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POINTER

State university biennial budget introduces changes

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CONTRIBUTOR

Student leaders have mixed feelings about Governor Thompson's '97-99 Biennial Budget proposal, which includes some changes for the UW-System.

"The Governor's budget provides a solid starting point for the UW-System and students," said Tim Casper, United Council President. "It demonstrates a commitment to investments in the state's economy; however, there are some concerns with ini-

tiatives included and not included in the proposal."

One of the major concerns is a lack of funding for academic advising. Students have requested that advising services be improved to better aid those progressing through the university and to help provide better assistance in career development.

There are also student concerns over the flexibility granted to the University System. Allowing the Board of Regents to increase tuition to fund faculty salaries, allowing campuses to charge differential

tuition (charging additional money above the set tuition rate) and allowing for the transfer of moneies from student auxiliaries to fund other activities are all items included in the proposal which would lead to increased costs for students.

"Once again students will get squeezed for additional money that many students and families in Wisconsin won't be able to afford," said Casper.

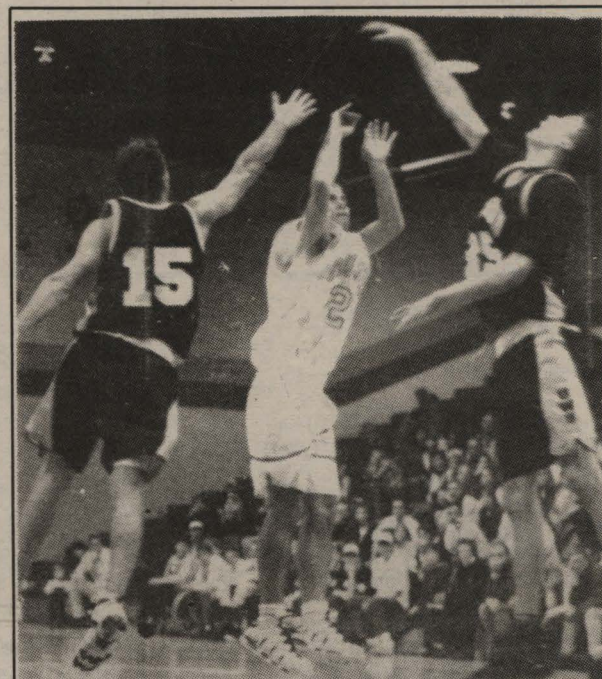
Some of the benefits seen in the budget proposal include increases in funding for student aid and technology. The Wisconsin

Higher Education Grant, ignored in the governors last budget proposal, was increased by 5 percent.

"This important program serves many needy students and without an increase it could not meet the needs of those students," said Casper.

The governor also made student leaders happy by making a commitment to technology. His proposal includes providing \$2.5 million to improve on-line access to the UW system and \$7 million for teaching technology and distance education.

Making the playoff push



Pointer guard Dan Denniston shoots over two UW-Superior players Saturday night in Point's 65-55 win. The Pointers got a huge road win last night, defeating UW-Oshkosh 71-58. See page 14 for story.

(Photo by Nathan Wallin)

Admission standards lowered for fall semester

By Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Current admission standards at UW-Stevens Point will be altered starting the fall semester of 1998. The new standards should more accurately represent the enrollment process for the university.

According to Dave Eckholm, Director of Admissions and Administration, "UW-Stevens Point has three main criteria for (automatically) admitting students." The stan-

dards are a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00, an ACT score of 24 or class standing in the top 30 percent.

"We were advertising (admission) at the top third," said Eckholm. "We thought students may have looked at that and said, 'Well I'm not in the top third; I'm not going to apply.' We would have wanted them to apply and would have considered them."

The new admission requirements will not change greatly said Eckholm. "But it will more closely represent what we are looking for."

Now, to be automatically admitted for the fall of 1998, a student would need a GPA of 3.00, an ACT score of 22 or be in the top 40 percent of their class. Students can also be admitted if they fall short of one criteria, but have done well throughout high school, said Eckholm.

"(The change) does three things," said Eckholm. "It tells the students who we are admitting, it's clearer to high

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A start of a new era George emphasizes education

By Kris Wagner
NEWS EDITOR

Imaginary arrows of love, friendship, and welcoming hit Chancellor Thomas George during his inaugural ceremony held on Valentine's Day. The 12th chancellor of UW-Stevens Point, appointed last year, discussed "Leading Edge Teaching and Learning" to a large crowd of students, guests, family members and about 140 faculty and staff.

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Board drops extra credit tax proposal Students express opposition

The UW-System Board of Regents announced that they would not consider implementing the Extra Tax Credit proposal until 2001, when they could review data regarding system-wide attempts to reduce credits to degree. The decision was decided by the Board of Regents during a meeting earlier this month.

The Extra Credit Tax was a proposal to charge students extra tuition for courses they take after exceeding a certain number of credits. This proposal came out of the Board of Regents Study of the 21st Century, which was completed last spring. Student testimony urged the Board not to implement this policy.

"The Extra Credit Tax was a terrible idea to try and reduce the number of credits students take. Students continuously expressed their opposition to the idea last spring," said United Council President Timothy Casper.

UW-System campuses have worked to reduce the number of credits required to graduate. They also want to develop better credit transfer policies. Additionally, in its 1997-99 Biennial Budget, the UW-System asked for money

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Bridges of Portage County



An old, black railroad bridge spans across the partly frozen Wisconsin River, (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

The POINTER POLL

Photos by Carrie Reuter and Nate Wallin

Do you think UW-SP needs a police officer?



Pete Ourada
JUNIOR, BUSINESS

"No way."



Jon Janigo
SENIOR, HISTORY, POLI. SCI.

"Personally, I didn't think crime was that much of a problem, but if a security officer carrying a gun makes people feel safer, go for it."



Jason Biselx
SOPHOMORE, WATER CHEM.

"No. I think it is another excuse to raise our tuition."



Ryan Weyer
SOPHOMORE, MED. TECH.

"After my experiences with campus security, I think they do fine without one."

Welcome

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In his inaugural address George discussed his and UW-SP's ambition to continue "to become even more of a model for others in demonstrating renewed commitment to student learning and success."

"During my first semester in office this past fall, I can proudly point to numerous achievements by both students and faculty in teaching and learning," said George. His examples of achievement include honored student organizations in the College of Natural Resources, academic honors among athletes and ROTC cadets, student survey statistics, and honored faculty members.

George reminisced back to early last fall when he implemented

three challenges for the university: faculty-led improvement, broadened financial base, and technology-enhanced learning.

George reports that the challenges are well on their way. Some of the future faculty-led improvements include hiring a new Provost/Interim Chancellor, focused student recruiting, and recognition of faculty for high-quality advising.

To increase funds from state as well as private sources the UW-SP Foundation is preparing to hire a new Executive Director by the end of the month.

The campus also had a Technology Summit last month covering issues on the future use of technology in education. George noted five priorities identified at the summit. They included more

computer labs and increased faculty training.

Joining Chancellor George as special guests were inaugural speaker Richard Jarvis, chancellor of the University of Nevada System; Michael Dombach, the newly appointed Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; UW System President Katharine Lyall, state politicians, and other dignitaries. Several family members, including the chancellor's wife, were present for the ceremony.

Admissions

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school guidance counselors, and it should expand our pool of students.

Eckholm expects the change to be a positive one. Eighty percent of our incoming students are going to rank in the top 40 percent of their high school class. That's a good target for us," added Eckholm.

Applications to UW-System schools have increased by 3.5 percent over last year, according to an article in the *Wisconsin State Journal*. The system has received 46,364 applications as of Feb 1.

Last year 24,755 applicants were enrolled throughout the system's 26 campuses.

Professor appointed to state academic council

UW-Stevens Point Professor Ed Sontag has been appointed to Governor Tommy Thompson's Council on Model Academic Standards.

Sontag is the lone public member appointed to this statewide council. It was created by the Governor's Executive Order #302, which established the council, number, makeup of the group and a mission statement. The council consists of seven members and includes Chairman Lieutenant Governor Scott McCallum;

the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and Assembly education committees or their designees; the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee; and one public member (Sontag) appointed by the governor.

Governor Thompson's Council is an effort to establish statewide standards for Wisconsin's students. Many of the governor's central tenets were derived from the Model Red Schoolhouse

Project sponsored by the Hudson Institute. "I appreciate your willingness to take on this task. I know you will do a superb job," stated Governor Thompson to Sontag in a letter of appointment.

Professor Sontag joined the UW-SP faculty in 1992. His writing has appeared in many professional journals and in seven books. Prior to joining UW-SP, Sontag had been a chief education adviser on education matters in the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

Campus Beat



Sunday, Feb. 16

• An individual from Watson Hall reported that her roommate was stuck in the computer room. An officer reported and released her. The door latch was apparently sticking and it was difficult for her to get out.

• The Assistant Director from Smith Hall reported a male student had broken a basement window and ran up to the fourth floor.

Saturday, Feb. 15

• A professor in the Collins Classroom Center requested that the exterior doors be opened and he reported the elevator was not working.

• An individual was asked to remove his car that was parked on the sidewalk.

• Five individuals were caught stealing shopping carts from County Market. They were asked to return them and were cooperative.

Friday, Feb. 14

• A concerned caller reported that a girl walking on Reserve St. was being followed by two males in a black sports car.

• A car was seen driving recklessly in Lot Q. The driver stated his car was not working correctly and that he would stop the reckless driving.

• A person from HPERA Building reported a overheating smell and a room that appeared to be a little smoky.

• A Community Advisor from Smith reported an intoxicated person. The officer was able to locate the individual and the Stevens Point Police Department was contacted. The individual was issued an underage citation.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

Did you know a drug conviction automatically bars an individual from joining the military and keeps you from qualifying for many jobs? Don't smoke marijuana or do other drugs. Marijuana impairs or reduces short-term memory, increases heart rate, may impair your reproductive and immune systems and may also cause cancer.

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WORLD NEWS

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• Government officials in Zaire rejected a United Nations appeal for a truce in the war taking place in the eastern part of the country. The government said they would crush the rebels and dispatch war planes to bomb three cities.

LES SABLES D'OLONNE, FRANCE

• Frenchman Christophe Auguin cruised into a French Atlantic port setting a record for solo-around the world sailing. He finished a 26,500 mile trip in 105 days 20 hours and 31 minutes, beating the old record by four days.

NATIONAL NEWS

DENVER, COLORADO

• At a pre-trial hearing Tuesday two workers at a rental agency claimed that Timothy McVeigh, accused for the bombing in Oklahoma City, was accompanied by a second person, but they could not describe him. Three weeks ago the government dropped the idea of McVeigh having an accomplice, John Doe No. 2.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

• A 1976 Nobel Prize winning scientist was sentenced up to a year in prison for molesting a 16-year-old boy. Daniel Carleton Gajdusek pleaded guilty to two counts of child abuse.

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

MILWAUKEE

• An elderly man suffering from cancer allegedly shot his wife and then climbed into bed with her and shot himself. The man had reportedly called his daughter and told her to come to the house within a half hour. She arrived to find both bodies of her father and mother.

MILWAUKEE

• Wisconsin is in the middle of a national debate over how the federal government spends its gas tax money. One side, the transit and environmental activists, are asking for aid for railroads, buses, and fixing highways. On the other side, a number of state transportation departments are calling for more money to build highways. Rep. Tom Petri, who runs the subcommittee in charge of highway funding, has remained neutral over the debate.

Famous speaker to address “nonviolence in a violent world”

Gerard Vanderhaar of Memphis, Tenn., will give a talk entitled “Keeping Hope Alive: Non-violence in a Violent World” at the 15th annual Brother James Miller Day program on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the UW-Stevens Point.

The program, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the University Center, is open to the public without charge. There will be a reception and banquet following the afternoon program.

Vanderhaar is well-known for his work on nonviolence and has served on the Pax Christi USA National Council. He presently chairs the council's Book Award Committee and was named a Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace in 1992. A retired professor of religious studies at the Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Vanderhaar is also a founding member of the

M.K. Gandhi Institute for the Study of Nonviolence, also in Memphis. Brother Miller had been a teacher for the Christian Brothers.

Bishop Emeritus John Paul, a recently retired Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, is this year's award recipient. He is being recognized for his 1985 initiative, setting up a process of consultation for the diocese. Born in La Crosse, Bishop Paul was ordained in 1943 and appointed Bishop of La Crosse in 1983.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, in conjunction with Sunday's activities, there will be a Pax Christi retreat focusing on “Building the City of God.” The retreat is from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the St. Clare Center in Polonia.

Brother James Miller grew up on a Portage County farm near Ellis. In 1982, he was murdered by a gunman in Guatemala.

State sociological association awards UW-SP faculty member

Robert P. Wolensky, professor of sociology and co-director of the Center for the Small City at UW-Stevens Point, has received the 1996 George K. Floro Award for service to the discipline of sociology from the Wisconsin Sociological Association (WSA).

Wolensky began teaching at UW-SP in 1976. In 1979, he helped found UW-SP's Center for the Small City, which sponsors national conferences and programs addressing the policies, problems, and dynamics of cities with fewer

than 50,000 people. Last year the center held its 12th national Small Cities Conference.

Wolensky has also upheld UW-SP's tradition of leadership in the WSA. He served as a board member from 1992-1995, president-elect from 1993-1994, and president from 1994-1995. He is the fourth WSA president from UW-SP. During his term as president, Wolensky helped rename and relaunch *Sociological Imagination*, WSA's scholarly journal. In 1991 he won the association's

Hans Mauksch Award for Teaching Excellence.

The WSA is one of the oldest state associations in the country, and is one of the few which publishes its own journal. *Sociological Imagination*, published three times per year, is currently in its 32nd year.

The George K. Floro Award was established in 1995 to honor the now retired Eau Claire professor who logged nearly 30 years of participation in the organization, including more than 20 as journal editor.

Tax

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to improve academic advising, which would aid students in course selection.

“Positive measures such as developing better credit transfer policies and requesting funds to

improve advising are going to help reduce the number of credits to degree,” said Casper. “These changes in policies and practices, if given an opportunity to work, will prove successful in reducing credits to degree.”

The Board of Regents will re-examine the issue of the Extra Credit Tax in the year 2000 to see

if there has been a three percent reduction in the credits to degree for students in the LTW System. Students believe that the Board will not need to implement this policy at that time.

“I am pleased the Board of Regents has decided to forego implementing the Extra Credit Tax,” said Casper.



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Constituents need to do their part

Dear Editor:

First of all, I want to declare that what I will be saying does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Student Government Association, although I am a member and will be writing on that topic.

There are troubles with SGA as there are in every organization, big and small. Look at our US government and all the troubles it has. The US government and the UW-Stevens Point Student Government have a neat sort of checks and balance system. From what I understand, all students are part of the student government. With a membership like that, there ought to be more participation in it than there has been.

The student government needs input from the constituents. They need to have a check on the power that they wield. As long as I've been involved with the organization, almost no one has sat in the gallery, unless for financial reasons. This is irresponsible on the part of the students, I believe. I'll admit that I was part of the group who didn't even know that we had a student government until I needed them for financial reasons. I know now that they do a lot more, and work with things more powerful than money. Often they determine the future of this university.

The area that I am urging all students to become involved in is the Thursday night meetings. The senators who represent us

and the paid staff who work for our representatives need a check on their behavior. I urge all students to do this just once. Go and sit in on the gallery of the Student Government Association meetings. Do you know what the representatives are like? Are you going to vote for people whom you don't even know?

Maybe with a check from the student body, we would all get better representation, and a more civilized Thursday night meeting, because as it stands now, the senators and those working for them can act any way they like because no constituents are there, and who reads the minutes or listens to the tapes of the meetings anyway?

Theresa Darr, SGA

PepsiCo's exit PR based?

Dear Editor:

While extremely happy that PepsiCo is finally pulling out of Burma, I have this nagging feeling that a good public relations (PR) job has been done by PepsiCo itself. I also applaud PAO for building up their repoir with Taco Bell in their show of faith, but what is being forgotten in all of this?

Simply because a company does something socio-politically correct are we to forgive them for all of this, including past transgressions? I think not. For an example I will rekindle the Exxon Valdez memory of several years ago.

What Exxon did was atrocious and unforgivable, but with a little PR, most of the general public forgave and forgot. Exxon spent an average of *forty thousand* dollars on each animal they tried to rescue. On top of that, the average life expectancy of those "cleaned" animals was three days.

While Exxon tried miserably to save face, rational human beings should've figured out that Exxon could've used that money to buy and protect dwindling habitat.

The point I am trying to make is that Exxon again comes under the guise of friendliness and jobs north of here at the Crandon Mine. Their newest commercials spew jobs, a revitalized economy and environmental protection. What a crock of bunk! Their successful ad campaign could sway the voting on the mining moratorium bill coming forth in the state senate. They are hoping that we have forgotten their past violations against the earth and will run towards them with open arms.

So be wary when a major multinational corporation such as PepsiCo or Exxon spout about their virtues. As PepsiCo tries selling the companies of Taco Bell, Pizza Hut & KFC, then maybe you can call a truce, but only if having a history of socio-politically and environmentally correct investing.

Lynn Edward Miller
Senior, Wildlife & Biology

Wescott: Plow crews deserve thanks

Dear Editor:

With February winding down, it appears that an end to winter is in sight. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter as a warm spring sun is knocking on the door. We saw evidence of this on Tuesday when Mother Nature gave a tease of what's to come. High temperatures across the area flirted with the 50 degree mark.

With the arrival of spring just a few weeks away, now's a good time to thank some of those who made this winter a little easier to handle.

These individuals never receive any of the credit or accolades that they deserve. Every winter they catch a lot of flak when it comes to the unglamorous work they have mastered so very well.

Being a snow plow operator has few perks, other than the satisfaction of keeping roads clear of snow and ice which impede travel and can shut down a metropolis in a matter of a few hours. So why don't they receive any credit for the late nights they put in after major winter storms? I don't know if there is a logical answer to this question.

It seems like people want all the snow plowed aside just as quickly as it flutters down, and it must be done this way everywhere, every time it snows. That opinion can be most easily described by one word; unrealistic.

Snow plowing, like almost every profession, is a science. When it snows, the city of Stevens Point and Portage county both send out separate crews. While the snow is falling, their job is to keep the main routes and emergency vehicle access roads as clear of snow as possible. A street with three residences on it does not take the same priority as one that brings ambulances to Saint Michael's Hospital.

When the snow is done falling, then the streets are attacked in an orderly fashion. When does this invasion of orange trucks usually occur? While you and I are sound asleep. It's time for everyone to realize the work that goes on in the wee hours of the morning after a big snowstorm.

This week's warm weather knocked a few inches off those heaping piles of Wisconsin's weather fury. So as the winter of 1996-97 gets ready to throw its final curve ball, let us remember the individuals that helped keep our vehicles on the road and out of ditches and yards which aren't overly hospitable places to come to a rest in.

This winter was similar to the one that preceded it, in that near record amounts of snow fell across central Wisconsin. Nonetheless, road crews across the area buckled down and took care of business. Four stars out of a possible three and a half.

Joshua Wescott



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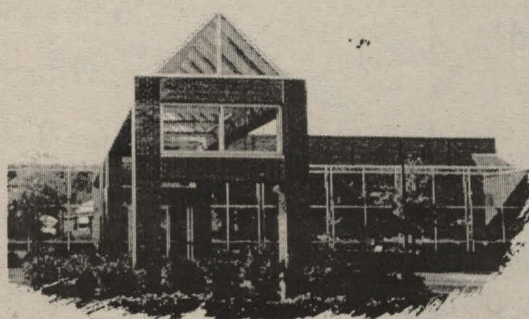
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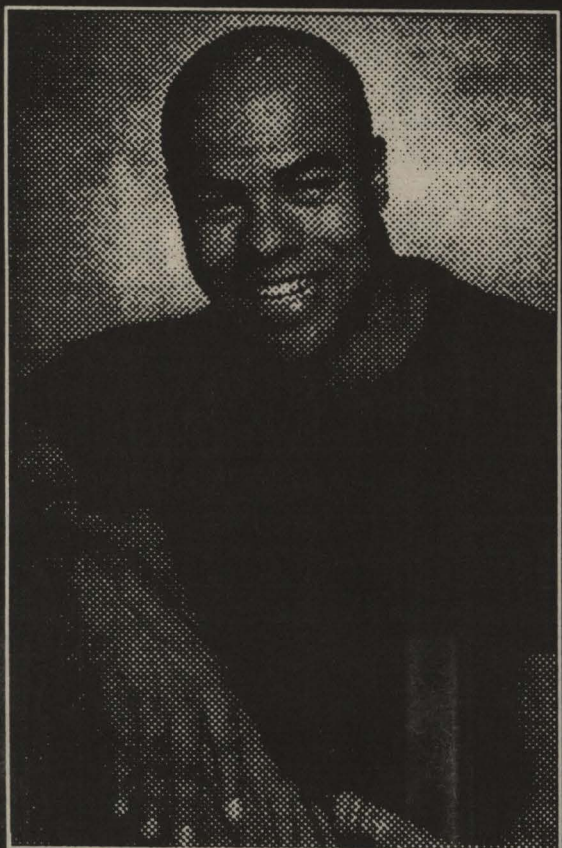
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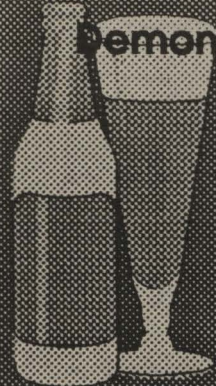


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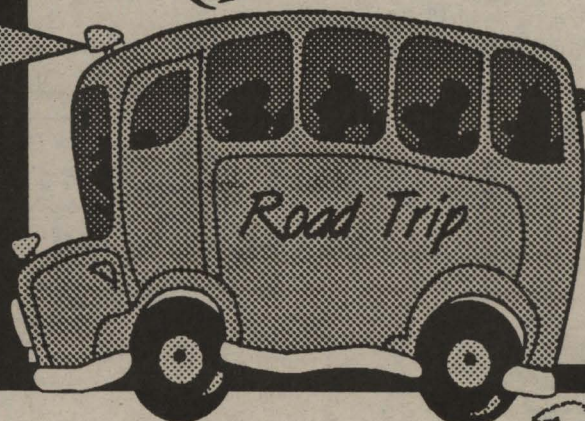
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Sales tax on illegal drugs is nonsense

By Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Since 1989, Wisconsin had a law requiring drug dealers to affix tax-stamps to their products. This past January, the Wisconsin Supreme Court called the law unconstitutional. The court ruled the law violated the dealers' right against self-incrimination.

According to the "drug tax" law, if I sold marijuana or cocaine, I would have to go into the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and buy actual stamps to affix to the bag of "pot" or "coke" I intended to sell.

Between 1990 and 1996, the state received \$943,379 in sales

tax from those with illegal drugs. Now that the law is unconstitutional, three convicted drug dealers have asked for refunds. They could be entitled to the taxes paid plus interest. If every dealer asks for a refund, and why wouldn't they, the state's plan to fight drugs will have backfired.

Instead of concentrating a ridiculous law, why doesn't the Wisconsin Legislature spend their time making laws that actually fight crime than waiting for drug dealers to turn themselves in? Why doesn't the legislature pay attention to Gov. Tommy Thompson's proposal to end parole for Wisconsin criminals?

Thompson has called for truth in sentencing, meaning a 25 year prison term would be 25 years in prison. There would be no parole after eight years for good behavior.

The irony with these issues is the "drug tax" law was passed so dealers could be prosecuted for dealing narcotics and breaking tax laws, thus possibly extending their prison term. But, if the convicted dealers were on their best behavior, they might be sent home early.

Somehow, I think putting criminals for a definite time would do more against crime than collecting taxes from dealers would ever do.

Non-trad defends younger generation

Murders occur every day and gang violence abounds. The evening news fills our lives with stories about the atrocities committed all around us. Who takes the blame for this state of distress? Unfortunately, our country's young people stand accused.

In today's world the word "young" carries bad connotations. Personally, I have a problem with the whole idea of "young." I'm a firm believer in the old saying, "you're as young as you feel." But feelings aside, this 36 year old nontraditional student realizes that she's considered part of the older generation by traditional aged students. If I have to admit to being a part of the older generation, then I claim, by right of age, to speak my mind.

I know the world isn't perfect; my rose-colored glasses faded to pink a long time ago. Because of that fading, I was apprehensive about attending college with people so much younger than me. My imagination conjured up horrible pictures of rudeness, non-thinking actions, stand-offishness, ignorance and rejection. During my two and a half

years of attending college, the only traits my younger fellow students have shown are courtesy, respect, intelligence, kinship, understanding and acceptance.

These young people show common courtesy and respect by holding doors and saying please and thank you. They show genuine interest in learning about the different cultures currently mixing on this campus and in the world.

"Book smart" and no "common sense"? Not the young men and women I've had the pleasure of associating with in college! These young people keep their heads on straight. Well, most of the time (We all experience lapses now and then). I see students who dream of a better world and I see the ambition required to make that dream a reality.

The students on UW-Stevens Point's campus show a feeling of understanding and acceptance toward one another without exception to race, sex or age. I enjoy seeing that these young people can

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Computer policy needs to be evaluated

If I get an assignment to do a paper, I immediately have a sense of dread. Ironically, the actual assignment is not my source of distress.

Rather, the realization that I will have to confront the situation at one of the campus computer labs is the cause for my anxiety. Anger and frustration well up at the thought of our poorly organized computer labs.

Through my own experiences and complaints uttered from fellow students, I have isolated several common occurrences that make using the computer labs aggravating.

You have an assignment due and the line to use a computer seems endless. Why? There are several reasons why there are no computers available.

For example, the lab assistant is using a computer to "surf the net" when at least two other students are waiting in line. Or, there are students who have been doing e-mail for over an hour. Or, a student has decided to print out a long research paper when there is only one working printer.

And why does it take forever to repair computers that have been broken for over a week? We need every available computer to be operational.

Finally, the most irritating situation is when a computer is at last made available, you are told that a class will be using the lab in ten minutes.

These problems make using the computer labs a chore and a burden instead of a wonderful opportunity.

Are there solutions?

I believe a time limit should be scheduled for students doing e-mail or using the Internet. Next, if there are two or more students waiting to use a computer, the lab assistant should vacate their computer.

The computers needing to be fixed should be repaired as soon as possible, no longer than a week. Lastly, it would be nice if at least one computer lab was designated for the sole use of students and no classes would be allowed to reserve that lab.

Maybe, with a few ground rules, the computer labs would be a more accessible, comfortable environment.

Diana Paul

Essay form the right choice for exams

By Mike Beacom
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As midterm exams sweep through the campus, scan-tron sheets and blue booklets follow. Students are stressing out due to A&B but not C answers and fifty minutes worth of writing hand cramps.

While professors determine how much each student has learned thus far in the semester, the debate arises as to what form of testing is the most effective.

Both essay exams and multiple choice/ true-false tests have their faults. Many enjoy essay exams because it is possible to nebulize your way through them. At the same time, on a multiple choice/ true-false test, the correct answer is listed and odds are you will get 25 to 50 percent of the questions you don't know correct.

As far as the positive points for each go, I believe the advantages in giving essay exams far outweigh the bonuses of multiple choice and essays are a much better indicator to judge what a student has learned for a few reasons.

First, it is possible that a multiple choice test can ask the wrong questions. A student can comprehend 80 percent of the material covered and still have the other 20 percent emphasized on the exam. Essay questions tend to be broader so that students can expand on their answers. Chances are a professor reading an essay response will see how much a student has really learned on that topic.

Next, while preparing for a multiple choice exam, students tend to memorize trivial facts. There is little thinking involved with memorizing. Being able to think and communicate your ideas are two keys to college learning. The essay exam forces students to concentrate on concepts, not facts and numbers, and then express their own opinions on the topic in their writing.

Finally, I feel I have personally remembered more material from classes using essay tests than multiple choice. When you memorize data for a test, it is all too often quickly forgotten. But with essay exams, you have not only learned the material, but have also analysed it yourself and the information will stick with you.

Essay exams not only display an accurate account of what a student has gained, but also forces students to think and communicate.

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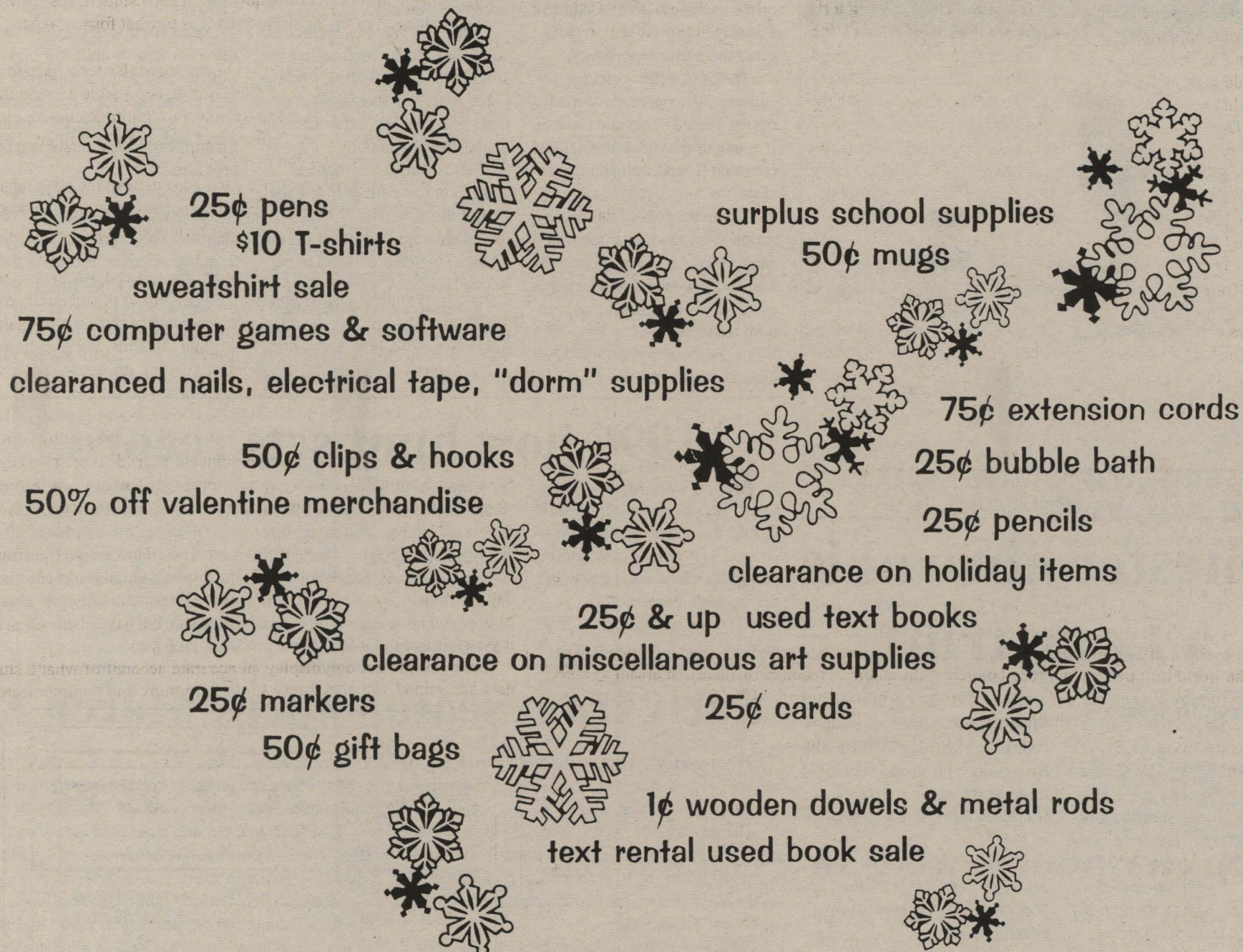
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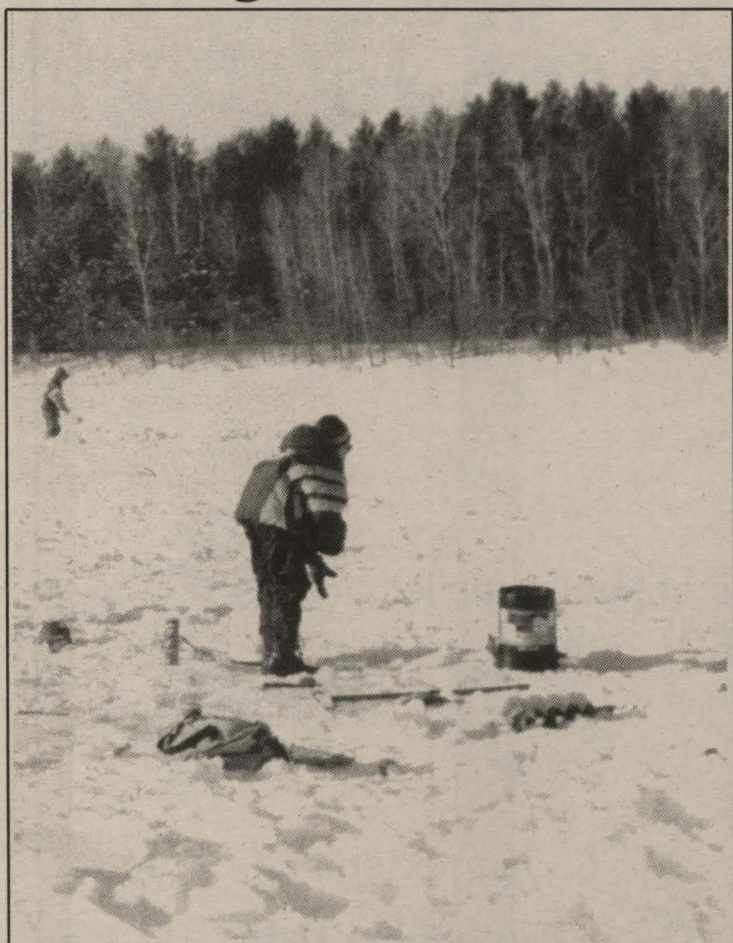
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Doing a little fishin'



According to Murphy's Law, this kid will probably catch a 35-inch northern pike. Uhh. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Semester abroad is a Long trip

By Bryon Thompson
CONTRIBUTOR



Long

Dr. Charles A. Long, emeritus professor of biology at UW-Stevens Point, along with his wife, Claudine, will lead a group of interested students on a semester abroad trip next fall.

Students can earn a semester's coursework while traveling to the Fiji islands for 10 days, New Zealand for 10 days and Australia for the final 13 weeks.

"When I was a graduate student at the University of Kansas, my heart was set on visiting Australia to see the marvelous wild animals there: the koala, kangaroo, echidna and so on," Long stated.

"Since then, the islands of the South Pacific have always attracted me, where there are still unknown kinds of animals and plants to see. Now, at last, the opportunity is here for Claudine and me and for a group of interested students."

Long will teach a course on evolution and Claudine will instruct a course in general biology.

These and other courses are available to the students while attending Macquarie University. Special projects can also be arranged for credit.

Long received his undergraduate degrees in biology and

math at Pittsburg State, and earned his doctorate in zoology (vertebrate biology) from the University of Kansas. He taught three years at the University of Illinois before coming to UW-SP in 1966.

During his 31 years of teaching here, Long has published approximately 190 papers in professional journals.

He co-authored two editions of *Badgers of the World* with Carl Killingsley, started the Museum of Natural History on campus and is currently in the process of submitting a book manuscript called *Mammals of Wisconsin*.

The trip, which has been offered by the University's International Program since 1983, offers a variety of other activities.

Students may swim at the white-sand beaches, see exotic jungles, live with natives in their huts, visit tropical lagoons and coral reefs, see kangaroos in the outback and tour the markets and museums of Sydney.

While the \$7,500 cost may seem a little high, Long doesn't think so.

"The overall cost, which includes the airfare, is less than the tuition cost at some of our neighboring private colleges. The experience alone is worth it," explained Long.

Anyone who might be interested in the trip should contact Long or the International Programs office located in the Collins Classroom Center.

Summer opportunities in SCA

By Angie Gonzalez
CONTRIBUTOR

Every year, thousands of volunteers have the chance to see the beauty of America's natural habitat as well as provide efforts to conserve these areas. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) gives them this opportunity.

The SCA offers research and conservation positions throughout the United States and Canada. It is one of the oldest and largest community and volunteer organizations.

The main goal of the organization is to involve student and adult volunteers in the conservation and protection of America's public lands and natural and cultural resources.

Every year, more than 1200 expense-paid positions are offered in US public lands. College students, adults, and even some high school students are eligible to apply.

The organization has been providing hands-on experience in natural resources since 1957. More than 2,200 applicants are accepted annually.

Some assignments include air and water quality monitoring, restoring and protecting endangered species and ecological systems and gaining experience in management positions.

Fields outside of natural resources are important to the success of this program as well. History, computers and visual arts are all areas which are useful to participants in SCA's programs.

Volunteers work with government agencies (National Park Services, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) as well as state and

private groups. Programs vary from a few hours to 3-5 days to 6 years, depending on the intensity of the program.

Wisconsin offers three SCA programs - the Apostle Islands, Chequamegon National Forest and St. Croix National Scenic Parkway.

Sue Kissinger of the CNR says the SCA is a "wonderful opportunity" and allows students to gain experience for future careers.

The SCA is currently looking for applicants for summer and fall programs.

Stephanie Hall, a SCA representative and a UW-Stevens Point alumnus, will present an informational seminar on Monday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. in CNR Rm. 170.

She will also be at a booth in the CNR lobby from 10-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to answer any questions or take applications.

1996 bow hunt sets record

Archery deer hunters registered 72,392 white-tailed deer during the 1996 season in Wisconsin. This set a new harvest record for the bow season, which ran through December 31.

"This record reflects a large increase in antlerless deer shot by

bow hunters in the Zone-T deer management units, as well as an increased interest in archery deer hunting across the state," said Bill Mytton, deer and bear ecologist for the DNR.

Statewide, archers registered 38,956 antlerless deer.

Muzzleloaders registered 2,244 deer, down from 2,282.

This puts the combined harvest from the firearm (gun and muzzleloader) and archery seasons at 460,524, which is about what wildlife managers had predicted for the season.

Early trout season opens March 1

Wisconsin will have its first early trout season in three years this spring when a new and expanded season begins on March 1.

The new season format is designed to provide quality fishing opportunities without harming the trout population, explained Larry Claggett, a coldwater fisheries ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources.

"This new early trout season protects the resource by requiring anglers to use only artificial lures with barbless hooks and they must immediately release all trout they catch," said Claggett.

"Studies have shown that the survival rate of trout caught and released with artificial lures is very high, averaging about 95 percent."

Claggett says using barbless hooks will aid in the release of trout, and that anglers can either purchase special barbless hooks or pinch the barb down flush with the shank of the hook.

The new season is open on all inland trout streams with the exception of Great Lakes tributaries, three inland streams and all lakes, ponds, and spring ponds.

The closed streams are the West Branch of the White River in Waushara County, home to a rare inland population of self-sustaining rainbow trout; the two portions of the Tomorrow River in Portage County that are designated as category five in the Trout Regulations; and the White River and its tribu-

taries upstream from Pikes Bridge in Bayfield County (these streams are closed because they have concentrated spawning areas).

Wisconsin had an early trout season that was in effect for 20 years in eight southwestern counties and allowed trout harvest in most waters.

"Some anglers criticized the old season because it only included eight counties and may have resulted in too many big trout being taken in some waters," said Claggett. "The new season addresses those concerns because it is open statewide and is catch-and-release only."

Some people have also expressed concern over an early season because anglers may be wading in trout streams when some eggs and fry are still in the nests or redds.

"Other states that have early or year-round seasons have not seen harmful effects," said Claggett. "And here in Wisconsin we actually saw natural reproduction improve in many streams in the southwest during the former early season." However, because damage to eggs is possible, Claggett says fisheries biologists recommend that anglers avoid wading near riffle areas where redds are usually located.

The Natural Resources Board established the season on a temporary basis as an additional safeguard. The season will expire after 1999 unless the board takes action to extend it.

More trout

Trout fishers will be able to prepare for the upcoming season through a fly-tying and trout stream entomology workshop scheduled at Treehaven.

The annual weekend will run from Friday evening until Sunday noon, Feb. 28 through March 2.

Participants with beginning to intermediate-level skills will be able to practice the art and receive individualized attention in an informal setting.

Professional instruction will focus on construction of a variety of flies. Related fundamentals of trout stream entomology and ecology will be a second component of the session.

Effective fly patterns to be tied include Caddis Larva, Pheasant Tail, Gold-ribbed Hare's Ear, Caddis Pupa, Floating Nymph, Flush-floating Caddis, Adam's, Light Cabill, Comparadum, Woolly Bugger and Squirrel Tail.

To register or for more information, call Treehaven at (715) 453-4106.

Learn snowshoe weaving at Treehaven

Treehaven, UW-Stevens Point's natural resources education center near Tomahawk, will offer a workshop that will explore traditional snowshoe weaving on March 7 though 9.

The art of weaving, snowshoe history, and a guided hike are scheduled on Friday night through Sunday noon.

Individualized hands-on instruction will enable participants to take home their own nearly complete snowshoes.

Participants will select either the "Ojibwa," an elongated trail shoe, the "Bearpaw," a shortened oval design, or the "Alaskan," a 56-inch teardrop design. Com-

plete snowshoe kits include pre-made, white-ash frames, nylon lacing and neoprene bindings.

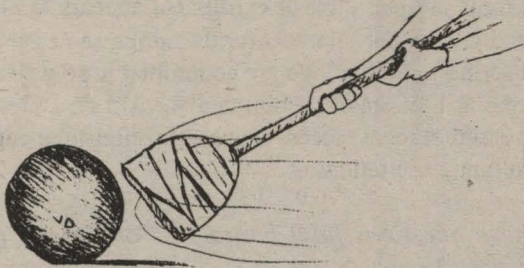
Time should allow for project completion except for varnishing which may be completed later with purchased supplies.

Registration, materials and room and board costs are estimated at approximately \$180, depending on the shoe model selected. Reduced fees are available to commuters.

The center is located off Lincoln County Highway A, between Rhinelander and Tomahawk.

For information or registration, contact Treehaven at (715) 453-4106.

Nature Calls



By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Are you wondering what to do while it's still cold enough to do something? Is downhill skiing on one ski no longer a challenge? Is snowshoeing across the state getting boring?

Well then, here's a sport for ya - broomball. If you're not familiar with the game, the basic concept is to run around on an ice rink trying to deck people, while occasionally taking a swing at a ball.

There are, I'm guessing, many people who have never played broomball and probably even more who have never even heard of it until this moment.

So let me tell you, from experience, that it's a pretty crazy sport. Crazy in a good sense, that is.

I remember one time when the game hadn't been going on for more than a minute and a guy ended up with a cut over his eye that required stitches.

In general, knees tend to take an *awful* beating, while the rest of the body just takes *a* beating. Common injuries occur from hitting the ice, running into another person, or getting whacked by the broom, which is actually worse than it sounds because the broom is more or less a bat with a steel weight attached to the end.

One of the most important parts of broomball is being in control. Unfortunately, this rarely happens. Running on ice isn't the easiest thing to do, let alone having to switch directions once you do get some momentum built up.

That's why running the sidelines is a good strategy if you're on offense. Of course, that's also where a lot of the checking takes place.

Contrary to public opinion, knocking someone down in the middle of the ice when you yourself are off balance just doesn't work. Invariably, you will fall down with them (or they will pull you down), in which case you should attempt to fall *on* them.

One of the best plays someone can make, besides falling on someone else, is to get the perfect hit.

After keeping your balance, hitting a ball that is rolling on the ice may be the hardest thing to do. The correct way, as I see it, is to grip the broom stick, hands placed about two feet apart, with one near the bottom so as to guide the broom head to the ball.

As you swing downward, dip the shoulder, which should create enough momentum to flip your legs up into the air. You land on your shoulder, smashing it into a million pieces and the ball lands about 100 yards away.

But man, what a hit.

Dombeck pushes education

By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Education of ecosystem management was the main topic of discussion when Michael Dombeck, the new chief of the U.S. Forest Service, addressed a large audience in the Alumni Room last Friday.

He challenged the students "to work with people and to get them to appreciate the importance of the health of the land."

Dombeck, now in the seventh week of his new job, is yet another successful graduate of UW-

Stevens Point.

Throughout his address, Dombeck stressed the point of education as one of the most significant investments a person can make.

"The thing we need to keep in mind today is the importance of people in the equation," said Dombeck.

He went on to outline what he called the nine operating principles of ecosystem management.

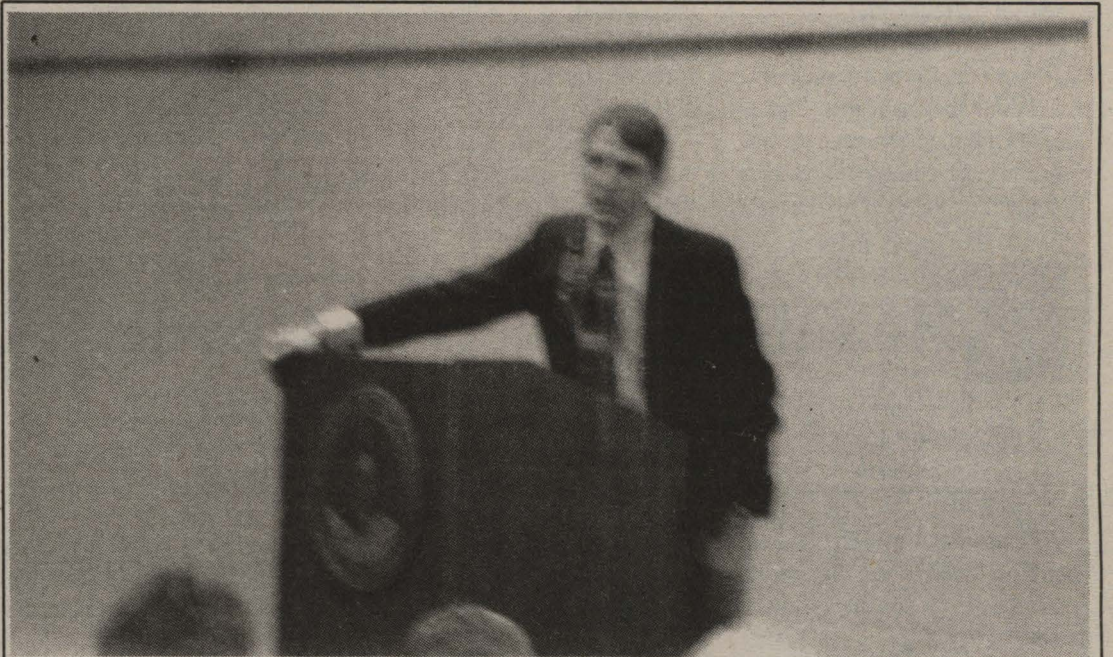
They include keeping the land healthy, having common goals,

looking at the big picture and being flexible and willing to change as new information becomes available.

"We cannot meet the needs of the people if we don't first secure the health of the land," said Dombeck.

"At the root of ecosystem management is sustainability and the ability of the land to deliver for us for generations," he added.

The U.S. Forest Service manages 191 million acres of land across the country.



Michael Dombeck, the new chief of the U.S. Forest Service, speaks to a large audience in the Alumni Room. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)



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He said, she said: sexual harassment

By Tara Zawlocki
CONTRIBUTOR

One of the most pressing issues that affects us today is the issue of sexual harassment.

At one time or another, most of us probably have experienced it in some kind of form.

It is my understanding that the reason some people sexually harass others is simply because they are on a power trip.

They must feel so insecure in their own lives that they feel the need to harass others to make themselves feel better.

Many, if not most times, the harassment is aimed at women.

I think that some men find it is easy to intimidate women by making obscene comments to them. Women are insulted by this.

It angers me to know that some men act this way. I say some men because I know not all men harass women.

I do realize there are some women who act the same.

I think it has to do with fierce competition between men and women to get ahead in the world.

It angers me just as much to know that there are women who understand how sexual harassment feels, yet continue to do it themselves.

We as a society may not agree on a standard definition of sexual harassment.

We must learn that harassment of any form is not acceptable behavior.

Personally, I don't feel enough is being done to eliminate the problem of sexual harassment.

Television and movies seem to negatively contribute to the issue, portraying males as superior to females.

The media shows the man taking control and the woman being helpless.

I do think society is becoming more aware of the problems it faces.

Many people are becoming more conscious of the issue and are trying to avoid making comments that make others feel uncomfortable.

Also, many work places have opportunities for employees to go to seminars dealing with this topic.

It is really unfortunate this has gotten so bad that there needs to be seminars and phone num-

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He said...the facts and myths



By Kevin Lahner
CONTRIBUTOR

Remember Anita Hill? Remember Bob Packwood? Sexual harassment is in the news everywhere.

The question that came to my mind when I was first confronted with writing this article was: how serious and how widespread is sexual harassment?

Well, when I started talking to people about it, I found out some interesting things.

Most of the women I talked to from this campus had been the victim of some sort of sexual harassment.

Most of these were fairly minor incidents, but they all had a story to tell.

I did a little more searching and found this list from the American Psychological Association.

I find it very comprehensive, and after a short time of study, I must say that I agree with them.

MYTH: Sexual harassment is rare.

FACT: Sexual harassment is extremely widespread. It touches the lives of 40 to 60 percent of working women, and similar proportions of female students in colleges and universities.

MYTH: The seriousness of sexual harassment has been exaggerated; most so-called harassment is really trivial and harmless flirtation.

FACT: Sexual harassment can be devastating.

Studies indicate that most harassment has nothing to do with

flirtation or sincere sexual or social interest. Rather, it is offensive, often frightening and insulting to women.

Research shows that women are often forced to leave school or jobs to avoid harassment; many experience serious psychological and health-related problems.

MYTH: Many women make up and report stories of sexual harassment to get back at their employers or others who have angered them.

FACT: Research shows that less than one percent of complaints are false. Therefore women rarely file complaints even when they are justified in doing so.

I feel that sexual harassment is a widespread problem that deserves attention.

Editor's note: This will be a weekly column exploring the opinions of men and women on different topics. If you have a suggestion for a topic e-mail: mrst493@uwsp.edu-M.R.



Q&A with Chancellor Tom

Did you do anything romantic with your wife on Valentine's Day despite the Inauguration?

At the Inaugural Ball, Barbara and I made it a point to dance in the Laird Room to the music of the Big Band Express and in the Encore Room to the music of the Dixieland Allstars, which for me is pretty romantic since we have not found much time over the years to go dancing.

Is the weather giving you spring fever? How do you keep motivated when it is so nice outside?

Of course, no one is immune to the delights of good weather. However, the warmer and sunnier days seem to charge me up even more and actually builds my motivation to get things done.

In your opinion, is student enrollment decreasing? If so, why and what can be done to change this?

As it turns out, our student enrollment appears to be holding steady, and in fact, our numbers for the spring semester are more than last spring semester. We are committed to student retention and success at UW-Stevens Point and we will be increasing our efforts to assure student success in accomplishing their educational goals and future aspirations.

If you have questions for Chancellor Tom e-mail them to: mrst493@uwsp.edu.



Couples danced the night away at the Inaugural Ball Friday night. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)




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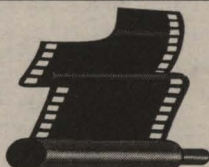
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The event is open to the public without charge. Participants wishing to have their names listed on the program are asked to call Jyotsna Chander, advisor to the South Asia Society, at 346-4124.

ART EXHIBITION

"Source/Resource," an exhibition of work by five artists, will open on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at UW-Stevens Point.

The reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Edna Carlsten Gallery of the Fine Arts Center. The show will run through March 16.

CANCELLATION

The Tuesday, Feb. 25 concert by the Concert Band and the Wind Ensemble has been canceled.

It was scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall of the Fine Arts Center.

PIANO

British pianist Graham Scott, 1991 winner of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24 at UW-Stevens Point.

The event is in Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center. Tickets are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, 346-4100. Ticket prices are \$10 for the public, \$8 for senior citizens and \$4.50 for students.

SPRING BREAK

Spring break is just around the corner! Warm up by attending the Pre-Spring Break '97 bash.

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The bash will take place on Friday, Feb. 21 in the U.C. Encore at 8 p.m.

QUARTET

The Pro Arte Quartet, called "one of the great quartets of our time" by the San Francisco Chronicle, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, in a special concert sponsored by the Performing Art Series at UW-Stevens Point.

Tickets for the performance at Michelsen Hall are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, or by calling 346-4100. Ticket prices are \$6 for the public, \$4.50 for senior citizens, and \$3 for students.

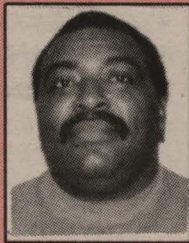
Feature Presentation: Bill Wright

By John Faucher
TYPESETTER

Advisor and coach Bill Wright is a modest man. The only time you'll ever find him keeping score is during Pointer track meets.

Wright has helped people at UW-Stevens Point for over a decade. He believes in community and it shows.

When he's not busy coaching throws for the UW-SP track team,



Wright

Wright is an advisor for the Black Student Union (BSU) on campus.

Wright also spreads good will through his cooking.

As anyone who recently attended the BSU sponsored Soul Food dinner knows, the proof is in the pudding.

Wright cooks a little bit of everything in his off-season catering business, but his specialty is Soul Food.

Wright also helps with the annual Gospel Choir Fest.

It is a well attended community event that began over six years ago at UW-SP and has grown steadily since.

"People in the community enjoy seeing these students perform," said Wright.

Wright's love of music doesn't stop there. He also enjoys R&B, rap and jazz.

As former head of U.A.B. (University Activity Board) Alternative Sounds, Wright brought many jazz performances to UW-SP.

With a degree in elementary education, Wright is by nature a mentor for young people.

He has been helping the Upward Bound Program for the past 17 years.

Upward Bound is a pre-college program geared to help prepare young people for college.

"I enjoy watching the process; looking at raw talent develop into

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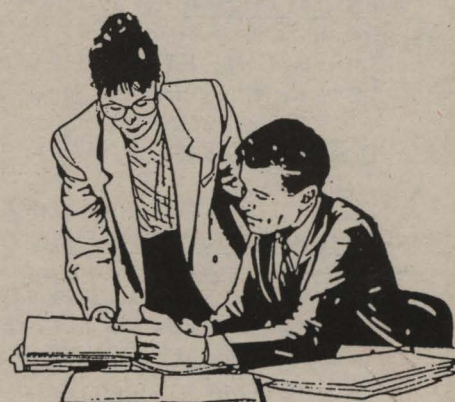
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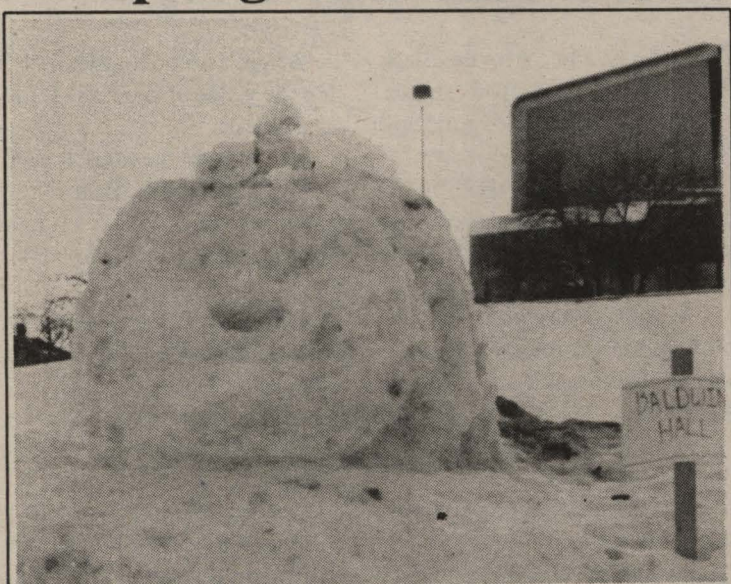
Did you know...

Cold viruses may cure cancer! Researchers reporting in the *Science* journal say that almost two-thirds of tumors in animals disappear when the animals are injected with a specially tailored strain of adenovirus-the cause of colds. Also, the virus kills the cancer cells but leaves the normal cells unaffected, unlike radiation or chemotherapy. -*Cosmopolitan Magazine*

You may be giving yourself gas! Gulping liquids, no matter how parched you are, will cause you to swallow more air than if you drank at a moderate pace. Air trapped from gulping is the most common non-food related cause of gas. Chewing sugar free gum that contains the artificial sweetener sorbitol may cause you to experience more gas than usual. Sorbitol cannot be digested in the small bowel; it ferments, creating bloating and gas. -*Glamour Magazine*

Your health problems may be taken less seriously if they are accompanied by psychological distress. In a study at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, subjects rated a peer's complaint of a sore throat as less believable when the person also reported a heavy workload and trouble sleeping. Even when lab tests showed a strep infection, they were more likely to assume that the person's physical problem was psychologically based if insomnia was also mentioned. -*Glamour Magazine*

Sculpting for fun in the sun



Baldwin Hall's first place sculpture of the steam engine stands tall. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

By Kerry Liethen
CONTRIBUTOR

In honor of the inauguration of UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Thomas George, five student organizations participated in the "Famous Toms in History" snow sculpture contest in the sundial.

The five teams that participated on the sunny Saturday afternoon were Knutzen Hall, Trippers, PRSSA, Baldwin Hall, and Theta XI.

The groups contained one to nine persons per team and were judged by Kevin Lahner, Amy Monloch, Greg Diearoeeder, Jessica Hussin, and John Jury.

"It's (snow) really hard, because it doesn't pack very well, but shovels are really helpful and we are making slush to build up where we need to," said Amy Vandersanden, a member of the Knutzen Hall sculpting team.

First place went to Baldwin Hall's sculpture of the steam engine from the PBS series *Thomas the Train*. Second place went to Trippers and third to Knutzen Hall.

The winning team received a trophy and got to choose one trip from three Spring Break packages.

The choices were Panama City Beach, South Padre Island, or backpacking in the Ozarks.

The Bridge tells a tale of love

By Chris Keller
Assistant News Editor

Editor's note—This is a new addition to the features section. A staff member analyzes various songs and writes what the words mean to him or her. If you have suggestions for songs, you can email me at mrst493@uwsp.edu. —M.R.

Lyrics to *The Bridge* in italics
From the CD, "Copperopolis"
By Grant Lee Buffalo
Lyrics written by Grant Lee Phillips
Published by Storm Hymnal Ltd.
Mumbo Jumbo Music BMI (1996)

The song *The Bridge*, by the group Grant Lee Buffalo, is an essay on the nature of relationships.

The lead vocalist, Grant Lee Phillips, uses a very emotional tone in his singing.

Crossing the bridge where many lean to see over the rail to glance the trembling stream.

Others stay to the center. Fearful it might sway.

And those who would chose to turn back the other way. But you and me have our own bridge to cross. Weather worn and sea tossed. We've our own bridge to cross. Let's not make any excuses.

The first line, "Crossing the bridge where many lean to see over the rail to glance the trembling stream," represents two lovers looking at the world around them.

Here the lovers see the world as "the trembling stream," and must decide whether to continue the road to commitment or give up. *I came upon a used and yellowed paperback. A collection of dreams and their meanings all conveyed. Seems to dream of a bridge denotes a thousand things.*

"I came upon a used and yellowed paperback," means the singer met a woman who had been through a difficult relationship.

"Seems to dream of a bridge denotes a thousand things," again, the term "bridge" means commitment.

To the woman, commitment now means many different things.

If the planks are secure. Or the rope is broke and frayed.

But you and me have our own bridge to cross. Weather worn and sea tossed. We've our own bridge to cross. Let's not make any excuses.

"If the planks are secure. Or the rope is broke and frayed," means to me that her heart is guarded or it's ready to be turned loose.

The couple has to decide if they should make a commitment to each other.

The final verse means the singer wants to take a chance with their love.

"You and me have our own bridge to cross," and "Weather worn and sea tossed," are two of them.

I think the meanings of these phrases carry over each time they are used in the song.

For instance, I think the word bridge represents commitment and the "weather worn and sea-tossed," refers to two people who have had their hearts broken in the past.

"You and me have our own bridge to cross," means to me that no matter what other people do or say, these two lovers have to decide on their own how far to take their relationship.

THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Swimming/Diving, WSUC-WWIAC Champ., All Day (Oshkosh)
Rec. Serv. Rib Mountain Ski Trip (Van Leaves at 4PM)
Rec. Serv. Billiards League, 6PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
CPI-Club/Variety Presents: CARL BANKS, Stand Up Comedy, 8-9PM--
Brian Sharron Jazz Trio Opening, 7:30PM & Closing, 9PM (Encore-UC)

TREMORS Dance club, 9PM (AC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Hockey, NCHA Quarter Finals
Swimming/Diving, WSUC-WWIAC Champ., All Day (Oshkosh)
UC Marketing & Promotions Quit-N-Time Series w/UWSP STUDENT JAZZ COMBO, 3-5PM (Encore-UC)
Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING, 8PM (JT-FAB)

TREMORS Dance Club--HAWAIIAN BEACH PARTY, 9PM (AC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Hockey, NCHA Quarter Finals
Wrestling, WSUC Championships, 9AM (River Falls)
Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)
Swimming/Diving, WSUC-WWIAC Champ., All Day (Oshkosh)
TR, Pointer Invite #2, 11AM (H)
Wom. BB, Lawrence University (H), 3PM
Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING, 7:30 PM (JT-FAB)

Centertainment Prod.-Alt. Sounds OPEN MIC, 8PM (Encore-UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Carlsten Art Gallery: "SOURCES/RESOURCES" Group Exhibition Through 3/14 (FAB)
Suzuki Recitals, 2&3:30PM (MH-FAB)

Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING, 2PM (JT-FAB)

Planetarium Series: COMETS ARE COMING, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)

Brother James Miller Day Prog. w/Gerard Vanderhaar: "Keeping Hope Alive: Nonviolence in a Violent World"-Reception/Banquet Following, 3PM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

Swimming/Diving, Last Chance Meet (Wom.), 4PM (LaCrosse)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Carlsten Art Gallery: PIOTROWSKI CERAMIC AWARD EXHIBITION Through March 14 (Gallery-FAB)

Rec. Serv. HAPPY HOUR, 3-7PM--20% OFF Indoor Games, Free Popcorn & Beverages (Rec. Serv.-UC)

Multicultural Resource Center Workshop/Discussion: "Show Me the Money-Important Shifts in Work" by Mike Pagel, 7-9PM (Nic.-Marq. Rm.-UC)

Perf. Arts Series: GRAHAM SCOTT, PIANO, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

Planetarium Series: SKIES OF WINTER, 8PM (Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Planetarium Series: LASER LIGHT SHOW, 8&9:30PM (Sci. Bldg.)

Centertainment Prod.-Issues & Ideas Mini-Course: HOME BREWING & APPRECIATION, 7PM (Point Brewery)

Wind Ensemble/Concert Band Concert, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Celebration of Languages (Poetry, Dancing, Music), Beginning at 5:30PM (Encore-UC)

BB, LaCrosse (T), 7PM

Multicultural Resource Center Presents: EBONICS WORKSHOP w/Host Mel Rousseau, 7PM (Nic.-Marq. Rm.-UC)

Wom. BB, LaCrosse (H), 7PM

Perf. Arts Series: PRO ARTE QUARTET, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

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Wright

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a more polished performance," said Wright.

Wright has trained several conference and national champions while coach of the shot put, discus, hammer, and javelin throws at UW-SP.

He has also seen six of his athletes go on to become coaches in throwing.

Wright himself was a conference champion, and three time national champion in the shot put at UW-SP in the early-mid 70's.

He still holds the shot put record (59ft 9in) at UW-SP. In 1980 he made the Olympic tryouts.

Wright received his degree in elementary education from UW-SP in 1976.

After teaching nine years in Illinois he returned to Stevens Point. He's been a friend, coach, advisor, and inspiration for students here ever since.

She

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bers to call to help people in these situations.

I really wish people would always consider others' feelings when they decide to speak or act.

After all, it only takes one person to contribute to the chain of sexual harassment.

Maybe if we all realize we are equals this issue would cease to exist.



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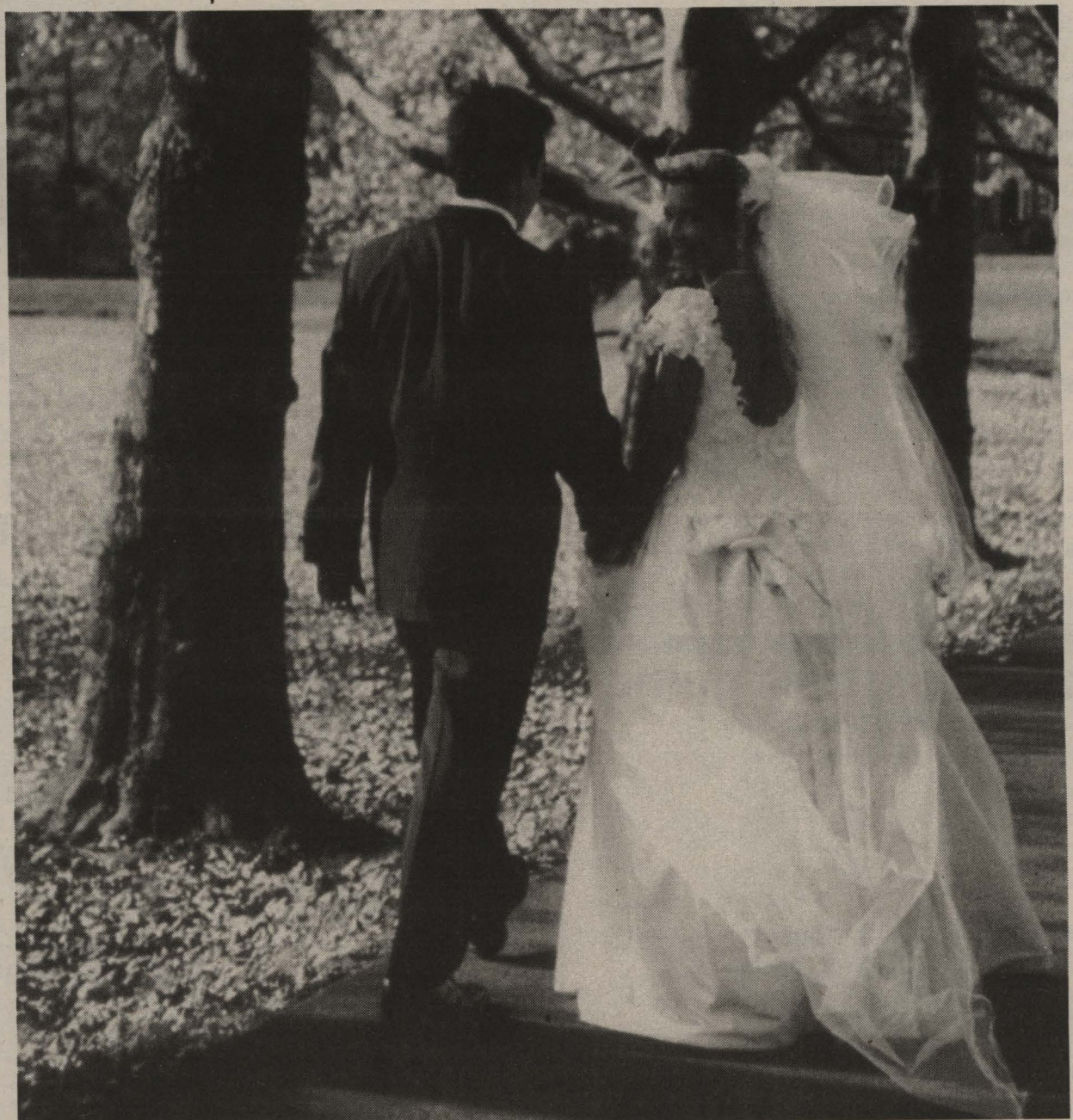
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IN THE ZONE

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sunday, the so-called "Super Bowl of Stockcar Racing," the Daytona 500, was won by 25-year-old Jeff Gordon.

The popularity of auto racing in the United States has skyrocketed in recent years, but the question remains: "Is auto racing a sport?"

For something to be a sport, it has to include an athlete. The athletes in baseball, basketball, and football are obvious. They are the guys pouring out their efforts on the fields and courts.

But in auto racing, just who is the athlete?

The car driver sits behind a steering wheel and decides when to pass and how to position the car on the track.

So does this make truck drivers and travelers athletes too?

The driver doesn't have to be in any degree of physical fitness to be able to operate a race car. Theoretically, he or she could weigh over 300 pounds and still get behind a wheel and compete in a race.

There are very few professional athletes who consider themselves in shape while weighing over 300 pounds. The Packers' defensive tackle Gilbert Brown is one of these exceptional athletes.

Even though it is the driver who pushes the gas pedal to get the car up to 200 miles per hour, it is actually the car that does the work for the driver.

This makes the car the athlete, disqualifying auto racing as a sport.

Don't get me wrong, I respect the hard work that people put into auto racing. I've seen people working on cars into the wee hours of the morning, trying to spice up their engines.

However, auto racers deal mainly with strategy during the race. So if racing is to be considered a sport for this reason, then chess and checkers would have to be called a sport too, as these participants use strategy as well.

On top of their game

Intramural Top Teams

Men's Basketball Top 10

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| 2. Caucasian Persuasion | 7. The Posse |
| 3. The Road Warriors | 8. X-Cons |
| 4. The Gunners | 9. Holy Bowlers |
| 5. NBA | 10. Beer Guzzling Jerk-offs |

Women's Basketball Top 5

1. Lot D
2. Hoochie Mamas
3. Tirty Pointers
4. Freedom
5. Purple People Eaters

Men's Volleyball Top 3

1. Rocky Mountain Oysters
2. No Fat
3. Tappi

Non-Comp. Co-ed V-Ball Top 5

1. Dan and the weird name people
2. 2 Short
3. Kim Kutzke's Team
4. Scrubs
5. This Time

Competitive Co-ed V-ball Top 5

1. D's Destroyers
2. Last Chance
3. 4-Play
4. No Fat
5. Spartan Spirit

Women's Volleyball Top 3

1. Sideout
2. Pointer Sisters
3. Friction

Soccer Top 3

1. AC Milan
2. Joe Mamas
3. Eric's Team

Broom Ball Top 2

1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
2. The Scoring Machines

Pointers get big road win in Oshkosh

By Joshua Wescott
CONTRIBUTOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team ran their winning streak to four last night with a huge win at the Kolf Sports Center in Oshkosh.

With the 71-58 victory, the Pointers swept the season series against the Titans, whose season has nose-dived since losing to UW-SP nearly a month ago in Quandt Gym.

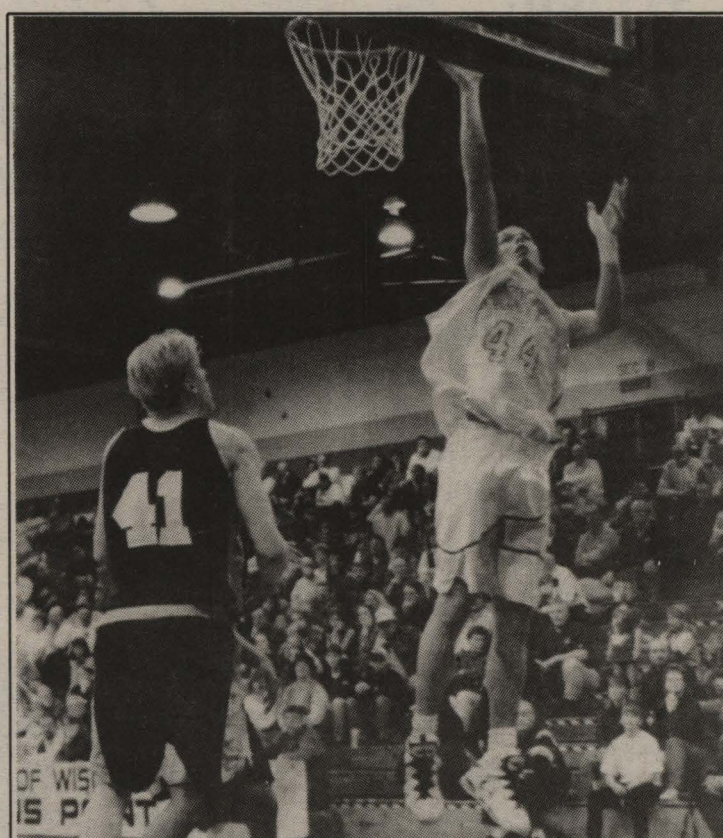
The Pointers overcame early season problems on the road, and captured a victory in one of the toughest places to play in the Wisconsin State University Conference.

UW-Oshkosh had won 25 of their last 26 games at the Kolf Sports Center before last night's stunner.

The win moves the Pointers even closer to a postseason bid in the 64 team NCAA Division III Tournament.

Point has a great shot at getting an invitation, given the strength of the WSUC.

The past two seasons, UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater have received bids, but four teams may make the "Big Dance" this season.



Point's Derek Westrum (#44) lays it in over UW-Superior's Jerimy Hallsten (#41) in UW-SP's 65-55 win Saturday. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

A playoff bid from the NCAA would be a first in UW-SP school history after the Pointers left the NAIA three years ago.

Point improved their overall record to 17-6 and 9-5 in the WSUC, while the Titans fell to 16-6 overall and 8-6 in the WSUC.

Going into the contest, the Pointers were one position ahead of the Titans in the NCAA Regional Rankings.

UW-SP rebounded from a lackadaisical shooting performance.

SEE BASKETBALL ON PAGE 18

Hockey earns first round bye with sweep

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointer hockey team knew what they had to do last weekend at Lake Forest College and got the job done.

In order to gain a first round bye in the NCHA playoffs and home-ice advantage in their opening series, UW-Stevens Point had to sweep the Foresters on the road.

And Point did just that, capturing victories of 6-4 Friday night and 8-5 on Saturday to extend their winning streak to six games.

"It wasn't pretty, but we won. But in all fairness to us, the games were over early and we just kept pouring it on and playing the way we can, and they were fighting for their lives," said UW-SP hockey coach Joe Baldarotta.

"We got our points. Four weeks ago, no one gave us a chance to win six straight and we did."

"In the beginning of the year, no one gave us a chance of being in second; we did," added Baldarotta.

Lake Forest jumped out to an early lead Friday with a goal just 26 seconds into the game, but Point came back less than three minutes later with a Derek Toninoto goal.

The Pointers' Matt Interbartolo and Lake Forest's Mike Porchard traded goals before Brian Hill gave UW-SP the lead for good, 15:44 into the second period.

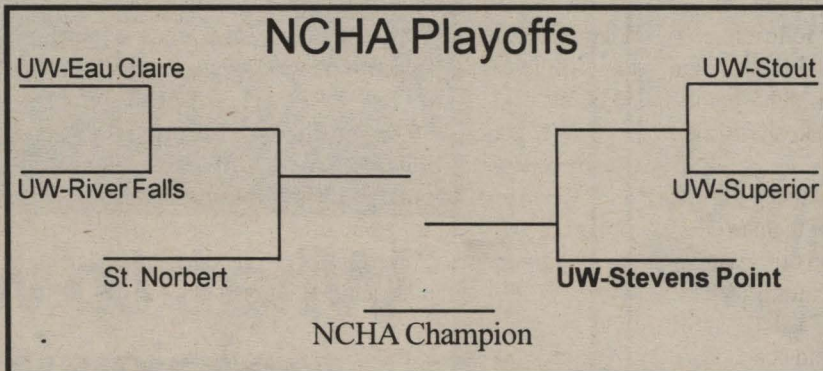
Joe Vancik scored two goals while Hill, Interbartolo, and Chad Franckowiak also put the puck between the pipes for the Pointers.

Bobby Gorman made 25 saves in the goalie box for UW-SP.

Baldarotta said the Pointers are happy to have the bye week, but aren't looking ahead to who they'll play next weekend.

"Anybody that's ever played three series to get into the NCAA's, it's really hurt them."

"We earned the bye week and I think after we've had our byes, we've played pretty darn good."



Tonintato found the back of the net for the second time two minutes later, and Casey Howard and Tyler Johnston also added goals in the 6-4 win.

Tony Bergeron manned the net for Point, stopping 16 Forester shots.

On Saturday night, the Pointers came out firing behind the still red-hot Forrest Gore.

UW-SP jumped out to an insurmountable 6-0 lead behind three goals from Gore, who has scored 16 goals in his last six games.

"We don't want our guys right now to even think about who we're playing because it doesn't matter."

"We'll play the Badgers if we have to. We'll play the Russians. We don't care, we'll play anybody, anytime, anywhere to win, because we feel we have eight games left and that's it."

"That's our main focus: just to play as many games as we possibly can," said Baldarotta.

UW-SP will host the winner of the UW-Superior-UW-Stout series next weekend in the second round of the NCHA playoffs.



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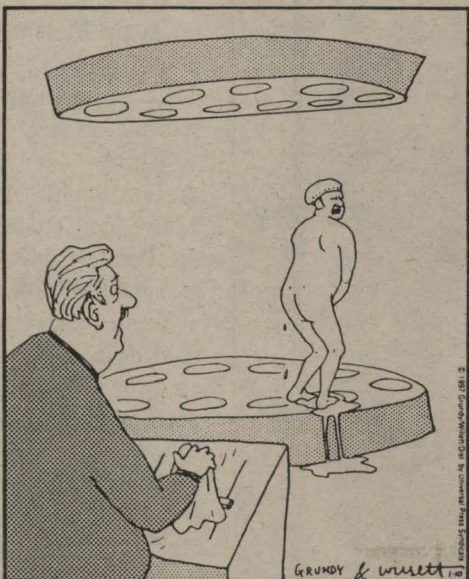
By Grundy and Willett



Telepathic problems.



Dorothy grows up.



"Scotty! Did I ask you to beam me up? Did I? Did I?"

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GAMESMEN by Stanley Merkin
Edited by Fred Piscop

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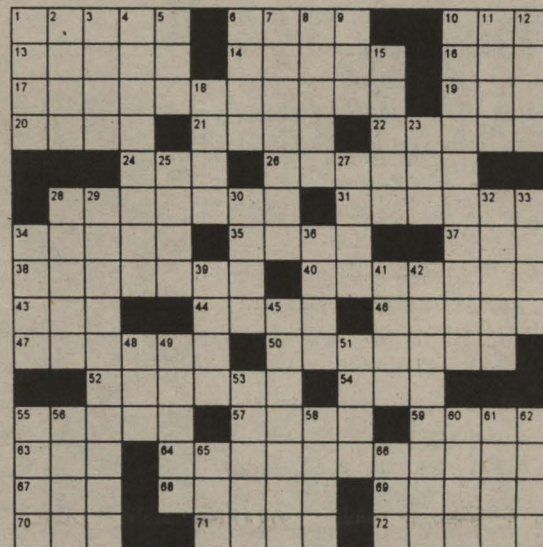
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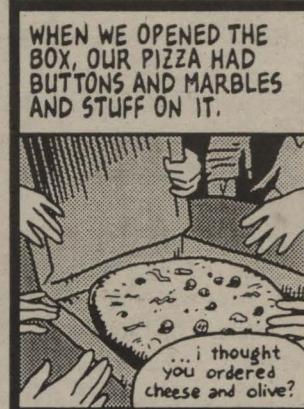
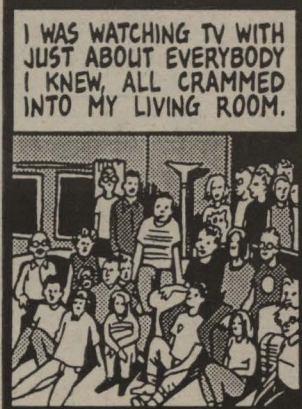
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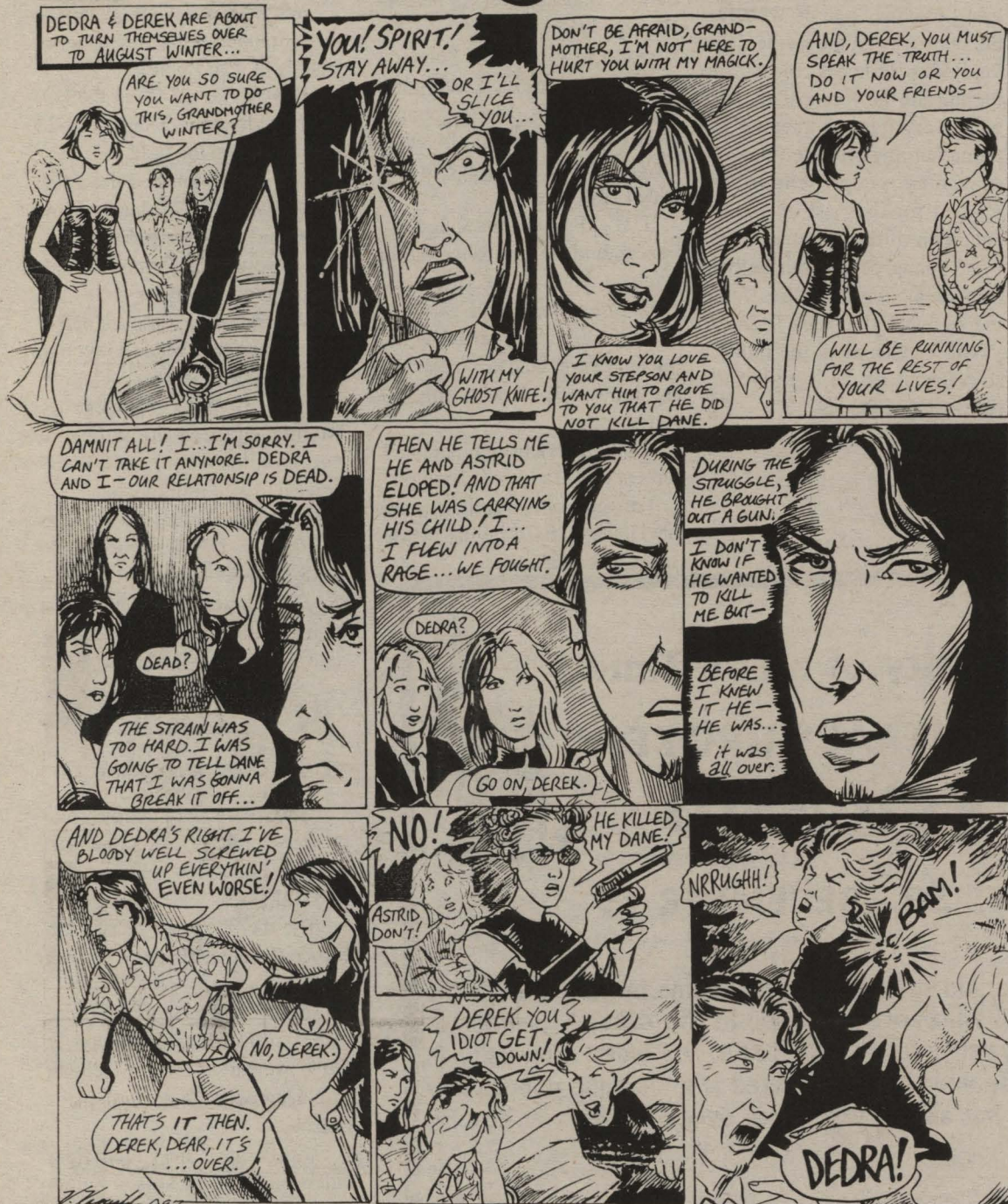
By Joey Hetzel



MONEY TALKS! WELL, IF YOU'RE NUTS, IT PROBABLY DOES.

Dave Davis

By Valentina Kaquatosh



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Next Week: Blood Roses

"I Know Nothing of..."

In a foreign land, my great-grandfather was born.
His golden skin shone
Like the fields he worked in.
When he stopped to chat,
his tongue rolled over his words
Effortlessly.
The words I know nothing of.

His breaks consisted of curling up
with a Cuban cigar.
He huffed and puffed to
relieve the monotony of the sun-soaked clay.
He put it out and was Hercules again.
The muscle I know nothing of.

Late at night, after an infinite day,
he curled his dark mustache and sat
in the dirt
and stared
at the sky.
But he never wished upon a hopeless star.
He only wiped the sweat off his busy brow
and prayed.
The sweat I know nothing of.

Day after day he worked,
Confused by Crazy Czar Castro,
no promise of a life,
only servitude forever.
So he fled
leaving the stench of rotten hopes.

In a way,
because of his impossible life,
I was born here,
in the Good Ol' U S of A
And taught to forget my great-grandfather's struggle.

By Shawnte' Marie Salabert

Strong plot foiled by weak ending



By Mike Beacom
FILM CRITIC

The last time Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman pooled their film genius together, the result was 1992's Academy Award winner for best picture, "Unforgiven."

The two have combined once again and this time the result is a semi-entertaining film, deserving nowhere near the level of praise awarded to their previous compilation.

"Absolute Power" is highlighted by its all-star cast and a fairly interesting plot. But the film's strong points are overshadowed by lame and untimely humor, with a few exceptions, and a weak ending.

Clint Eastwood plays Luther, an aging burglar, who has served his time but still cannot keep

himself out of other people's homes.

Luther is in the process of racking in a once in a lifetime score when the house's residents return home. While hiding out, Luther witnesses a murder and a cover-up.

The guilty party is none other than the President of the United States (Hackman), his chief-of-staff and two secret service agents. Luther has the evidence to prove it. But exposing Hackman means putting his own neck on the line.

When the chief detective on the case (Ed Harris) starts pinning the crime on him, Luther has to decide whether to run or to protect his name and reveal the truth.

The film, directed and produced by Eastwood, started strong, but was at times too predictable.

Rating (four possible):



Rentals

Awakenings
(1990; 120 min.)

Starring Robert De Niro in an Academy Award nominated role and Robin Williams, this movie traces the summer of 1969 in a mental hospital.

Williams plays a doctor that has, he thinks, discovered a cure for sufferers of an extreme form of Parkinson's disease stemming from childhood bouts with encephalitis.

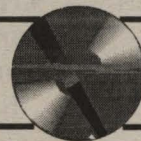
The disease leaves patients with no motor control whatsoever, but leaves their mental faculties virtually intact.

Williams ultimately decides to try the drug on De Niro, who has been comatose for 30 years. De Niro's subsequent awakening changes the nature of the hospital and Williams' introverted doctor, forcing him to take a new look at life. A virtuoso performance by De Niro and Williams.

-Nick Katzmarek

Pavement sticks to college highway

90 FM's Pick of the Week



By Patrick McGrane
MUSIC CRITIC

College Rock has always been its own entity-separated from commercial alternative in its sheer variety of sounds and styles.

It is also home to a number of successful artists that manage to do quite well, without crossing the barrier into the big-bucks of commercial rock.

Bands like The John Spencer Blues Explosion, The Flaming Lips, Dinosaur Jr., and The Afghan Whigs all have big followings, but stick to the club scene as opposed to the high-financed elements of amphetamine rock. They like it there!

The fans are cool, the shows intimate, the record labels small... and in the big picture, the job remains enjoyable.

Take **Pavement**, for example. Their new album, *Brighten the Corners*, is their fifth release in as many years. Their sound is unrefined and cool, with wry lyrics and a very low-key sound.

They're not out to bedazzle you, nor to rock your tush off. Pavement performs music the way they want to, as oblique as their humor is capable of being.

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Youth

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put aside outside differences to bring together people who feel the same way on the inside. This kindred spirit needs constant re-fueling and the young adults here work very hard at keeping the flame burning into the future.

Young people cannot be blamed for the past or present condition of this country. However, young people can be held responsible for the future. Judging by what I've seen from the younger generation, the future's so bright I'll have to re-tint my rose-colored shades.

Kelly Balke

Basketball

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mance Saturday against UW-Superior, shooting over 53 percent from the field.

Russ Austin led the Pointers' well balanced scoring attack, pouring in 19 points. Starting center Mike Paynter chipped in 14, while Derek Westrum and Dave Grzesk added 13 apiece.

UW-SP's defense, led by Grzesk and Austin, once again clamped down on the Titans' vicious offensive assault.

UW-O's star guard Dennis Ruedinger was held to 3-12 shooting and ended up with only 10 points.

Oshkosh as a team hit only 39 percent of its field goal attempts.

Forward Aaron Harding paced the Titans with 16 points, while Brad Clark added 13.

The Pointers were actually outrebounded 30-26, as Ruedinger hauled in a team high eight.

Westrum and Dan Denniston each dragged down a half dozen boards to lead Point.

UW-SP led 33-29 at the half after holding the Titans to 8-23 shooting from the field.

The Titans knotted the game at 40-40 with 15:47 left in the game after Clark hit a jump shot.

However, the Pointers didn't let things slip away.

Westrum dropped a pair of free throws, and then made a layup to extend the lead to four.

Back-to-back dunks by Paynter signaled the knockout punch on the Titans, as UW-SP cruised to a 13 point victory.

After a week off, the Pointers will travel to UW-La Crosse to do battle with the Eagles.

The Pointers will then return home for their regular season finale against UW-River Falls.

Track

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"La Crosse had a couple good quarter-milers in that same race and Jesse just blew them away," said Hill.

The 4x400 meter relay team earned the other first place finish for Point.

UW-SP had no second or third place finishers, but Carrie Pecover (20 lb. weight) and Missy Heiman (triple jump) grabbed fourth place finishes.

The Pointers host their final indoor meet of the season Saturday at the Health Enhancement Center starting at 11 a.m.

Wrestling

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Their bravery was short-lived and futile as they were pummeled 45-0 by the rabid dogs of Point.

The split puts UW-SP's dual meet record at 13-4.

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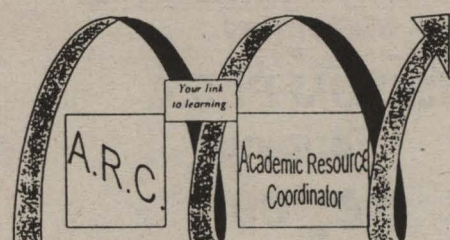
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