

ROTC policy faces fire Controversy is growing on campus

by Steve Rebne
Contributor

The Reserve Officers Training Corps and its policy regarding gays and lesbians has become the latest lump of coal thrown into the furnace of controversy on over 20 campuses throughout the United States, including the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The current federal law, which governs the ROTC program, prohibits gays and lesbians from entering the armed forces and allows those in power to dismiss someone from the program if he or she is found to be gay or a lesbian.

The Defense Department policy states, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the armed forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale; to foster mutual trust and confidence among the

members; to ensure the integrity of the system of rank and command; to facilitate assignments and worldwide deployment of members who frequently must live and work under close conditions affording minimal privacy; to recruit and retain members of military services; to maintain the public acceptability of military services; and, in certain circumstances, to prevent breaches of security."

The Defense Department policy, including the ROTC, is a direct violation of the University's policy prohibiting discrimination based upon race, sex, creed, or sexual orientation, which raises questions due to the program's academic affiliation with the university.

"The military seems to think they are above the federal law and our affiliation with the group compromises the inde-

pendence of the university," stated John Deeth, graduate student at Stevens Point and advocate for removal of the ROTC. "By endorsing the program, you are, in fact, endorsing discrimination."

The issue has also drawn negative responses not only to the ROTC but toward the university's double-standard policy of discrimination.

"When I first learned about the policy, I went down to campus activities to change the constitution of the Jacobin to include only heterosexual members," claimed Elliot Madison, Father Patriot of the Jacobin Newsletter. "They immediately told me that we couldn't do that because it was discriminatory, yet the ROTC has been doing it for years. The university should let anyone discriminate or no one discriminate."

Although Stevens Point may not be a hotbed of political activities, to say the least, the recent withdrawal from the ROTC program by a UWSP student has done more than raise a few eyebrows about the discriminatory policy.

Krista Ritchie, a sophomore from Woodruff, chose to withdraw her application for an

ROTC scholarship that would have paid her tuition, room, board, and \$100 monthly stipend, totalling over \$8,000 a year, because the programs, she says, discriminate against women and homosexuals.

"I just wouldn't feel right if I was involved in an organization that discriminated against homosexuals and women," said Ritchie. "Your sexual orientation is a part of what you are as a person and I don't think that should be a criteria for your ability to fight for your country."

Ritchie, who stated that she is not a homosexual, discovered her dilemma while researching for a speech about the ROTC program. After making her decision, Ritchie talked to Major Ronald Anderson of the Military Science Department on November 21.

"They got really, really mad about what I had done," stated Ritchie. "When I began asking questions, they made up every excuse in the book to legitimize what was going on. They are really showing their true colors."

According to Ritchie, she was later forced to withdraw from Military Science 215 due

to prompting from her professor, Captain Marzsaalek.

"They said they didn't want me to be in a class because I was a bad influence and disgrace to the other cadets," cited Ritchie. "The ironic thing is that when it came time to dropping the class, they tried to make me look like the bad guy."

Krista explained that her drop was admitted after the university required time for withdrawal. Under university policy, a student must fill out a form with the consent of the professor and then submit it for approval by the Academic Review Board.

"When it was time to fill out the report, Captain Marzsaalek denied any considerations for my legal withdrawal from the class," claimed Ritchie. "Now it may not be approved and I'll receive an F for the class."

Captain Marzsaalek had "no comment" about the situation.

Currently, there are more than 300 UWSP students involved in the military science program, of which, 19 receive ROTC scholarships.

"Taking a stand against the ROTC is unpatriotic towards our government," claimed SGA

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ROTC unit wins leadership award

The ROTC unit at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point has won two of the three annual leadership awards given by the U.S. Army to its installations on medium size campuses in a nine-state area.

The training and general administration management operations of the 21-year-old unit were given the highest ratings in the 2nd ROTC Region's Bold Leader Achievement Award Program.

"It's the hard work and cooperation of our cadets that have made this happen. I've been telling them all year they are part of the best organization in the region, and this confirms it," said Lt. Col. Roy Yenchesky, who heads the unit.

There are about 30 universities the size of UWSP in Region 2 whose ROTC programs were evaluated in the awards selection process.

The citation for the best training program of the year was based on cadet accomplishments at summer advanced camp programs on regular Army military bases. Scores

were derived from the students' participation in basic rifle marksmanship, physical fitness tests, land navigation, tactical application exercise and job performance.

The top general administration/management award was based on advertising activities plus resource and cadet management. Processing of paperwork about cadets, inspections and supply procedures are evaluated.

"A lot of credit goes to our civilian (three member) staff for this," Yenchesky added. "and of course our students are important in our success in this area as well because we depend on their cooperation when we make calls for information and equipment maintenance."

There are about 300 students enrolled in ROTC at the university.

Two large trophies have been sent to the university by the Army as prizes for the top ratings. They are displayed in a case in unit headquarters in the Park Student Services Building.



UWSP students were welcomed back from their breaks by a snow storm that dropped over four inches of heavy snow on the campus

Photo by Annie Arnold

NEWS



UWSP receives grant to upgrade library services

UWSP has received a \$73,250 federal grant to enhance its computer network for the sake of providing greater library services within the campus and to sister schools.

The money is part of a \$3.6 million distribution by the U.S. Department of Education supporting technological innovations and cooperative arrangements at the nation's college and university libraries.

A total of 52 grant applications were approved.

At UWSP the money will be used to expand an existing state-of-the-art computer network by making available catalogs and

selected research sources to work stations of faculty in their offices and students in their dormitory rooms.

In addition, students and faculty at the two-year UW Center schools scattered across Wisconsin also will be given access to the information as the result of an AT&T equipment grant last November that extends UWSP's computer network to those institutions.

Anne Arneson, who directs UWSP's library operations, said the grant will support the work of several computer experts who, over the course of the next two years, will add the various

indexes for periodicals to the electronic data base.

The indexes will be for periodicals that may or may not be part of the UWSP collection, but are available somewhere.

Indexes will be for guides to articles of general interest plus more specific subjects such as education, business and humanities.

Having catalogs for periodicals on a computer isn't unusual, but having the information on a network and available to people beyond a specific library building is not commonplace, Arneson reported.

Conservatory for Creative Expression offers courses

Timetables are now available for classes in visual arts, theatre, dance, and music offered this spring semester by the Conservatory for Creative Expression.

The Conservatory, an outreach program of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, gives non-credit instruction in the arts for central Wisconsin residents of all ages.

New classes this semester are: Introduction to Illustration- Illustrating Ideas, led by Robert Stlozer, in which adult students will create three or four projects; two new Young Performer drama classes, led by Carolyn Silver-The Next Step, for students enrolled in a Young Performer class; and Performance Workshops in Dance, led by Betty Ebben-Wimmer, to prepare students for the spring performance.

Classes are of varying lengths, beginning in February and ending in April or May. Costs range from \$25 to \$75 per course, plus a \$4 administrative fee. A multiple class discount and a family plan are available.

Visual arts classes include: Visual Arts Workshops I and II for Young Artists, and Introduction to Illustration, mentioned above.

Theatre arts classes: Mime, for adults; The Young Performer: Starting Out, The Next Step, and In the Footlights; and Creative Dramatics I and II, for young children.

Music classes include: Class Guitar for all ages and Class Piano for teens and adults. Private lessons are also available. Participation in the Central Wisconsin Youth Wind Ensemble or Youth Orchestra is

by audition.

For a copy of the timetable, registration, or further information, call the Conservatory office at 346-2787.

Benefest '90 scheduled

A student organization concerned about the plight of the homeless is seeking sponsors for a spring charity event at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The proceeds from "Benefest '90" will go to Operation Bootstrap, an area volunteer group which provides assistance to low income people in Portage County. All donations are welcome.

The University Activities Board will host the free entertainment from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 5, in the intramural field behind Quandt Gym. The program will feature area bands, comedians and speakers, including Mayor Scott Schultz. Members of the planning committee say they are seeking a nationally known act to headline the evening program. In case of inclement weather the activities will be held in Berg Gym.

During the next few months, planners will ask businesses and individuals to help defray the expenses involved. Various

levels of sponsorship are based on contribution amounts.

Tamie Paquet, Denmark, chairs the planning group, assisted by Craig Schoenfeld, Beaver Dam, Brian Leszczynski, Mosinee, Mike Kornmann, Menomonie Falls, and Ed Richmond, Stevens Point.

Operation Bootstrap, the Salvation Army and CAP Services will be represented at the fest. Schoenfeld said the decision was made to concentrate on the issue of homelessness because it is of national concern. Yearly, more than 30 families in Portage County take shelter in parks, cars or public facilities, and 1,200 families are at risk, teetering on the brink of losing their homes. Nationwide, 12 percent of the population and 25 percent of preschoolers live under conditions of poverty.

Schoenfeld says students and community members need to be made aware of these situations and try to find resolutions to the problems of poverty and homelessness.

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EDITORIAL



City government, oatmeal, and sharks

by Blair Cleary
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome back to UWSP. Have you spent the week learning just how much your professors like pop quizzes, books that don't exist at text rental, and culmitive exams? Have you spent \$180 dollars on non-text rental books and other school supplies? Well don't expect any sympathy from me!

The Jacobin didn't come out this week, SGA hasn't met in five weeks, the snow removal team did a pretty good job of clearing the snow away Tuesday night, and safeguards are in place to help keep snoopers away from computerized student social security numbers. If you add in the fact that the campus itself had a pretty uneventful break, the sum total is that there isn't really much to write about.

A student has announced that he is going to run for alderman of the second district here in Stevens Point. Scott Maline has told the Pointer that his name will be on the ballot in April. If

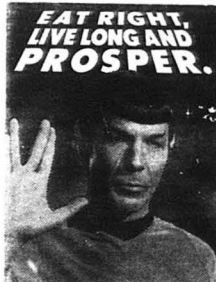
he can get the students of the second district to vote for him he has an excellent chance of getting in office. Students should get more active in city politics like Scott is. Then perhaps the city will think of university students as more than walking sources of taxes. More on this in following weeks.

Over the break I actually got to watch some television. Nothing seemed to have changed much since last summer. I did, however, see something that disturbed me slightly. In a commercial for some brand of oatmeal they had Popeye the sailor man. The plot was that Popeye had to save Wimpy from being eaten by a shark. Olive Oyl offered him his spinach but Popeye said that he would rather eat his oatmeal! Popeye then runs off and saves Wimpy from certain death in the hands of the shark.

What made me upset is that for 40 years Popeye has turned down other foods and championed spinach. However, some slime advertising fellow with big bucks made the people who held Popeye's copyright, an offer they couldn't refuse. If Popeye had gone after a shark in one of his old cartoons after

eating oatmeal instead of spinach the shark would have eaten him before he could say oat bran. I think some show like "Fight Back" should feed some ad people oatmeal and throw them to some sharks to test their claim. It would be kind of messy but still better than "Hogan Family" or "My Two Dads."

But anyway, if you have something to say about an issue you think is important then by all means write a letter to the editor. Over 85% of the letters we got last semester were published. Our address is: The Pointer-letters to the editor 104 Communications building



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Snow is also bad off campus

To the Pointer:
You recently expressed concern with sidewalks on campus. Faculty, staff, and off-campus students are also concerned with sidewalks around the city.

Some irresponsible businesses and home owners/renters do not clear snow and ice from their sidewalks. This can make a walk to campus uncomfortable and unsafe for pedestrians. The City of Stevens Point and

village of Plover have laws which require sidewalks to be shoveled down to the pavement and ice sanded or salted within 24 hours of a winter storm. Uncleared sidewalks will be cleared by a contractor at the property owner's expense.

If uncleared sidewalks are observed in Stevens Point, bring them to the attention of the city inspector at 346-1567.

Jim Maas

March for peace

Dear Editor:

Each Saturday between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, a demonstration, sponsored by Portage County Peace in the Americas Committee, is held in front of the Post Office to protest American military involvement

in Central America. Those wishing to join the action are encouraged to do so and to join with other demonstrators for a luncheon and meeting afterwards.

Sincerely,
Jim Missey

I really AM Polish

Dear Editor:

A friend of mine who reads The Pointer has just let me know that in No. 12, November 30, of your paper there is a report by Steve Rebne on the panel discussion on 'What's happening in Poland'. An open forum, sponsored by the Sociology Club took place on the campus on November 15th.

Your contributor has written that 'the forum featured three past citizens of Poland'. As my name is mentioned in the article one might think that I'm not a current citizen of my country, which is absolutely not true. The reporter could learn about it from the poster even if he failed to hear my 'personal history' from which I had started my talk as instructed by the organizers.

To correct the error let me explain with this letter that I came to Stevens Point as a visiting professor under the exchange agreement between UWSP and Jagiellonian University of Cracow. This exchange has been continuing for more than a decade to the benefit of both sides, and in future, I hope, you'll have the opportunity to see and hear more Poles who will be ready, without being refugees, to 'give honest and candid answers to the audience' (the last words come from a letter I received after the forum from the Pres. of the Sociology Club). Let me mention in this connection the name of professor Strozewski, an outstanding Polish philosopher who will come to lecture at this university next semester.

Lastly, let me correct the misspelled name of the second Polish panelist, a resident of the U.S. and teacher of rural sociology at this university. His name reads (in American spelling) Boguslaw Galeski.

Yours sincerely,
Tadeusz Sozanski, Ph.D.
visiting professor

UC gets a word in

Welcome to 1990. As United Council begins its 30th year of representing students, I want to thank all the UW students who helped to make the first semester one of the most successful in years.

There are several issues that students on campus have helped United Council turn into victories for all students in the UW-System.

Students statewide have joined together to pass legislation to stop hotels from discrimination against students because of age. Governor Thompson signed the legislation on December 19.

Students have also successfully worked to pass a bill to have information on sexual assault and date rape given to students at freshman orientation through the state Assembly and Joint Finance Committee. Only a vote by the Senate and a signature by the Governor are needed to make this bill a law before sexual assault awareness month begins in April.

With virtually no notice to students, the university has at-

tempted to chargeback nearly a million dollars to students with a backdoor fee for utility services.

Nearly 10,000 UW students signed petitions opposing the fee. Student leaders from the entire state came to the Board of Regents meeting in Madison to oppose this fee in solidarity. By banning together, students have put this fee on hold. However, this fee is likely to resurface in some shape or form and students must be ready.

Students have successfully passed legislation through the state Assembly to regulate the collection practices of student loan companies. This bill would put an end to harassing telephone calls made to a person's work or to a person at home late at night.

The Assembly has also adopted legislation to require the UW to develop grievance procedures for students who feel that they have been discriminated against in gaining access to UW programs.

The drinking age remains a top priority for students and the "Do It Right" campaign will

continue throughout the spring and into the 1990 elections as one of the hottest issues in Wisconsin.

Shortly after the 1990 election, the university must submit proposed tuition increases to the state legislature. United Council is already working towards a tuition freeze for the UW-System in the next state budget. Tuition for a graduating senior has gone up nearly 50% since their freshman year.

Some say the UW-System is cheap. Those of us up to our ears in debt to pay for our education know differently. Wisconsin has begun to drive the middle class out of higher education and this trend must stop. To do this, students must stand together. We aren't as powerful as some of the lobbyists in Madison, but we have a strong voice and the potential for some great grass roots organizing. When students are able to stand up strongly and together, we can affect the policies that affect our education.

United Council will continue to fight excessive tuition increases, improve campus safety, fight discrimination against students and ensure student input into the political process. We aren't fighting a cause against a war, like students in the 1960s. We are fighting a cause to keep college accessible and affordable to ALL Wisconsinites who want an education. We are fighting a cause to keep college affordable for ourselves and for the next generation, our generation of children and students.

As United Council begins our 30th year, we look forward to this challenge and the many challenges that will face us this decade. Some have speculated whether or not today's student is ready to face the challenges that face an ever changing world. But we have a message for those who wonder...Bring on the challenges of the new decade, the 1990s are finally here and students have NEVER been more ready.

Jim Smith
President, United Council



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Men's Basketball, Whitewater,
7:30PM (T)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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7:30PM (T)
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OUTDOORS



Urban sprawl consumes habitat



Humans often change the land on which they live to suit their own specific needs. (Annie Arnold photo.)

by **Brian Leahy**
Outdoors Editor

The growth of cities and towns comes at the expense of the surrounding countryside. Houses, shopping centers and parking lots replace farms and woods.

This cancerous spread of development is termed urban sprawl.

Examples of urban sprawl are easily evident in the outlying areas of Stevens Point. New houses have sprouted up in what were once cornfields. Interspersed in these areas are the remnants of the previously

dominant farmfields and woodlots.

Like a malignant tumor, no intelligent pattern is discernible. Urban sprawl consumes what it can. While driving on a rural road one moment you can be surrounded by woods and the next you're in the newest most exclusive subdivision.

Eventually the farms and woodlots near these new subdivisions will themselves become new subdivisions. Land values increase when the appraiser determines that undeveloped property has the potential to be subdivided. Farm and woodlot owners'

property taxes increase. If they have limited incomes and are unable to pay their taxes they have to sell their properties.

With the building of houses and shopping centers the land is changed to accommodate its new occupants. Roads are widened and paved. Wetlands are drained-- after all nobody wants to live near a swamp. The kids might get their shoes muddy and track up the house.

Trees and shrubs are cut down so people can have spacious lawns. The diverse communities of native herbs and forbs are replaced by a monoculture of Kentucky bluegrass.

That may be fine and dandy for the new residents of the land but what about the old residents. For example, that filled in wetland was once a diverse habitat. Many species lived there and many others used it. Drained and filled wetlands are destroyed wetlands.

Manicured lawns offer little for wildlife. The grass is too short for adequate cover and is of little food value. Additionally lawns usually are maintained with chemicals and fertilizers.

Human habitat replaces wildlife habitat. Wildlife can't be crammed into smaller and smaller areas. Try pouring an entire pitcher of beer into a seven ounce glass. It doesn't work.

Urban sprawl needs to be curtailed. This can be done through zoning laws and property tax modifications. Don't zone farmland commercial. Don't tax farmland or forest land as you would exist-

ing subdivisions.

Many farmers and woodlot owners recognize the value of their land for wildlife. They shouldn't be forced to sell because they can't pay their taxes.

We also need to change our society's attitudes. Our economy is driven by growth. The number of new housing starts is used as an economic determiner. If we aren't building more houses economists worry. They then declare that we are in a slump.

We are building more houses. I declare that the natural world around is in a slump because of this.

Limiting human population growth is essential to preserving wildlife habitat. It's also important in preserving human habitat. An increasing population needs more places to live. Urban sprawl is a result. Good-bye farms and hello subdivisions.

An increased population also results in the greater need for food. Since food is usually grown on farms the decreasing total farm acreage doesn't really help. This is a textbook Catch-22.



Lifeguards needed

The U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service has announced that applications are being accepted for summer lifeguard positions at several National Park Service sites in the eastern U.S. Lifeguard jobs will be available at the following locations:

Acadia National Park, Maine; Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts; Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, New Jersey/Penn.; Fire Island National Seashore, New York; Gateway National Recreation Area, New Jersey/New York; Gulf Islands National Seashore, Florida.

Depending on experience and work locations, the summer lifeguards may earn salaries ranging from \$497.63 to \$857.38 every two weeks. Applicants must be at least 18 for jobs at Acadia, Cape Cod, Cape Hatteras, Delaware Water Gap, Fire Island and Gulf Islands, and at least 16-years-old for jobs at Gateway. They must meet applicable Civil Service regulations and pass all parts of a pre-employment performance test in one test session by April 22. Summer housing may be available at most of the above work locations.

For an application and information about the test and other requirements for these lifeguard jobs, applicants should call toll free 1-800 NP 8 SWIM.

ECO-BRIEFS

by **Timothy Byers**
Staff Writer

Welcome back for a new semester and another round of Eco-Briefs! The new year promises to be full of news as we enter the Environmental Decade of the 1990s. Look around you and you will see evidence of that in magazines, newspapers, TV, and radio. Business, government, and the public are recognizing the importance of a clean environment. Without one we have nothing at all. Today's column will focus on the international scene as much as has been happening there.

We have all seen pictures and heard stories about the abrupt turn around in eastern Europe. Years of abuse have taken their toll on nature and the people. They want a new way. Coupled to that new way will have to be plans to clean up a devastated landscape. Much of Poland's farmland is so polluted with

heavy metals that eating vegetables may be harmful. Most of their surface water is dangerous to life and also to industrial processes.

Hungary has a serious problem with air pollution, one in 17 deaths can be attributed to air pollution caused illnesses. Their forests are dying from toxic rains. The CNR's summer Europe seminar has visited both of these countries in the last few years and students tell stories of having difficulty keeping clothes clean and even of breathing.

Czechoslovakia has suffered as well. New president Vaclav Havel says, "We have laid waste to our soil and the rivers and the forests that our forefathers bequeathed to us, and we have the worst environment in the whole of Europe today. Adults in our country die earlier than in most other European countries." In response to this statement the

Czech's Civic Forum says, "We all must seek a method of restoring harmony between man and his environment."

Rumania has had a dismal record as well. The environment is so dirty in one manufacturing town that the snow is black. Puddles have a hydrocarbon sheen to them. People have many lung problems. The cost of production was borne by the people who got very little in return except for health problems. Tie this disregard for humans in with political oppression and the fact of this winter's revolution is easy to understand.

This litany of disaster is not only limited to eastern Europe of course. Most other nations of the world have their problems and shames as well, but the international focus on the east has magnified their's. What can be done about it?

Part of the problem lies in the age of much of the industrial machines and facilities in eastern Europe. Central economies have been good producers in terms of quantity but are extremely wasteful given today's energy budgets and costs. Automation and upgrades can help, but the problem then shifts to society. Can unemployment be controlled and is society willing to bear the cost of it?

The heavy use of coal as a primary energy producer has also contributed to the ecological devastation of the east. Coal is abundant and is burned with very little control. Dust is not kept down, exhausts are not cleaned, and no regard is given to such problems as sulfur content. Stopping the pollution will again cause societal problems and shifts in the work force.

These problems were some of the reasons the people of eastern Europe chose to make a

stand and take more control of their own destinies. As their economies faltered it became apparent that reorganization could not take place where air can't be breathed, soil can't be worked, and drinking water is scarce. This lesson is important not only to eastern Europe but to the world and each of us.

We are all at a crossroads today. It is up to everyone to do their part to provide a safe and clean environment for the future. If the world as we know it is to survive we must watch closely what is happening abroad and also keep an eye on ourselves. There are many ways to act responsibly. As we move towards Earth Week 20 we will explore some of these paths and look more closely at methods to Think Globally, Act Locally.

State beaver project begins

The 200 plus individuals who indicated they wanted to help a statewide beaver management plan for Wisconsin will soon get to respond to a draft concept plan, said Chuck Pils, Department of Natural Resources beaver project team coordinator.

In early August of 1989, a comprehensive listing of data was prepared to define when and where beaver were a problem in Wisconsin. Responding to the department's request, individuals from clubs, sports groups and organizations offered to provide input to alleviate the various and numerous beaver problems. From their initial input and volunteered comments, involved department managers drafted several strategies.

These strategies will be shaped into a long range Beaver Management Plan built on the basic premise that recognizes the value of the beaver resource in the Wisconsin and balances the needs of the resources and the people, Pils explained.

"Based on what we had learned previously from the public and from those within the Department who have an interest in beaver management the strategies that have been drafted take a balanced approach to address short term problems and long term goals for beaver populations," Pils said.

The draft available for review contains the input from the Beaver Project Team, internal DNR representatives and other agencies. These concepts will be combined and modified with ideas and comments from the public.

Concepts within the draft management plan restate and in some cases modify present beaver management practices, plus provide additional methods to control beaver populations.

As an example, four beaver numbers within each zone. Specific beaver trapping seasons would be set in each zone, recognizing that some portions of the state contain greater numbers of beaver than others and people's tolerance to them varies as well. Harvest practices would be geared individually to those regions.

The draft management plan recognizes that while too many beaver may become a nuisance, beaver nevertheless hold a special place in Wisconsin's natural environment and belong here.

"The plan realizes the many beneficial impacts that beaver dams and ponds create for other wildlife, especially waterfowl," Pils said. "This aspect was reinforced by both the public and department folks during the formative stages of this proposal."

Landowners within specific areas of the state would be encouraged to maintain beaver flowages as habitat for waterfowl. Monetary incentives to maintain the flowages might come from private organizations dedicated to the enhancement of waterfowl populations.

"I'd like every volunteer to be ready to make comments, respond to some of the proposed management concepts, and get their input back to us before the end of the month so we can use their information," Pils said. "What will happen next depends on the comments received. Eventually the plan will be brought before the Natural Resources Boards for adoption as rules."

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the proposed beaver management plan can write: Wisconsin DNR, Beaver Management Plan, c/o Chuck Pils, P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707.

New walleye size limit

Starting January 1, the minimum size limit for keeping walleye from Wisconsin waters statewide is now 15 inches, in an effort to put more and bigger fish on stringers, DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management Director Douglas Morrisette said.

The new regulation generally includes the entire state, except for the Lake Winnebago system and the Mississippi River upstream from the dam at Red Wing, Minnesota.

"Statewide, many of Wisconsin's lakes and rivers are able to support considerably more and larger walleyes, but in many waters these fish are harvested before they have time to grow or become old enough to reproduce," Morrisette said. "The new size limit will delay the harvest until fish are larger and able to reproduce. Anglers will be able to catch more fish, but take fewer in number home. Those they take home will be larger and the actual poundage that will be harvested will be the same as it has been, or slightly greater."



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Poet in residence: interview with David Spiering

by Thomas Woyte
Features Contributor

White rays of an Indian summer sun illuminated the pages of the poet's work. The author paged excitedly through his chapbook to a page with coal black finger tips engraved midway down the dulled right edge. After a quiet moment, he took in a healthy bite of cool air and began:

"The song of a music box hums like a bumble bee inside an egg. On each heartbeat the crescendo lessens before an unopened door. I listen in silence for an apple to tumble from limb to ground."

The poet's eyes flashed up between stanzas. One might have expected some philosophical explanation; of motivations, origin of the images or buried meanings perhaps. Instead, the author, David Spiering, breathed a heavy sigh like that of an old man reliving the years between puffs from a corn cob pipe. The poet's first words floated like thin swirls of smoke toward his audience.

"What do you think?"

Only a thoughtful nod of understanding was returned. Spiering likewise understood, seeming to read eyes as if they were another stanza of poetry. He paused briefly, then, like a nine-year-old with a sundae in August, the author's face lit with excitement. He consumed the ice cream compliments and returned to the pages of his book.

When the first part of his reading was complete, Spiering was asked: "What exactly is poetry, and how is it different from other forms of literature?"

"Poetry is a universal art form," Spiering explained. "It is the oldest of the literary arts; Aristotle stated that after the invention of poetry, poets invented the play and then the novel."

Drama and prose are very different from poetry, Spiering continued: "It is hard to come up with a clear definition of poetry or to distinguish some forms from prose. The waters have been muddied by contemporary poetry. One might separate poetry by a rhyme scheme, i.e. some poems have a metrical

heartbeat to them like the iamb or rhythm of syllables."

There is really no universal definition of poetry, Spiering says; "If the author says it is poetry," He said with a smile, "then it is poetry."

An English major at UW-Stevens Point, Spiering says his greatest motivation to write poetry is to share something of himself; "that the reader may find enjoyment in reading my work. Not everyone who reads my work will enjoy it, or understand it for that matter. I don't expect them to understand all of what I write."

In fact, Spiering's work may even be shocking to some readers; but that's not unusual for poetry, regardless of form or author.

Spiering rarely follows a specific form, but he says experimenting with form can be very helpful. "I like to create hybrid forms employing rhyme scheme or a terminal word pattern at the end of the lines, but the lines themselves are un-metered or metered by syllables. I like the emphasis this gives."

Spiering is particularly

known for his use of surrealism writing that uses very descriptive language and images which express something beyond what is real. "Surrealism is a well-established tradition in the French and other romance languages that was popular in the 60s and 70s. Today there are few poets who carry on the tradition."

"I want something different from what is being written today," Spiering said. "Something that expresses an unconscious reality. Spiering cited his first poem, 'The Song' to demonstrate his use of surrealism. In this poem, he creates an image of a bumble bee inside an egg to show the readers the humming sound of the music box. He read another of his poems in which a book talks to the student."

Spiering's skillful use of surrealism in poetry is further illustrated in "A Morning in Spring":

I step uneasily into morning;
sparrows of wind
dart on invisible
spirals beating
their wings

at my ear
then swirling
away on fragile
autumn leaves.

Spiering explained that one of the main purposes of his writing is to create a picture in the reader's mind. And for the reader to "feel" the words.

"We all have different ideas of what a poem should be," He said. "For me, the purpose of poetry is enjoyment; both for me to create as for the reader to experience the poem."

"I got interested in poetry in 7th grade; I was in a class of LD (learning disability) students for my dyslexia," Spiering said, "...but that hasn't really interfered with my writing. I picked up some old text books there and began looking at the poems. I thought, hey, I can do this. Shortly thereafter I saw a special on Walt Whitman and his struggles as a poet. I was very moved by that and wrote my first poem. It was about ashes and dirt."

"What I enjoy most about writing poetry is that I start out not knowing how the poem is going to end, and so often it ends

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Student viewpoint: "All math cows lead us to the same village."



by Samuel S. Fields
Features Contributor

"All Math Cows Lead Us To The Same Village."

The philosophy of mathematics. I have often wondered what lies behind math but I have never come to a conclusion. Yes, I went through life pondering the question, "Why must I learn the nonsense of numbers?" In my high school years, I was struggling through math courses just to make average grades. It fascinated me to see "A" students among the class. My thought was, "Did they stay up late at night working on algebra problems?"

In fact, one of my close friends was four levels above me and getting B's. If I recall correctly, he was taking calculus. The word itself went on undefined in my vocabulary. I was compelled to take Geometry and just about failed it. The grade D+

reflects that we have little understanding of a subject. Furthermore, I remember spending little or no time trying to grasp the formulas of Geometry. Moreover, I was constantly reminding myself how we are programmed by society that math is purposeless and needless in relation to reality, and is extremely confusing. Many other people, as well as myself, were told that we will never use math again so why even go through the pain of trying to learn this useless information. Until...

Until I stepped into my first college math class, everything I have explained up to this point was true. I have often heard that the professor makes or breaks a college class, well this is both vitally important and true. On the first day my professor said, "Write something that you want me to know about yourself." So I did, and I recall the words. --I've been out of high school for some time and always had a problem with math. But I want to learn-- I often wonder why she had us do this.

And so it went. I scored very poorly on the first couple of quizzes and then it hit me. Math is not math; it is the understanding of why we must learn math. After I thought of math in a different manner, my grades began to skyrocket; 70% - 80% and then 90%. I found that using practice, patience and perseverance we can excel in math. On the day of the final exam, I was both confident and nervous

as hell. Despite the feelings, I received a 95 percent on the final. I was amazed! I finished the class with an A-.

Throughout the class, the professor would always mention things about math that almost sounded stupid but had an under-the-surface meaning. In the first two minutes of each class period, she would tell us little related messages. I have now collected many of these notes and hope to tell you the secret of mathematics.

We could say the ART of MATH. So the remainder of this essay is based on my beliefs combined with notes I took in class.

In math there are many formulas; powers, methods, and rules. Actually, the list that we use to manipulate problems goes on indefinitely. We use many different methods to find final answers to math problems. All math "Cows" lead us to the same village in the end. When first starting math we are far better off writing down every single step to see where the numbers are going in the problems. Once we observe all the steps in our mind's eye or at least some of the steps that we did not see before, we are mentally seeing right through the problem.

Is x the same as 1x? Yes, we use the number 1 only when it is necessary. On occasions when we do not use the number 1, we know it is there. We could al-

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COPS launches campaign to change name

by Jack Curtis
Features Contributor

"What's in a name?" Don't ask Dean Joan North of the College of Professional Studies unless you really want to know because she is launching a campaign to change the acronym of her College: COPS.

"All I can think of is bananas," she says, with obvious reference to the Copps Food Stores, perhaps better known in Wisconsin than the College of Professional Studies and certainly better known for fresh fruits and vegetables. And there is also the obvious association with the law enforcement that bothers the Dean.

"The problem is not simply the name..."

--Jack Curtis

North has asked Jack Curtis, a Professor in Communicative Disorders to see what might be done to find another abbreviated name for the College. She has to add that the problem is not to be considered a disorder of communication, simply an unfortunate combination of letters.

Curtis is not exactly certain how to approach the problem so he is conducting some informal polling to see what sorts of other names occur to those on and off campus. He tells the Pointer that he would welcome sugges-

tions but to keep them serious.

Some of Curtis' colleagues are not taking this identity crisis seriously. They point out several precedents where a name does not seem to interfere with success: the football team at VPI has had some extremely successful years in spite of their name, The Gobblers. And the University of Oregon, the Fighting Ducks with the Quack Attack, manage to win their share of PAC - 10 games. Nevertheless, North and Curtis are going to continue their efforts at change.

"The problem is not simply the name, it is the fact that the name does not convey a sufficient message concerning the thrust of the College," says Curtis. "The College of Professional Studies is one that encompasses a broad spectrum of disciplines, all of them dealing with practical, professional careers. Various colleges prepare students in various ways and our college is concerned with professions such as dietetics or medical technology or speech and language pathology. Hopefully we will be able to arrive at some designation of acronym that will convey this fact."

If nothing else, the campaign itself will call attention to the character of the College and better inform the public concerning its mission. Curtis will welcome ideas, comments, and suggestions from any interested parties at Com Dis, CPS Building.

UAB announces spring semester film series

By Diane Thomson
Features Contributor

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Wednesday night movies will be brought to the UWSP campus this semester by the University Activities Board (UAB) Visual Arts team.

The films will be shown in the Encore of the University Center at 8 p.m. every Wednesday beginning January 31. Admission for UWSP students is \$1 at the door. However, UAB is offering a pass to all ten films in the series for \$5. The movie passes can be purchased through February 9 at the Campus Activities Office.

The line-up includes the following films:

January 31 **HAIRSPRAY**: A zany comedy set in the 60s. It features an all-star cast including Sonny Bono, Debbie Harry and Devine.

February 7 **PINK FLOYD THE WALL**: a powerful rock opera featuring Pink Floyd and mesmerizing visual effects.

February 14 **SAY ANYTHING**: A romantic comedy about love, honesty and family values. Featuring John Cusack (The Sure Thing)

February 21 **HEATHERS**: an off beat thriller in an unlikely setting where being popular can be fatal.

February 28 **MONTY PYTHON, LIVE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL**:

Anything goes in this hilarious film. Famous philosophers compete in a soccer match. Lenin, Marx and Mao Tse Tung are game show contestants.

March 7 **LEVIATHAN**: Deep sea miners stumble upon an ominous sunken Soviet freighter.

March 14 **BATMAN**: the original 1966 version. Featuring Adam West, Burt Ward and Lee Meriwether.

March 28 **SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL**: Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder are outrageously funny.

April 4 **MAJOR LEAGUE**: starring Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, and Corbin Bensen as down and out athletes who beat the odds.

April 11 **IRONWEED**: Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson give inspiring performance as two impoverished people struggling to survive.

All films are sponsored by UAB. UAB is a student run organization which sponsors a wide variety of campus events ranging from mini-courses to rock concerts. All students are welcome to join UAB and become involved in the selection and planning of events. Students interested in finding out more about UAB can call our office at 346-2412.

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most think of the number 1 as we think of God: He is always forced to believe the transformation that the little numbers go through. If we want to see the there. But when we do not need him, we put God in the back parking lot of our mind. Some times in our lives things get tough and the tough get going and then some of us pray to God to give us help. If our lives smooth out, then we don't need him any longer or so it seems.

Are there ghosts in math? Yes, we never see 100% of the process or transformation that math goes through: we only use a metamorphosis. For example, 1 squared equals 1. We are process, here is an example, 1x is represented simply as x four times. So, 1x+1x+1x+1x=4x. We can clearly see that the appearance changes but the soul remains the same. So there are ghosts in math.

Through mathematics we learn how to walk, talk, think, write, act and live by several focal points. It is not that we will never use all of the formulas, powers, methods and rules of math in our existence ever again, but we learn the discipline of using the formulas, powers, methods and rules. Therefore, we carry the discipline into reality and learn to use focus points when we have problems. Remember MATH FOCUSES THE MIND. For example, in using mathematics in an actual situation, I am able to perceive the end of this essay by focusing my mind.

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Non Traditional Student Office highlighted

by Kelly Kuhn
Features Contributor

"Many non-traditional students are invisible students on campus. They come to classes and go home," according to Martha St. Germaine, Coordinator for the Non-Traditional Student Office.

The office was started in 1982 and St. Germaine, a former non-traditional student, has been there since 1984.

Non-traditional students make up approximately one quarter of the student population here at UWSP. This num-

ber is low because to be considered "non-traditional" you must be over 25 years of age. Consequently this number does not take into account students who have served in the military and single mothers under 25.

There are many services offered through the office, the main one being advising. Another is counseling. "A lot of students do not want to go into serious counseling, they would rather talk to a person as a

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senator Mike Mikalsen at the SGA meeting on December 14.

Not surprisingly, the ROTC issue has received limited participation at UWSP campus.

"We don't make any decisions until someone brings an issue to our attention," said Prof. Robert Knowlton, Senate Chair of the UWSP Faculty Senate. "Up to this point, nobody has brought anything to the attention of the faculty senate."

The future of the ROTC discriminatory policy is unknown

but largely depends on growing participation on a national level. What is known is that the change in policy will most definitely not change over night due to its affiliations with the Department of Defense and Congress.

"I'm confident that the policy will eventually change," stated Krista Ritchie. "As news of opposition toward the policy spreads, people will see how wrong the discrimination is and do something about it."

All elementary, early childhood, K-12 and secondary majors planning on student teaching in the fall, 1990 or interning fall, 1990 or spring, 1991 must attend one of the following meetings in Room 116 CPS to receive information and application: Tuesday, January 30, 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 8 a.m. or 2 p.m. Attendance is mandatory.

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in some kind of understanding." Said Spiering. "For me, that is a successful poem. The joy comes in learning something about yourself that maybe you did not think about before you wrote."

How did he get his start? "I majored in political science at UW-Oshkosh, and studied philosophy, history and novel writing."

"I felt lost," Spiering said. "I was always interested in writing but I could never get in touch with those feelings. I tried writing fiction, and although I like prose poetry, I didn't care for fiction a whole lot. Somehow I couldn't plug into the proper outlet."

Though Spiering is no Whitman or Dickinson or Tennyson, he is proving that he has the desire and talent to be remembered as Spiering, the poet.

Spiering has written dozens of poems and compiled many of these in self-published chapbooks. His first book, "Deathfield" came out with 50 copies in the spring of '86, "Wildflower Under the Moon" in '87 was his second; one year later came "Aspirations of a High Flyer Kite." "Design of Life" is his latest book hot off the press, and he says he is nearing completion on a fifth which will be available for purchase with his others in the UWSP bookstore.

Despite the recent popularity boost poetry has received with TV specials and movies like "Dead Poet's Society," according to Spiering: "It isn't a viable way to earn a living."

There is some truth to the phrase "starving poet," Spiering explained. "I was impoverished at the time I first published my work. I was living off a homestead credit check and put what little money I had into publishing my first chapbook. That was something I really wanted to do."

Spiering says he likes the idea of the small press chapbook and will continue to publish them. "I enjoy having the editorial freedom to write and print when and what I want."

What are some keys to success in poetry writing? Polonius advised poets to read many writers, develop a "jury" of critics who will be honest about your work; "...people who agree with your ambitions but who notice discrepancies between ambition and achievement." (He goes on to say that Mom may not be a fair, or terribly helpful juror.)

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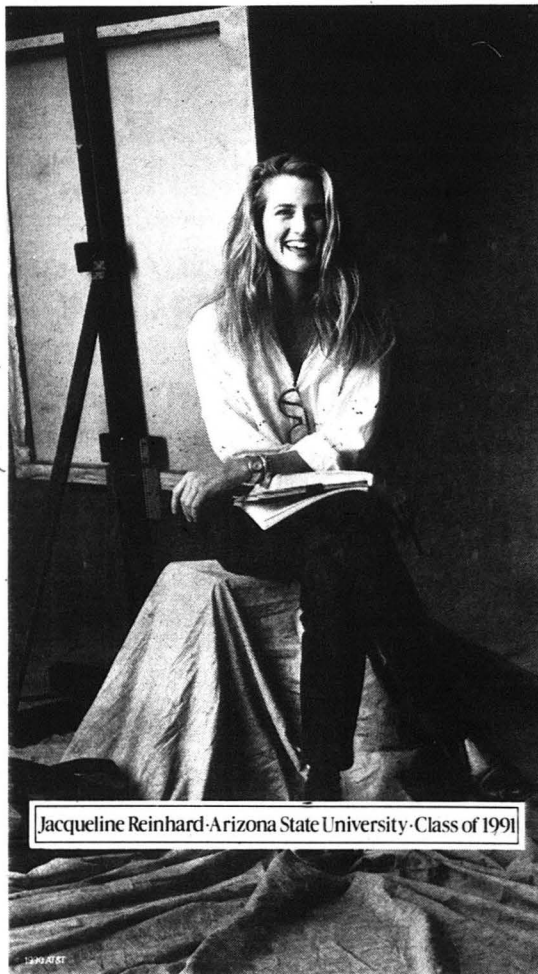
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friend," says St. Germaine, who strives to do just that.

The Non-Traditional office is the only advising for the Associate Degree. The Experiential Learning Program, which awards credits for prior learning, is also conducted there.

Most of the student traffic occurs before registration and before school starts. Mid-terms are also a busy time for the office due to "students feeling stressed out," comments St. Germaine. At other times they typically see about five students per day.

They would probably see more students but they are only open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wednesdays until 6:30 p.m., said St. Germaine. She feels that this is their main problem, "we need more funding to open more, we are only open one-third of the time."

St. Germaine also commented that night hours are needed for the night students, "a lot of night students do not know what is going on," and with more funding we could stay open later for them.

Basically, the non-traditional student office is "where a student can come and ask a question and get it answered rather than run all over campus," says St. Germaine.

Still time to attend tax planning workshop

A four-session workshop on tax planning for small businesses will be held in January and February at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Certified public accountants Thomas Klismith, Mark Knudtson and Mike Omerik form the new firm of Accounting Offices at 3118 Post Rd. They will serve as presenters for programs in the Main Building of UW-SP from 6:30-9:30 p.m. January 9 and 23 and February 6 and 27.

The theme of the series is "Keep More of What You Make."

Meeting topics are "Know and Use Business Deductions" on January 9, "Develop Business Tax Record to Save Dollars" on January 23, "Tax Planning for 1990" on February 6 and "Seeking Qualified Financial and Tax Advice" on February 27.

The accountants will incorporate materials from the IRS Small Business Tax Education curriculum in the presentations.

Continuing education units are authorized at .3 for participation in the series. Registration is being conducted at the Small Business Development Center at UW-SP, phone 715-346-2004. Enrollment will be limited to 25.

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SPORTS



Baumgartner throws away doubts at Senior Bowl

by Kevin Crary
Sports Editor

If you've ever had doubts about the right arm of Stevens Point quarterback Kirk Baumgartner you can throw them all away...that's what he did.

Baumgartner, participating in the 1990 Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., last Saturday, turned in a performance that left doubters believing -- and increased his chances of becoming a "high round" draft pick in the upcoming NFL draft.

"This was an opportunity for Kirk to show his passing ability with Division I players," said Stevens Point head football coach John Miech of Baumgartner's selection to the Senior Bowl. "The word from the scouts is that because of his outstanding performance he has moved up at least two or three rounds in this year's upcoming draft."

Baumgartner connected on seven of 11 passes for 96 yards including two touchdowns of 10 and 27 yards each -- numbers that should erase any doubts, including Baumgartner's, that he has a good shot at making an NFL team.

"During my senior year and seeing all those pro scouts come in to take a look at me still had me doubting that I was a pro-caliber quarterback," said Baumgartner. "But I think now with this game and the more I hear from scouts, I know that it's possible (to make the pros). It's a realization now, I know it's out there and I know I can do it."

Before the game, the scouting report on Baumgartner read;

1. Strong arm but inaccurate
2. Poor mobility
3. Competition?

Draft Projection: 5th-6th round



Kirk Baumgartner

Nobody must have told Baumgartner of those weaknesses as the 6-4, 195 pound senior from Colby showed he could "drill" the ball in on quick "slant" and "out" patterns, as well as "touch" a pass on "deep" routes -- hitting his receivers on stride. Baumgartner even displayed mobility when he was forced out of the pocket and hit a receiver while on the run.

Baumgartner admits however, that the near-perfect game wasn't a true reflection of how the week of preparation prior to the game went for him.

"As far as the week itself went, it could have been better," he said. "I was really nervous when I went down there and it affected my play."

"We were told that there would be 200 to 300 scouts watching -- very practice and you figure that of all those scouts at least one was watching your every move whether dropping back or throwing the ball or just standing around."

Coach Miech is not at all surprised at how the normally calm and cool Baumgartner got a little uptight.

"The first two days he was

nervous, which is expected when a Division III quarterback is throwing to and handing the ball off to Division I players," said Miech. "After a couple of practices he was able to settle down and play the type of football that Kirk Baumgartner is capable of playing."

And any Pointer football fan knows what type of football that is as the four-year starter broke numerous records during his career, including most career pass attempts among all collegiate quarterbacks. Baumgartner finished second in career passing yardage, falling 192 yards short of Neil Lomax's 13,220 yard total.

Baumgartner is the first to point out, however, that he is not the only one that deserves the credit for his accomplishments.

"My teammates were great and there's no way I could've done the things I did without them," said Baumgartner. "And it's not just one year in particular, every year I was here I was on a great team and it's because of the team members."

But it's not just the other players on the field that have made the difference in his college career.

"The fans here in Stevens Point have been supportive in everything I've done," he said. "It's nice to see the community and the campus so enthusiastic about what I'm doing, a lot of people are more excited about it than I am...that's what has made it so worthwhile."

"The coaches have also been very helpful and have made football fun for me these four years. I can go talk to anyone of them about anything and feel comfortable doing so. I can't say enough about all of them. I just want to thank everybody for all they've done for me while I've been at Stevens Point."

Toughness, fun will guide struggling Lady Pointers

by Jeremy Schabow
Sports Writer

School may have just started this week, but for many people, UWSP is definitely high on a priority list during vacation.

Meetings are being held and adjourned, RA's return early for training and games of all types are played competitively.

The Lady Pointer Women's Basketball team, for example, has competed against four schools this Christmas break with their win/loss ratio slightly fluctuating and not extremely consistent. There is still plenty of time, however, to turn the tables around and come back stronger than ever. Head Coach Shirley Egner hopes so.

UWSP's first game of the 1990s was held on January 10 against UW-Whitewater, the final score being 70-61, a loss for the Lady Pointers. Egner explains: "I knew we were going to have a tough time beating them since we had not played any games in a month. We got in foul trouble early which also hurt the team. We just could not stop them one-for-one and we tried to, but did not have the athletes to do that. If it is any consolation, our second half was played much more consistently than the first half."

Three days later, the Lady Pointers challenged La Crosse and reigned supreme, scoring sixteen more points than their opponents. The final score was 86-70.

"This game proved that we possess terrific team effort!" exclaimed Egner. "We played just wonderfully and worked hard for that win. Deb Shane had 26 points and was 14-14 from the free throw line. Better shot selection is essential and we seemed to have improved in

that area as well."

On January 16, UWSP pit their team against UW-Oshkosh and were absolutely "smoked". The final score stuck at 65-49. Lack of consistency, control, attitude and effort abounded that was not there in the team's previous game. Coach Egner comments on the loss.

"Once again, we ran into trouble, especially with Tricia FeKete. We were colder than cold, could not shoot the ball, and needed some team spirit. This was our worst loss this season. We did not pick our heads back up and get into the game confidently."

After four days, January 20, the Lady Pointers opposed UW-Platteville and were defeated by ten points (84-74).

"Put it this way," Egner said. "We shot 30% from the floor the first half and 70% the second half. The difference in this game is that Platteville shot 48 free throws and we shot 18. Another factor that hurt us was the fact that FeKete, Felauer and Peterson, our top three scorers, fouled out with five minutes left in the game. It's hard to beat a team with your top three scorers on the bench."

"To get over the past few games, we have been working on mental toughness and having fun. I think they are both important and vital. We will surely give it our best effort!"

There are obviously some positive aspects for the team. In Division III, they are third in the nation for 3-point field goals. Kate Peterson is tied for eighth with three per game. FeKete is seventh for scoring and 18th for field goal percentage.

The Lady Pointers' overall record is now 4-8 and 2-4 in the conference, and will travel to Whitewater on Wednesday.

Pointers continue to play well...especially at home

by Kevin Crary
Sports Editor

The Stevens Point men's basketball team, playing good basketball just before semester break, continued to play well during the break compiling a 7-2 record.

"We played very good basketball at times over the break," said head coach Bob Parker. "We had to because we played good competition...as good of teams as we've played all year, and we won some of those games quite easily."

A few of those games Parker was referring to were Division II Abilene Christian (92-83) and

nationally ranked Fort Hays State (78-67) as Point won the Kearney State Loper Tournament. Point also handed Parkside a 65-44 loss on their home court -- a team that Point beat by only two at home earlier in the season.

Point also beat Viterbo (65-62), Marian College (86-68), Superior (88-64), and Stout (82-69). Point, however, lost two road games to conference foes Oshkosh (80-73), and River Falls (92-84), to give Point an overall record of 13-3 (5-2 in the WSUC).

"Unfortunately we dropped two league contests which put a little crimp in our style," said Parker, "but we can certainly

overcome that because we haven't lost at home yet...and that's the real key -- when you don't lose at home."

"The league is tough, as it always is, and I don't think we lost those games because we played poorly. I think we lost those games because those teams played excellent against us. When a team plays excellent against you when you're on the road it gets mighty tough."

And it will only get tougher as the Pointers will travel to Platteville this Saturday to take on the division leading Pioneers. Platteville is undefeated in conference play and has suffered only one loss so far this season against Division I Rice.

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Point skaters continue NCHA unbeaten string

The UW-Stevens Point hockey team continued their unblemished NCHA record by sweeping conference rivals St. Scholastica and Mankato State over the semester break.

The conference victories maintained Stevens Point's first place position at 16-0-2 and a commanding 10 point lead over second place UW-Eau Claire at 12-8-0.

However, the Pointers suffered their first loss of the season when they split a non-conference series (7-4, 2-3) with University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Stevens Point will return to conference action this weekend when they travel to face the UW-Superior Yellowjackets (5-12-1), who are currently in sixth place in the NCHA.

Point swimmers in top form

by Tom Woyte
Sports Writer

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's swim teams are in top form following their two-week training trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The swimmers, along with 61 other teams and over 100 participants, took part in the 54th annual College Coaches Swimming Forum at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF).

Headed by coach Lynn "Red" Blair and assistant Andrew Connolly, 37 members of the swimming and diving team endured a 36-hour bus ride to participate in the event. Along with

taking in the sun, sights and sounds of Florida, the team spent an average of 3-4 hours each day in the pool enduring some physically and psychologically challenging swim workouts.

The hard work started paying off for the Pointers as they displayed their strength in the Ocean-mile swim, 200-meter individual medley and 400-meter freestyle time trials. The men came home with victories in the Swim Forum Invitational (competing in the NCAA II, III, NAIA, and Canadian schools division), and dual meets against Division I scholarship schools Georgia State and Louisville.

The Angelfish came through with some strong individual swims but lacked the depth necessary to come out on top in those meets. The women defeated Louisville in the water, but because they have no divers, were outscored in the end.

"The meet with Louisville came down to the last relay," said Blair, "and we pulled through with some fast swims to win it. These two meets were tough on us, but again, this team's grit was tested and we came out on top."

Sam Siegel, men's team co-captain, said the Pointers were physically fatigued but held together mentally. "The key to our showing was holding together as a team," he said.

"The team's spirit is what got us through," Siegel added. "The captain of the Louisville team came up to me during the meet and said he was impressed by our showing. More than that, he said our team unity was great; we supported one another to get past our grogginess from a long bus ride."

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He recommends studying and experimenting with various literary devices. An excellent book to check out is Laurence Perrine's "Literature Structure, Sound and Sense." "The Elements of Poetry" section gives the reader a thousand pages of just that, elements which can improve your skills of understanding, appreciating, and writing effective poetry including denotation, connotation; imagery; figurative language-use of metaphors, personification, symbolism, allegory, allusion, irony and musical devices.

He also suggests keeping an eye out for specials such as "Voices and Visions" which ran last spring on PBS. It looked at the lives and works of American poets to date. More recently, Bill Moyers hosted a Sunday night series called "The Power of the Word," which covered the works of contemporary poets.

Another tip that you will hear over and over from established writers is this: you must be willing to share your work, write and revise constantly, and don't be discouraged by rejection.

"Make yourself available for readings," Spiering suggests, "continuously submit your work to editors of 'little magazines,' and put your books in

bookstores and libraries."

"It is a struggle," he says, "you must submit a long time. But once you gain acceptance for your work, University Press or bigger publishing houses may consider publishing your books."

According to Spiering, the topics to write on are as endless as the ways in which they can be written. "There is really no limit in writing poetry. Our thoughts, emotions, experiences, and memories; all of these are possible topics for writing."

"Try to create those images in as few words as possible."

Following his spring graduation, Spiering will pursue a masters degree in poetry and creative writing. "I would like

to teach and eventually start a small magazine dedicated to imagistic and surrealistic literature."

Spiering believes there is writing potential in each one of us. And anyone with the desire to write can do it. And no matter what you choose to do with your work, the time you spent writing will not be wasted.

"We all have two sides: the Yin and the Yang so to speak. I like to take that and apply that. We all have a creative part to us although some of us try to repress it," he said. "It's a shame because that can become a sort of poison infection in the life."

We should allow ourselves to be detached from the world and not be submissive to what our peers

think."

Laurence Perrine defined poetry as "a kind of language that says more and says it more intensely than does ordinary language. Poetry exists to bring us a sense and a perception of

life, to widen and sharpen our contacts with existence."

"Each one of us can learn something different from reading and writing poetry," Spiering concluded. "It all depends on what you choose to do with it."

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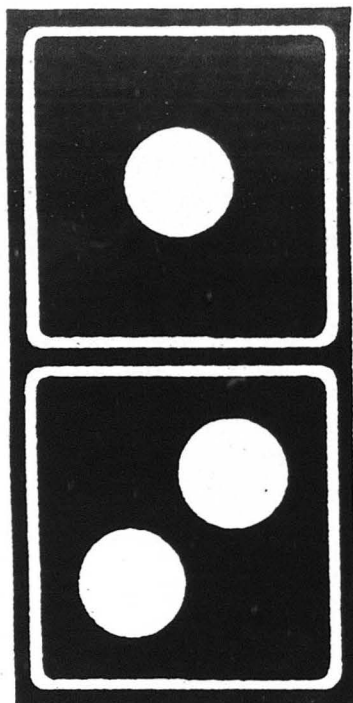
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