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Students say "No Nicolet"

Students protest meeting with Nicolet Minerals and CNR faculty

By Kevin Lahner
 NEWS EDITOR

Representatives of the Nicolet Mineral Company were faced with a group of about 20 student protestors in a meeting with UW-Stevens Point faculty Monday.

The meeting, requested by former governor Tony Earl, was set to discuss possible research opportunities for UW-SP faculty regarding the Environmental Impact Statement, and possible monitoring of the controversial mining site located near Crandon, Wis.

"It was more of an exploratory discussion, looking at the possibilities for involvement," said Richard Wilke, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR).

Students attending the meeting were strongly opposed to any involvement from UW-SP faculty.

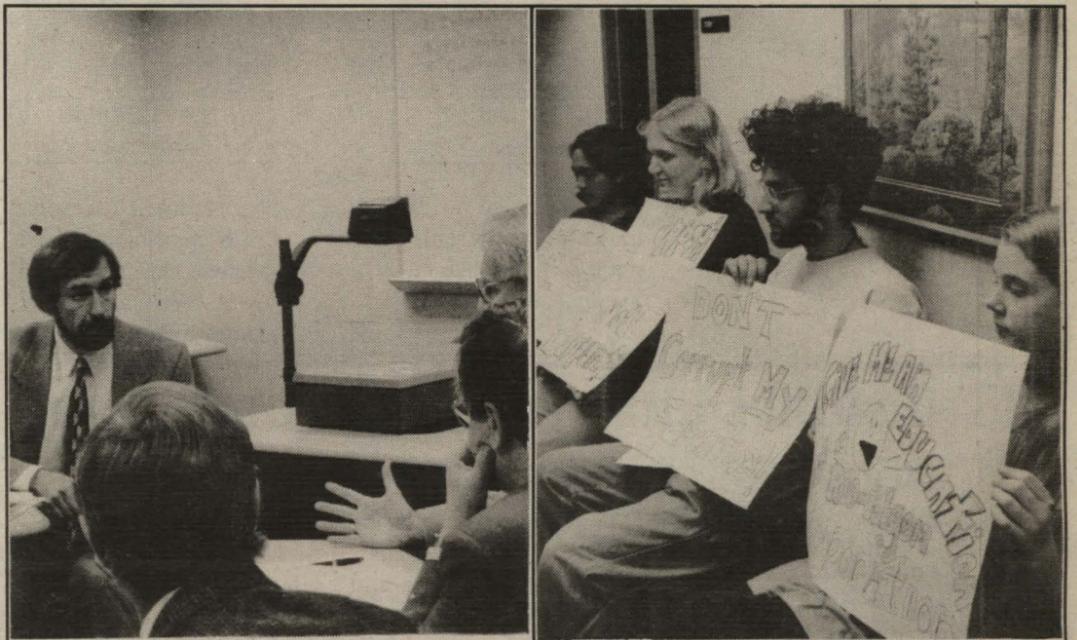
"We feel that the university should not be contributing to Rio Algom (Nicolet Mineral's parent company) in any way," said student protestor Angie Gonzalez.

The students carried signs which read "Give me an Education Not a Corporation" and "Don't Corrupt my Education" in a silent protest. They argue that Rio Algom is dishonest and has had many environmental and civil rights abuses in the past.

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Students sit in silent protest at a meeting with Nicolet Minerals and UW-Stevens Point faculty set to discuss the possibility of research. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Candidates debate issues

By Kevin Lahner
 NEWS EDITOR

Attempting to speak over the typical lunch-time crowd at the Encore Tuesday, Student Government Association Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates squared off in a public debate.

On issues ranging from communication to the environment,

both the Michael Snyder/Jeff Buhrandt and Bill Barthen/Jason Beauchene tickets presented similar stances at the public forum.

"Everyone here has a voice and a mind and it's time for them to start exercising it," said Jason Beauchene, Vice Presidential candidate.

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Gospel choir brings message to campus

By Tracy Marhal
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A message filled with energy and strong spiritual devotion was presented to the UW-Stevens Point community at Michelsen Hall last Saturday during Gospel Fest 1998.

Chicago's Lane Tech Gospel Choir and the Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHSA) Gospel Choir presented what admirer, Doug Rogers called, "a ministry."

"It was an internal message for me," Rogers said.

Ticket sales show over 180 people were exposed to the "min-

istry," even those forced to stand in the isles.

"This event brought diversity and culture to UW-SP and it showed the African American students here that they have support," said Black Student Union Treasurer, Damon McDuffy, "It enlightened me. It lifted my spirits," McDuffy added.

MHSA's gospel director, Joelyn "Jazzy" Word-Beckly, had a special connection to the presentation, as she is an alumni of UW-SP.

Another special connection to the performance was that of UW-SP freshman, and former

member of the Chicago choir, Davida Smith.

"It was a great success," she said, "I'm glad people could come and appreciate it."

Lane Tech Gospel Choir is not a newcomer to Stevens Point. They have brought their message to the campus for eight years in a row.

"Hopefully the choir will be back again next year with an even bigger venue like the Century Theatre," said Ron Strege, Director for Multicultural Affairs here at Point.

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Pompon squad takes first

By Mike Kemmeter
 SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point pompon squad received top honors at a three day national competition last weekend in Minneapolis.

Competing in the United Performance Association's Americup Cheer and Dance Championship, the squad topped six other teams to win the Overall College Team division.

"It was pretty exciting," squad co-captain Mandy Birschbach said. "It's definitely the highlight of the year."

"We got what we wanted. It's the biggest title we've won."

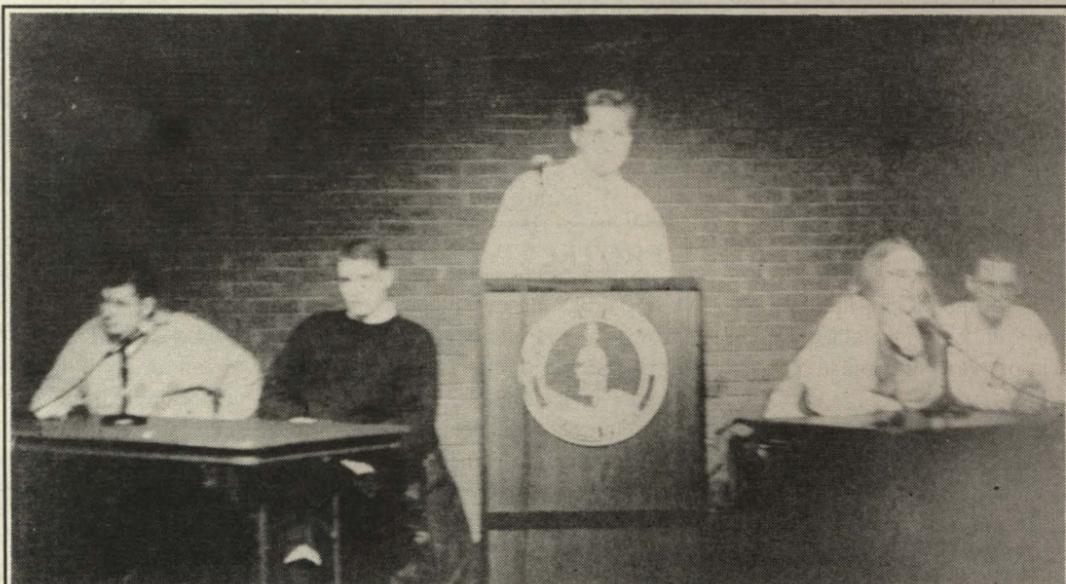
By winning the title, the team improved from its second place finish in the same division last year.

The pompon squad had to battle through several injuries during the season before coming away victorious. The team was forced to compete with only 10 of its 13 members because of various injuries.

The winning routine was choreographed by the team's two co-captains, Tammy Sikorski and Birschbach.

The pair, who are both in their third year on the squad, never took a choreography class.

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Michael Snyder and Jeff Buhrandt (left) debate Bill Barthen and Jason Beauchene in the Encore Tuesday. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Photos by Carrie Reuter

THE POINTER POLL

Are you going to vote in the S.G.A. elections?



Andy Ligman
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"Only if Monica Lewinsky is running with Hillary."



Chris Detjen
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"Yes, because politicians are inherently good and will save humanity, ...maybe."



Steve Sinisi
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"No, because when everyone is complaining about the government, all I will say is, 'Well you elected them; I didn't.'"

IT disables anonymous domain logon Steps taken to improve network security

By Matt Mutz
NEWS REPORTER

UW-Stevens Point Information Technology (IT) announced last Wednesday that the network guest logon will be disabled as of March 1, 1998.

The policy was changed due to concerns about network security and user accountability. A user logged on as a guest had anonymity and could conceivably perform illegal activities using the UW-SP network. It is also hoped that the new policy will deter inappropriate behavior in student computer labs.

IT has experienced problems with anonymous e-mail bombing

(disabling another's e-mail by sending large amounts of messages) and with minors and guests viewing pornography. Viewing of pornography by minors is illegal, and by guests it is considered inappropriate for academic computing labs and library research areas.

By assigning individual logons to guests, each person is identified as a user of UW-SP network and Internet services.

"They will be held accountable for their actions," said Colleen Andrews, Senior Information Processing Consultant for IT.

Previously, to access the UW-SP network as a guest, an individual could use the username "UWSP" with no password. Once the new policy is in effect,

a guest wishing to use the UW-SP network will need to fill out a request form and present picture identification to IT. Guest access must be renewed each semester.

Under this plan guests will not be charged for access, unless unforeseen problems arise. Guests will have access to Oriel, Microsoft Office 97, and the Internet; printing and e-mail will not be available.

All UW-SP students are automatically assigned a logon and will not be affected by this decision.

Students agree with the decision. "It's about time," said Kim Suchowski, a UW-SP Public Computer Lab Assistant.

Protest: Professors voice concern over motives

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"I support the university, but I don't support a multi-national corporation like Rio Algom coming into the university," said UW-SP student Dana Churness.

Nicolet Minerals' representatives defended the mining project.

"The debate has gone beyond facts and beyond science, and it's gotten to the point of being rhetorical and emotional," said Dale Alberts, a spokesman for Nicolet Minerals.

Some professor attending the meeting also were concerned over the Nicolet Minerals proposal.

"Why are they coming to us when there are thousands of scientific consulting firms around the world who would be willing to take their millions?" asked UW-SP Sociology Professor Bob Wolensky who attend the meeting. "They would like our faculty to help them to convince the public that this mine is safe."

Others voiced similar concerns about the motives of Nicolet Minerals.

"It confirms my suspicions they want us for public relations purposes," said Geology/Geography professor Thomas Detwyler.

The controversial mining project has been the subject of much debate throughout Wisconsin, and prompted the passage of the Mining Moratorium Bill by the State Congress. The bill states that a mine cannot be operated in Wisconsin unless in has been proven not to pollute the surrounding environment. Senator Kevin Shibilski, a primary supporter of the moratorium bill, also was skeptical of the talks.

"This just smacks of more politics than science," Shibilski said.

Wilke stresses that no agreements for research were made between any CNR faculty member and Nicolet Minerals at the meeting.

Nicolet Minerals was formerly the Crandon Mining Company owned by Rio Algom and Exxon Minerals. Recently Exxon sold their controlling shares to Rio Algom who renamed the company.

"This just smacks of more politics than science,"
- State Senator
Kevin Shibilski

CAMPUS

BEAT



Monday, February 23rd

- Room 009 in the Student Services Building had a strong smell of sewage. Maintenance was notified.

- A couch was reported stolen from a hallway in Knutzen Hall.

- An officer talked to individuals about playing frisbee across Maria Drive. The individuals were counseled and released.

Sunday, February 22nd

- Wing E in Hyer Hall had no heat.

- An officer assisted a person in Lot Y who locked their keys in their car.

Saturday, February 21st

- A CA in Smith Hall reported a group of students physically threatening a staff member. The individuals were cited for disorderly conduct.

- A suspicious man was reported in the Fine Arts Building.

- A person reported a bike rack near the Fine Arts Building had been vandalized, and the Theatre and Dance office left wide open with no one around. The bike rack was replaced.

Friday, February 20th

- The Hall Director in Smith Hall was notified about a student with a fake ID. City police were contacted.

- An individual in Burroughs Hall reported receiving prank/annoying phone calls.

- A student in Lot Q reported his vehicle was covered with spray cheese.

- A CA in Hyer Hall reported suspected marijuana use.

Thursday, February 19th

- Tools in Knutzen Hall were reported missing.

- An abandoned bike was found on Fourth Ave., by the Berg Gym steps. The city was notified.

- There were reports of fighting in Lot F. The crowd dispersed when security arrived.

Wednesday, February 18th

- An individual in Hyer complained of harassing phone calls.

- An officer counseled the individuals in Hyer Hall responsible for the harassing phone calls.

- A parking gate in Lot X came down on top of a vehicle.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES' TIP OF THE WEEK

Using drugs increases the risk of injury. Car crashes, falls, burns, drowning, and suicides are all linked to drug use. Under the effects of drugs, you do not function normally and cannot do things that require concentration. One hit of crack or cocaine can be fatal. Drinking can lead to intoxication and even death. Using drugs won't help you escape your problems, it will only create more. If you know someone with a drug or alcohol problem, urge him or her to get help.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at x4044 or e-mail me at jblader@uwsp.edu

THE LATEST SCOOP

World News

IRAQ

• Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed on Sunday to lift his ban on weapons inspectors at presidential properties, a United Nations spokesperson said. The agreement took place after a three hour meeting with the Iraqi President and UN secretary, Kofi Annan.

LONDON

• British Prime Minister, Tony Blair apparently denied actor, Sean Connery knighthood last Wednesday. Defenders of Connery said he was denied the privilege due to political reasons, and a ten year-old interview in which he talked about slapping a woman.

ANKARA, TURKEY

• A Turkish-Cypriot religious fanatic, who hijacked a Turkish airplane carrying 68 people, surrendered peacefully Tuesday. After the plane was boarded by security forces, the man-claiming he was under instructions from God-demanded the plane be refueled and cleared for take off to Iran.

National News

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• Senior Clinton Administration officials said that deeds, not words, are required to solve the crisis in Iraq, and they would withhold judgement on the agreement announced in Baghdad by United Nations Secretary, Kofi Annan, until he returns to deliver a detailed briefing of the agreement.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

• President Clinton visited Central Florida last Wednesday to view the devastated areas where a series of tornadoes had hit, killing 39 people. He first flew over the area and then walked through Ponderosa Park, a recreational vehicle facility where eight of the casualties took place.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• Those hours between the time classes get out and parents come home are risky for the "latchkey" kids of the U.S., and a Senate panel urged Wednesday that schools and communities work together to find safe activities to fill that period of time. The groups providing those activities, however, say that they cannot reach all of the children at risk without government support.

Local/State News

STEVENS POINT

• A Stevens Point man pleaded not guilty to charges he sent explicit sexual pictures of minors over the Internet. Arthur Turchen, 52, was tried in Madison Federal Court and faces 250 thousand dollars in fines and up to 15 years in prison, if convicted. His trial is set for May 18th.

MILWAUKEE

• Charles E. Howell has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the murder of his neighbor. The 69 year old apparently shot his neighbor, James Edward Ray, 70, when he confronted him about the jeep he owned, which Ray apparently thought was "an eyesore." The two had been feuding for some time.

MILWAUKEE

• Milwaukee County Jail inmates are being placed in the Sheriff's Gymnasium, due to overcrowding. About 40 low-bail, non-violent inmates brought their mattresses to their new location on Monday. If the population at the jail continues to increase, inmates could soon be housed in the new dormitory at the State Fair grounds.

OMRO

• Scott Miller, 51, has been ordered to stand trial for the shooting of his ex-wife, Carla Miller. The sheriff's officer who testified at Monday's hearing said when officials arrived at the scene of the shooting, Miller was covered in blood and had a blood-alcohol level of .20.

The Voice of the campus

Do you think that CNR faculty should participate in research for the Nicolet Minerals Company?

Email your responses to klahn637@uwsp.edu

Pompon

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Nevertheless, they put together a two and a half minute routine consisting of three songs, including D.J. Kool's "Let Me Clear My Throat."

The UW-SP cheer squad was not as fortunate as the pompon team, finishing second to Division I Minn-St. Cloud in the Overall College Division by a single point.

"We thought we did well enough to win," UW-SP cheer team member Greg Leitz said. "Through all the hard work, we were disappointed we didn't win. But we showed a lot of class."

Cheer team member Jennifer Henning had the same feeling.

"It was a pretty rough loss," Henning said. "We really did a fantastic job on Sunday."

Like the pompon squad, the cheer team performed a two and a half minute routine. It consisted of three sets of stunts set to music, a cheer, and then another group of stunts.

More than 60 schools competed in the entire championship, with separate divisions for cheer and dance teams from youth to college age groups.

Gospel

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At least twenty multicultural events occur on campus each year. There are many facets involved in the production of these events, money being a major one.

"We could always use more funding, events aren't cheap," said Strege.

Many multicultural events rely on money from other campuses and community organizations for funding.

"Centertainment has been a big help for promotion," Strege added.

"I think these programs can only help to educate," added McDuffy.

Some upcoming Multicultural events include an American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) Pow Wow, and the Ballet Folkloric, coming in March, "That will be a neat thing. There will be indigenous dancers to Mexican music, and a lot more," said Strege.

The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union, Multicultural Affairs, and First Financial Bank.

Debate

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The Snyder/Buhrandt ticket voiced similar concerns.

"I think the number one thing we have to do is to tell students why they have to care," said Buhrandt, also running for the Vice Presidential seat.

The candidates for both tickets are focusing on communication, increasing access in technology areas, campus environmental concerns, increasing diversity and student representation on campus decision making. The issues of contention are specifics within the broadly outlined categories.

For example, Barthen and Beauchene are strong advocates for an environmentally responsible Residence Hall, dubbed the "eco-hall" while Snyder and Buhrandt focus on campus clean-up efforts.

The few students watching the event asked tough questions regarding the recent elimination of funding for the Vocal Jazz Group, student funding of Athletics and the presence of a coal burning power plant on campus.

Snyder and Buhrandt were critical of the debate timing and location.

"We want your input and want your feedback but we are not going to force you to sit down and attend such forums," Snyder said.

The candidates will be speaking to classes and organizations throughout the week to answer specific questions, and present their visions for the future of the student body and S.G.A.

Voting will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 3rd, 4th and 5th in the Debot and University Centers.

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Clinton's most serious scandal goes unnoticed

Dear Editors:

Nick Katzmarek thought that it was unreasonable for a person who holds a powerful public office to be expected to behave ethically and morally in their private life (at work), as long as they "make sure that America is a better place to live." Katzmarek doesn't care about morality—as long as generous government programs continue or expand. If the polls are correct and most Americans don't care about proper limits on our government as long as they get theirs, then we are in deep doo-doo. No wonder the morally and ethically challenged have an advantage at the polls.

For example, the federal education benefits which Clinton proposed should clearly be recognized as unconstitutional by all. The Constitution has a very short, specific list of the purposes of the central government and the Bill of Rights says that everything else should be done by the states, the people, or not at all. (Look it up on the web at: <http://Constitution.by.net/IndexConstitution.html>) It worked well for a while.

In the last State of the Union address, the President concluded with remarks about "preserving" the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. He must have been speaking of preserving the original documents in the National Archives because the Federal government violates the spirit and letter of those precious documents all the time, with his help.

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Smoke-free campus has a nice ring to it

Dear Editors:

Smokers have a right to kill themselves, I'll grant them that. But should they have the right to huddle outside the doorways of campus buildings, forcing people to run the gauntlet through their harmful and offensive cloud of second hand smoke?

They carelessly discard cigarette butts that litter our sidewalks, stairwells, and campus grounds. And can someone please tell me why smokers enjoy the exclusive pleasure of dining in the sunlit atrium of the Encore, while no similar facility is provided for non-smokers?

Within the past 200 years, Americans have passed countless laws forbidding behavior that was formerly condoned. We can no longer empty our chamber pots in the street, discriminate on the basis of race or sex, nor drive drunk. Such behaviors, though

once tolerated, gradually became morally and socially unacceptable, to the extent that they are now forbidden by law. I maintain that public smoking more than fulfills the criteria for similar restriction.

Even the tobacco companies concede the detrimental effects of both primary and second-hand smoke. By banning tobacco use on our campus, we would contribute to the good health of everyone connected to our university. Wisconsin has a long established and respected reputation for progressive thought.

Why not make UWSP the state's first tobacco-free public university?

At UWSP, we place great emphasis on "wellness," banning tobacco use would complement and reinforce such philosophy. We already have smoke-free dorms and buildings on our campus, we should take the next logical step.

Such a move would undoubtedly provoke smoking students, faculty and staff to protest. But we live in a democracy that embraces the credo of *the greatest good for the greatest number*, and smokers comprise a *minority* on campus. If they want to preserve their "right" to smoke, they can light up and leave!

Their absence would make space available for those who would be attracted to a university with a healthy, smoke-free environment.

When you consider the rights of the majority, the positive publicity and the obvious benefits of banning tobacco use, such a proposal makes sense. It's time for all non-smokers to stand in defense of their right to "a breath of fresh air!"

-Paul Anderson
Student

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The mine effects should concern everyone

By Kris Wagner
MANAGING EDITOR

A few weeks ago, *The Pointer* ran a letter in the Letters and Opinion section entitled "Mine decision should be left to those it will affect" and the author, Mark Neilitz, stated "the issue of the [Crandon] mine should be left up to the people of Forest County and those people that live along the Wisconsin and Wolf Rivers."

It appears Mr. Neilitz's overlooks the instrumental importance of the biodiversity for which the rivers act as a backbone. In areas along the rivers' course, the water is dammed to produce electricity (a vital product of the modern world), numerous fishermen seek out the "big one," and annually, a plethora of tourists enjoy many water-centered activities.

The economic values of the rivers would quickly plummet to a near zero, if the fragile river ecosystem became contaminated by mine tailings and, of course, if one river becomes polluted the problems continue to radiate into other inter-connecting areas. In essence, annihilating the use of many Wisconsin and neighboring state's river systems, if not all of them.

Not only has the author ignored the economic importance of a healthy riverway, but his anthropocentric (human-centered) view on the river's utility has

washed out the rivers' crucial importance for flora and fauna living adjacent or within the rivers. The author suggests, through his despotic cultural lens, that the sole purpose for the river is that of humans living on its banks.

In that case the river, essentially, has no value without the humans living next to it. A closer look reveals that the river donates more than instrumental and aesthetic human values.

The rivers' components offer mating grounds for mosquitoes, which feed frogs, which feed fish, a pattern embedding itself within the strands of the food web.

What does the author really mean when he states those living in Forest County and on the Wisconsin and Wolf rivers are the only ones who need to worry? So, when the rivers turn into the Mississippi and cross the border, I guess we don't have to worry. Similar to the strategy of nuclear companies who are planning to dump their waste within Nevada's desert. Out sight, out of mind.

Everyone must realize that we are not the only citizens of Wisconsin's rivers, but as human beings, we have the responsibility (since we are the potential river destroyers) to look out for our fellow animal cousins.

Don't the crayfish have a right to be concerned about the rivers' welfare? The rivers' resources play a crucial role for every liv-

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Because, I Said So!

By Chris Keller
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Will private research conflict education?

-Editor's note: Whether you agree or disagree, comment and/or criticism is accepted at Pointer@uwsp.edu.

Earlier this week, representatives from the Nicolet Minerals Company visited our campus to meet with faculty from the College of Natural Resources.

As UW-Stevens Point students sat nearby in silent protest, showing their opposition to the mining company, Nicolet officials and UW-SP faculty discussed the possibilities of research being conducted concerning an environmental impact statement of a proposed mine near Crandon.

Dale Alberts, a spokesman for

the Nicolet Minerals Co. said the company wants the university to revise the impact statement into a form easier for the public to read and understand.

But if the research begins with a simple summation, couldn't it turn into something more?

With any issue, there are definite pros and cons to our prestigious CNR faculty performing research that may improve or decrease the chances of the Crandon Mine becoming a reality.

The obvious advantage to this research being done by one of, if not the best natural resource colleges in the nation, is the findings could lay to rest a long-running debate as to whether or not

the proposed mine will be environmentally unfriendly down the road.

On the other hand, there is the chance that UW-SP's faculty will find the mine will be environmentally unsafe.

Now, I assume the university will be paid by the folks from Nicolet. What happens when money is spent on research, in the hopes one particular point will be proven, and the exact opposite happens? Would the findings remain unpublished? These are just two of the questions awaiting any proposal from Nicolet.

Of course nothing is in writing, yet. If and when the proposal comes to fruition, UW-SP's CNR faculty will have a difficult choice to make.

Rep. urges mine attention on governor

Dear Editors:

On February 4, the Legislature - at long last - approved a strong Mining Moratorium Bill. This bill will delay a mine in a sulfide ore body like the proposed Wolf River mine near Crandon until the mining industry shows that a similar mine has operated and been reclaimed for at least

ten years without causing pollution.

Passing the bill hasn't been easy. When I first introduced the Mining Moratorium Bill in 1995, state Capitol pundits gave it no chance of passing. In 1996, the Republicans refused to even allow the bill to come up for a vote. The state Senate passed the bill in March, 1997, but the Assembly Republicans delayed a vote on the bill until January, 1998. Meanwhile, Exxon, Crandon Mining and other mining interests spent millions of dollars on lobbying, campaign contributions and advertisements trying to kill the bill.

The Mining Moratorium passed only because of the actions of tens of thousands of citizens. A broad coalition of hunters, anglers, environmentalists, church groups, senior citizens, local governments, students and Native Americans created the largest grassroots campaign for legislation in recent Wisconsin history.

The success of this legislation shows that concerned citizens can make their voices heard even if they are vastly outspent by well-funded special interests.

When the bill finally did come up in the Assembly, Republicans altered the Mining Moratorium Bill by voting for an amendment pushed by mining industry lobbyists.

The Assembly Republican amendment gutted the bill because it changed the definition of "pollution" so that only a mine subject to a legal or administrative action would be considered "polluting." Had the Assembly Republican action been allowed

to stand, the Mining Moratorium Bill would have been useless because hundreds of polluting mines (mines that have contaminated drinking water and rivers with cyanide, arsenic and other toxic chemicals) would have been declared "nonpolluting."

When citizens heard about the Assembly's action to gut the mining bill, they were outraged. For example, over 200 anglers jammed a meeting in Menasha to castigate their Assembly representatives for voting to weaken the bill.

Fortunately, the state Senate listened to the strong public sentiment. The Senate restored the original intent of the bill by closing the loophole contained in the Assembly Republican version of the bill.

As a result, the bill that passed defines "pollution" the way it should be - as contamination of surface or ground water by toxic chemicals based on scientific data. As one newspaper put it, "The Senate put the muscle back in the Moratorium."

Passage of a strong moratorium bill is a big victory for our environment. I introduced the Mining Moratorium Bill because I believe that protecting our rivers, lakes and streams is essential to the future of our state. After all, our greatest wealth in Wisconsin is not copper or zinc - it is our plentiful supply of clean water.

The last step to making the Mining Moratorium Bill into the Mining Moratorium Law is the Governor. The same citizen pressure that forced the Legislature

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Fresh Tracks

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
OUTDOORS EDITOR

At this point in life, most of us aren't morning people. We're up and about in the day, but work and play well into the night to the point we become almost completely nocturnal. If and when classes or other responsibilities force us out early, we turn into shells of our normal selves. Take a look around your early classes and try to find anyone who's functioning and looks happy doing it.

But every now and then for reasons I shouldn't explain, we find ourselves awake at sunrise. Last weekend was one of those times. As Saturday stretched into Sunday, I decided to stay up a little longer. So instead of going home, I went to Schmeekle where I found a bench by the lake and sat to watch the new day.

The sky was blanketed gray but for the eastern horizon where for some reason, the clouds broke and streaks of orange stretched into dawn. Morning is the only time you can experience true solitude. For a few moments, mankind steps aside and nature reigns undisputed over the earth, even in the city limits.

Each breath felt fresher, sight looked crisper and sound carried clear through the air. The loudest came from a cardinal perched atop a tree behind me. The softest came from a crow that sounded miles away. With the city sounds silenced, their calls reached my ears as clearly as words.

Mourning doves cooed softly to their mates. Crows cawed at the top of their lungs to others on the other side of the reserve. A content-sounding nuthatch repeated its name as it fed on the trunk of a tree, goldfinches sang canary songs outside apartment windows and another bird with a voice I didn't know repeated what it had to say incessantly.

The only birds I actually saw were a few crows perched in a maple by Maria Drive, but as I listened, I pictured one in my mind as clearly as if they were sitting right in front of me.

Watching the daylight inch through the sky reminded me of our time at this school. For graduating seniors, this spring will be our last, at least our last in Stevens Point. If we don't step back from our normal routines every now and then, we'll finish up and be out of here before we know it.

The woods are colorful right now, so get out and enjoy it. Yellows are creeping through the snow from leaf pigments, the pines are a brighter shade of green and the buds are ready to grow.

I caught myself slipping into sleep as the whistling wind of ducks overhead reached my ear. They were gone by the time I snapped back to attention and looked up at the sky gray with cloud cover, but brightened by daylight. I realized it was time to go home.

Boundary Waters face potential threat

By Kris Wagner
MANAGING EDITOR

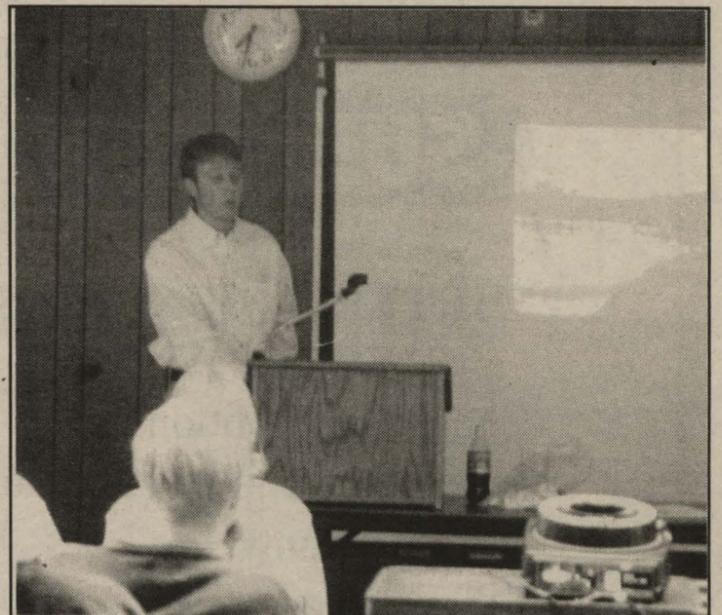
The majestic calls of a loon echo across the mirrored lake that reflects the red-purplish tones of a day's end. The only disturbance of the waveless, wilderness lake involves occasional paddle eddies or the plopping resonance of smallmouth bass feasting on insects.

The vibrating sounds of car tires on the crack filled city streets recede into the wrinkles of the mind and the self discovers a new light of existence in Boundary Waters Wilderness Area. The early spring coolness will allow not only for a dreamful night of deep sleep, but a phenomenal glance at Taurus's horn.

According to Adam Sekelski, a member of the Friends of Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA), scenes like the one depicted may become wisps of a memory or pages from a yellow, tattered book if the legislature decides to pass an accessibility bill in the near future.

"They are trying to put their foot in the door. Whose they? The anti-wilderness," Sekelski said while visiting UW-Stevens Point last week.

The Boundary Waters Wilderness Area is one of the most under fire wilderness territories in America. Since the early 1920s, Northern Minnesota has seen



Adam Sekelski spoke to students about efforts to keep the BWCA motor-free. (Photo by Denean Nowakowski)

many ideas, building plans and legislature try crossing the border into its backwater wilderness.

According to Friends of BWCA, an organization committed to "protecting and preserving" the area, the controversy of the land continues to thrive.

Last year, Senator Rod Grams (R) introduced a bill to open three portages in the BWCA Wilderness to truck traffic for hauling boats from one lake to another.

This bill would also change existing federal law to keep open to motorboat use all of Seagull Lake at the end of the Gunflint Trail. Grams Bill, co-written with Minnesota Congressman Jim

Oberstar (D), allows the Boundary Waters Area to be accessible to the "elderly, disabled and families with children." He states the current policy of limited access gives an unfair homage to those who aren't strong and young.

"This legislation is moving in congress and the only way we can stop it is by being active," Sekelski said. He also commented on the environmental impact of increase motorboat use and the reintroduction of trucks to move boats from lake to lake.

"This is an area where motor use is discouraged and non-mo-

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Early trout season just a short cast away

By Joe Shead
OUTDOORS REPORTER

According to the calendar, the first day of spring isn't for a few weeks yet, but as far as I'm concerned, spring begins this Sun-

day in concurrence with the opening of the early trout season.

This will be the second season of a three-year trial by the DNR to determine the viability of a statewide early trout season.

For many years the early season had existed in the Southwestern corner of the state. Many anglers enjoyed the chance to get on the water well ahead of the regular opener even if it was catch-and-release only. So popular was this early season that many anglers from the northern part of the state made treks to fish the waters that were open during the early season.

However, there are some disadvantages to this early opener. Some people are concerned that trout eggs laid the previous fall may not have hatched by the time that wader-clad anglers stomp through the streams. Also, many worry about mortality of deeply-hooked fish since all fish caught must be released.

The DNR was pleased with last year's early season but was quick to point out that it was only one year and that things could change during the next two seasons.

Anglers interested in testing the waters of this new season should read regulations carefully because they differ from the regu-

lar trout season. The early season opens 5 a.m. March 1 and runs until 4:59 a.m. May 2 during which time only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. All fish caught must also be released.

The 1997 trout stamp is valid from March 1-31 at which time both it and the regular fishing license expire. Also, anglers should be sure to check the trout fishing regulations to make sure the waters they plan to fish are actually open. Portions of the nearby Tomorrow River are closed as part of a study to compare trout mortality on open portions of the river versus closed portions.

Bob Glennon of the One Stop Sport Shop in Stevens Point offered several valuable tips for fly fishers. He suggested trying the Tomorrow, Little Wolf and Mecan Rivers.

Also, for anglers who have some difficulty casting, he suggested the ditches south of Plover. These are agricultural ditches that were once stocked with trout but now offer good fishing.

"The trout there are naturally reproducing," he said. "They are no longer stocked."

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NATURE NEWS AND NOTES

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Upcoming CNR presentations

Fri. Feb. 27- "The Role of Forests in the Global Carbon Cycle" will be presented by Evan H. DeLucia from the Univ. Illinois Urbana Champaign at 3 p.m. in CNR 170.

Mon. March 2- "Women in Natural Resources Panel Discussion" is 5:30 to 8 p.m in the Alumni Room of the U.C.

Fri. March 6- "Songbird Reproduction Success in Northern Wisconsin: the Role of Edge Effects and Nest Microsite on Predation Rates" will be presented by David Flaspohler of UW-Madison at 3 p.m. in 170 CNR.

Meeting set for Sturgeon Patrol

Anyone interested in Sturgeon Patrol on the Wolf River must attend the informational meeting in CNR 170 on March 3 from 6-7. Come and see the educational and informational slide presentation with pictures of giant sturgeon and past patrolling experiences.

Fly Tying workshop at Treehaven

Just in time for the spring fishing season, the annual Fly Tying and Trout Stream Ecology workshop at Treehaven has been set for the weekend of March 6-8.

Participants with beginning to intermediate level skills will find an opportunity to practice their art and receive individualized attention in an informal setting. Professional instruction will focus on construction of a variety of fishing flies. Related fundamentals of trout stream ecology and entomology will be an integral aspect of the course.

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, Wooly Bugger and Squirrel Tail.

A workshop fee of \$130 includes all meals, lodging, materials and instruction. Commuter prices are also available. Class size is limited so reserve space by calling (715) 453-4106.

Pointer students on the trail of wolves

By Matt "Bert" Ward
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

After being extirpated from Wisconsin in the late 1960's, the wolf population of our state is once again on the rise. Bob Welch, a leading authority on wolves, documented the first breeding pair of wolves in Wisconsin during the mid 1970's.

Since then, the states' wolf population has been on a steady increase, with the help of Dick Thiel and concerned individuals like the UW-Stevens Point Wildlife Society. Dick Thiel is the former wolf biologist of Wisconsin, and has dedicated his life to the preservation and expansion of wolf populations across the state.

Currently, the UW-SP Wildlife Society is in its second year studying a wolf pack that resides west of Babcock. This pack is one of three packs that have become established in the Central Forest Region of Wisconsin.

Approximately 50 society members, headed by society president Travis Booms, are becoming intimate with the ways of this pack. The pack contains between two and five members, and resides on a track of land that encompasses about 40 square miles.

Local DNR officials are currently interested in determining what lands the wolves are utilizing the most for feeding and den sites. Due to insufficient funding to conduct field research, the UW-SP Wildlife Society has vol-

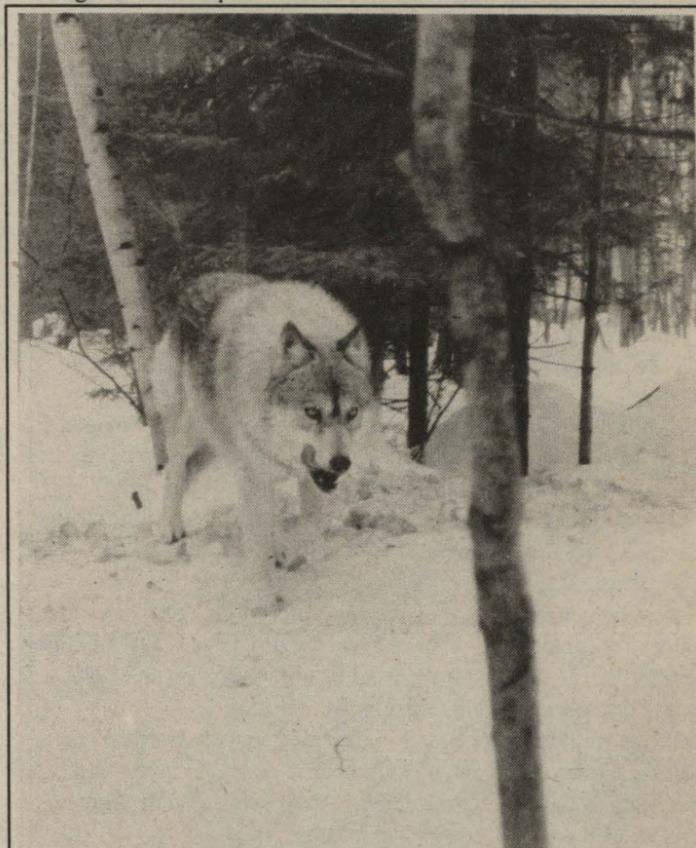
unteered its time and expertise in helping monitor the South Bluff Pack of wolves.

Society members conduct tracking surveys, and observe scat and urination for signs of sex. The pack's use of available prey is also noted with the discoveries of recent kills. After much evaluation, an alpha male and female are believed to be present in the South Bluff Pack, which also may contain other subordinates or inferior wolves.

Groups of students enter the woods every other week to observe wolf sign with hopes of viewing one of the pack mem-

bers. However, society members Heidi Roesler and Kelly Rueckheim have been the only students fortunate enough to observe a wolf in all the hours volunteered. This may seem odd, but in the eleven years Dick Thiel was the head wolf biologist for the state, he only observed six wolves in their natural settings.

With the help and dedication of individuals like Dick Thiel and volunteers such as the UW-SP Wildlife Society, our states' wolf population will continue to rise and the wolf will once again become a prominent figure in Wisconsin.



Timber wolves are currently making a dramatic comeback in the Great Lakes Region. (Photo by Travis Booms)

WEEKEND ESCAPES: Mirror Lake

By Lisa Rothe
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Instead of slipping into the annual winter slump, slip into a pair of hiking boots and explore the 20 miles of nature and hiking trails that Mirror Lake State Park, located in Baraboo, has to offer.

"The most outstanding quality of Mirror Lake State Park," finds Jerry Trumm, Park Superintendent, "is that it's in a quiet corner of a busy tourist area, located a couple of miles from the Dells. People come for peace and quiet."

Solitude is what nature enthusiasts will find in more than 2,000 acres of this Central Wisconsin wilderness.

"Pine and oak woods surround the lake and beyond there are sandy prairies and abandoned farm fields in the process of reclamation by natural wildflowers, shrubs, and trees," boasts the Mirror Lake State Park visitor's guide.

Mirror Lake, appropriately named for its smooth glass surface, is ideally located among 50-foot sandstone cliffs. Trumm

finds it no surprise that the 137-acre impoundment of Dell Creek is so popular. "People enjoy the lake because it's sheltered, there's not a lot of wind problems, and we enforce the slow-no wake policy, meaning boats have to go slow."

THE ROADS

Take 39 to Portage, connect with 94 westbound, take Exit 92 (Hwy to Lake Delton)-look for the Mirror Lake sign on the interstate. Go underneath the bridge. Follow the signs and take a right on Ferndell Rd. The park is 1.5 miles down on the right side.

As a result of the diverse plant life within the state park, it supports a myriad of wildlife such as deer, red fox and a wide variety of warblers. The most unusual find for the avid bird-watcher is the pileated woodpecker. For this reason, binoculars and patience are a must when hiking or skiing along the trails.

There are 18 mile of cross-country ski trails that lead throughout the park. In case you don't have the necessary equipment, Sports Haven, located in Baraboo, offers reasonable day rates. Unfortunately, conditions this season have been less than favorable; this provides all the more reason to take advantage of the hiking trails.

"The hiking trails are in better condition because sandy soil is more forgiving than heavy soil because it drains faster," explains Trumm.

There are two self-guiding nature trails and 20 miles of hiking trails weaving through the forest, shoreline and around the sandstone cliffs.

Winter camping is available on 20 sites. Cost is \$8 for Wisconsin residents and \$10 for non-residents. Some sites have electrical hookups for \$3 extra. Reservations are not accepted.

"We'd love to have UW-Stevens Point students come visit. We're always looking for summer volunteers to work on projects." Contact Jerry Trumm, Park Superintendent at (608) 254-2333. Watch for next week's feature on Hartman's Creek State Park.

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- Wis. Parks & Rec. Assoc..... Tuesday 5 p.m.
CNR 372
- Women in Natural Resources..... Tuesday 12 p.m.
CNR 372



Without Brandon, it's lottery time again

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Fans of the Milwaukee Bucks must be used to disappointment by now after six straight seasons of NBA lottery basketball.

But that doesn't make the possible season-ending ankle injury to point guard Terrell Brandon any easier.

Sure, the Bucks are playing pretty good basketball right now without him and are within striking distance of the NBA Playoffs, somewhere they haven't been since the 1990-91 season. But the prospect of having Brandon miss the stretch run isn't encouraging.

Brandon, who missed seven games in mid-December when he first sprained his left ankle, reinjured the same ankle February 5th. The Bucks didn't think the injury was very serious the second time around and Brandon sat out a pair of games before being placed on the injured list.

And now, the member of the 1998 U.S. Dream Team has his ankle in a cast for the next week and may not be back soon, if at all this season.

That's definitely not good news for Milwaukee. Led by Brandon's return from the initial injury, the Bucks strung together six straight wins before the All-Star break, the team's longest since the playoff drought. With Brandon in the lineup between the two injuries, Milwaukee won 11 of 18 games to catapult themselves back into the playoff race.

However, without one of the top point guards in the league, Milwaukee is a mere 6-9. And a second half stretch with 16 of the team's final 27 games on the road against playoff-caliber clubs, things certainly aren't looking up for the Bucks.

While in the lineup, Brandon provided something Milwaukee hasn't seen in years: someone who could penetrate to the basket. His ability to drive forces the defense to converge on him, allowing him to kick it back outside to Glenn Robinson.

Sure, Robinson is the fourth leading scorer in the league, but without Brandon creating the play by feeding him excellent passes, Robinson would be double and triple-teamed every play.

Brandon, ranked 10th in the league in assists (7.7 per game), not only makes Robinson a better player, but the same holds true for the other three players on the court.

Brandon's getting the job done on the defensive end too. He brought the concept of defense from the Cleveland Cavaliers along with Tyrone Hill and is ranked third in the NBA in steals with 2.38 a game.

But now the number one need the Bucks looked to fill before the season began, a top-quality point guard, may be gone. The same goes for the team's playoff hopes.

Men's soccer kicks off indoor season

By Krista Torgeson
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point men's soccer club opened its indoor season in Madison two weeks ago, finishing the weekend with a 1-2 record.

The team was pleased with its first tournament performance, and especially the play of goalie Dave Zuckerman.

"We know that if we play this well in future tournaments, we will win," UW-SP club soccer player Brad Nycz said. "Dave really came through for us and played an exceptional tournament."

The Pointers came away victorious in their first game, 5-2, over Edgewood College.

Point's stingy defense held Edgewood scoreless in the first half, while UW-SP built a 2-0 lead.

Wes Dutter put the team on the board with a goal off of a rebound and Derek Bell increased Point's lead, scoring off an assist from Tim Martin.

The second half began with Edgewood getting on the board, but the Pointers answered back with

two more goals.

Scott Bobholz found the back of the net with help from Bell, who scored a solo goal minutes later to put Point at a three goal advantage.

Martin nailed Edgewood's coffin with the final goal of the game with an assist from Dutter.

Edgewood tried to answer, but one more goal was the extent of their offensive effort.

Zuckerman accumulated eight saves, while his defensemen added three to the game total.

In the second game of the tournament, the Hooligans used a pair of late goals to defeat UW-SP 3-1.

The Hooligans scored the first and only goal in the first half, but the Pointers answered in the second with a Bell goal off a corner kick by Jason Duex.

But the Hooligans found the back of the net twice in the final five minutes to hand UW-SP its first loss of the indoor season.

Again Zuckerman performed with great intensity, finishing with 13 saves.

In Point's final game of the tournament, club team

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Deja vu: Pointers sweep Foresters River Falls and the NCHA semifinals up next

By Jesse Osborne
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point and Lake Forest hockey teams hit the ice for the second straight week, but this time much more was on the line.

After disposing of the Foresters in the final series of the regular season, the Pointers had to do it again to keep their season alive.

And UW-SP didn't disappoint, sweeping Lake Forest in the first round of the NCHA Playoffs.

"There was never a doubt when it was 1-0 that we would win," UW-SP hockey coach Joe Baldarotta said. "We have a lot of respect for them, especially their goaltender Aaron Vickar. We played really well."

The Pointers opened their first round series against the Foresters Friday night on a quick note and never looked back in a 4-1 victory.

Kevin Fricke got on the board just 54 seconds into the game off assists from Forrest Gore and Ben Gorewich.

In the second period, D.J. Drayna kept his scoring streak going with a goal from Gore and Gorewich to put UW-SP ahead 2-0.

Lake Forest pulled within one with an early third period goal, cutting Point's lead to 2-1. But Gore responded with a pair of

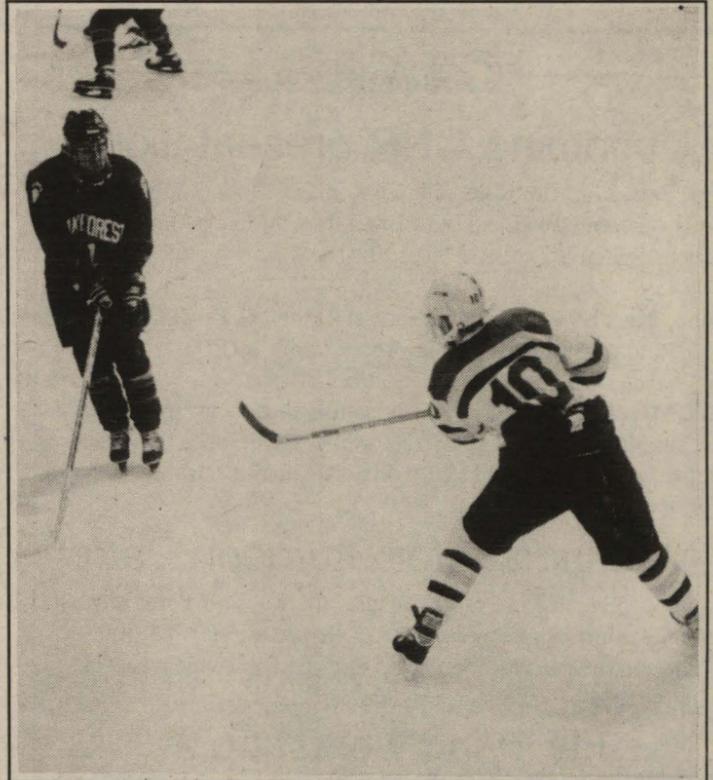
Point's strong effort falls short, 74-62

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes your best just isn't enough.

For the Pointer women's basketball team, one of their strongest efforts of the season couldn't get them past second place UW-Eau Claire Wednesday night in the Berg Gym.

The Bluegolds (21-4 overall



Wil Nichol (#10) fires a pass into the Pointer zone against Lake Forest College. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

goals in the final period to put the game away, 4-1.

Bobby Gorman had a fairly easy night in goal, thanks in large part to the Pointers' defense. Gorman faced only 15 shots the entire game, compared to Lake Forest's goalie Vickar, who faced 35.

Saturday night was much of the same, as UW-SP jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead.

Drayna scored on a power

and 12-4 WIAC) used a strong second half effort a huge advantage at the free throw line to escape with the 74-62 win.

Eau Claire took advantage of a 42-14 difference in free throw attempts and benefited from 25 UW-Stevens Point turnovers.

Despite committing 15 of those turnovers in the first half, the Pointers jumped out to a 28-27 lead at halftime behind 15 points from Jessica Ott.

Point still led 45-43 with 11:29 remaining before the Bluegolds used a 15-2 run to put the game out of reach.

Tanja Bauer scored 16 of her 22 points in the decisive second half to spark Eau Claire.

The Pointers used tough defensive pressure and the inside

play with help from Gore and Wil Nichol, and Justin Zimmerman teamed with Gorewich on a short-handed goal just before the first intermission to put the Pointers ahead early.

Point continued to pour it on in the second period, with Gorewich lighting the lamp on the power play off assists from Gore and Drayna.

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of presence of senior Christina Bergman to jump out to a five point lead at 41-36.

Bergman scored eight of her 18 points in the first 3:19 of the second half to ignite UW-SP.

Eau Claire was able to take control when Bergman and Terri Crum each picked up their fourth fouls with eleven minutes to go.

Frustrations with the officiating boiled over when both Ott and UW-SP coach Shirley Egner were whistled for technical fouls in the waning moments of the game.

Ott lead the Pointer attack with 25 points, while Crum added eight assists and 14 rebounds.

Point (13-11, 8-7) will finish up their season with a home game against UW-Stout at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Women's hockey hosts final two games

Enjoying its best season in the club's three year history, the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey club hosts its last two games of the season this weekend.

Point faces UW-Whitewater Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the K.B. Willett Arena. UW-SP takes the ice again Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Willett, in the season finale against Antigo.

The Pointers enter the two games with a 10-5-1 record, a vast improvement over their first two seasons, when the club didn't win a game. Two of those wins came against the UW-River Falls club team.

For the season, UW-SP has outscored its opponents 34-24, including a 11-6 edge in the decisive third period.

Nicole Busse leads the team with 11 goals and five assists.

UW-SP men make it two in a row

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

When a team wins a championship, observers often look to the stars of the team as the reason for victory.

But for the UW-Stevens Point men's swimming and diving team, it wasn't just the 13 first place finishes that gave the Pointers a second straight WIAC title.

A huge reason UW-SP was able to fight off perennial power UW-Eau Claire, 1140-1074, was the key finishes in the bottom half of the top ten.

"It was those guys that stepped up and got those ninths and tenths," UW-SP swimming and diving coach Al Boelk said. "Those are the races that won the meet for us."

And amazingly, several of those unsung team members didn't make the traveling squad and some even got cut.

"Of the 20 guys that were on the conference team last year, only nine returned," Boelk said. "We took guys to this conference meet, six or seven, who got cut last year. And some of them never saw the bus."

But of course, the Pointers never would have been in a position to defend their conference title without the strength of their stars.

A total of seven guys accounted for all 13 of the individual championships, including all five relay events.

Randy Boelk, John Stevens



and Dave Willoughby all had extremely successful meets, each winning six first place medals.

Boelk, a freshman, set WIAC records in both his 200 back and 200 IM championships.

Boelk teamed with Stevens, Willoughby and Francioli on the 400 freestyle relay; with Stevens, Francioli and Nick Hanson for the 200 medley relay; Tim Benjamin, Francioli and Willoughby on the 800 freestyle relay; and Stevens, Hanson and Willoughby for the 200 freestyle relay.

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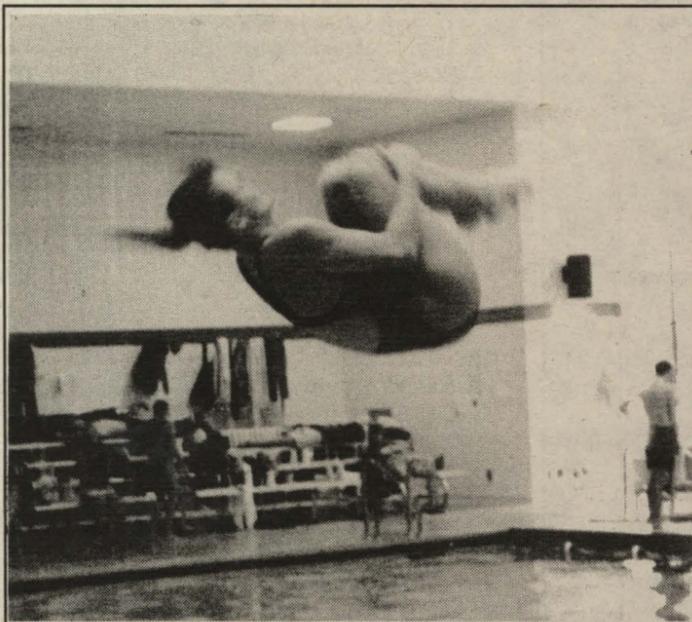
Personal bests give women 4th

Numerous lifetime best performances from the UW-Stevens Point women's swimming and diving team helped give the Pointers a fourth place at the WIAC Championships last week in Whitewater.

"We had lifetime bests out of almost everybody," UW-SP swimming and diving coach Al Boelk said.

"We really lack depth on the women's side. But don't get me wrong, they had just as good of a meet as the boys. Just as good, if not better."

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UW-SP dove into the WIAC Championships last weekend, with the men defending their title while the women finished fourth. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

La Crosse ends Pointers' reign at top of conference

By Mike Beacom
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team knew heading into last Saturday's WIAC tournament in Eau Claire the one obstacle standing between them and a fourth straight conference title was a UW-La Crosse team loaded with nationally ranked talent and a few national champion hopefuls.

And although the Pointers wrestled the tournament strong enough to produce six national qualifiers, in the end it was not enough to outscore the Eagles.

La Crosse tallied 164 points followed by Points 138½ and UW-Platteville's 129. Leading the way for Point were four-time conference champion Perry Milier at heavyweight and 142 pound champ Ross Buchinger.

Buchinger's match against La Crosse's Chad Veenendall was the most exciting match of the tournament. Buchinger shot on Veenendall early and was taken to his back. The five point counter move was part of a 10-4 Veenendall lead after the first two periods.

In the third, everything turned around for Ross. The junior scored three takedowns on the Eagles nationally ranked returning All-American and with eight seconds left was still trailing 13-10. Buchinger then scored a dramatic takedown, taking him to his back for a two-point near fall as

time expired.

"It was an exciting eight seconds," UW-SP wrestling coach Marty Loy said. "I can't think of anymore of an exciting way to finish that match. Everything seemed to work for Ross in the last period."

Miller pinned his way through his draw and was the only heavyweight selected to represent the conference at nationals.

Others qualifying for Point were senior Mike Carlson (150), juniors Jaime Hegland (134) and Corey Bauer (118) and redshirt freshman Chet Zdanczowicz (126).

Carlson lost in the finals to Platteville's nationally ranked Harry Hellen 7-3.

"Mike's confidence has grown every match," Loy said. "It's always nice to have a senior step it up like this."

Bauer also wrestled a great tournament, beating Phil Byrd of Whitewater and wrestling a tight finals match against La Crosse's Russ Peloquin.

"Corey had an outstanding tournament," Loy said. "He wrestled an outstanding match against Byrd."

Hegland lost in the finals to the Eagles Rob Anderson 3-2. Zdanczowicz qualified by winning a wrestleback.

"Overall, we wrestled solid just like we have been," Loy said. La Crosse is a great team. If there's anybody that could knock off Augsburg (ranked #1), it's La Crosse."

Quote of the Week

“This, and that guy (referee Ted Valentine), is the greatest travesty I've ever seen in basketball in 33 years as a college head coach.”

-Indiana coach Bobby Knight, after getting ejected Tuesday night against Illinois. -ESPN

Track gears up for indoor conference

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

While the UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams didn't show their full lineup in the final tune-up before this weekend's WIAC Indoor Championships, both teams showed they could be a force to be reckoned with in Menomonee.

In a showdown of the top two teams in the nation Saturday at the Stevens Point Invitational, the Pointers topped number one ranked UW-La Crosse 234-194½.

UW-Eau Claire finished a distant third with 104 points, followed by WIAC rivals UW-Whitewater (100) and UW-Stout (51).

Despite beating the top ranked team in Division III, UW-SP coach Rick Witt thinks things will be tougher this weekend at the conference meet.

"It was a meet where a lot of people didn't want to expose their hand," Witt said. "I don't think it's a real true picture of what will happen at the conference meet."

"There were some events where the results were not indicative of what will happen, and there were some that did."

The Pointers had an outstanding meet individually, as 11 people qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships, meeting either automatic or provisional standards.

UW-SP racked up eight first place finishes: Shawn Moretti (55 meter dash), Eric Miller (400 m run), Matt Hayes (800 m run), Casey Cook (1,000 m run), Ryan Wenos (5,000 m run), Bryce Frazier (200 m hurdles), Mike Hamilton (long jump), and Ben Douglas (high jump).

On the women's side, UW-SP finished a strong second with 172 points, trailing only UW-La Crosse's 224½.

UW-Eau Claire cracked the top three with 127½ points, while UW-Whitewater (91) and Concordia-St. Paul (27) rounded out the top five.

"I was real pleased with the team performance," UW-SP women's track and field coach Len Hill said. "We were coming off Oshkosh last weekend, which was terrible."

"Now the question is can we reach above the level we're at for the conference meet."

Missy Heiman led the Pointers, with two of the team's four

first place finishes. Heiman came out on top in the long and triple jumps, while Niki Hartman (600 m dash) and Leah Juno (800 m run) also grabbed gold.

Both Witt and Hill are looking forward to this weekend's meet, where the men will battle for a title and the women will fight for third.

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The Pointer Scorecard

Men's Basketball

WIAC STANDINGS (AS OF FEB. 24)

	WIAC	Overall
1. UW-Platteville	14-0	23-0
2. UW-Oshkosh	11-3	20-3
3. UW-Eau Claire	9-6	17-7
4. UW-SP	8-6	16-7
5. UW-Whitewater	7-7	14-9
6. UW-River Falls	6-8	13-10
7. UW-Stout	4-10	10-13
8. UW-Superior	3-12	9-15
9. UW-La Crosse	2-12	8-15

Women's Basketball

UW-SP - UW-EAU CLAIRE

February 25, 1998

UW-Eau Claire	27	47	--	74
UW-SP	28	34	--	62

Player	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Points
25 Crum	2-7	0-2	5
45 Bergman	7-12	4-5	18
33 Groshek	4-6	1-3	10
11 Olejniczak	0-1	0-1	0
23 Ott	11-21	1-2	26
13 Knier	1-1	0-0	3
35 Trzebiatowski	0-1	0-0	0
41 Dunning	0-0	0-0	0
43 Konrardy	0-0	0-1	0
51 Westphal	0-0	0-0	0
53 Trice	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	25-50	6-14	62

UW-Eau Claire

Player	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Points
43 Murphy	0-1	5-6	5
44 Burlingame	4-7	4-10	14
42 Berg	4-13	0-0	9
12 Smith	4-11	0-0	9
20 Bauer	5-9	10-13	22
14 Whatley	1-2	0-2	3
22 Cope	0-0	0-0	0
23 Brendel	0-0	0-0	0
24 Pritzl	0-1	0-0	0
32 Vinje	3-8	5-8	12
33 Green	0-2	0-0	0
34 Ziech	0-1	0-1	0
40 Manydeeds	0-0	0-0	0
54 Felmlee	0-0	0-2	0
Totals	21-55	24-42	74

WIAC STANDINGS (AS OF FEB. 24)

	WIAC	Overall
1. UW-Oshkosh	14-0	22-1

The Week Ahead...

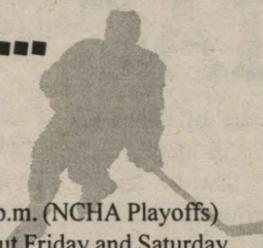
UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Men's Basketball: At UW-Stout, Saturday 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: UW-Stout, Saturday 3 p.m.

Hockey: At UW-River Falls, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m. (NCHA Playoffs)

Track and Field: At WIAC Championships at UW-Stout Friday and Saturday



2. UW-Eau Claire	11-4	20-4
2. UW-Stout	9-5	15-8
4. UW-SP	8-6	13-10
4. UW-River Falls	8-6	14-9
6. UW-Whitewater	5-9	9-14
7. UW-Platteville	4-10	9-14
8. UW-La Crosse	3-11	7-16
9. UW-Superior	2-13	4-18

Hockey

UW-SP - LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

February 20, 1998

Lake Forest	0	0	1	--	1
UW-SP	1	1	2	--	4

Scoring

First Period

UW-SP - Fricke (Gore and Gorewich assist), :54.

Second Period

UW-SP - Drayna (Gore and Gorewich assist), 15:50.

Third Period

LF - Freeman (Falconi and Freid assist), 3:42.

UW-SP - Gore (Gorewich and Drayna assist), 6:22.

UW-SP - Gore (Brown and Drayna assist), 18:38.

Third Period

UW-SP - Drayna (Gorewich and Brown assist), power play, 4:25.

Shots on goal: LF: 55, UW-SP: 35.

Goalie saves: LF: Vickar: 31, UW-SP: Gorman 14.

UW-SP - LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

February 14, 1998

Lake Forest	0	0	1	--	1
UW-SP	2	2	1	--	5

Scoring

First Period

UW-SP - Drayna (Gore and Nichol assist), power play, 12:10.

UW-SP - Zimmerman (Gorewich assist), short-handed, 19:32.

Second Period

UW-SP - Gorewich (Gore and Drayna assist), power play, 9:56.

UW-SP - Gore (Brown and Gorewich assist), 14:37.

Third Period

LF - Fried (Mutch and Freeman assist), power play, 12:05.

UW-SP - Fricke (Gore and Gorewich assist), power play, 13:53.

Shots on goal: LF: 14, UW-SP: 34.

Goalie saves: LF: Vickar: 29, UW-SP: Gorman 13.

NCAA DIVISION III POLL

WEST REGION

1. St. Norbert	40
2. UW-River Falls	36
3. St. Thomas (Minn.)	32
4. UW-SP	28
5. St. John's (Minn.)	22
5. UW-Superior	22
7. Augsburg (Minn.)	16
8. Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.)	12
9. St. Mary's (Minn.)	8
10. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	2
10. UW-Eau Claire	2

EAST REGION

1. Middlebury (Vt.)	40
2. Rochester Inst. of Tech. (N.Y.)	36
3. Plattsburgh State (N.Y.)	29
4. Oswego State (N.Y.)	28½
5. Williams (Mass.)	26½
6. Geneseo State (N.Y.)	20
7. Potsdam State (N.Y.)	12
8. Hamilton (N.Y.)	11
9. Salem State (Mass.)	9
10. Connecticut College	4

Track and Field

STEVENS POINT INVITATIONAL

February 21, 1998

Men's Standings

1. UW-SP	234
2. UW-La Crosse	194½

3. UW-Eau Claire	104
4. UW-Whitewater	100
5. UW-Stout	51
6. Madison Area Tech	10
7. Concordia-St. Paul	7
8. Milwaukee Track Club	6
9. Milwaukee Area Tech	3½
10. St. Mary's	3

Women's Standings

1. UW-La Crosse	224½
2. UW-SP	172
3. UW-Eau Claire	127½
4. UW-Whitewater	91
5. Concordia-St. Paul	27
6. St. Mary's	16
7. Wisconsin Track Club	5

Swimming

WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 19-21, 1998

Men's Standings

1. UW-SP	1140
2. UW-Eau Claire	1074
3. UW-La Crosse	837
4. UW-Whitewater	503
5. UW-River Falls	425
6. UW-Oshkosh	425

Women's Standings

1. UW-La Crosse	1192
2. UW-Eau Claire	1133
3. UW-Oshkosh	741
4. UW-SP	670
5. UW-River Falls	401
6. UW-Whitewater	320

Wrestling

WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 21, 1998

Team Standings

1. UW-La Crosse	164
2. UW-SP	138½
3. UW-Platteville	129
4. UW-Whitewater	89
5. UW-Oshkosh	65
6. UW-Eau Claire	62½
7. UW-River Falls	12

UW-SP qualifiers for the

NCAA Division III National meet

Corey Bauer (118), Chet Zdanczewicz (126), Jaime Hegland (134), Ross Buchinger (142), Mike Carlson (150), Perry Miller (HWT)

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

MARY KOLAR - SWIMMING



Kolar

UW-SP Career Highlights

- Member of second place 800 freestyle relay team in the 1998 WIAC Meet
- Competed in five events in the 1998 WIAC meet

Hometown: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Major: Communications

Most Memorable Moment: My senior year in high school, getting first on my team and making an automatic qualifying state time.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Almost missing an event once. To have them calling the event and not being behind the box, and then having to run to catch it.

Who was your idol growing up?: My mom. She proved to me that hard work pays off.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: I'm going to find an internship in advertising and hopefully move out west.

Biggest achievement in sports: Swimming competitively since I was eight years old. Just sticking with it.

Favorite aspect of swimming: The team. Getting to know other people and work with them and try to achieve things.

What will you remember most about swimming at UW-SP?: The friendships that I've made.



On top of their game

Intramural Top Teams - Block #3

Men's Basketball Top 10

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. OFF 4 | 6. The Sugar Hill Gang |
| 2. TAPPI | 7. Who Cares |
| 3. Lush's | 8. 'Dieselfuel' |
| 4. Rob's Rebels | 9. Run N' Gun |
| 5. Berlowski | 10. Lynch Mob |

Women's Basketball Top 3

- Freedom
- Dawgz
- LR

Water Polo Top 2

- Ella's Orange Dang
- Poseidon's Helpers

Soccer Top 5

- The Wall
- Barca FC
- Lush's Wannabees
- Bayern
- Vibes

Standings are for Week #3 (2/15 - 2/20/98)

Teams are ranked by the Intramurals office

Co-ed V-ball Top 5

- I don't know
- Say Anything
- Brown Bombers
- So Far So Good
- Scrubs

Women's V-ball Top 3

- Friction
- Garden Peas
- Chicharrones

Racquetball

Level B

- Bryant Scharenbroch

Level C

- Jeff Dostal

Morality

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While the nation is buzzing about the President's shady fundraising practices, real estate dealings and sexual misbehaviors, the most serious Clinton scandal isn't getting the attention it deserves. In broad daylight, and in the full view of Congress and the news media, Clinton has been violating his oath to preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States. (See Clinton's Shameful Constitutional Record: www.cato.org/dailys/8-22-97.html and: Government Without Principles: www.cato.org/pubs/policy_report/cpr-20n1-2.html)

The primary purpose of government was not to provide entitlements (to win votes and quiet unrest); it was intended to protect the rights of the people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness any honest way they could, period. Our forefathers sacrificed lives and fortunes to give us that kind of government. Today, the free society that the Founders imagined is barely identifiable.

The predominant ideology, grounded in economic ignorance and careless disregard for individual liberty, is helped along by a multitude of arrogant, self-serving, power-hungry politicians spouting slogans about compassion for the less fortunate—who

are created by their own philosophy.

Some people just assume that we will enjoy the benefits of the traditional American system of government that was embodied in the Constitution forever, without any thought, effort or understanding. Others warn that if a fundamental restoration of sound constitutional principles do not occur early in the next century (the 21st, not the 20th, Katzmarek), the "American way of life" will not continue.

President Clinton is certainly eligible for impeachment, not for lying about his unethical business, political and sexual behavior but because he lied during his oath of office.

However, the Congress, which is more interested in opinion polls than Constitutional principles and our freedoms, will not be interested.

"Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it! If you do not, I shall repent it in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it!" — John Adams

—James Maas
Libertarian Party

Mine

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to pass a strong Mining Moratorium Bill must now be directed at the Governor.

I urge you to call or write Governor Thompson today and tell him to sign the Mining Moratorium Bill.

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—Spencer Black
State Representative

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Rivers

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ing organism; so, yes, everyone does have the "right to meddle" in the issues involving the Crandon Mine as well as those in "California" because many ethical issues lie at stake, not just those of persons living at the shorelines.

Soccer

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AFC eliminated the Pointers 4-0.

The UW-SP defense held AFC to one goal in the first half, and in the second half just one of AFC's goals came within the first 11 minutes of play.

Swimming

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Besides his relays, Stevens also set a conference record in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes en route to victory. Willoughby won three individual events, setting a new WIAC mark in the 50 free, and taking home titles in the 100 free and 100 fly.

Francioli also had a big meet, winning five titles. The sophomore, besides being a part of the four relays, captured top honors in the 100 backstroke.

"It was awesome," Boelk said. "It was the most fun I've ever had coaching.

"We got lifetime bests out of almost everybody. Everybody swam out of their minds basically. It was great."

Next up for the Pointers is the NCAA Division III Championships March 19-21 in St. Peters, Missouri.

Track

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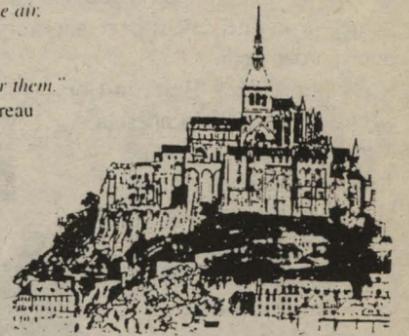
"This a meet with two really good teams," Witt said. "It's going to be as close as we thought. Everything we've done, including projections on paper, tells us it's going to be close."

Hill said first place in the women's meet will be a fight between UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh. That leaves the Pointers to battle a pair of teams, UW-Whitewater and UW-River Falls for third.

"We'll have to scrap and fight for every point," Hill said. "The meets we have performed well, we've been an scrappy team. That's what we're going to have to do."

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Unisense fills Encore with funky beat

By Erin Schneider

FEATURES REPORTER

"Vamos a Bailar!" That's what you get when you deftly blend funk, reggae and hip-hop together--a unique, catchy beat that everyone can dance to.

Nominated for "Best Hip-Hop Group" at the 1997 Minnesota Music Awards, the Minneapolis/St. Paul based band Unisense offers something for everyone.

The five-man band derive their sound from old-school funk groups such as Parliament and Kool to current funk like Dag Jamiroquai.

Mix a little influential sound from popular groups like 311, Soul Coughing and Sublime, and you get "Unisensuality."

"What makes our sound unique is that we all like different things and have come from various backgrounds, and for the most part things just blend together well," commented percussionist and vocalist Dan Zschokke.

Whether you prefer reggae or funk, the band's spontaneity on the stage gave everybody something to enjoy. You would never know what to anticipate throughout the performance.

One minute, Unisense would be belting out a fast-paced funk sound and suddenly change to a laid-back reggae bongo beat, all during the same song.

Unisense's funky beat failed to inspire the feet

of every member in the audience. Portage fan, Kevin Smith commented, "They're not too easy to dance to, but there's something about live entertainment that gets you in the groove."

However, the band has its share of ups and downs.

"Everytime we perform we put our necks on the line," commented Zschokke. Things, "...usually work out even if the show bombs.

"Our adventure is playing at different places and to see people out dancing even if they've never heard of us."

The group's sense of humor exerted a comical twist to cover songs like "Without Love" and Paul Simon's "Fifty Ways to Lose Your Lover."

Vocalist Jay McGraw proclaimed their inspiration from

John Travolta adding a little disco music to the show. Indeed, Unisense has been well received throughout the Twin Cities and the college circuit with their well-polished, mature song writing.

They're "...a friendly and refreshing groove to our mini-musical landscape," explained James Martin of Red Carpet Talent Booking.

Most fans agreed that Unisense was a fun and entertaining group. "I think they're groovy and they get people out on the dance floor," said concertgoer Tara Oisen.



WORD OF MOUTH



MOVIE

Centertainment is sponsoring the movie, *Swingers*, on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. in the Encore.

Cost is \$1 with ID and \$2 without.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The 28th annual International Dinner and Entertainment entitled "Diversity is the Spice of Life" will be Mar. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Laird Room of the University Center. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the social hour beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the La Follette Lounge.

Tickets are \$14.00 and are available at the Foreign Student Office in Nelson Hall.

MOVIE

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring the movie, *Contact*, on Mar. 4 at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. in the Encore. This movie will be showing again on Mar. 24.

Cost is \$1 with ID and \$2 without.

A CAPPELLA BAND

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring the a cappella band, Tonic Solfa, on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Encore. Tonic Solfa adds comedy to their performances.

Cost is \$2 with ID and \$4 without.

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COMEDIAN

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring comedian Katsy Chappell. A recipient of the Bob Hope Entertainer of the Year Award, Chappell has a background in theater and stand-up comedy. Chappell will be performing Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

Cost is \$2 with ID and \$3.50 without.

Cooking Corner

Chris' Old Fashioned Lasagna

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • 3 green peppers | • 1 onion |
| • 3 tomatoes | • 1 pound hamburger |
| • 1 pck lasagna noodles | • 1 can tomato paste |
| • 1 pck of ricotta cheese | • 1 pck of mozzarella cheese |
| • 2 cans tomato sauce | • salt |
| • pepper | • garlic flakes |
| • 1 8 1/2" x 11" baking pan | |

- Boil 12 noodles in large kettle.
- Brown hamburger in large skillet.
- Chop peppers, tomatoes and onion into mixing bowl.
- Combine peppers, tomatoes and onion with hamburger in skillet. Stir in tomato sauce and tomato paste.
- Lay noodles flat across the bottom of a greased baking pan, three across.
- Cover noodles with mixture of hamburger, peppers, tomatoes and onions. Add ricotta cheese. Repeat process until the pan is full.
- Bake at 350 degrees for forty minutes. Remove and sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving

Editor's Note:

Look for "Heidi's Tofu rice stir fry" recipe in next week's issue of *The Pointer*. And as always, send your recipes to *The Pointer*, room 104 CAC or e-mail tzawl584@uwsp.edu.

This is the last chance to get your nominations in!

WHO IS THE BEST BARTENDER IN STEVENS POINT?

Your Job:

- Decide who you think the best bartender is in Stevens Point.
- Think of a brief explanation of how the bartender displays the 10 criteria listed below.
- Submit your answers along with the name of the bartender and the bar which they work at to *The Pointer*, Room 104 of the CAC or e-mail tzawl584@uwsp.edu.

Rules:

1. You can't nominate yourself and the bartender must be at least 21 to win.
2. *The Pointer* staff is excluded from nominating or being nominated.
3. Nominations must be received by noon on Feb. 27.
4. The winner will be announced in the March 12 issue of *The Pointer*.

Prizes include: Pizza, subs, Oriental cuisine, movie, concert tickets and more!!!

Criteria:

- Quick service/promptness.
- Knowledge of drinks--not having to look drinks up all the time.
- Cleanliness of bar.
- Years of experience.
- Quality of drinks.
- Serving etiquette.
- Aura/going above and beyond the duties of bartending.
- Conversational skills.
- Responsibility--carding customers whose age is questionable.
- Other attributes you feel should be considered.

A panel made up of three females and three males from *The Pointer* staff will visit the nominated bartenders at their place of work and judge their performance.

The Pointer will award the listed prizes to the winning bartender and a follow up article will appear.



Restaurant review: Tempura House

By Jason R. Renkens
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Quality food and a familiar atmosphere at Plover's Tempura House make the five mile drive down Business 51 worth the time and gas money.

The Tempura House, a Chinese restaurant and bar, provides a uniqueness in its aura. Unlike most ethnic restaurants, the Tempura House offers great Chinese food in a traditional American supper club setting.

The Americanization of the setting does not overly detract from the spirit and nuances that oriental restaurants usually have and are noted for.

Due to the popularity of the Tempura House, it is often necessary to make a reservation for evening dinner excursions.

Upon entering the establishment, the host or hostess confirms reservations and normally seats customers at the bar while the table gets set.

After only a few minutes, the host or hostess retrieves the customers from the bar and seats them at their table where a wait staff member is waiting to introduce themselves, take the party's drink orders, and distribute the menus.



The Tempura House's fine dining setting is as much a draw as it's delicious Chinese cuisine. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Unlike a lot of restaurants that seem to pressure customers to place their orders as soon as possible, the Tempura staff undisturbingly hovers about until the customers look ready to order.

Items on the dinner menu range in price from \$7 to \$12. A drawback to the menu at the Tempura House is that entrees include only the entree itself, a generous portion of white rice and a fortune cookie.

Unlike most Chinese restaurants, the entrees do not include soup, salad or an egg roll.

After the customer makes their decision and the order is placed, the meal comes relatively quickly.

Two items on the menu include sesame chicken and Hunan chicken.

The sesame chicken is generous in its portion but includes only breaded chicken in a sweet brown sauce topped with sesame seeds.

Many restaurants opt to add broccoli or carrots to the recipe. Despite its simplicity, or perhaps because of it, the sesame chicken is definitely a tastebud pleaser.

SEE TEMPURA ON PAGE 18

I'm no expert but... Reader gets strung along

Dear Samantha,

I've got this awful problem. I think I'm being strung along, and I don't know what to do.

See, there's this girl that I really like, and she is constantly flirting with me. Just recently, I got up the courage to ask her on a date, and she told me she was seeing someone else. However, she did tell me that if she would've met me before she met this other guy, we'd be dating right now. This is really frustrating, especially since she continues to flirt with me and make me think I have a chance.

What do I do? I really like this girl, but she's breaking my heart.

Sincerely,
In The Gutter

Dear In The Gutter,

Move on with your life. Your observation that this girl is merely stringing you along is right on. It sounds to me like this girl has a self esteem problem and if you don't give up on her, you might too.

The girl you are referring to flirts with you without any intentions of pursuing a relationship because she needs reassurance that she is attractive. She is playing with your emotions in order to calm her own insecurities.

Perhaps if your flirting partner wasn't with this other guy she would be dating you. A quick reality check will show you that she is with this other guy and there is no chance for anything between the two of you.

Sincerely,
Samantha

Editor's Note:

"I'm no expert but..." is appearing periodically in *The Pointer*. If you have any questions for the column please submit them to *The Pointer*, room 104 CAC or e-mail tzawl584@uwsp.edu

THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Counseling Center: *High Self-Esteem: Your Key To Success*, 3PM & *Parenting Stress*, 4PM (Delzell)

Humanities Forum: *"The Sun Dance for 'Wannabes': Why It Flourishes"*, 4-5PM (334 CCC)

Clarinet Studio Recital, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

CPI-Concerts Presents: *TONIC SOL-FA*, 8-9:30 PM (Encore-UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Hockey, NCHA Semi-Finals

Men's & Wom. Indoor Track, WIAC Indoor Champ.

Swimming/Diving: *Last Chance-Men (LaCrosse)*

Basement Brewhaus *QUIT-N-TIME Series w/RAGTIME BARBERSHOP*

QUARTET, 3-5PM (Basement Brewhaus-UC)

Wom. Hockey, UW-Whitewater, 4:30-6:30PM (H)

CPI-Center Stage Concert w/OD TAPO IMI, 8PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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Hockey, NCHA Semi-Finals

Men's & Wom. Indoor Track, WIAC Indoor Champ.

Wom. BB, UW-Stout, 3PM (H)

Monteverdi Master Chorale, 7:30PM (St. Paul United Met. Church)

CPI-Club/Variety Comic: *KATSY CHAPPELL*, 8PM (Encore-UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Planetarium Series: *LIGHT YEARS FROM ANDROMEDA*, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)

Suzuki Singing Recital, 2PM (MH-FAB)

Monteverdi Master Chorale, *Classic Monteverdi*, 2:30PM (St. Stephen Catholic Church)

Wom. Hockey, Antigo, 3-4PM (H)

MONDAY, MARCH 2- NATIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK AND CHEESE WEEK '98

Counseling Center: *Managing the Stress of College*, 4PM (Delzell)

Junior Recital: *GUNNAR BRUNING*, Trumpet, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

CPI-Cheese League Debate: *"So the Rams aren't coming... should they have been invited?"*, 8PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3- NATIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK AND CHEESE WEEK '98

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

CPI-Social Issues *CASINO NIGHT*, 8PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4- NATIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK & CHEESE WEEK '98

UWSP Aerobics *WELLNESS FAIR*, 2-5PM (Main Hallway-HESA)

CPI-Issues & Ideas Presents: *FIONA REYES, "Success Secrets"*, 4:30-9PM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

Cam. Act./Stu. Inv. & *SOURCE LEAD Dinner/Prog.: Motivating & Rewarding People w/Positive Reinforcement*, 6PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

Basement Brewhaus *JAZZ QUARTET*, 7-10PM (Basement-UC)

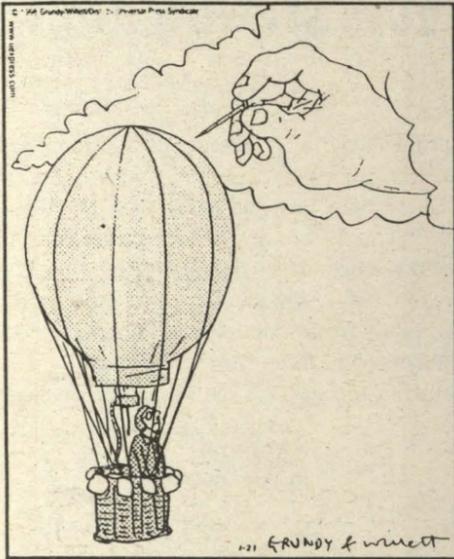
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CPI-Special Events Presents: *LITTLE CHEESEHEAD NIGHT*, 6-8PM (Allen Center)

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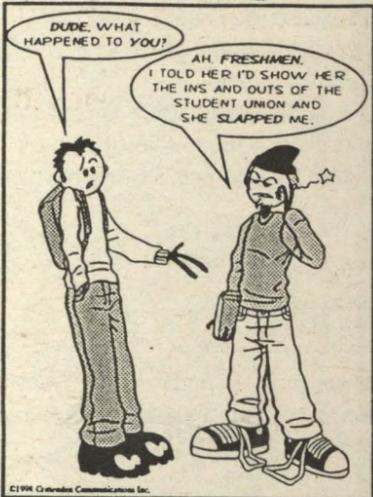
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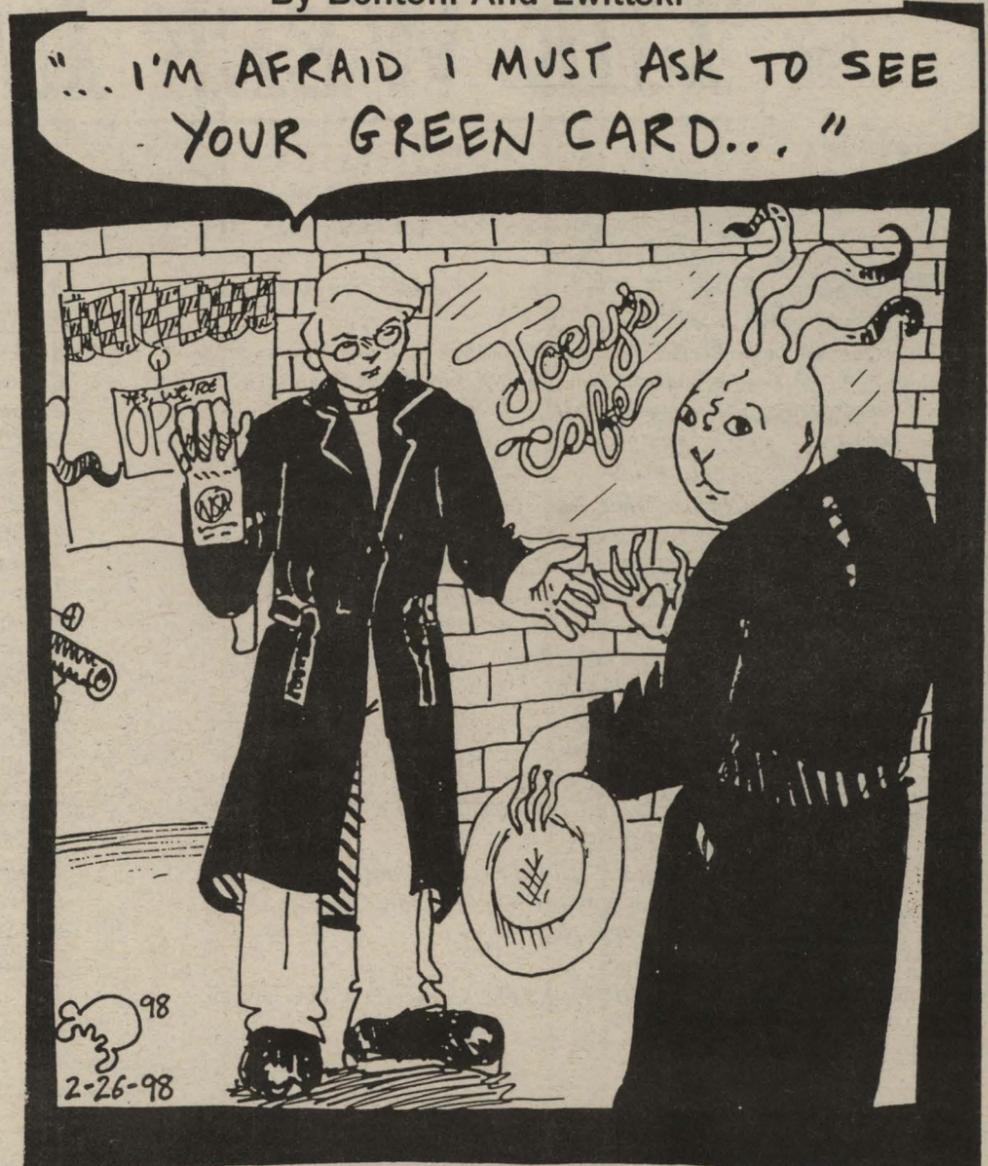


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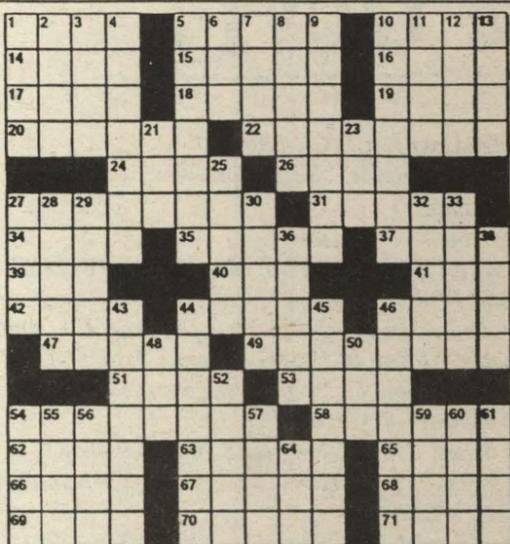
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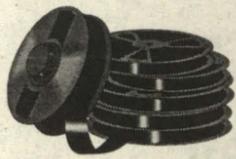
And you can't help but feel obligated to buy something. But enough about me. Isn't this pear scent wonderful?



By Nora McVittie



Sandler's new film almost makes it



By Nick Katzmarek
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Another movie for the almost made it, but not quite category, "The Wedding Singer" is one of those movies that you enjoy while in the theatre, but when you leave, wonder why.

The movie, directed by Frank Coraci (don't worry- I've never heard of him either), is a jumbled mix of romance, comedy and drama that never fully explores either of the genres.

But while it stumbles along, it manages to elicit more than a few laughs, based mainly on the comedic strength and delivery of Adam Sandler, the "star" of the film, and helped immensely by a hilarious role played by Steve Buscemi.

The core of the film is a somewhat twisted love quadrilateral, something that tries to be new but

really falls flat on its face. With the exception of Sandler and Drew Barrymore, the characters are flat, uninteresting, and uninspired. But they are funny. The idiocy of Glen (Barrymore's fiancée) and the sheer (yet somehow revolting) sensuality of Linda (Sandler's fiancée) are funny, but they don't really entertain.

If you haven't figured it out, Sandler falls for Barrymore, vice versa, cliché, cliché, and in the end, we have a tired ending to a funny movie.

So, if I had to, I would recommend that you see this movie. I know that it might not sound appealing here, but it really is funny, and the fact that it is entirely set in 1985 makes for some interesting (but tired) jokes.

Sandler is his funny self, and who can stay away from a Barrymore movie? So check it out if you've got time, but bring a grain of salt with you.

Rating:



Rentals

2001: A Space Odyssey
(1968, 139 min.)

Chances are pretty good that if you're reading this, you've already seen this movie. But on the off chance that there is someone out there that hasn't (you know who you are), then hop off your seat and go rent this immediately.

The defining sci-fi movie, and perhaps one of the greatest films of all time, director Stanley Kubrick created his masterpiece, and it's one well worth watching, even if you're not a fan of the genre.

Basically, it's about the nature of man and the cosmos, the beginning of intelligence, and other small issues like that. And the exploration of the nature of artificial intelligence is germane even today. If you've seen it, you'll never forget it. If you haven't, you should.

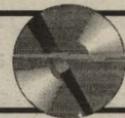
"My God, it's full of stars."

-Nick Katzmarek

Pearl Jam won't "Yield"

New album shows old strength

Pearl Jam
Yield



By Keith Harrison
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICES

There's nothing the mainstream media like better than a flurry of self-flagellation- just check out all the contrite hand-wringing going on among Washington journalists these days. Or watch rock writers breathlessly report the "resurgence" of some band they had left for dead mere months ago, as is the case with Pearl Jam and its new album "Yield."

Make no mistake: "Yield" is a great record, one in which the band smartly balances its Big Guitar Rock, its rumbling and seductive power ballads, and its occasional outbreaks of stomping, swirling noise. The soaring adrenaline rush of "Faithfull" alone will have you experiencing anew the simple pleasures of the

air guitar, while the steady, contemplative pull of "Wishlist" and the very nearly funky "No Way" prove again that this band is no one-trick pony. And much has been made, justifiably, of the band's significantly less gloomy outlook.

Yet be wary of hype-happy scribes ready to declare Pearl Jam the Band of the Century. These guys still can't make it all the way through an album without pilfering someone else's sound; this time Led Zeppelin and the Beatles provide inspiration. And any band that spouts lines like "I am ahead/I am advanced/I am the first mammal to wear pants" clearly hasn't mastered the subtlety thing yet.

There is, however, most definitely a place in the world for righteous, unabashed guitar glory, and here Pearl Jam renew their standing among its foremost practitioners.



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Women

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UW-La Crosse snapped UW-Eau Claire's 18-year winning streak, scoring 1192 points over the three day meet to top the Bluegold's 1133.

UW-Oshkosh was a distant third with 741, followed by UW-SP with 670 points.

Becca Uphoff captured a trio of first place finishes for the Pointers, the only individual titles the team brought home.

Uphoff took the top spot in the 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle, while her backstroke time set a new pool record.

With new recruits and a more experienced squad, Boelk is hoping for bigger things next year.

"We're going to be twice the team next year," Boelk said. "We are definitely moving up. My goal is a place a year. That's highly possible."

The Pointers close up this season at the NCAA Division III Championships March 12-14 in St. Peters, Missouri.

Trout

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Glennon also gave tips on what to use. "Generally streamers work best until things begin to hatch in mid-April," he said adding that nymphs would also take fish.

No matter what you use, the early season is a refreshing way to experience the outdoors now instead of praying for the opener in May. With ice conditions rapidly deteriorating, it's also a good excuse to give up ice fishing and head for the open water.

Wilderness

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tor use encouraged," Sekelski added.

If the bill doesn't go through the use of motorboats on much of Seagull Lake will be terminated as of 1999. Similar bills to the BWCA are also at the bidding table in the federal government, including Upper Michigan's Sylvania Wilderness.

The presentation ended in Sekelski encouraging those who feel that the BWCA and other wilderness areas should be non-motorized to contact their representatives.

"The legislation is moving in congress and the only way we can stop it is by being active," ended Sekelski.

Hockey

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Gore then scored on a breakaway to put UW-SP ahead 4-0 with help from Eric Brown and Gorewich.

Following a Lake Forest goal, Fricke closed out the scoring with a power play goal via Gore and Gorewich to bring the final score to 5-1.

The sweep sets up a semifinal round date at UW-River Falls Friday and Saturday night, where the two teams split earlier this season.

"They are scary for two reasons," Baldarotta said. "They have great coaches and if you make a mistake, they will capitalize."

"If you make a bad pass, make a bad penalty, they will gobble it up and shove it down your throat."

Tempura

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Kaia Friedli, (UWSP Sophomore, Communications Major)

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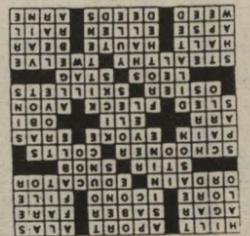
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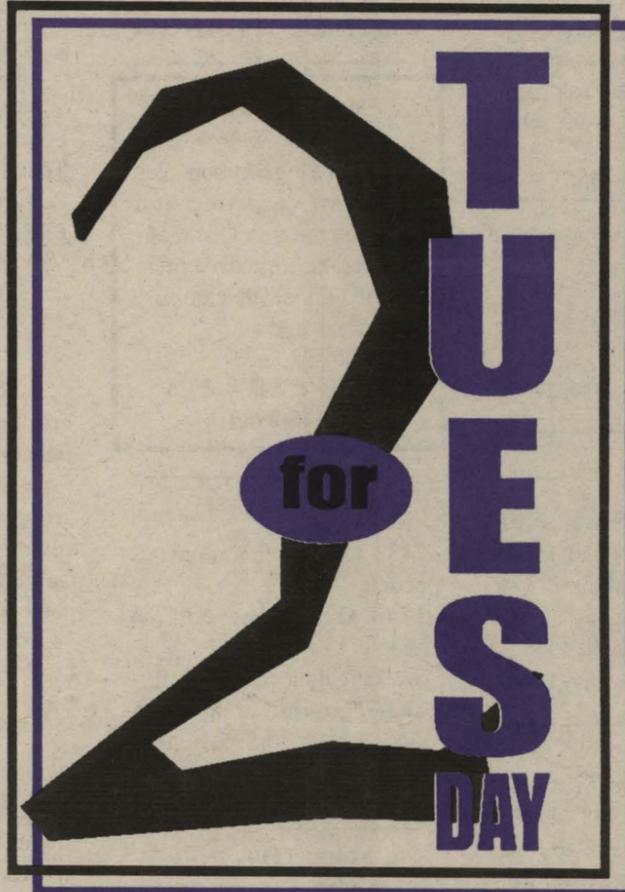
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