux Indians, facing hunger from crop failure and broken promises from the government, attacked several settlements in the Minnesota River Valley. The so-called "Sioux Uprising" lasted only a few weeks, but resulted in the hanging of 38 warriors on Oct. 26, 1862, in Mankato, and resettlement of hundreds of others to distant territories.

Woolen mills, foundries, carriage and wagon shops, flour and lumber mills were early industries. Nearby quarries continue to furnish limestone for road building and animal feeds, and making cement and asphalt roofing.

Today, the community is a manufacturing and trade center for much of Southwestern Minnesota. It has a population of 48,000 residents of varying ancestry, among them Welsh, German, Swiss, Lebanese, Syrian, Greek, and Vietnamese, and Italian from North (Mankato) home.

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• Mini-Session highlights and photos
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Mini-Session Report
Minnesota House of Representatives • October 17, 1991 • Volume 1, Number 2

Legislative attention focuses on suburbs

Although various committees will, most, no formal action can be taken on any proposal. That's because the Legislature is technically in recess between the first and second years of its annual sessions.

But that doesn't mean the meetings are less substantive than the ones held at the Capitol.

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Mini-Session Report
Minnesota House of Representatives • November 7, 1991 • Volume 1, Number 4

Universal questions greet lawmakers in suburbs

From the community forum in Hopkins to a closed session in the Capitol, lawmakers heard a lot of questions about universal questions.

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Eveleth
On the Iron Range

Eveleth, the hockey capital of the north, was named after Erwin Eveleth, a lumber cruiser, oil, and mineral man, who came here from Michigan in 1883 to purchase forest lands for lumbering.

Use many towns on or near the Mesabi Iron Range in the late 1800s, Eveleth grew from the wealth of mining and lumbering. As people swarmed to the "top city" between 1920 and 1930, the town's population grew to 10,000. Eveleth's population peaked at 10,000 in 1930.

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Minnesota Valley Public Forum

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Mini-Session Report
Minnesota House of Representatives • September 18, 1991 • Volume 1, Number 2

'There's nothing quite like being there'

Lawmakers got a first-hand look at the state law that prevents superannuated and convenience loans from selling mills as a loan guarantee.

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Southern Twin Cities welcome state lawmakers

Many of the issues discussed during the three days of meetings centered around the impact of federal budget cuts on local affordable housing and access to health care, school finance reform, and economic development.

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Headwaters Mini-Session

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MINI-SESSION REPORT
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House members attend '97 Harvest Moon Mini-Session

While farmers harvested their crops, approximately 100 Minnesota House members and their families gathered in Willmar for the Harvest Moon Mini-Session.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Mankato Mini-Session

The Minnesota House of Representatives took an unusual step this year when, for the first time in history, it held an interim mini-session away from the capital city. More than 100 House members and their staff went to Southeastern Minnesota for nearly a week of committee meetings. With headquarters in Mankato, hearings and tours took place from Sept. 8-11 in cities like Amboy, Austin, Good Thunder, Le Center, Mapleton, New Ulm, Waseca, and Windom.

The Region 9 Regional Development Commission, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the League of Minnesota Cities gave a welcome reception in North Mankato Sept. 8. Here, House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) expressed thanks and enthusiasm for the upcoming meetings.

He told the audience, "we think folks out here in rural Minnesota have

just as much right to be involved in making legislative policy as folks in the Twin Cities area...and we want to make the legislative process as open and as available to people in the rural part of the state as we do to Minnesota citizens who reside in the seven-county area."

More than 30 meetings took place throughout the area: on the Mankato State University campus; in high school auditoriums and gymnasiums, and a technical institute cafeteria; in public libraries and a town mall; and in Norman's Cafe. Representatives attended a mural pre-dedication ceremony, and toured a refuse burning site, sewage treatment facilities, and Farm America. And members were guests of local residents in their homes.

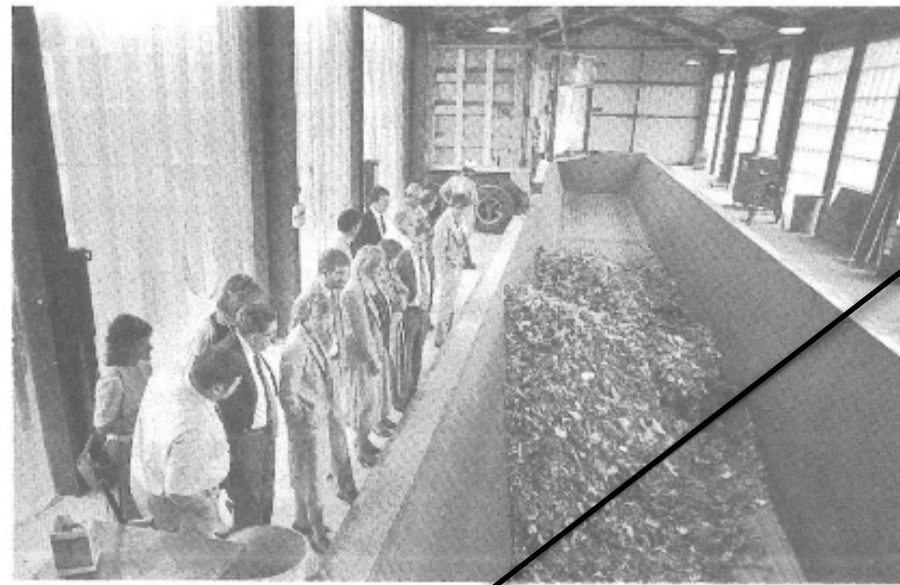
This issue of *Mini-Session Report* reviews mini-session events in highlights, committee action summaries, and photos.

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Center photo: Legislators watch St. Paul artist Ta-Coumba Aiken, on the scaffolding, put the finishing touches on his grain elevator mural depicting Good Thunder's history.



The Environment and Natural Resources Committee toured NSP's refuse burning facility in Mankato.

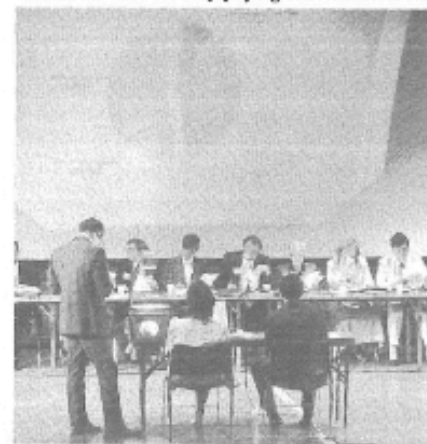


House members and staff view work under progress on a mural in Good Thunder. Left to right: Lee Lambert, educational programs coordinator; Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona); Paul Cerkvenik, legislative assistant to the speaker; Speaker Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague); Mayor John Christenson, Good Thunder; Rep. Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar).



Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington) and Rep. Stephen Dille (R-Dassel) confer at an Economic Development and Housing Committee meeting.

Taxes Committee members hear MSU students talk about who's really paying the state sales taxes.



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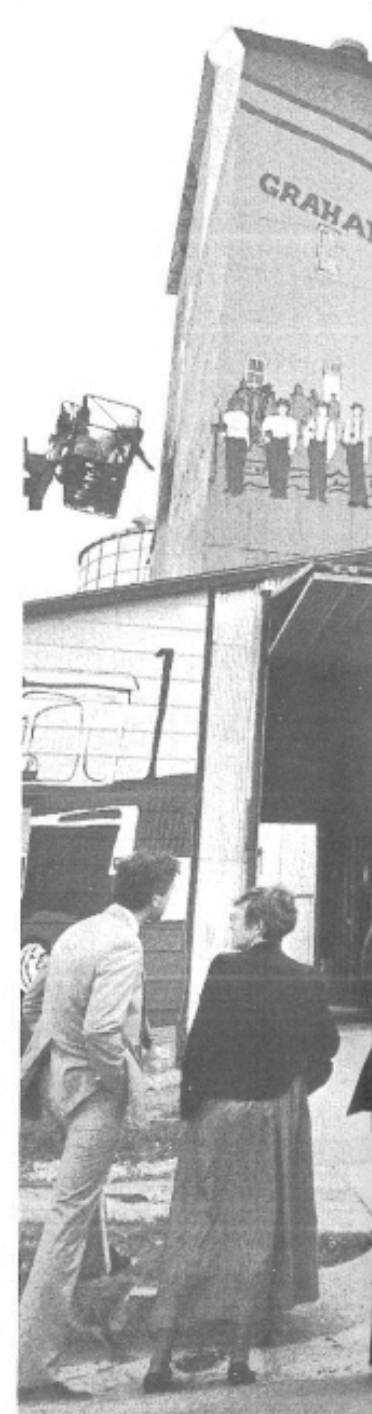
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There's one or two questionable characters in that middle picture! I believe we are looking at the mural done by the artist Tecumba Aiken on the grain silo in Good Thunder. That was quite a work of art. And, just before election day this year, at a fundraiser for Carlos Mariani, I re-introduced myself to Tecumba Aiken. He was pretty impressed that I knew him and knew about the grain silo in Good Thunder! J He's now known as the mayor of Lowertown!

Thanks for sharing the pictures. Looking forward to seeing many of you in a few days,

Paul



Rep. Pelowski.

We digitized all the “Interim Reports” (AKA mini-sessions) for 1989. These mini- sessions were held in Winona, Worthington, and Moorhead. They are available here:

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Eveleth

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WinCraft Industries
Winona, Minnesota.

Where, when

Here's the complete schedule for Winona's minisession

Wednesday

10 a.m. to noon

►Agriculture Agenda: Vertical Integration (stockyards) bill and briefing on agricultural property taxes. Location: Lewiston High School.

12:45-2:30 p.m.

►Education Agenda: State math and science high school. Location: Former College of Saint Teresa campus, Lourdes Hall, North Lounge.

►Privacy Subcommittee/Judiciary Agenda: Annandale decision (data practices). Location: Winona State, Kryzsko Commons, Purple Room 104.

►Rural Emergency Medical Services Task Force Agenda: Rural emergency medical services. Location: WSU, Kryzsko Commons, Purple Room 106.

3-4:45 p.m.

►Labor Agenda: Workers comp. Location: Former CST campus, Lourdes Hall, North Lounge.

►Elections Division/General Legislation Agenda: Uniform elections bill. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall.

►Transportation Agenda: Changes in county screening board. Location: Houston High School choir room.

►Educational Finance Division Agenda: Teacher induction program. Location: WSU, Dining rooms E, F and G.

►Enterprise Development Subcommittee/Economic Development: Agenda: State Governance of SBDCs. Location: WSU, Kryzsko Commons, Purple Room 104.

4 p.m.

►Welcome reception, Riverboat cruise.

Thursday

7 a.m.

►Education Division Agenda: Breakfast with WSU, Winona Technical College. Location: Somsen Hall, WSU.

8-9:45 a.m.

►Semi-States Division Agenda: Report on regional art groups. Location: City Council Chambers.

►Session

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tion system, the establishment of a math and science high school at CST, tourism, and riverboat gambling.

Meetings will be at WSU, CST, Saint Mary's College, Winona City Hall, the Winona Senior Citizens Center, and several other locations.

Pelowski said it is a compliment to Winona that it was chosen to host a minisession, and encouraged everyone to attend hearings in which they are interested.

"The gauge of success for a minisession is the public participation," he said.

4:30-7 p.m.

►Take a legislator to dinner.

7:30 p.m.

►Winona Town Meeting Former CST campus, St. Cecilia Hall.

Friday

8-10 a.m.

►Open Tour Agenda: Tour former CST campus and Winona Technical College aviation training center.

9-10:45 a.m.

►Civil Law Subcommittee/Judiciary Agenda: Pro bono work. Location: WSU, Kryzsko, Purple Room 106

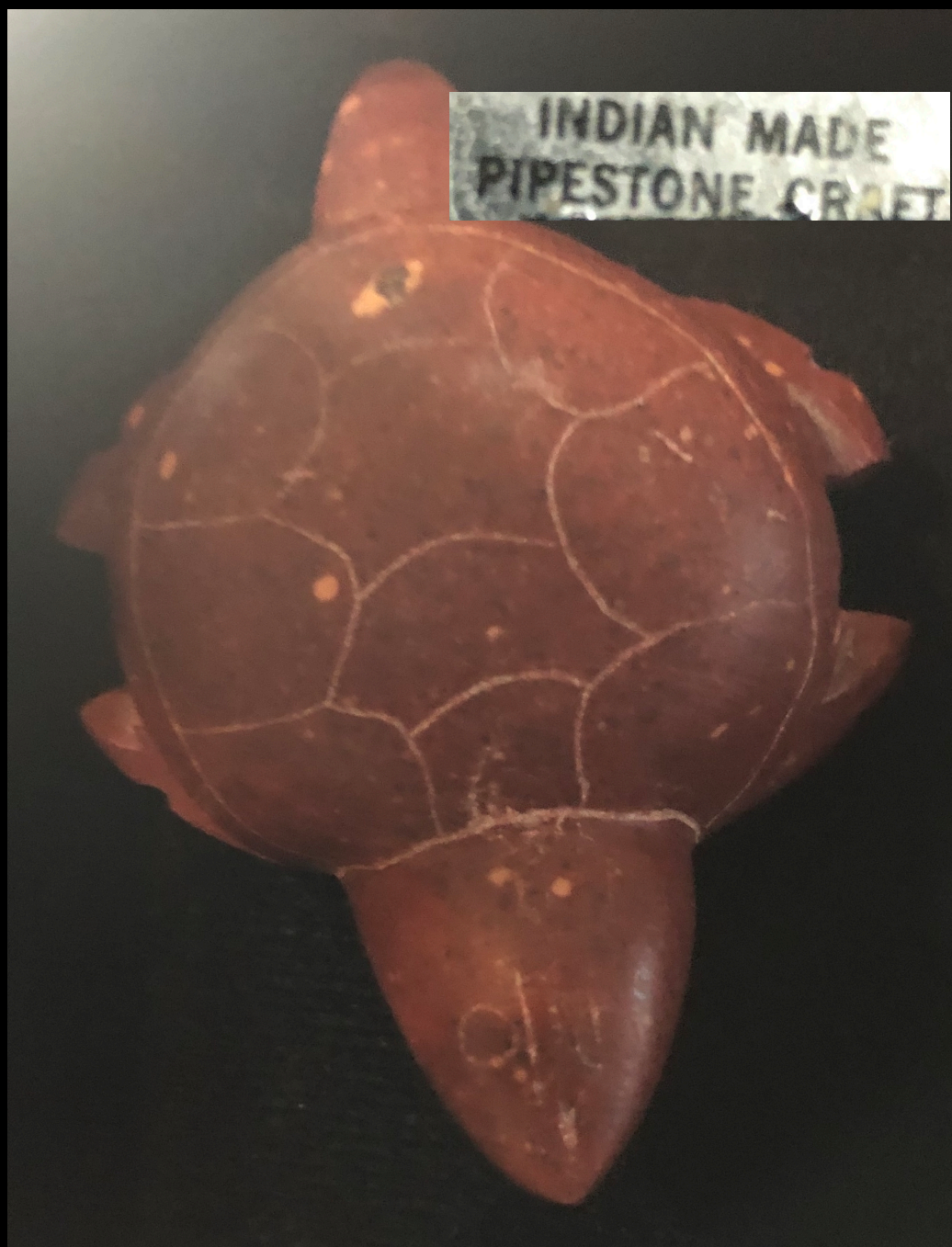
►Joint Agriculture and Environment Committees Agenda: Tour Preston tire recycling, composting, sink holes, Forest Resources Center. Location: Preston and Lanesboro.

9-10:45 a.m.

►Health and Human Services Division Agenda: Tour of Byron state operated community facility for the developmentally disabled. Location: Byron SOCS, Byron, Minn.

Lawmakers then go to Rochester.

**Preston,
Lanesboro,
& Byron
Locations**



**Worthington Mini Session
a Native American
Pipestone Hand-carved
Turtle.
Dinner place decoration
that caused concern.**



**Winona Mini Session a handmade and
hand painted wax SE Mn tree frog.
Destined for a national nature center on
the Mississippi River it fell prey to the
lack of support for a Congressional
Earmark.**

Winona's becoming a capital

House arrives Wednesday

By Joe Buttweiler

Winona Daily News

Winona will assume the buzz of a capital city Wednesday through Friday as members of the Minnesota House of Representatives converge to hear local testimony on dozens of legislative topics.

Nearly 100 of the House's 134 members are expected for the minisession, according to Rep. Gene Pelowski, DFL-Winona.

"We're hoping the minisession will be very helpful," House Majority Leader Bob Vanasek said, in setting the agenda for the 1990 legislative session.

It may have a more immediate bearing on one unsettled issue from this year's sessions, Pelowski said. That issue is reform of the state's property tax system.

Gov. Rudy Perpich vetoed the bill



passed by legislators last spring, and lately has been refining a plan of his own. He is expected to call for a special session later this month.

Since the special session could fall on the heels of the Winona minisession, local testimony could significantly affect the bill, Pelowski said.

► Schedule/3A

► Team works on tax plan/4A

Pelowski, co-chairman of the committee that planned the Winona minisession, called the 2½-day affair an "excellent opportunity" for southeastern Minnesotans to have some one-on-one meetings with members of the House.

Lawmakers, many of whom will arrive today, are scheduled to leave Winona Friday morning and go to Rochester for a series of hearings that afternoon and on Saturday.

Vanasek, DFL-New Prague, said House members and staffers will try to keep the meetings as informal as possible so as not to discourage people from testifying. Those who wish to speak may sign up at the start of each hearing.

Organizers of the minisession have also provided several other chances to interact with the legislators, such as a barbecue Wednesday evening at Levee Park and a town meeting Thursday night at the former College of Saint Teresa.

Other special events include tours of schools, meetings with students and diners with local residents.

Winona State University President Darrell Krueger said the minisession represents a major opportunity for WSU and Winona.

Pelowski said he expects university officials to plug their requests for a new library and athletic facilities, while Winona Technical College will push for a new aviation mechanics training center.

Hearings will cover worker compensa-

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Lawmakers just may remember Winona

Most agree that session boosts area's visibility

By Joe Buttweiler

Winona Daily News

Winona's chance to spill its guts to the Minnesota House of Representatives has come and gone.

From Wednesday to Friday, local residents testified in no less than 25 hearings on a wide range of topics.

They talked about the perennial concerns of education, taxes, health care and the environment, but also about exciting and innovative ideas like riverboat gambling and requiring lawyers to assist poor people.

Besides the hearings, there were many opportunities for individuals to bend lawmakers' ears one-on-one about affairs of the state.



News analysis

From now until House Speaker Bob Vanasek's gavel raps to a close the 1990 Legislature — and probably beyond —

► Please see SESSION/7A

Lawmaker: It hinges on partisanship

Sites for legislative minisessions are selected mainly for political fortification, according to an Independent-Republican lawmaker who asked not to be identified.

The legislator, who noted that minisessions are very expensive, added, however, that his party would probably use them the same way it was in control. Other minisessions are scheduled this year for Worthington and Moorhead.

All three communities are served by Democratic-Farmer-Labor party members who do not have particularly firm footholds, the IR lawmaker said, explaining that the DFL leadership would hope to solidify sup-

► Rochester university hearing/3A

► Editorial on minisession/6A

port for Rep. Gene Pelowski via the Winona minisession.

Sen. Steve Morse, a DFLer from Dakota whose first term will be up next year, attended many of the minisession hearings, apparently to gain similar political advantage, the lawmaker said.

Other legislators were less cynical, however, about why communities are chosen for House minisessions. Most said the sessions provide citizens better access to lawmakers.

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Lawmakers say so long

Winona's session was great success, say guests, planners

By Karen Rivedal

Winona Daily News

The minisession was a smashing success, said legislators and Winona officials alike during a final press conference held Friday at the Holiday Inn Winona.

"We keep surprising ourselves with the success of every minisession, and this was certainly the smoothest functioning session ever," said House Speaker Bob Vanasek, (DFL-New Prague).

The House of Representatives has held previous minisessions in Mankato, Alexandria and Eveleth, Minn.

The session in Winona began Wednesday and ended about noon Friday, when the 100 lawmakers packed up their bags and headed for Rochester. The minisession ends there today.

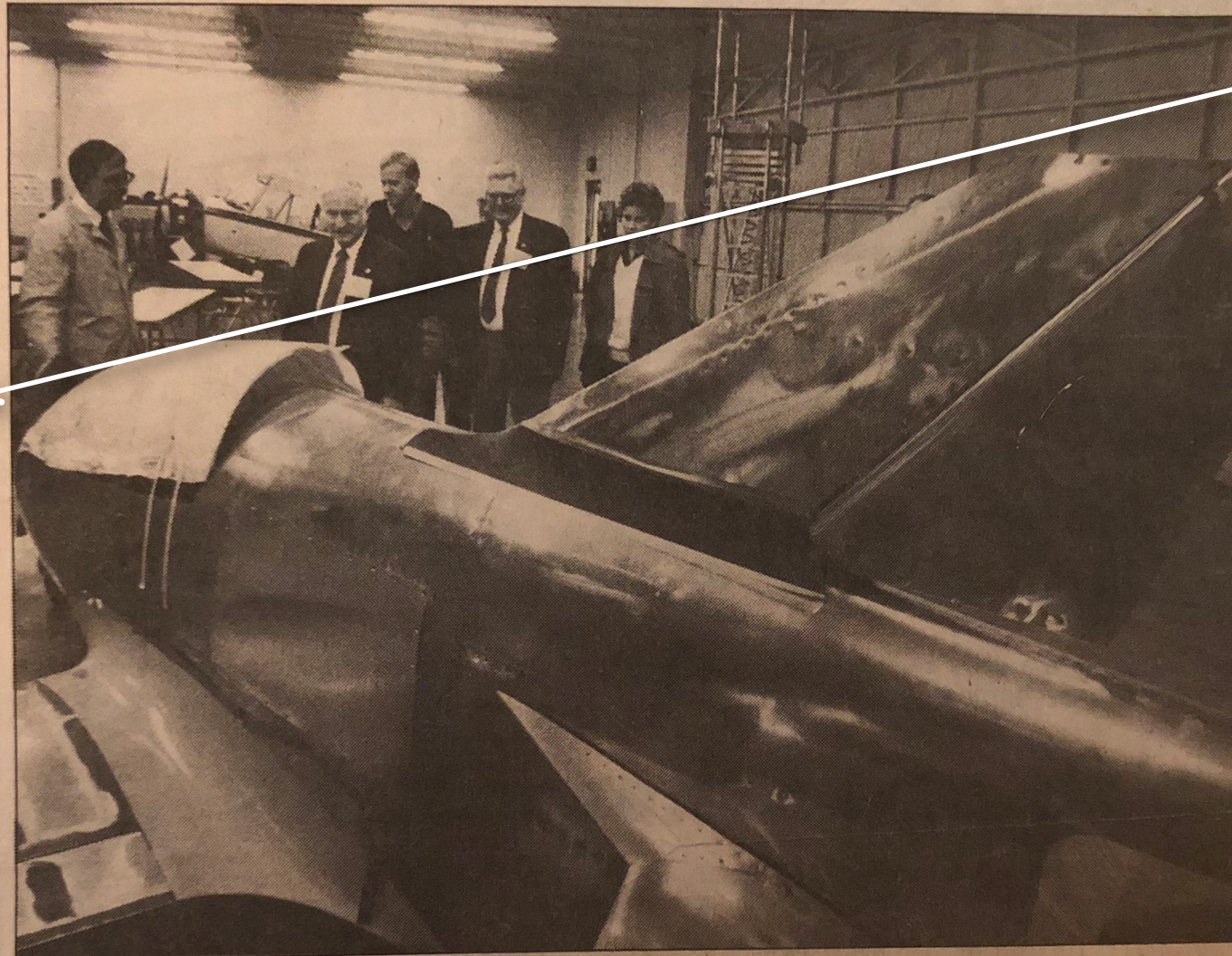
On Friday, high-ranking legislators pledged to take seriously the comments gleaned from the Winona community during the many minisession hearings and get-togethers.

"We've listened to the problems and concerns, and they will definitely have an effect," said House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Minneapolis).

Vanasek said much the same, noting in particular the comments made during hearings on local government aid and the formula for funding school districts.

"This testimony and advice comes at a very critical time," Vanasek said, since he and

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Jim Galewski/Winona Daily News

Bob Thiede, an instructor at Winona Technical College's Aviation School, shows local and visiting legislators some of the aircraft stu-

dents' work Friday at WTC's hangar at Winona's Max Conrad Field. Winona's minisession moved on to Rochester, Minn., on Friday.

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► Session/Lawmakers, organizers praise Winona's smooth minisession

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other legislative leaders are scheduled to sit down with Gov. Rudy Perpich early next week for a meeting.

Vanasek played hide-and-seek, however, with reporters' questions about his candidacy, or lack thereof, for governor.

"I've learned as a speaker you shouldn't make decisions based on hypothetical situations," he said, when asked whether he would run if Per-

pich, whose term ends in 1990, doesn't.

"We're going to watch what happens and act accordingly," Vanasek said.

Other speakers on the panel included Winona Mayor Tom Slaggie, Rep. Gene Pelowski, (DFL-Winona), and Gary Evans. Pelowski and Evans co-chaired the steering committee which began organizing the minisession back in May, and both received knos at the con-

ference for their efforts.

"I think we're going to have (Evans) bronzed and put in a park some place," joked Pelowski.

Evans said the minisession accomplished three specific things. One, he said, Winona area residents got a chance to meet the legislators.

Two, he said, "We've seen groups in Winona work together on a project very seriously and very hard. We don't get very

many chances to do that."

Thirdly, Evans said, as a result of the minisession, Winona and Rochester have worked together, "perhaps as we've never seen (the two cities) before."

In closing, Evans reminded the legislators that Winona's door is always open.

"Winona doesn't need much of an excuse to have a party. I can assure you that if you want to come down again, we can organize a party within 24 hours."

Finances look good, too

Session pumped up Winona's tourism businesses

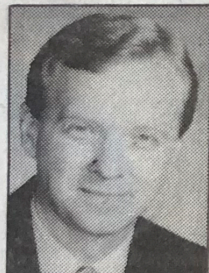
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What do you suppose it would cost to host 100 state legislators and their staffs for 2½ days in a midsize, southeastern Minnesota town?

No, this isn't a word problem — it's reality. Winona did host just such an adventure, as most people know by now. The Winona-based portion of the legislative minisession of the House of Representatives began on Wednesday and finished up Friday.

And what did it cost?

Not too awful much, by most people's standards. The total cost is expected to be somewhere between \$3,000 to \$4,000, according to an estimate from Rep. Gene Pelowski, (DFL-Winona), who co-chaired the steering committee that organized the minisession, on Friday.



Gene Pelowski

The cost of increased police security is a separate item, and Winona Police Chief Frank Pomeroy said the force put in 135 hours covering the minisession. Fifty hours of that was overtime, and cost about \$700, Pomeroy said.

Pelowski emphasized the \$3,000-4,000 figure was only an estimate, and said the

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Tom Tourville

actual amounts couldn't be tallied until all the bills come in.

Tom Tourville, director of the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce, said that would take 10-12 days. Tourville and other chamber members also were instrumental in working out the local details for the Winona session.

Tourville said members of the steering committee began seeking money to finance the session about three months ago, and proceeds from the \$20-a-plate riverside barbecue held Wednesday also will help cover costs. Between 400-500 people attended the barbecue, Tourville said.

A whole cross-section of Winona area volunteers from business, education and government joined together to fund and plan the program, Tourville said.

“I think that broad-based support is the kind of thing that made this successful. It was not just one person,” he said.

Among the organizers' duties before and

during the minisession were setting up transportation for lawmakers to and from hearings and tours; planning out where the sessions would be; reserving rooms or buildings as necessary; arranging for technical light and sound support during meetings and social gatherings; setting up the barbecue fixings; and matching families with legislators for the “Take a Legislator to Dinner” program.

The House of Representatives' budget paid for the lawmakers' lodging, Tourville said.

There is a flip side to this situation, however. While it cost maybe \$3,500 to organize the event, bringing the legislators here may have poured much more than that into the local economy.

An average tourist spends between \$100 to \$150 a day, Tourville said, on things like lodging, food, transportation and retail sales.

Using those figures and the number of legislators and staff who visited for 2½ days, the minisession could've pumped about \$39,000 of new money into Winona.

Add the effect of turnover between merchants in the community, and that figure can be multiplied three to five times, Tourville said.

In a less fiscal sense, Tourville added, “The exposure to Winona is phenomenal.”

“For southeastern Minnesota,” he said, “to have a vision and an opportunity for business and government to share their ideas and concerns with legislators is phenomenal.”

“Take a Legislator to Dinner Program”

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Rochester Hearing

September 6, 1989

Proposal for a new state flag to get second hearing

A coalition of citizens seeking a change in the Minnesota state flag will receive another hearing from a legislative committee this month, according to the two Rochester men who are coordinating the effort. Rev. William Becker, a Catholic priest, and Lee Herold, a tax accountant, say that the House Governmental Operations Committee will hear them out during the legislative "mini-session" in Rochester on September 15. The committee is chaired by Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley).

At the behest of Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester), the two men first appeared before the committee on March 16. There they gave a presentation detailing the history of the current flag, as well as the functional problems created by its complex design. The men suggested the creation of a new flag by 1993, the centennial year of the adoption of the first state flag --- and they even brought a "proposed new design" along.

Public response to the proposal to change the flag was mixed: legislative and newspaper commentary ranged from outright endorsement, to unabashed ridicule. One complaint concerned the appearance of two loons in the coalition's proposed design; the loons appeared as part of a composite of state symbols, including a sprig of northern pine (the state tree), and the state flower.

Bowing to the criticism, the composite has now been removed from the "north star" where it formerly appeared. "We didn't want people focussing on the loons; it distracted from the idea in general," the men explained.

The forthcoming hearing is scheduled for 3:45 - 5:30 p.m. at Rochester Community College, Room U-234 (the "Winona State University" building).





John Tracy Anderson, former state representative, describes how he, as a freshman legislator in 1957, opposed the suggested design for the state flag and called for a more heraldic one. His testimony on Sept. 15 at the Governmental Operations Committee meeting in Rochester supported Rep. Gil Gutknecht's (IR-Rochester) proposal to study the state flag.



Winona Model Legislature Session 2018

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE Gene Pelowski Reports

Residents offer comments on mini-session

by Rep. Gene Pelowski, District 34B

I'm happy to report that Winona area residents responded to the recent legislative mini-session with very positive comments. I recently had the opportunity to review the feedback compiled by House members from a number of Winona residents who participated in the various mini-session events.

Some 95 individuals who responded to the questionnaires felt the mini-sessions are a good idea which should continue. Not one individual disagreed. Of these respondents, 83 noted that the public was provided adequate input throughout the event; only two people dissented.

Of the respondents who attended the town meeting, all offered positive comments, ranging from "the format was excellent" to "democracy in action."

Residents attending the various committee meetings also provided positive feedback. One individual noted: "...ran much more smoothly than many I observe during the

regular session." And another respondent wrote this: "appreciated the openness and opportunity to testify."

The questionnaire also provided respondents with a chance to rank those issues which they believe should be considered in the 1990 legislative session. The highest vote-getting issues proved to be drug control/crime followed close by Environment/recycling.

The questionnaire also asked how future mini-sessions could be improved. Suggestions from respondents included: "more town meeting-type activities," "allow more time for testimony," "better microphones" and "the legislators could take us out to dinner."

It was gratifying to me to see such a favorable reaction to the mini-session. The many Winona area residents who took part both in setting up the event and in participating in the many activities can appreciate knowing they contributed to a job well done.

**"The
legislators
could take
us to
dinner."**



“Governor Perpich signs
1990 legislative bonding
bill at Lourdes Hall in
Winona in May. WSU
Lourdes Hall will become
the first Residency
College in the State
University System.”

Representative Dave Bishop
of Rochester is seated next to
the Governor. Senator Steve
Morse & Representative
Gene Pelowski look on.



State Rep. Gene Pelowski (left) spoke as Governor Rudy Perpich (right) signed into law the 1990 Legislative bonding bill at Lourdes Hall in Winona in May. State Sen. Steve Morse is standing next to Rep. Pelowski.

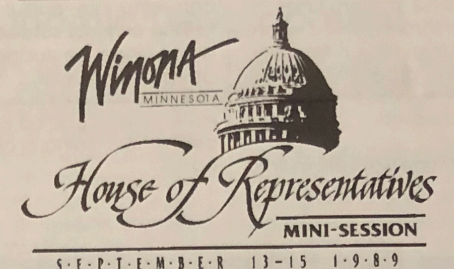
Dear Friends:

The 1989-90 Legislative Session is now history. It was a very important session, and a productive one for our district. I'm convinced much of the success had to do with the House of Representatives' Mini-Session held here in Winona last fall. Winona State University Vice President **Gary Evans** and I co-chaired the task force that planned and coordinated the event, and he was a tireless force behind it. Winona Chamber of Commerce director **Tom Tourville** also worked very hard to be sure everything went well. Everyone who participated should be commended for impressing upon legislators that Winona is important and deserves their support.

We set several goals for the legislative session during last fall's mini-session and all of them were achieved. Many people deserve credit for making it happen. **Cliff Korkowski**, president of the Winona Technical College, lobbied to convince legislators to add an aviation center at the Technical College. WSU president **Darrell Krueger** was instrumental in winning approval of funds for planning a new campus library and chaired the local task force with **Sen. Steve Morse** that helped us convince legislators to support the state Math and Science Resource Center proposal. WSU faculty members **Rod Henry** and **Jim Eddy** were also of great value in the lobbying efforts for the library.

In another success story, four people deserve thanks for their work in helping get Winona a \$750,000 grant through the state Trade and Economic Development Department for

1990 Legislative Report



downtown development: Mayor **Tom Slag-gie**, City Manager **Eric Sorensen**, economic development director **Judy Bodway** and community development coordinator **Lucy Daley**. I acted as liaison between DTED and the city, but our local officials did the hard work.

I also wish to thank **Ben Hovel**, **Don Lilla**, and **John Watembach** of UAW, and **Ron Schroeder** of the Labor Temple for keeping me informed of labor issues during the session.

Altogether, these projects and others in the 1989-90 session mean more than \$20 million in new state funding will be spent in our district.

One more connection was made during the legislative session that has special significance for our district. At the request of the Speaker of the House, I visited with a delegation from Poland called the Foundation in Support for Local Democracy. I have one of their Solidarity pins and they have pins from WSU, but a more substantial exchange could result. Our cities are starting talks for sister city status.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your legislator. It's been a challenge and an honor.

Sincerely Yours,

Rep. Gene Pelowski



The Library maintains a list of gubernatorial addresses, including the State of the State, with locations:

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Representative
Gene Pelowski's
Journals to
chronicle the
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WSU Composite
Engineering
Legislation.

The 1987 Effort by Winona State University and the Winona Community
To Establish a Composite Engineering Program

by GENE PELOWSKI
History 550
for
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11/19/92

OPINION
Winona Daily News Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1986'
Established In 1855, Page 6

WSU engineering: Great prescription

An engineering school at Winona State University? You bet! It's just what the doctor ordered to keep WSU healthy.

Gov. Rudy Perpich, who approved Mankato State, St. Cloud State and the University of Minnesota-Duluth for engineering schools a couple years ago, says a WSU engineering program will "absolutely" be part of his 1987-89 budget proposal.

We'll hold you to your words Rudy - if you're re-elected this year, and last week's announcement, two weeks before the Sept. 9 primary, certainly shouldn't hurt your fortunes in southeastern Minnesota.

"The Rochester-Winona area very definitely needs a school of engineering," Perpich said, "and I will be recommending that to the Legislature. That's my plan."

Perpich hasn't released any details of his plans for WSU, but on the surface it's a good one provided the school is based in Winona, not WSU's new Rochester Center.

WSU president Thomas Stark insists that any engineering school would be based in Winona rather than Rochester, although Perpich sees a need for at least some components of the program to be offered in Rochester. And we'll hold you to your words, Tom.

Stark says WSU is looking to offer a four-year bachelor of science degree in engineering, housing it in a new building on the Winona campus and staffing it with new teachers. It would complement WSU's Center for Research, Development and Materials Testing and the two year composites technology program planned for 1987 at Winona Area Technical Institute.

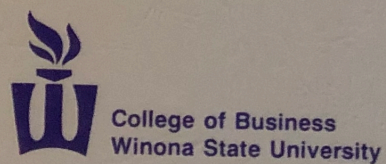
Both programs will be run in cooperation with Winona businesses like Fiberite, TERTM, Polymer Composites, RTP and Winona Canoes which lead the nation in the high-tech, plastic composites industry. The WSU engineering program, specializing in the composites technology, would be unique in Minnesota. It "would be one of the greatest developments in Winona in the last century," according to Stark.

The engineering program is still in the conceptual stage. It's still several years away. It still, has to be approved by fickle legislators - will those who represent our area lead the way? And the money still has to be allocated.



Rudy Perpich in August 1986. Governor Perpich toured the Winona State Science Department during a stop in Winona and was impressed with the work that was going on for the local composite industries. Later that day he announced his support for a Composite Engineering Degree. The reaction to that announcement is typified by the Winona Daily News editorial of September 2, 1986 which is above.

ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE
COMPOSITES SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM
ON THE WINONA AREA
January, 1987



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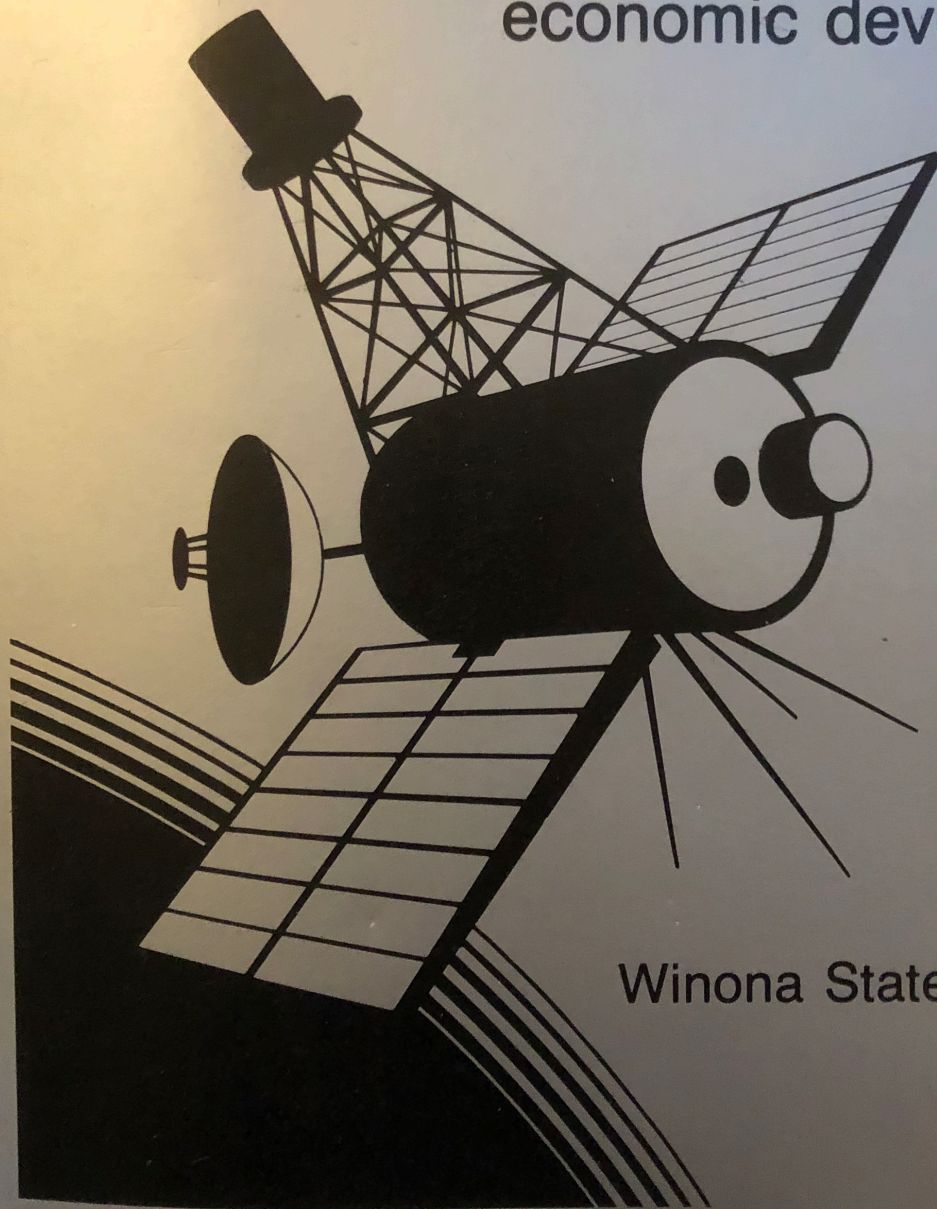
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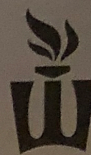
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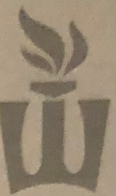


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January 15, 1987



Dear Legislator:

The material which is attached to this letter is an advanced composite material manufactured by Fiberite in Winona, Minnesota. Advanced composites are rapidly replacing metals and other materials in manufacturing because of their outstanding physical properties. They are in high demand in the aerospace, electronics, auto, and recreation industries.

An experimental airplane, the Voyager, recently circumscribed the globe nonstop and without having to be refueled while airborne. Soon to be built is a passenger aircraft that will fly from New York to Tokyo in three hours. Such accomplishments can only be realized with aircraft made of materials that are lighter than aluminum, yet are stronger than steel--advanced composites.

Some years ago, a fledgling Winona industry, Fiberite, began manufacturing materials that today are called advanced composites. Fiberite has grown until today it is the nation's largest producer of composite materials. The company's products are utilized by the space industry, major aircraft manufacturers, and the defense industry. Because of Fiberite's avant-garde position, other high-tech advanced composite industries have chosen to locate in Winona. Among them are: RTP, Polymer Composites, Diversified Fabricators, We-No-Nah Canoe, and TERTM. Corporations with allied interests to the composite industry include: Watlow Winona, Lake Center Industries, Badger Foundry, and MEC-PRO.

To enhance learning opportunities and to support economic and industrial development, Winona State University has created a strong alliance with business and industry. The University's Center for Research, Development and Materials Testing has provided a mutually beneficial relationship and an especially strong bond with the composites industry. Our two-year cooperative program with Winona AVTI will do much to provide needed entry-level employees for the industry.

The next step in economic development and jobs creation must be taken now! A four-year composites science and engineering program should be established at Winona State University to support Minnesota's pre-eminent position in the advanced composites industry. This industry is, without question, the wave of the future! The state that establishes and maintains itself in this field will have economic advantages of immeasurable proportions! Minnesota simply cannot afford to let this industry slip away to some other sector of the country.

Now is the time! Winona is the place! Winona State University's strong physics, chemistry, mathematics, and computer science programs, coupled with its strong alliance with the composites industry, make it the natural institution to establish this needed program of engineering.

The materials which follow provide important background regarding the advanced composites industry and the rationale for the establishment of a composites science and engineering program at Winona State University.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Stark

Thomas F. Stark
President

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Representative Gene Pelowski's Journal Entry

1/14/87

Meeting with DEED. Stark, Denny N., Earl L., Gary Evans, Judy Bodway, Alice Keller, and Sollenberger. Great media show for composites.

This was produced by Mediawerks in Winona at a cost of \$20,000 or about \$1000 a minute. It will be the chief promotional tool on the hill and used to educate the community on the need for the program. It was shown here to the test the presentation and assist Fiberite in request from DEED.

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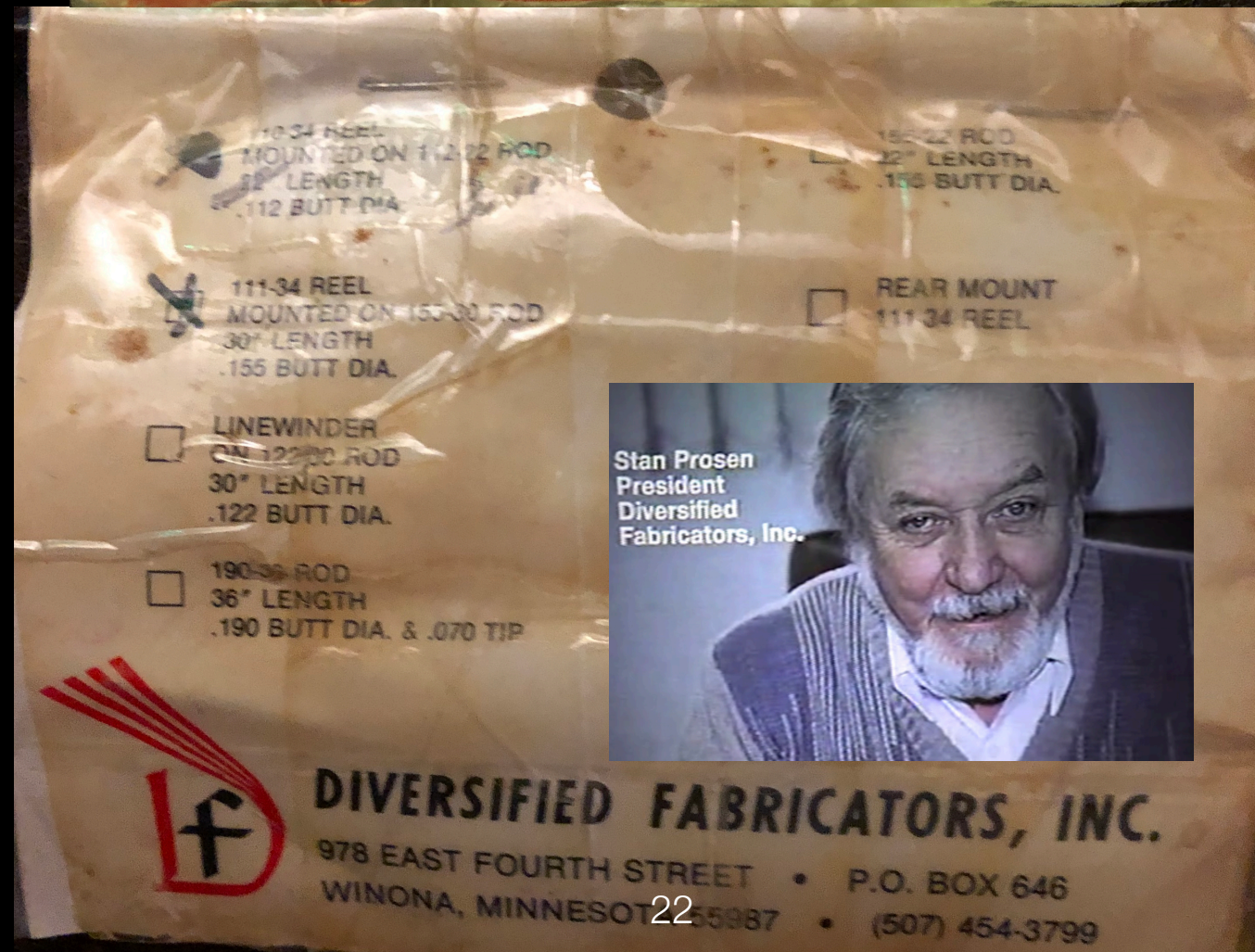


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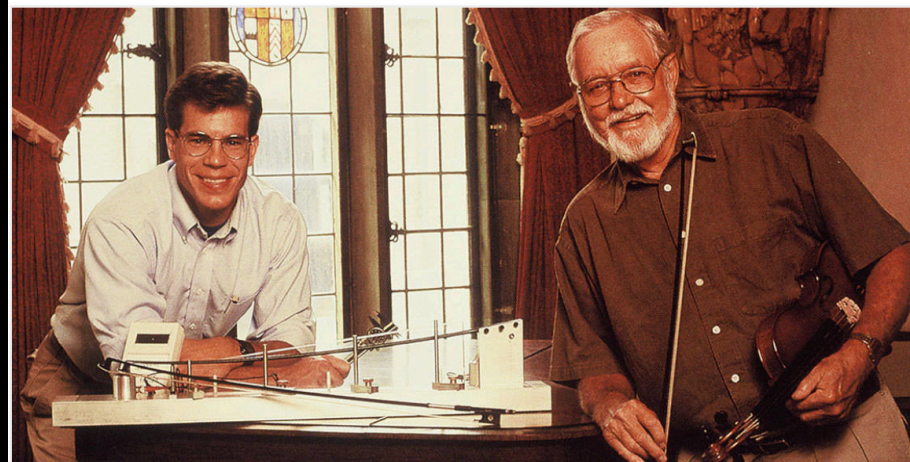


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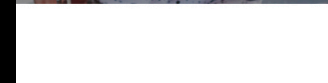



Stan Prosen

Pioneer / Material Scientist


Known as the 'Grandfather of Composites', Stan (together with Roger Bacon, the inventor of carbon fiber) fabricated the earliest carbon fiber parts ever made. While testing one notable part, the NOL ring, Stan accidentally dropped it and discovered the "uncommon resonance" which inspired what eventually became the CodaBow. Despite esteemed credits of numerous scientific publications, patents, ASTM standards, and some of the highest industry awards, Stan considered pioneering the carbon fiber bow to be his greatest professional contribution to humanity.



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It's up to Perpich now

WSU engineering program OK'd by House, Senate

By JOE BUTTWEILER
Winona Daily News

ST. PAUL — Seed money for a composites engineering program at Winona State University was approved by both the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives early Sunday morning.

As part of a 1.66 billion higher education funding package, WSU will receive \$50,000 in 1987-88 to plan the program and \$500,000 to implement it in 1988-89, pending Gov. Rudy Perpich's approval.

"This pretty much means we've got it," Rep. Gene Pelowski, DFL-Winona, said of the seed money. "It's still a little difficult to believe. This has been a daily thing for the past five months."

He said the House passed the higher ed funding package at about 3 a.m., and that several House conferees who worked on the package ceremoniously presented him with a copy of the bill after it was passed.

"Everyone was tired, but it was really nice. They wanted me to rest assured it was all there and that they had all agreed to it," said Pelowski, a first-term lawmaker.

He and Dennis Nielsen, dean of WSU's College of Science and Technology, said they have no doubts that Perpich, a supporter of the composites program, will approve the package.

"It's hard to believe," Nielsen said of the legislative approval. "When we started, no one in the Legislature knew what a composite was and now I doubt if there's anyone who doesn't. To some extent, this was a process of wearing down the opposition."

Composites are strong, lightweight materials made by combining fibers with resins or plastics. About 10 Winona companies use the materials and the city is considered by some to be a hotbed of advanced composites technology.

Several local industry representatives helped urge legislative support of the program.

"This is something that we have been waiting a long time for," Nielsen said. "Now we'll be able to move into a significant new area that is going to impact us positively."

Two reports, one on the health of existing engineering schools in the state and the other on the feasibility of the WSU program, must be approved before funds are allocated, but Nielsen said he sees them as small hurdles.

"Now the work begins," he said, with selecting someone to lead the program and with getting it accredited through the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology.

Today lawmakers will consider a bonding package that is expected to contain between \$950,000 and \$1.5 million for buying land and planning a new building for the composites and other science programs at WSU.

Sen. Steve Morse, DFL-Dakota, sponsor of the bill in the Senate, was unavailable for comment Sunday.

WSU engineering plan prompts study

By JOE SPEAR
ST. PAUL, Minn. (MSNS) — Although the State University System received a 12.5 percent budget increase from the Minnesota Legislature, the budget came with at least one string attached.

A proposed Winona State University material science engineering program received preliminary funding, but \$500,000 of its \$550,000 budget will not be released until legislative finance committees decide engineering programs are viable at state universities.

Winona State officials had testified before legislative committees that the new engineering program would fit right in with Gov. Rudy Perpich's applied research/economic development plans as many of the Winona manufacturing businesses would be able to work with students and the university in the program.

But there's a certain reluctance on the part of some legislators to go ahead with engineering programs. Those legislators are requesting that the State University System present a full report on the two existing state university engineering programs at Mankato and St. Cloud.

Legislators will be evaluating the success of the Mankato and St. Cloud programs, said Sharon Miller, communications manager for the State University System.

Gene Mammenga, lobbyist for the State University System, echoed Miller. Lyndon Carlson, chairman of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee, has reservations about engineering at state universities and is reluctant to spend more resources for new programs, said Mammenga.

After the legislature funded the Mankato and St. Cloud pro-



IT BECAME REAL — With the help of State Rep. Gene Pelowski, Gov. Rudy Perpich signs a bill allocating funding for the material science engineering school at Winona State University. (Photo by Beth Bidne)

grams, said Mammenga, "that was generally understood, that it was unlikely that there would be any more (engineering programs)."

The report the State University System is preparing for the legislature will outline the success of the engineering programs in terms of graduate placement and faculty qualifica-

tions. "We're going to pay attention to those two reports," said Mammenga.

Miller said that the legislative review was far from a rubber stamp approval of the Winona program. Yet both Miller and Mammenga seem confident.

"We think our programs are viable," said Miller.

"We believe (the programs) are top quality," added Mammenga.

In addition, the State University System has more clearly defined its mission since the funding of Mankato and St. Cloud programs.

"(Legislators) now want to see how it fits into the mission," said Mammenga.

the transfer, must be reported with the system's 1989-1991 biennial budget request. The report must include an analysis of the adequacy of the above appropriation in meeting the system's repairs and replacement needs.

During the biennium, each outstanding and any future assessment by a local unit of government which is less than five percent of the appropriation for repairs and replacements may be paid when due by the board.

During the biennium, the state university board shall continue to ensure that classroom teaching assistants for whom English is a second language are proficient in speaking, reading, and writing English.

\$250,000 in 1988 and \$400,000 in 1989 is for the expansion of upper division programs at Metropolitan State University.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 136.09, subdivision 3, or other law to the contrary, during the biennium neither the state university board nor the state university campuses shall engage in planning or development of doctoral level programs or degrees without prior approval of the house and senate higher education policy and money committees.

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*To Gene Pelowski -
You sucked us dry -
Cancel your trip
next summer -
You're running for reelection.
Howard Ornter*

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1 program at Winona State University.
2 The state university board shall
3 develop short and long range plans that
4 specify the directions and intentions
5 of the system in program development,
6 particularly in the science,
7 technology, and engineering areas.
8 plans shall provide an overview of the
9 entire system as well as specifically
10 examining the status of current
11 programs and future plans at each
12 campus. In its planning during the
13 biennium, the board shall during the
14 least immediate and long range: (1)
15 needs for and opportunities available
16 to students graduating in these program
17 areas; (2) possibilities in these program
18 arrangements with other educational
19 institutions; (3) incorporation of new
20 technology developments into existing
21 programs; (4) potential for private
22 sector participation in creating new
23 effects of emphasis and investment; (5)
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25 consequences for the state's
26 economy. The board shall report its
27 findings to the appropriations and
28 finance committees of the legislature
29 by January 15, 1988.
30 The study must be submitted to the HECS
31 for review and comment before its

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May 5, 1987
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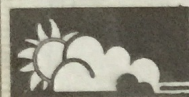
September 13, 1987
Governor signs Bonding bill at
WSU for \$1.5 million planning to
build Applied Health & Science
Building at WSU for Composite
Engineering & Nursing Program.

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Weather

Today: A 20 percent percent chance of some leftover snow in the morning, then clouds thinning out, with a partly sunny afternoon. High from 2 above to 8. Wind north 10 mph.
Tonight and Thursday: Partly cloudy. Low from 6 below to 12 below. High Thursday from 4 above to 10. Details/9B

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On deadline

Church focusing on priests' abuse

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Roman Catholic Church, faced with increasing reports of child molestation cases involving priests, said Tuesday that dioceses are cracking down on offenders, "including suspension from employment and from active ministry whenever appropriate."
Sexual abuse of children "affects both men and women without regard to whether they are married, new, or celibate," the United States Catholic Conference said in a statement. "Tragically, it has occurred in persons who are leaders of the community and others who have been placed in positions of great trust."
The conference said it "has no reliable estimate for either the number of cases or persons involved, other than what is reported."

People

Hollywood hits Moscow

Associated Press
MOSCOW — Arnold Schwarzenegger gave Soviet militants a glimpse of Hollywood in action Tuesday while filming a scene for a new movie. Schwarzenegger puffed on a big cigar and wore a gray wool greatcoat before the cameras rolled in Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral and Lenin's Mausoleum as a backdrop.
"Red Heat" stars Schwarzenegger as a Soviet militia officer who encounters a drug dealer in Moscow. He follows the criminal to Chicago and there is helped by a police detective played by Jim Belushi. Peter Boyle has the role of the criminal.

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Perpich aims at future



Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich, right, and state Rep. Gene Pelowski, center, celebrate Pelowski's 30th birthday following Perpich's State of the State address Tuesday at Winona State University. Looking on are Winona State President Tom Stark, left, and Winona Mayor Tom Slagge, background.

Jim Galewski/Winona Daily News

Winona a 'perfect example' of partnership

By Mary R. Sandok
Associated Press

Gov. Rudy Perpich vowed Tuesday in his State of the State address to make bold proposals to the Legislature in 1989 that will create jobs through educational excellence, applied research and economic development, tax reform and a clean environment.
"The components of our blueprint for job creation prepare us for a secure and prosperous life, both now and in the 21st century," Perpich said at Winona State University's Performing Arts Center.
Perpich said that, after five years under his leadership, "the state of the state is good and will continue to get better."
State of the State addresses traditionally have been made in the House chambers before a joint legislative session. Perpich said he selected Winona for his 1988 address because the state university campus, the city and the southeastern Minnesota region "are a perfect example of how partnerships between business and education can stimulate economic development."
While many of the state's 201 lawmakers and other state officials traveled to Winona for the 6:30 p.m. speech, a group of House Independent-Republicans watched the speech on television from the House chambers in St. Paul.

Speech showcases Winona

By Betty Russell Bartrug
Winona Daily News

Gov. Rudy Perpich emphasized the importance of job creation through educational excellence during the premiere outstate State of the State address delivered at Winona State University Tuesday.
"Jobs through educational excellence, applied research and economic development. Jobs through tax reform and jobs through a clean environment," Perpich said during his address, which was interrupted eight times by applause.
Perpich showcased WSU, Winona and the surrounding region as a "perfect example of how partnerships between business and education can stimulate economic development. Winona State is an active participant in a county where the unemployment rate is under 5 percent."
The governor noted that thousands of people in Winona are employed to design, manufacture and sell the high technology products that shape our future.
House Minority Leader William Schreiber, R-Brooklyn Park, who was among those remaining at the Capitol, has called Perpich's decision to deliver the address outside the Capitol a publicity stunt.
Among proposals Perpich outlined were:
► A series of education initiatives to attain a goal of a 90 percent high school graduation rate in Minnesota by 1996. Among those are improve-

"The Watlow company is a world leader in the design of environmental test chambers. The Fiberite company makes heat shields for NASA rockets that endure temperatures up to 6,000 degrees. Both companies are expanding in Winona, creating more high-paying jobs to anchor the community."
Perpich cited the new engineering program at WSU and training at Winona Technical Institute as being "specifically designed to provide these companies with skilled workers from among the local residents. These community partnerships form the essence of our blueprint for job creation."
At the government level, Perpich said the partnerships must be backed up with bricks and mortar to accommodate "enrollments bulging at the seams of our campus facilities at Mankato, Winona and St. Cloud" state universities.
Perpich characterized education as the foundation for everything we do in Minnesota.
► A voluntary governor's scholarship test at the sixth- and 10th-grade levels that would award two top achievers from each school a free quarter of college tuition when they graduate from high school and naming governor's scholars for community service in each school district.
► By tutoring their classmates and promoting literacy in their neighborhoods, these students

► More coverage/2A, 3A, 6A

would receive the same tuition incentives as the academic scholars," Perpich said.
► Expansions at post-secondary institutions to meet the demands of increased enrollments, specifically at facilities in Mankato, Winona and St. Cloud.
► Establishment of an employment and training fund to help retrain workers who have been laid off from long-term employment because of plant closings and other severe economic shifts.
► Major reform of the property tax system, including a reduction in property-tax classifications to 4 from 68 and a 10 percent reduction in commercial-industrial property taxes.
► A comprehensive waste reduction and recycling act, to help regulate what goes into the state's landfills and to prevent ground water contamination. The proposal includes a deposit on beverage containers and a fee on non-degradable plastics.
► Establishment of an environmental and natural resources trust fund financed with half of the revenues from a proposed state lottery. Perpich said that, if the Legislature puts the lottery question on the 1988 ballot and voters pass it, he wants

► Please see SPEECH/3A

THE STATE OF THE STATE 1988

Minnesota
PREPARING FOR THE 1990'S

GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH

A REPORT TO THE
PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 9, 1988

Last summer Marilyn went to Harvard. This year she is attending the Yale University School of Organization and Management. Who knows what this remarkable woman will do next?

I'd like to present to you Marilyn Wolfe!

There is much more that could be said. Her son went back as a mechanical engineer. Her son-in-law, who also had lost his job, will be an electrical engineer. So, from a blue collar family she's creating a family of people all going to college with college degrees. Isn't that wonderful?

I appointed Marilyn to the Minnesota State Board of Vocational Technical Education in 1983. During her two years on the board she constantly worked at finding ways to help non-traditional students to cope with the problems of getting an education.

The Employment and Training Fund is a response to her advocacy and a tribute to her determined spirit, a spirit that should be encouraged in every Minnesotan.

Retraining our workers is one piece of the partnership we need to succeed in the world economy. The other pieces are a first-rate post-secondary educational system and a program for applied research and development.

We have begun the Commitment to Focus at the University of Minnesota, an important investment in our economic future. As we streamline the University's focus, we must establish our community colleges, our state universities, and our technical institutes as magnets for regional high-technology business growth.

That is why I have come to Winona this evening. This campus, this city and this region are a perfect example of how partnerships between business and education can stimulate economic development.

Under the outstanding leadership of President Tom Stark, Winona State is an active participant in a county where the unemployment rate is under five percent.

Thousands of people in this city are designing, manufacturing and selling the high-technology products that shape our future.

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The Fiberite Company makes heat shields for NASA rockets that endure temperatures up to 6,000 degrees.

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Winona State's new engineering program is specifically designed to provide these companies with skilled workers from among the local residents. These community partnerships form the essence of our blueprint for job creation.

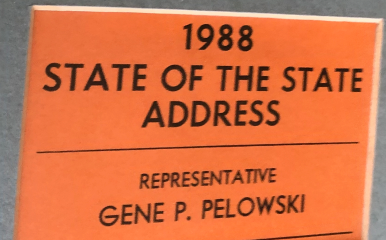
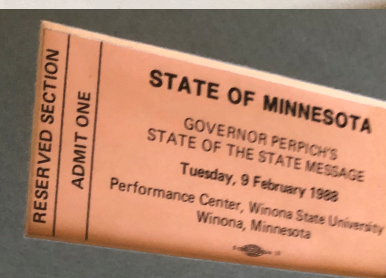
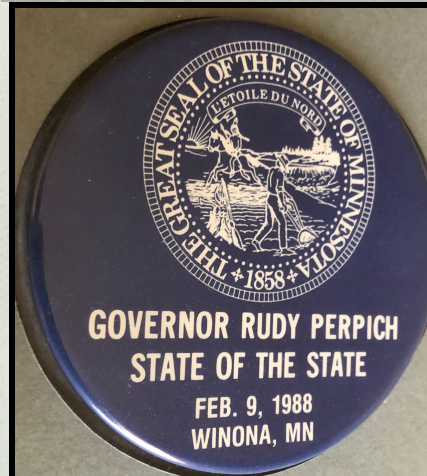
We can see it in the training provided by the Winona Technical Institute. We can see it in the proposed expansion of the Rochester Center just west of here, where high-tech companies like the Mayo Clinic and IBM will invest in the education of local students to create quality jobs in that community.

At the government level, we must back up our support for these partnerships with bricks and mortar. Higher student enrollments are bulging the seams of our campus facilities at Mankato, Winona, St. Cloud and many other campuses. We must expand to meet the demand. We must develop creative programs like the proposed Agricultural Research Institute and the International Language Villages at Concordia College, which help us to think globally and act locally.

We must accommodate and channel the brainpower that is crackling in every corner and community of Minnesota.

Our public-private partnerships are joined together by the Greater Minnesota Corporation, which paves a path for innovation from the classroom to the marketplace.

The GMC is the most strategic long-term job growth effort ever launched in Minnesota. It is a public corporation that operates like a business.



February 9, 1988 First State of State Address held outside St. Paul.

Winona Results



State of the State, February 9, 1988

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House of Representatives Mini-Session, September 13-15, 1989



1. WSU Undergraduate Composite Engineering Program



2. WSU Applied Health & Science Building for Nursing Program & Composite Engineering.



3. SE Winona Technical College Aviation Center



4. Planning for new WSU Library to be first digital library.



5. Overpass of Winona Railroad Tracks.



6. WSU Lourdes Hall will become first Residency College in State University System.

Rochester Results

The future “University of Minnesota Rochester” began to take form when, in January 2005, Governor Tim Pawlenty announced in his State of the State address that southeastern Minnesota was underserved by public higher education and a plan to initiate research into what was necessary to solve the problem.

Governor Pawlenty formed the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee (RHEDC) and appointed local business owner Marilyn Stewart to lead the group. The committee consisted of representatives from other public and private education institutions, area business leaders, and leaders in health care.

The group’s charge was to formulate a plan to advance higher education in southeastern Minnesota.



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The Digital Textbook by Gene Pelowski

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These are hybrid versions of the ones created on Authorware when WSU was using it as the basis for its student portfolios in the 1990s under President Darrell Krueger. This is being created using an iPhone 6 plus and an Ipad Pro. It is meant to demonstrate how the WSU Education Village can create personalized teaching units emphasizing content and current information making learning interesting and relevant.

Gothic & Romanesque Architecture
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Gothic Characteristics
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The Civil War
The Peacemakers 1868
by George Peter Alexander Healy
an American painter from Boston, Massachusetts
Representative Gene Pelowski Minnesota House of Representatives as Speaker Pro Tem

Will Durant
5608 Briarcliff Road
Los Angeles, Calif. 90068
1-24-74
Dear Mr. Pelowski:
I'm fighting a deadline to finish THE AGE OF NAPOLEON, but, if you will allow me a hasty answer to your request of Jan. 21st, I would suggest:
For the understanding of human affairs, in this or any other time, a knowledge of human nature is a first requisite. This can be acquired by one or other of these methods: (1) thru a study of biology and anthropology, which show the sources of our instincts or basic desires; or (2) through experience--but this requires at least sixty years; or (3) through a study of history, which is a laboratory of thousands of experiments in individual or group behavior. If you can't wait sixty years I would recommend a combination of (1) and (3). All I can offer as a result of such studies is a growth in understanding, forgiveness, and realistic endeavor for practicable reforms.
Letter written to Mr. Pelowski when he was the president of the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta at Winona State University.

Leather bound set of Durant's Story of Civilization: Story of Philosophy and Lessons of History.
Why We Teach!
by Gene Pelowski
History & Government Teacher
1975 to 2012

Content, Content & Content
I think, I feel, I believe

Minnesota's Higher Education History 2015-2018

Historic Structural \$\$ Imbalance!
Partial Tuition Freezes!
Record Student Debt!
Declining Student Enrollment!
Prepared by Representative Gene Pelowski April 2017

The Discovery of the Tomb of Tutankhamun

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Winona County Old Settlers

Reforming Minnesota's Legislative Process by Representative Gene Pelowski

re-form
/rə fōrm/
verb

1. make changes in (something, typically a social, political, or economic institution or practice) in order to improve it.
"an opportunity to reform and restructure an antiquated schooling model"
synonyms: improve, better, make better, ameliorate, refine, alter, make alterations to, change, adjust, make adjustments to, adapt, amend, revise, reshape, refashion, redesign, restyle, revamp, rebuild, reconstruct, remodel, reorganize
"a plan to reform the system"

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CITY PAGES
How a bill becomes a law
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M.
BY MIKE MULLEN
A couple months ago, a lobbyist came up to Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona) and asked him to author a bill. Pelowski was confused. He'd already introduced the same bill the year before, and it's still alive.
The lobbyist insisted. That's when it hit him: The lobbyist doesn't care.
"If I put the bill in again," Pelowski says, "the lobbyist can report to his client, 'I've got the bill in for 2016 too.' And the client says, 'Excellent work.'"

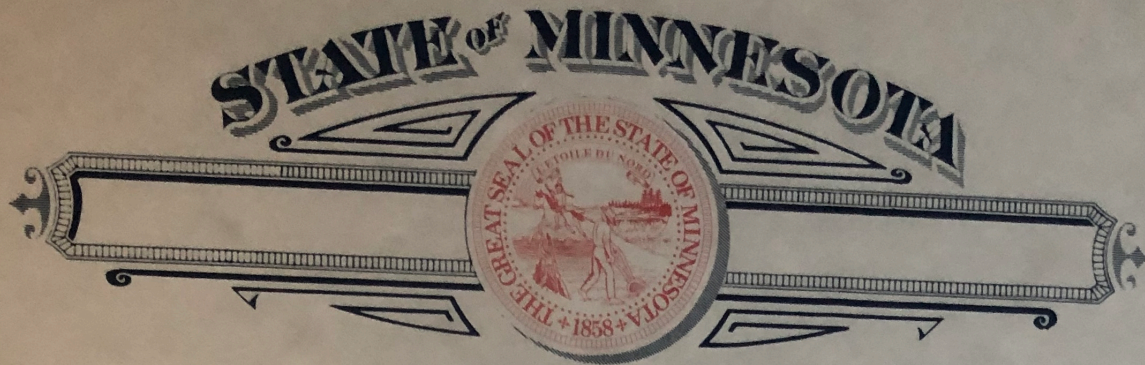
THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL
A 1905 masterpiece restored to its original grandeur
Representative Gene Pelowski's multimedia presentation on the Minnesota State Capitol Restoration.
The \$310 million, three year project has returned the Capitol to its 1905 splendor.
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capitol report
MINNESOTA'S History of Dealing with Disasters
The Creation of Chapters 12A & 12B
Gene Pelowski
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The History of The Winona Model Legislature 1962-Present

By Representative Gene Pelowski
Advisor to the Winona Model Legislature 1975-Present
First Edition Fall 2018





Proclamation

WHEREAS: Gene Pelowski, because he represents Winona, is the official host State Representative for the Governor's State of the State message; and

WHEREAS: Gene Pelowski proved his effectiveness as a legislator while only a freshman, by convincing the Legislature to approve funds for the new Composites and Engineering School at Winona State University; and

WHEREAS: Gene Pelowski was named an Outstanding Legislator for 1987 by the Minnesota State University Student Association; and

WHEREAS: Gene Pelowski was given an award by his peers last session in recognition of his unusual zeal for communicating by mail with his constituents; and

WHEREAS: Gene Pelowski holds February 9, 1988 in high regard because his birthday is on that day, and he will be 36 years of age;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 9, 1988 to be

GENE PELOWSKI DAY

in Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Minnesota state flag proposals and the Winona State of the State Banner decorate Representative Gene Pelowski's apartment in St. Paul. A unique conversation piece for the Gatherings during the 2019 legislative session.