UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 8)*

STEPAN COMPANY	
(Name of Issuer)	
5 1/2% Convertible Preferred	
(Title of Class of Securities)	
858586-20-9	
(CUSIP Number)	

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement. [_] (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSI	IP NO. 858586-20-9		13G	PAGE 2	OF 4 PAGES		
1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON						
	MARY LOUISE WEHMA	AN					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE		F A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		(a) [_] (b) [_]		
3	SEC USE ONLY						
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE						
4	U.S.A.						
	NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 89,684				
	SHARES		SHARED VOTING POWER				
E	BENEFICIALLY	6	SIMINED VOTENO TOWER				
	OWNED BY						
	EACH 7		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
	REPORTING	1	89,684				
	PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWE				
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 89,684						
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*						
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 1 15.3%						
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PER	RSON*					

- Item 1(a) Name of issuer: Stepan Company

- Item 2(b) Address of principal business office or, if none, residence:
 Stepan Company
 22 West Frontage Road
 Northfield, Illinois 60093
- Item 2(d) Title of class of securities:
 5 1/2 percent Convertible Preferred
- Item 2(e) CUSIP number: 858586-20-9
- Item 3 Ownership
 - (a) Amount beneficially owned: See Item 9 of cover page
 - (b) Percent of Class:
 See Item 11 of cover page
 - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote See Item 5 of cover page
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote -See Item 6 of cover page
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of See Item 7 of cover page
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: See Item 8 of cover page
- Item 5 Ownership of five percent or less of a class:
 Not applicable
- Item 6 Ownership of more than five percent on behalf of another person: Not applicable
- Item 7 Identification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported on by the parent holding company:

 Not applicable

Not applicable

Signature - After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 13, 2001 /s/ Mary Louise Wehman

Dated Signature

Mary Louise Wehman

Name

Notice of dissolution of group:

Not applicable

Certification:

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