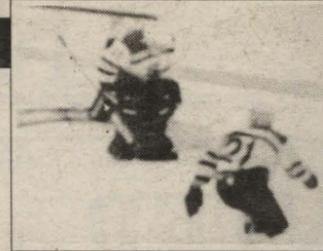




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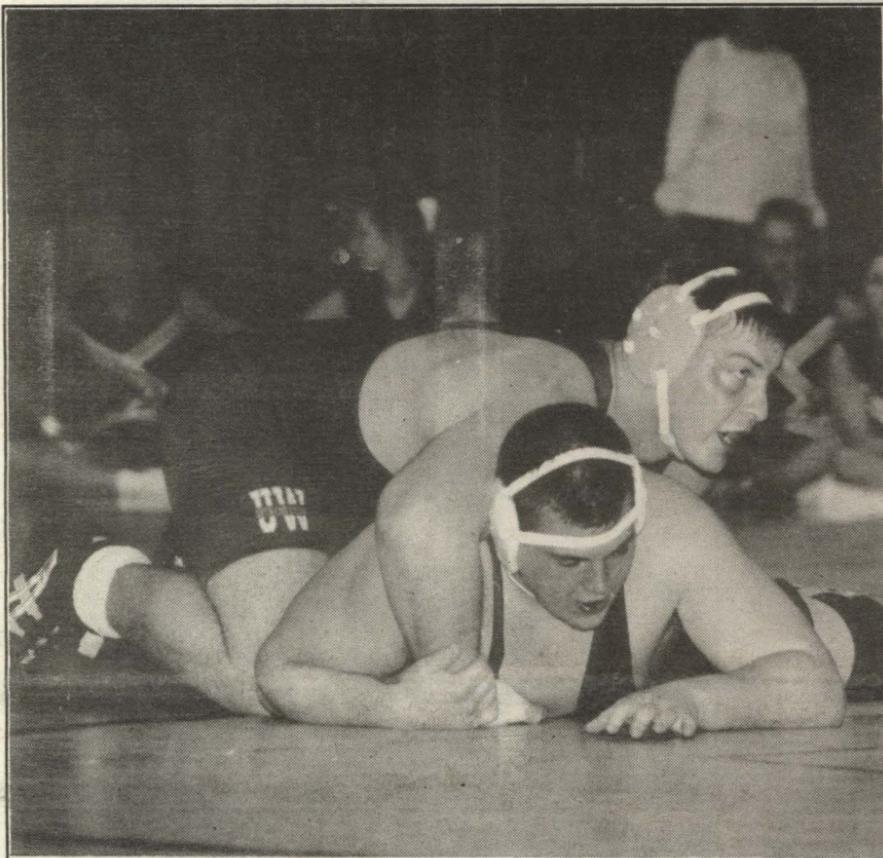
Hockey back in the NCAAs

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Perry Miller takes control in his last home match at UW-Stevens Point on his road to a national championship. (Submitted Photo)

Perry Miller ends career with National Championship

By Mike Beacom
SPORTS REPORTER

Perry Miller agrees it's tougher to stay on top than it is to get there.

All year long, Miller has been the target for hungry up and coming Division III heavyweights looking to knock the defending National Champion off the top of the awards platform.

But for Miller, the key to defending his crown was to

concentrating on each individual match before worrying about where the season would take him.

"When you're on top, every match is like the national finals," said Miller. "You can't look past anybody."

When the season ended last weekend at Upper Iowa University, there was no one left for Perry to look past. The senior co-captain from Brillion defeated Augsburg's John Pena 3-1

in sudden death overtime for his second straight NCAA Division III title.

"When somebody's in the limelight like Perry has been for the last four years, opponents know your style and coach to beat you," said Pointer head coach Marty Loy. "Pena did everything tactically he needed to do to beat Perry and couldn't do it."

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Snyder and Buhrandt win S.G.A. President/Vice President elections

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

The votes are counted and as of 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Mike Snyder and Jeff Buhrandt are the new Student Government Association (S.G.A.) President and Vice President.

"I'm excited and a little nervous," said Buhrandt who is currently serving as the S.G.A. Student Organizations United to Revitalize the Campus Environ-

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Snyder and Buhrandt are all smiles after winning the S.G.A. elections. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Students snub S.G.A. elections

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

The results are in and once again the overwhelming majority of the student body has ignored the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) elections.

A total of 606 students turned out for this year's election, approximately 7% of the entire student population. However, a weak turnout reflects recent voting trends in student government elections.

In the past four years of student government elections, the largest turnout from the student body was a total of 935 students voting in the 1995 elections. Considering a student population of approximately 8500 students, this is only a 11% turnout.

The 1996 turnout was dramatically lower, with only 4% of the student body turning out to vote, followed by this year's 7% voter turnout, and '97's turnout of approximately 10%.

The main area of concern surrounding this year's dismal election results was simply a lack of knowledge of the candidates.

"We were there (at the voting booth) but we didn't know who the people were, so we didn't vote," said Sybil Hood, a senior Wildlife and Biology major.

Even those who chose to vote in this year's elections were uninformed on the candidates' stances on campus issues.

Jeremiah Dentz, an Environmental Education and Interpretation major, said he voted but didn't know where the candidates stood on many issues.

The candidates themselves are shouldering some of the blame for such a low turnout. Both tickets admit that there was a lack of campaigning from both parties involved in this year's election.

"I would have to say there were some people in the organization (S.G.A.) that really worked hard to get people out to vote, but as a whole we didn't do enough," said Jason Beauchene, a Vice Presidential candidate in this year's election.

There were students during this year's elections that were not aware elections were being held.

"I didn't even know they were going on," said Rick Freund, a senior Geography major.

The blame for the lack of knowledge may fall in two places. Two major possibilities include student apathy and a lack of communication from S.G.A and the candidates.

"I blame myself for not reaching out to the students enough," said Brad Rutta, S.G.A.'s Communications Director who was in charge of advertising elections. "My goal was 3,000 students voting and I didn't get nearly that."

SEE VOTING ON PAGE 2

Grassroots speaker visits campus Young Democrats sponsor workshop

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Young Democrats sponsored a mini workshop aimed at reaching the public using grassroots tactics.

Secretary of College Democrats Hannah LaFave helped to organize the event.

"This would be beneficial to all campaign leaders and members of all campus organizations," said LaFave. "Student organizations really need to work at a grassroots level."

LaFave said that coalition building and letters to the editor are just some ways to reach people at a grassroots level.

"Grassroots is getting people involved so they know what your organization is about," said LaFave. Danny O'Brien, Director of Activist Training and State Party Building, was the event's guest speaker.

"The purpose of the event is to touch base with democrat activists in Stevens Point, and go over initiative, skills, and activi-

ties to get involved in as we approach campaign season," said O'Brien.

He emphasized that organizations need to "grow the grassroots year round."

"This round of off year elections is looking at a 35% turnout, that's a 15% decline from 1996," said O'Brien.

Some basic grass roots techniques are knowing where to put your efforts to get the right people to vote, and these tactics are especially important in times of low voter turnout, according to O'Brien.

Photos by Carrie Reuter and Denean Nowakowski

THE POINTER POLL

What are your plans for spring break?



Tina Salata
RESOURCE MNGT, FRESHMAN

"I'll find out as the days go by."



Andrew Koepnick
UNDECLARED, FRESHMAN

"Hibernating the whole time."



Shawn Mendt
PHYSICS, FRESHMAN

"Going to Monterey, California to see an old friend."

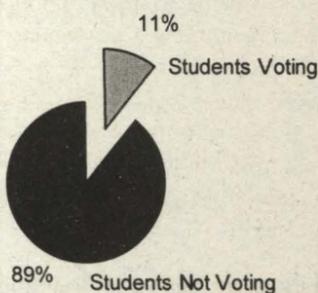


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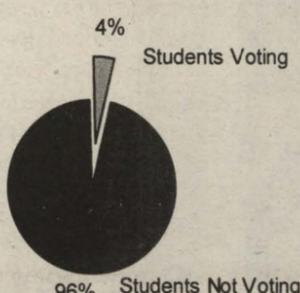
"Sending out resumes."

Student voting trends of past four years

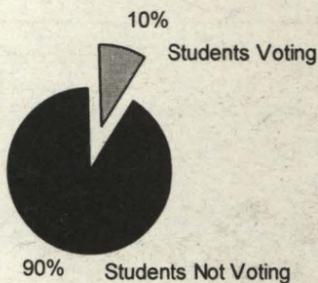
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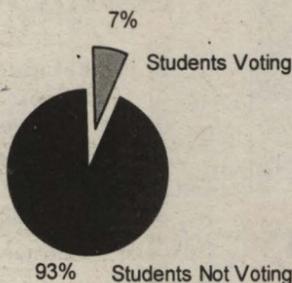
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Voting: S.G.A and candidates shoulder the blame

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To their credit, S.G.A did sponsor debates on S-TV, 90-FM and in the Encore in front of a packed lunch-time crowd.

Despite the lack of turnout, President and Vice President elect Michael Snyder and Jeff Buhrandt believe they have the endorsement from the student body.

"Two reasons I do, number one there were two candidates.... (and) the second reason being we re-

ally, really want to do this," Buhrandt said. "We feel we can represent them well, because of our passion and our interest and our experience."

His opponent disagrees. "I don't think anybody in the Student Government has the support of the student body. To have full support of the student body we would have to have...I don't know, 50% of the people vote," Beauchene said.

Some plans for outreach from the President/Vice President elect include making sure students know when they are attending an S.G.A. event, increased use of campus media and a booth in the University Center to inform people on S.G.A. issues that affect them.

Rutta thinks that the campus has to get into it. "It's going to take 8,000 students on this campus to actually care about what goes on in S.G.A.," he said.

Miller: Ends phenomenal career on top of NCAA

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When the match went into the sudden death period, Miller was confident he could score on Pena's offense for the win.

"He wanted to rush on me and I knew I could counter," said Miller. "I gave up my Russian (arm tie) because I knew I could score on his rush."

The championship finale was the second time Miller (ranked #1 all year) faced the second ranked Pena this year. The two met February 13 with Perry winning 7-3.

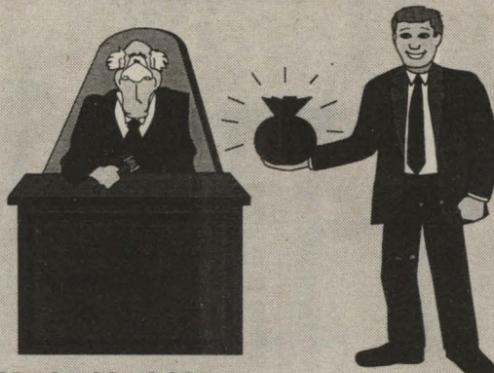
Miller won his first three matches at Nationals with two pins and a 10-3 decision.

Last Saturday concluded a stellar season and record packed career for Miller. Perry went 35-6 this year, becoming Stevens Point's winningest wrestler with 133 career wins. Miller also broke his own record for most pins in a season.

Miller became the only Pointer to win four conference titles and earn four All-American finishes. "He's had a phenomenal career," said Loy. "He's set records that might not be touched for a long time."

"I ended my career on top," said Perry. "I accomplished a lot and I can be proud of it."

CAMPUS BEAT



Monday, March 9th

- Two high school students were asked to leave the Roach Hall basement lounge by the hall director. They cooperated.
- A reckless truck driver was reported in Lot Q. He was counseled.
- An officer in Lot Q warned a person about doing donuts in the lot.

Sunday, March 8th

- A CA reported possible marijuana use on the fourth floor of Neale Hall. He called later to say the smell was gone.
- A white, four-door car was reportedly crashing into other cars in Lot P.
- A person in Hansen Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Saturday, March 7th

- Two individuals with open intoxicants in Baldwin were counseled as to the regulations in the dorms regarding alcohol.
- Eight individuals outside Baldwin Hall were reported fighting. They left when the officer arrived.

Friday, March 6th

- A strange man who appeared intoxicated was reported talking to female students in the Fine Arts Building.

Thursday, March 5th

- A fire alarm was set off in Baldwin Hall by burned toast.

Wednesday, March 4th

- Profanity was written on the north west entrance of Smith Hall. Maintenance was called.
- A fire alarm was pulled on the third floor of Hansen Hall.

Tuesday, March 3rd

- A CA in Pray-Sims Hall reported marijuana in front of a room. Nothing was found.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

Our Crime Prevention Office will do presentations on the following topics; personal safety in a residence hall and on campus grounds, fire safety, alcohol awareness, sexual assault awareness, operation identification, travel and vacation safety tips, and several others. No group is too small or too large. Just give me a call or email me indicating the time, place, number of people and the topic you would like covered. We have many brochures, pamphlets and posters available for your use, and also provide free video check out.

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

NEW YORK

• Six Iraqis have been declared a threat to U.S. national security after helping the CIA in failed plots against Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. In court ruling Monday, a federal immigration judge decided the men would be deported to Iraq, where their lawyers say they will most likely be executed.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• President Clinton is set to meet with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan today at the White House to review the weapons inspections status in Iraq. The 1.3 billion dollar U.S. debt to the United Nations will also be discussed.

National News

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

• Duke University announced a code of conduct Monday to be sure that apparel producers bearing their name are not using sweatshops. The code bars licensees from using forced or child labor, requires them to maintain a safe workplace, pay at least minimum wage, recognize the right to form unions, and requires licensees to identify all factories associated with Duke's name, and allow unimpeded visits by monitors.

FORT BELVIER, VIRGINIA

• A military jury began deliberating the sexual misconduct case against Sergeant Major Gene McKinney yesterday. The six men and six women are considering 19 charges against McKinney, who faces up to 55 1/2 years in prison, plus the loss of his retirement benefits, if found guilty.

SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

• A key union official said on Wednesday most Saturn employees are voting in favor of their current labor contract with the General Motors Corporation, and rejecting efforts to trade the new team based approach for a national pact covering other GM workers.

GOLDEN, COLORADO

• Authorities say a twelve inch natural gas line exploded Wednesday near a storage facility north of Denver. Steve Davis, a sheriff's authority, says there are no reports of evacuations or injuries, and crews are working to repair the break.

State/Local News

GREEN BAY

• Ray Nitschke, Packer linebacker from 1958-72, died of a heart attack on Sunday. Nitschke played under Vince Lombardi's coaching, when the Packers scored five NFL titles, including the first two Super Bowls. He was 61.

MADISON

• Governor Thompson says he's going to force legislators back into session so they can settle some important business if the legislators don't take the initiative. Thompson says he realizes this month politics are holding up action in the senate, but if parties don't call a special session dealing with truth in sentencing, he'll call them back in April.

MILWAUKEE

• Four-hundred Milwaukee workers protested Wednesday about the company's decision to close a central city customer service center. The company's statement came last week when it announced it would lay off employees and close the office within three months.

MADISON

• Wisconsin Power and Light, a Madison Utility crew, is going to Chicago to aid the city after Sunday's snow storm left much of the area powerless. Around 260 thousand customers of Commonwealth Edison of Chicago were left without power yesterday morning. The Madison crews are expected to remain there till Friday.

Beeken named Associate Vice Chancellor

Robert Beeken has been appointed associate vice chancellor for personnel and budget at UW-Stevens Point. Prior to his appointment he twice served as interim associate vice chancellor, from 1995-96 and from 1997 to the present.



Beeken

"We had candidates of very high quality, but Bob's familiarity with UW-SP and UW System personnel policies gave him an edge over the competition," said Provost Bill Meyer. "It is especially gratifying when we can nurture

our own and give qualified, talented individuals an opportunity for career advancement."

A search and screen committee, chaired by Joan North, dean of the College of Professional Studies, named the finalists. Chancellor Tom George made the appointment based on a recommendation from the Provost.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in physics, mathematics and chemistry at Western State College of Colorado, Beeken went on to receive his M.S. at Ohio University and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. With Ph.D. in hand, Beeken accepted a teaching position at Western State College and taught there for three

years before coming to UW-SP in 1980.

Prior to becoming acting vice chancellor, Beeken steadily climbed his way up the academic ladder and was appointed full professor of physics and astronomy in 1988.

Beeken's areas of expertise are solid state ionics and magnetic materials.

He is a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, American Physical Society, International Society for Solid State Ionics and Wisconsin Association of Physics Teachers.

He and his wife, Susan, have a son and daughter and reside in Stevens Point.

Basement Brewhaus popularity grows

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

During midterms, students find a several ways of dealing with the pressure placed on them.

One escape from stress, growing in popularity, is lounging at the Basement Brewhaus, located in the basement of the University Center.

Why?

"Cause where else can you drink a beer, play pool and do your

math homework at the same time," Junior Kevin Kroll said.

Stephanie Kaponya, Student Manager for the Brewhaus, explained several possible reasons for the increase in customers.

"Word of mouth. People come and see the atmosphere, enjoy themselves, and see our low prices, and word gets around," Kaponya said.

The first few months the Brewhaus opened its doors, the average turnout after 4:00 was 30-

40 people a day. That number has now increased to 120-150 people per day.

"I think we're going to stay successful because we offer something for everyone," said Heather Sturm, Promotions Programming Coordinator for the Brewhaus.

Some changes will be made in the Brewhaus next semester to accommodate the addition of an elevator, making the hangout accessible to those with handicaps.

"Next year will finish the revisions done this year, and there will be more space to accommodate people," said Kaponya.

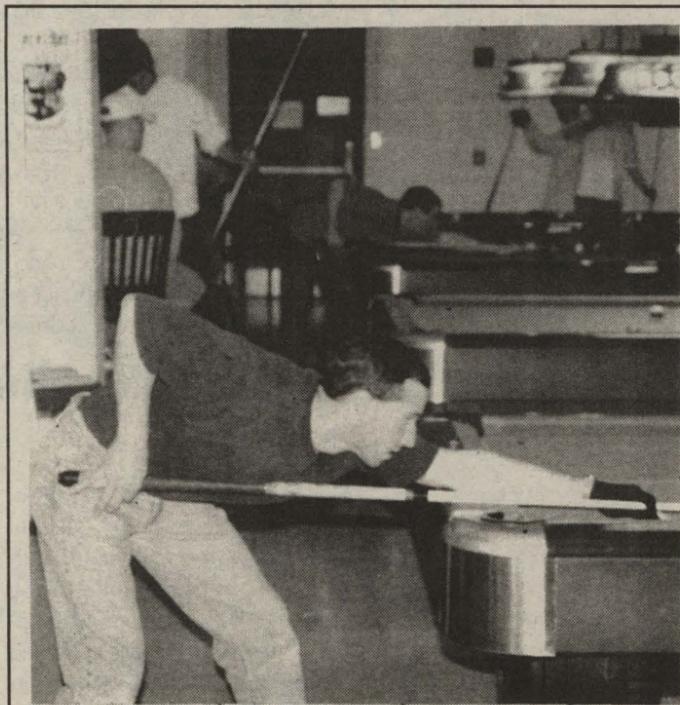
Features of the Brewhaus that will stay the same, however, are the Wisconsin beers, and varieties of coffee, snacks and games.

The Basement Brewhaus will close early in the semester and stay closed throughout the summer, due to the renovations being made.

"Everyone needs to come in before it's closed to see what they've been missing," added Kaponya.

To further improve their service, the Brewhaus has student suggestion box.

The Brewhaus is open till ten o'clock, seven days a week. Students are welcome to stop in for a study break, sign their name on "the wall," or sit back and absorb the Brewhaus atmosphere.



Students take advantage of the many pool tables at the Basement Brewhaus Wednesday night. (Photo by Kevin Lahner)

UW-SP earns another ten years

UW-Stevens Point has been reaccredited for the maximum ten year period by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (N.C.A.).

The reaccreditation came after two days of on-site evaluations by the NCA, who found many strengths within the university including its beneficial partnership with the Stevens Point community and Central Wisconsin.

"We have a great deal to be proud of," said George at the meeting of the Faculty Senate. "I found it gratifying that the NCA experts were so impressed with the overall high quality of our university."

Other major strength of UW-SP noted by the NCA were the high quality faculty who are appreciated and respected by students, and its successes in maintaining key programs and campus morale

while under budget constraints. Also noted was the outstanding shared governance enjoyed among its faculty, staff and students and its commitment of resources to instructional technology and computer support.

George added that the NCA saw a need to continue and increase efforts to recruit minority faculty, staff and students, to tie assessment more closely to planning and for the campus and UW System to address library shortfalls.

In addressing the Senate, George thanked those who participated in the evaluation on campus, especially Bob Baruch, professor of theatre. Baruch led the accreditation steering committee in a two year self study of the campus and its programs, producing a key base and resource for the NCA's evaluation.

Because, I Said So!

By Chris Keller
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Hate is everywhere, but not always seen

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

To the right of my column this week is an interesting letter. It comes from a student here at UW-Stevens Point.

That in itself is nothing new. No, what makes this letter interesting is the blatant display of homophobia in the final paragraph. Take a few minutes to read and absorb the content of this letter, then come back.

Okay. I believe that everybody is entitled to their opinion; however, in my opinion and probably others', it amounts to nothing more than hate speech. Nick and I decided this letter was not going to see the light of day.

But then I decided that students need to know that discrimination based upon sexual preference, race, ethnicity and gender is around us. Not only in Wisconsin

or Portage County, but right here in Stevens Point and at this fine institution of higher learning.

As of late, these attitudes have come to the surface with more frequency. Last week, an anti-homosexual group was handing out literature on campus, denouncing the practice. Over the summer, an incident at Kmart (See Page 6 for related letter), sparked a meeting to discuss solutions to racism in the campus and surrounding community.

But back to the issue at hand. Mr. Haas writes, "Homosexuality hurts people," and in the subsequent sentence writes, "Hatred hurts." Right in front of us all, Mr. Haas seems to say that hate in general is wrong, but not if it is directed towards homosexuals.

Now, I've never had a two-sided conversation with God, but I consider myself of the opinion that He truly loves all of us, whether we are White or African-American, straight or homo-

sexual, American or Hmong. For people to say the Bible shows that an alternate life-style is sinful, is simply interpreting written words in any form they see fit.

Racism is here in Stevens Point and it really has no intention of leaving.

All we can do as individuals is live free of racist attitudes and
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"God's love can heal all"

Dear Editors:

Yesterday afternoon I lounged lazily on the dirty orange couch that occupies my porch. Down the block a ways a little red-haired girl, pig-tails nipping at the freckles on her face, poked along the sidewalk on her shiny, plum-colored bike. She rode with training wheels and apparently relished every hard-fought rotation of her pedals.

My eyes drifted between her and the late afternoon traffic zooming past my yard. When the little girl reached my driveway, she swerved innocently toward the street. In two seconds I could have bounded off my porch and rescued that little girl. In a half-second I could have yelled, "Watch out!" But I knew that she

had to make her own decision. I love kids too much to tell them what to do.

Some people, however, cannot bear to remain silent while watching their fellow brothers and sisters in humanity swerve toward sources of needless pain. Sin hurts people, and some men and women love others enough to warn them of sin's destruction. John the Baptist did (Mark 6:18). Jesus did (Luke 11:39-52). So do people in Stevens Point.

Homosexuality hurts people. Hatred hurts people. Lying hurts people. Let Jesus Christ heal the hurt. Seek God's love today by asking Jesus to transform your life (11 Corinthians 5:17).

-Israel Haas
Student

S.G.A. statement too much, too soon

Dear Editors:

I am concerned that a gross negligence has been done on the part of S.G.A. in their recent (as of March 5) statement regarding the "anti gay-rights demonstration." My problems do not reside in feelings of animosity towards homosexuals, that *would* be most un-Christian like (though I do not side with the homosexual philosophy, a.k.a. "way of life").

Instead, my problem exists with the disregard shown to our right of free speech (everyone's favorite issue nowadays). We talk big about free speech, but it seems that when it steps on the toes of our societal standards it no longer exists. If *individuals* were harassed then it would be a different issue, but I have found no compelling evidence of the group harassing individual people. So we are left with not so much a case of harassment as with a protest.

If I remember right, there was a protest right here on this campus not so long ago against a group of people in the military fighting a war in Vietnam. If there was a protest against drunk drivers would we

have seen a statement from the S.G.A. in support of lawsuits filed by drunk drivers against those protesting?

These people who protested believe homosexuality is wrong and, I assume, believe that by their protest they will be helping people. I don't believe that a protest will do that much good concerning this particular issue, but I can't condemn them for doing it, though I may disapprove of some of what was said.

My point is that unless violations of law happened, which there hasn't been any evidence of, why did the S.G.A. feel the need to make such a statement? Was it just jumping the gun, and, if so, for what reason?

People have a right to voice their opinions even if they are logically, morally, scientifically, theologically or otherwise incorrect. It would be good to remember this despite our feelings toward the issues.

-Michael Cebulski
Student

Mine will pollute "less than Madison's sewers"

Dear Editors:

In 1995, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) in its more than 40 million gallons per day of effluent, released 70 times as much copper, 1,000 times as much zinc and 3,700 times as much lead as anticipated in the treated water from the proposed Nicolet Minerals Company mine.

While the Nicolet Mining Company will isolate its tailings from the environment, Madison sewage sludge is spread on farmland; sludge containing lead at 93 parts per million (note the lead in Nicolet Mining Company's effluent is projected at .016 parts per billion).

The State of Wisconsin and the Federal Government will be holding Nicolet Minerals to much

higher standards than they hold MMSD.

A moratorium would prevent progress and assure that new technology and techniques will be developed elsewhere. Citizens of other states and other countries will develop the knowledge and the skills.

They will have the knowledge to pass on to their students. They
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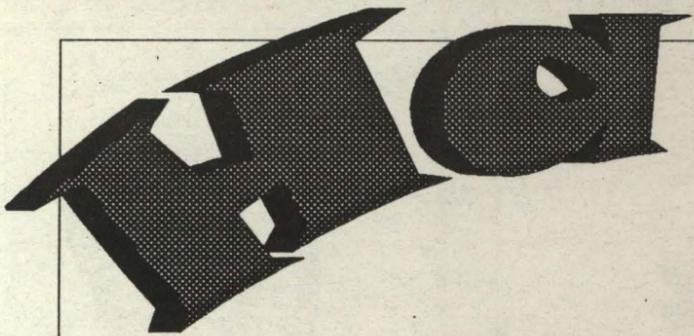
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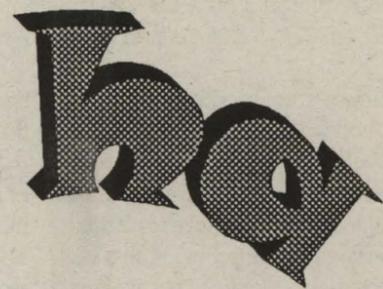
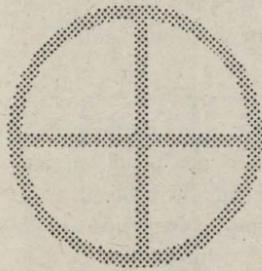
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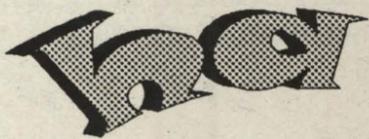
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Post Break Preview

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<p>•Contact With Jodi Foster</p> <p>Scientists make contact with aliens!</p> <p>7 & 9:15 PM The Encore \$1 with UWSP ID \$2 without</p>	<p>•Craig Karges <i>Magician/Mentalist</i></p> <p>He will absolutely baffle your mind!</p> <p>8:00 PM Alumni Room \$2 with UWSP ID \$3.50 without</p>	<p>•Barnaby Creek <i>Farewell Concert</i></p> <p>Last chance for these acoustic folk favorites!</p> <p>8:00 PM The Encore \$2 with UWSP ID \$4 without</p>	<p>•The Ultimate <i>Psychic Fair</i></p> <p>Hypnosis, Numerology, Palm Reading, Tarot...</p> <p>Noon-3:00 PM Laird Room \$4 with UWSP ID \$6 without</p>	<p>•Ballet Folklorico <i>de Veracruz</i></p> <p>The dances and music of Mexico</p> <p>7:30 PM Sentry Theater \$2.50 w/UWSP ID \$5.00 without</p>

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Another perspective of Kmart's policies and procedures is offered

Dear Editors:

Many people in the Stevens Point community keep asking me about Kmart and the level of racism. As an employee, I can tell you that there are two things going on at Kmart that hint at racism, whether or not the management would like to deny it.

First of all, the incident that occurred a few months ago that caused the uproar and inquisition at Kmart was not fully explained to you. Here is the true story:

A few months ago, a group of Asian men purchased a stereo. Several returns had been coming in that month because the sales associates in the electronics department were not informing foreign students that the electrical current in their country runs at a different voltage, and will not work with any products purchased here.

Imagine buying a stereo, taking it back to Korea, or China, and watching it melt when you plug it into your electrical outlet. Phone calls from overseas peers warning their friends about the problem instigated several returns at Kmart.

A misinterpretation of that problem, that was also seen as racist, took place. The management at Kmart thought that "these Asian people" were buying products, using them for three months, then returning them when they were going to go back to their native country.

The return policy at Kmart is 30 days with a receipt and nearly any item can be returned; in electronics, the return period is extended to 90 days, with a receipt. Anyone can return a pro-

duct for a full refund.

This group of Asian men, who had discovered only two weeks into their purchase that the electrical currents were different, decided to bring back the stereo. They called Kmart, and the electronics associate, listening to the problem, told them that if they had their receipt and the purchase was indeed only two weeks ago, then there was no problem.

When the men came to the store to return the item, a security officer encountered them. Following the misguided orders of the store manager, sent them back home without a refund.

This refusal to refund was a case of racism. A group of men, because of their skin color, were refused a refund that ANY OTHER PERSON would have received. Why the security officer chose to disregard a very clear return policy I do not know.

Eventually, an associate at Kmart, after speaking with me, decided to do something about this situation and contacted some people on campus. The matter was eventually resolved, as far as the return of the stereo. Kmart tried to hide its mistake by calling it a 'misunderstanding.' The management took very seriously this accusation of being a racist store. A meeting was held with all of the employees regarding the equal treatment of all customers. We were told to treat all customers with the same respect and level of service.

This was the first event of racism that had occurred in my presence. The second is much harder to describe and I lack evidence of its ex-

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Big Brothers/Sisters is looking for you

Dear Editors:

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about a wonderful experience.

I am a volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I have been a "big" for over six years and I really enjoy it.

The reason for this letter is that I am on a recruitment team for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We are in a five week recruitment challenge and are looking for more volunteers. Currently there are over 80 children who need someone to be a role model and mentor.

Volunteering isn't too difficult. You don't need to go out of your way to do special activities with the child. Big Brothers and Big Sisters offer stability to a young person through routine activities and events.

I include my little sister in things that I normally would do, like shopping, washing my car, collecting information for trivia, going to the library and the like.

We also do things that I probably wouldn't do if I wasn't a "big" like going roller skating, playing mud volleyball or helping her with homework.

All activities have been rewarding to both of us. We have developed a strong friendship.

I'm sure you think this would be very time consuming. It really isn't. I see my little sister once a week. I just make the time.

If the time factor is a concern, please talk to someone at the Big Brother/ Big Sister office so they can explain to you what they are looking for. You

might have more time than you think.

If you would like more information about being a big brother or sister, please call Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Portage County at 341-0661. There are also informational meetings set up that you could attend to receive more information.

If you are looking for experience with children, this is it. What a resume builder!

Big Brothers and Big Sisters is in real need of volunteers. Many of the children have been waiting to be matched for awhile. Take the challenge, be a Big Brother or Big Sister.

-Laura Kowalski
Stevens Point



Equal benefits are needed for an equal society

Dear Editors:

Portage County currently does not extend benefits to domestic partners of gay county employees. These employees do the same job as straight employees who are married and are just as productive but are barred by our society from the right to marry those whom they love. Although the county government can't do anything about that, they can take the moral courage and leadership to allow gay partners, or all partners if need be for legal reasons, of county employees to receive the necessary health, dental and other benefits they might provide.

These aren't luxuries. To deny one health care because of their sexual orientation is as apt to allow them to die an early death if they get seriously sick. Indeed this might sadly be the case statewide if some reactionaries have their way in the state legislature with a bill to outlaw local governments and state universities from offering benefits to domestic partners of gay or other employees. It is time for morality to triumph; the rational and caring kind.

-Jerome A. Mc Collom
UWSP class of 1997

More "smoke" signals come from a reader

Dear Editors:

Having followed with interest the ongoing discussion about smoking on campus, I am moved to throw my two cents' worth into the mix.

Writers have taken the time to present an array of views, but I was particularly inspired by the March 5 contribution made by Ms. Balke.

Like Balke, I am a smoker who exercises courtesy and common sense, putting the butt in my pocket until I can find a trash receptacle and like her, commend UW-Stevens Point for its continued minority-friendly atmosphere.

As a year-round bicyclist and

alumna who regularly visits UW-SP to use resources or attend functions, I am continually amazed at the over-dependence on gas-powered vehicles and am offended by the stench emitted by them.

I'd like to offer up a proposal I've not yet seen expressed: Let's ban the use of automobiles within 400 yards of the buildings (except for those making deliveries or driven by folks who are differently-abled), and I vow to extinguish my little wisp of smoke within 40 feet of the doors.

-Linda C. Smith
Stevens Point

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Clearing the way for the past Oak Savannah plan underway in Schmeekle

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

If you thought you heard the buzz of chain saws echoing through Schmeekle Reserve this past weekend, don't check your ears; you heard right. The Society of American Foresters has been busy doing selective cutting on a small area directly south of the visitor center parking lot.

Despite the popular notion that Schmeekle isn't managed, work is sometimes done to improve the biological diversity of the reserve. The approximately three-acre plot is being cleared of non-oak species in an attempt to set back succession.

Succession is the process in which an area's plant community grows in maturity and complexity. As Ron Zimmerman, the director of Schmeekle said, "We're trying to restore that area to an oak savanna."

This oak savanna ecosystem is becoming increasingly rare. For the most part, this is due to fire suppression.

After Wisconsin settlement, succession in Schmeekle had been primarily held back because of a different reason. In fact, the

woods of the reserve were once a dairy farm, and heavily pastured.

The grazing of these pastures held the plant community in a grassland stage. However, once the grazing stopped, succession commenced and

food for predators such as fox. Another important function of this renewed oak savanna will be to serve as a fawning area for deer.

Anyone who has ever walked off the beaten path in Schmeekle knows how wet things can get.

With few dry, sheltered places around, especially in a wet year, fawns are vulnerable to the elements and may not survive. However, the area of cutting lies on relatively high ground.

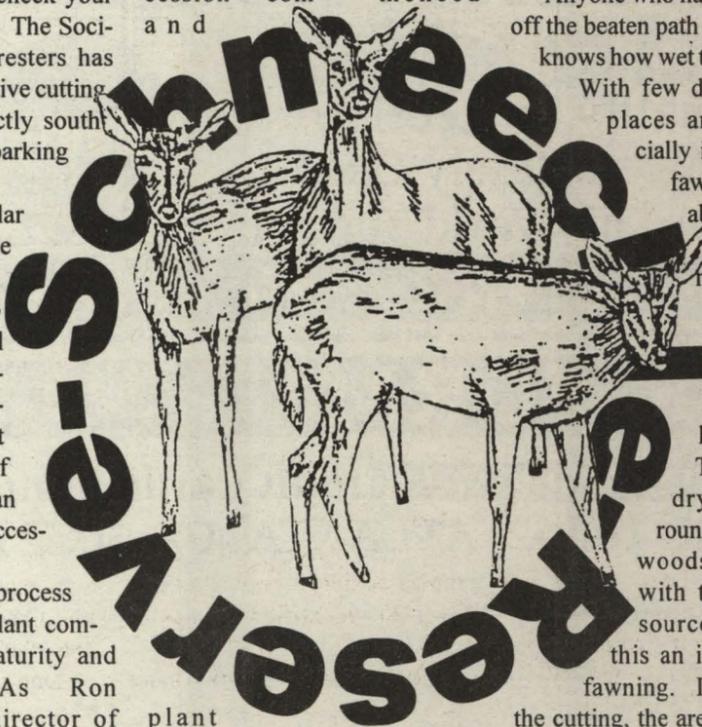
This island of dry land surrounded by the wet woods, combined with the oak food source, will make this an ideal spot for fawning. In addition to the cutting, the area will also be burned this spring. These burns will be done in coordination with cutting to maintain the oak savanna. However, with recent drastic weather changes in mind, the dates that the burns will take place is yet unknown.

For more information about the oak savannah restoration project, please call the Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Office at 346-4992.

plant communities matured to the types that we know Schmeekle for today.

The cutting will not only help restore the oak savanna, but will also benefit the reserve's wildlife. Excluded from the cut, the acorn-producing oaks will be an important food source for deer, wild turkeys and squirrels.

This diversity of prey species will, in turn, attract and provide



SAF members began working to change a heavily forested mix of hardwoods back into the indigenous oak savannah. (Photo by Melinda Harrold)

Conservation clubs sponsor musky program on Lake Pewaukee

By Matt "Bert" Ward
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Beginning in April, or whenever the open water season begins, an in-depth muskie research project will begin taking place on Pewaukee Lake located in southeast Wisconsin near Milwaukee.

When anglers imagine an ideal muskie lake, by no means do the heavily developed shores and jet ski covered waters of Pewaukee come to mind.

Beginning in the mid 1960's the Department of Natural Resources began stocking one to three thousand muskies in this lakes' waters each year, and still continue this practice today. In 1977, Pewaukee produced its first forty-pound plus fish, and the past 21 years results have proven no different.

Fish over fifty inches are produced annually in this lakes' waters and even this past season a forty-two pounder decided it was time to adorn an anglers wall.

With all of these big fish being produced in one of the most heavily pressured fisheries in our state, fisheries biologists started



Thanks in large part to the contributions of Miller's "Friends of the Field," huge muskies like this will be present in Lake Pewaukee for years to come. (Submitted photo)

questioning what this lakes' secret was.

With the help of the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc., the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Miller Brewing Company's "Friends of the Field" donating \$ 100,000, an in-depth muskie research project is now under way.

The simple goal is to determine what is occurring beneath

the surface of Pewaukee Lake that is allowing it to produce such immense fish on an annual basis. Dr. Robert Anderson, a Fisheries Biologist from a local Wisconsin Lutheran College, was asked to head this study which will encompass approximately two years.

His objective of the study is to "develop a comprehensive management plan based on the species composition in the lake,

the forage fish as well as the game fish, and to determine how these game fish, particularly the muskellunge, utilize the habitat that exists in the lake."

He will try to theorize why a lake that is highly eutrophic and is predominantly less than ten feet deep, produces such large fish with above average growth rates. Historical data on water quality and plant species composition will be analyzed in attempts to

maintain the water conditions which exist in the lake at this time.

Greg Peters, a local educated angler and guide, with the help of many DNR employees and volunteers will be conducting fyke netting, electro-shocking and creel census surveys over the next two open water seasons.

Twenty transmitters have been purchased to be inserted in various age classes of fish that are

collected by fyke netting this spring. DNR personnel and volunteers will be spending three to five days a week, twenty-four hours a day, throughout the entire open water seasons of 98' and 99' using radio telemetry to track these fish.

The information that is extracted from this data will be used to study how muskie movement by various age classes of fish is effected by barometric pressure, weather conditions, moonrise and moonset, and seasonal changes.

A stomach content analysis will also be performed on the fish in this study, which requires a plastic tube to be inserted down the gullet and into the stomach of each muskie. Water will then be inserted and the contents of the stomach will be flushed out. This study will determine the preferable prey species of fish in Pewaukee throughout the different seasons of the year.

Taxidermist studies have shown a preference for sheepshead, suckers and carp. The stomach of the 42 pound muskie that was caught by the client of Greg Peters last year contained a

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Fresh Tracks

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
OUTDOORS EDITOR

What's the big word in The Pointer newsroom these days? Well, I'd probably be fired if I told you but in terms of news, it's voting, namely the SGA elections. Every time someone mentions it I sink into my chair, start typing a little faster and pretend I never heard it.

"Did you know only seven percent of the student body cast their mark on a ballot?" someone asks.

"What, no! I can't believe it. That's terrible!" I'll answer. Then change the subject as quick as I can.

You see, I'm guilty. No matter how many stories I've seen in this paper and how many times I heard voting mentioned, I was among the lazy, overwhelming majority.

What's worse, I didn't even know who won until late into Wednesday night.

I should have just voted, I know, but it took a trip to the State Capital to show me the error of my ways.

We shuffled into the Senate's temporary hearing room like the herd of non-voting slackers we are with heavy feet and lazy eyes at 9:15 Wednesday morning. Then listened as a Senator Schneider explained the process of how a bill becomes law.

Senator Kevin Shibilski, the man representing all of us, was up next. With a few inspiring words, he managed to get most of our attention with a sudden rush of pride and empowerment.

Basically, he opened the doors of democracy and invited us to step in. One of the biggest problems with government these days is that the public feels completely detached, as if we have no say in the laws "protecting" our lives.

According to Shibilski, he and his colleagues can't function without us. Our input is crucial for the system to work.

Now what does this have to do with outdoors? Everything. Think about the Crandon Mine, pesticide regulation, hunting rights, clean air restrictions, and public land acquisition, to name a few.

The capital was abuzz today over a surprise vote in the Joint Committee on Finance that secured a beautiful and valuable part of the Ice Age Trail outside of Madison.

We watched as Shibilski and a group of 12 other senators and representatives ran through a list of other issues including massage therapy regulations and Green Bay Packer license plates before reaching the bigger land purchase issue.

I was impressed by their mix of professionalism and common humanity. The meeting was a mix of librarian-like seriousness and uproarious laughter. The biggest impression they cast was that of regular, hard working, approachable people with nothing elitist or superior about them.

Eventually they reached the big issue of the day. Most people including, Paul Heinen, the Department of Natural Resources legislative liaison were sure that the 100 acre tract with a million dollar price tag would be scratched in favor of other spending. Developers were licking their chops in anticipation, but in the end the Ice Age Trail won out on a dangerously narrow vote (8-5 but don't quote me on that).

We had the chance to meet and lobby representatives, senators, or other agency workers during the rest of the day. Again, I found their doors waiting wide open. Spencer Black's office helped us sift through a mountain of information about cranberry regulations.

In the end it as Shibilski put it, it boils down to self interest on the part of politicians to listen to your needs. They work for us and value their jobs. The same goes for us. It comes down to our own self interest to stay involved in the political process. SGA is a good place to start.

SHOULD YOU EAT THE FISH?

DNR Health Advisory

- **The Wisconsin River (Merrill to Nekoosa)**
 - **Walleye-** one meal per week (52 meals/ year)
Fish contain .05 to .2 parts per million of mercury and PCB contaminants.
 - **Carp-** no more than one meal per month (12 meals/ year)
Fish contain .2 to 1.0 parts per million of mercury and PCB contaminants.

Weekend Escapes: Willow River S. Park

By Lisa Rothe
OUTDOORS REPORTER

If you haven't made spring break plans yet, you might want to consider spending a weekend at Willow River State Park. Located near the Wisconsin-Minnesota border in Hudson, Willow River is fast becoming Wisconsin's most popular state park.

Thousands of years ago as the Wisconsin glacier carved its way through the landscape, the massive entity left behind the trademark waterfalls and gorges of the Willow River.

As the pioneers pushed west with manifest destiny emblazoned in their hearts, they happened upon the virgin prairie lands of Willow River. Today, park enthusiasts can enjoy the scattered remains of the prairie that are being restored.

The over 3,000 acre oak savannah is a photographer's dream. Lenore Schroeder, Park Manager, finds the ten miles of hiking trails to have interesting destinations. "The trails lead along the water, you're in touch

with the trout streams, the lake, waterfall and gorge. The trails are beautiful, stupendous!"

Conditions on the trails are surprisingly favorable with snow cover only in the wooded areas.

The Roads

- Take 10 West to I-94
- Exit #4 North to County A
- Follow brown and white signs leading to the park.

Campsites are available by reservation. There are six individual RV sites with electricity open year round.

Otherwise, if you prefer rustic camping, during this time of year Schroeder recommends you park in the boat launch and hike in one mile to pitch your tent.

Willow River, located along the Mississippi Flyway, is host to over 200 identified species of birds.

Right now, wild turkeys are making their grand appearance before the hunting season opens in April.

Schroeder is anxiously awaiting the return of her favorite "woodland critter": the woodcock. One of Aldo Leopold's favored woodland creatures, he saw the woodcock as "a living refutation of the theory that the utility of a game bird is to serve as a target, or to pose gracefully on a slice of toast."

An outstanding quality of this spectacular state park, besides the Willow River gorge, is the trout fishing. Three species of trout (rainbow, brook, and brown) are found within the confines of this state park.

If ever you've been dazzled by scenes from *A River Runs Through It* look no further for Wisconsin's version of the beautiful Big Blackfoot River.

Schroeder compares the pristine landscape of the Blackfoot to much of Willow Creek's waterfalls, gorges and trout streams.

Feel free to contact Lenore Schroeder, Park Manager at Willow Creek State Park at (715) 386-9946.

Don't forget to look for the feature after spring break on Governor Dodge State Park.

New place, new fish, same lousy luck

By Joe Shead
OUTDOORS REPORTER

While staring blankly at my wall the other day, I came to an astonishing conclusion: I have angered the fishing gods. My fishing adventures would be more aptly renamed 'misadventures.' Every time I wet a line my finned quarry get the best of me. Just when I think I'm a step ahead of them, the devils of the deep change all the rules.

Consider this past weekend. I received a hot tip that the walleyes were biting. Most walleye anglers would be ecstatic, but being an experienced angler, I knew better. By the time you hear the fish are biting, it's too late. It's Murphy's law.

Nonetheless, last Friday I was pounding the icy waters of the Wisconsin River with a jig and minnow. By some miracle, the walleyes were indeed biting and I wasn't even the last person in my bunch to catch a fish.

I doubt if anyone other than the most courteous reader is still reading this. I'm sure most people are tired of hearing me complain about this incident which doesn't even seem like a disaster. In fact, I was asked just today if my favorite trout fly is a Bitch Creek Nymph. Ha. Ha. Well, I assure you, any time I pick up a rod, last Friday included, something is going to go wrong.

We were enjoying ourselves, steadily catching small walleyes, when Norm got a snag.

"Hey, Norm!" I yelled. "I'll bet you a dollar you can't reel that

snag in," assuming it was one of the thousands of rocks that were plaguing us.

Unfortunately for me, Norm started inching the 'snag' back to shore. Moments later, I watched with tears rolling down my cheeks as Norm reeled in a snowmobile trail sign! That's the last time I ever make a stupid bet like that.

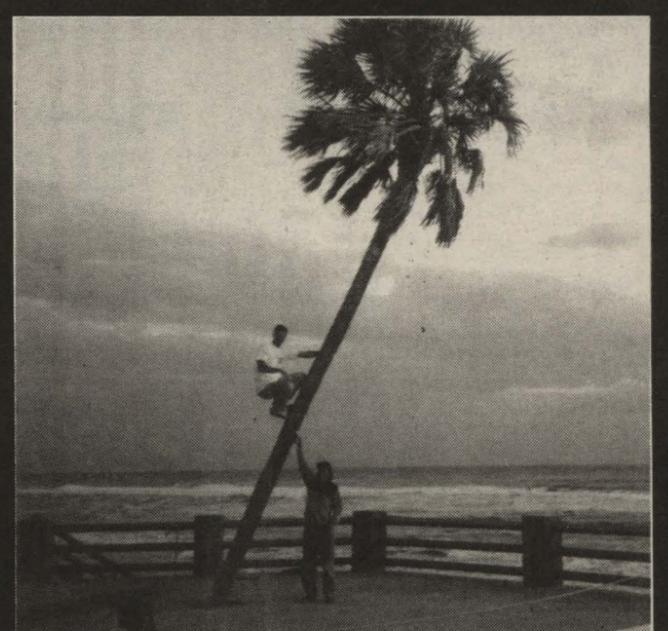
I decided to sneak back to the river the next morning without the other guys so I could hoard the fish. I should have known better. Mother Nature knows that greed is a terrible thing so she

froze the whole river making it impossible for me to fish and numbing my fingers in the process.

I decided to retaliate against her. I met up with my younger brother, Jim, and we returned to the fabled walleye hole. By late afternoon the river had thawed and we were ready to take advantage of the situation. I could have written this article before I even went fishing that afternoon. My brother outfished me as usual, 19-15. In fact, I don't know if I've

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These forestry students practiced their climbing skills last year over spring break on the palm trees of Panama City. (Submitted photo)

Editor's note- we are accepting photos again for the Spring season. Drop them off at *The Pointer* in 104 CAC.

"Miller" time; prof named nation's best

Robert Miller, professor of urban forestry and faculty adviser to UWSP's Student Society of Arboriculture chapter, has been selected by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to receive the first annual Award for Excellence in Education.

"Urban forestry education has come a long way over the years and I am honored to be the first to receive such an award," said Miller.



The International Society of Arboriculture had its origins here in the United States.

Since its founding in the early 1920s, chapters and professional affiliations have sprung up around the world.

Today there are more than 11,000 members in 27 countries. Miller played a pivotal role in starting a professional affiliation with ISA when he helped start the UWSP Student Society of Arboriculture in 1980. Miller is the author of one of the most authoritative college textbooks on urban forestry, "Urban Forestry: Planning and Managing Urban Greenspaces."

In addition, he wrote over 30 journal publications, and edits the Journal of Arboriculture. Named the Outstanding College of Natu-

ral Resources Professor for 1990, he also received UWSP's Excellence in Teaching Award and the Teaching Award of Merit by the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

He received bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University and a doctorate from Massachusetts. Miller was nominated by both the Wisconsin Chapter and the

Arboricultural Research and Education Academy Professional Affiliate. There were seven other nominations for the award.

The ISA is dedicated to the planting, care and preservation of trees and membership is composed of scientists, urban foresters, arborists and utility foresters.

The award will be presented at the ISA's annual conference August 2-5 in England.

New Great Lake approved

By Matt "Bert" Ward
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Just when you thought President Clinton had gotten himself into enough controversies to last him a lifetime, he's decided to become the president that declared Lake Champlain the sixth great lake.

On March 6, 1998 Clinton officially signed a bill giving Lake Champlain an official designation as our newest Great Lake.

So, after much persuasion by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, who said "Vermonters have always considered Lake Champlain a Sixth Great Lake, so why not make it official," Rand McNally will now have to print out new maps of the United States.

By accomplishing this task, Vermont is now eligible to compete with the other five Original Great Lakes for the over 50 mil-

lion dollars that is annually spent on Great Lakes Research under the Federal National Sea Grant Program.

Under the Lake Champlain Special Designation Act, a Lake Champlain Basin Program has been created that plans to dedicate its new funding to projects studying lake contaminants, sea lamprey control, zebra mussels and other various lake management programs.

Co-chairman of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force Steve LaTourette, responded to the decision by saying, "I propose we rename it Lake Plain Sham." Leahy responded by saying, "New Englanders can now count to six, and Midwesterners only to five."

So now, a body of water that's only 1/15th the size of Lake Ontario, which was previously the smallest Great Lake, is officially the sixth Great Lake.

NATURE NEWS AND NOTES

World

Monarchs in trouble in Mexico

MEXICO CITY- A group of Mexican intellectuals are blaming illegal logging as the cause of millions of dead monarch butterflies.

Nobel Prize laureate Octavio Paz was among the "Group of 100" claiming that forest fires and El Nino's cold weather combined with illegal logging practices have led to 12 inch-deep layers of the dead insects covering forest floors.

The group urged Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo to declare the San Andres Reserve a protected area as a sanctuary for the butterflies.

Nation

Thrill seeking tourists risk death

MIAMI- A recent trend in the scuba diving tourism industry has been allowing divers to view sharks in a feeding frenzy. Dive operators take groups of tourists to locations where large amounts of chum have been placed, and the individuals are able to view the sharks close-up as the sharks finish their meal. George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File said, "They're getting a bunch of sharks together at one place and getting them excited by putting food in the water. Then they're putting a bunch of people next to them. They occasionally grab a diver." Due to the increasing popularity of this industry, there has been 60-75 documented shark attacks resulting in around 10 deaths in the past year.

State

Bird deaths linked to Salmonella

MADISON-State wildlife and health experts have identified salmonella bacteria as the cause of death among a variety of wild birds in Wisconsin this winter, and they believe the birds most likely contracted the bacteria at bird feeders. Salmonella bacteria are spread among birds through contaminated fecal droppings. Bird feeders are gathering points for large numbers of birds who ingest contaminated seed and then distribute the bacteria to other areas through their droppings. If you find dead birds around a backyard feeder, do not handle the bodies bare-handed. Wear plastic gloves when you dispose of them. If contamination is observed, feeders can be disinfected with a solution of 1 part household bleach and 9 parts per water.

Campus

First Aid course set at Treehaven

How to deal with medical emergencies in the wild, when help is miles away, is the focus of the Wilderness First Aid course at Treehaven on March 28-29. Treehaven will host instructors from Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA) for the 16-hour course. Participants will learn how to deal with emergency situations that involve prolonged patient care, severe environments and improvised gear. No prerequisites are necessary and CPR is included.

Lake: Musky program to start

thirty inch muskie, several perch and suckers. Somehow, the fish was still hungry for a six inch sucker that was presented by Greg's client.

Greg's reasoning for the annual production of 35+ pound muskies is that "the overabundance of forage fish in this lake allows a muskie to have a smorgasbord of prey species." Also due to the extensive pressure that this fishery receives on an annual basis, these fish are more likely to be caught at some point in their lives.

When the ice covers Pewaukee Lake after the 1999 open water season, a large task will be ahead of the individuals involved in this project.

Hopefully, after everyone's time and effort on this project, viable conclusions can be reached on how Pewaukee is one of our states' most pressured fisheries and still continues to produce some of Wisconsin's largest fish on an annual basis.

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Restaurant review: Arbuckles

By Jason R. Renkens
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Viewed from Main Street, Arbuckles Eatery is a narrow canopy leading down a long walkway between two of Stevens Point's more imposing buildings.

Upon opening the door at the end of the walkway, an overwhelming array of aromas from Italian dishes and spices leaves you almost oblivious to the fact that you are at the door to the kitchen.

Arbuckles' facade on Strongs Avenue is quite welcoming and opens to the cash register and the host's station.

Unfortunately, my date and I entered from Main Street, implanting a pessimistic attitude in me from the start.

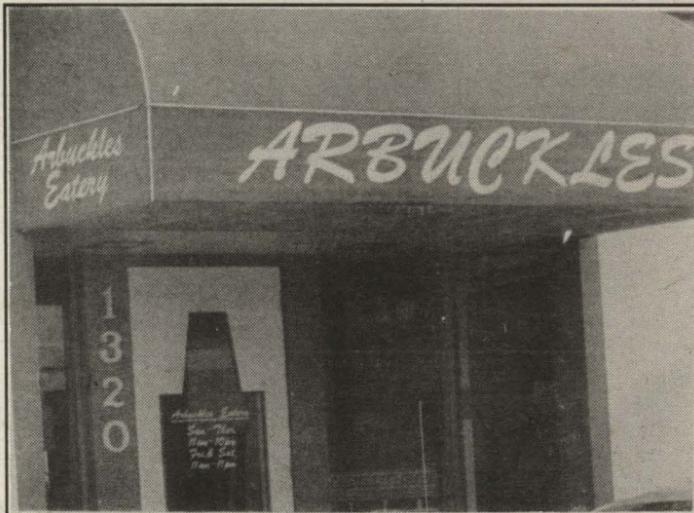
Due to the deafening tone upon entry alerting the staff that some fool decided to enter through the back door, the hostess intercepted us before we could intrude on the cook.

We were seated immediately at a small table near the rear of the restaurant. A joyous family of five made their presence known quite early and vocally.

No one even dropped off our menus for a few minutes but once our waitress realized she was assigned to our table she was loyal to the end.

She brought us our drinks before we could open our menus and happily aided us in the decision process when we found the choice too difficult to handle on our own.

The Italian fries with mozzarella cheese proved a great rec-



The food and service at Arbuckles make up for the less than appealing atmosphere. (Photo by Denean Nowakowski)

ommendation. Fortunately, we were advised to get a half order. The abundance of cheese and overall mass quantity left us with over half left.

Our entrees, Chicken Primavera and Chicken Florentine Lasagna, were accompanied by either soup or salad.

The salad was modest at best in terms of ingredients but those included were fresh and crisp.

The French onion soup was simply delicious. Large croutons, melted cheese, and a succulent broth made this onion staple a delicacy.

The Chicken Florentine Lasagna, made like traditional lasagna but with spinach and chicken, pleased my tongue but failed to quiet my stomach. The recipe was delicious but the single piece left me drooling over my date's order.

My date, despite loving her Chicken Primavera, hardly made a dent because of the generous

portions she had enjoyed up to this point in the meal.

As the first bite entered my mouth my appetite was completely replenished. I finished her entire plate, which was quite generous, savoring every bite of the carrots and diced chicken topping the fettucine noodles in a creamy white sauce.

I fought it with every fiber of my being but even after my obviously less than flattering entrance to Arbuckles, I had fallen head over heels for the great service and heavenly Italian dishes.

All the doubts that had filled me upon entry were whisked almost magically away.

Just when I thought the meal couldn't get any better, the check came. Our appetizer, two entrees and two drinks came out to just over \$20.

After a steal like that my date and I could afford to make it a night and catch a late movie.

Spring break not all fun Have a sun-safe spring break

If you've been thinking of getting a tan while you're on spring break, think again.

No tan is healthy for your skin, whether obtained at the beach or with indoor tanning lamps, says Dr. Rex Amonette, a Memphis, Tenn., dermatologist and a past President of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). "A tan is a sign of injury. It is the skin's response to an overdose of ultraviolet radiation."

Some people mistakenly think that a base tan will protect them from a sunburn, adds Dr. Amonette.

"However an indoor tan has at best the screening power of a sunscreen with an SPF 4, offering almost no protection from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun."

Tanning with a sunlamp is not safer than sun tanning, contrary to what the tanning industry says. Although indoor tanning beds give a smaller amount of burning

rays than the sun, fair-skinned people who do not limit their exposure may still burn.

Also, severe burns can occur in people who tan while taking medicines that make them light-sensitive, such as certain antibiotics and acne medicine.

Clinical studies have shown a clear link between UVA exposure from indoor tanning and two types of skin cancer: basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Some researchers also believe that UVA radiation, because of its intense concentration in indoor tanning beds, probably accelerates the development of melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer.

"While skin cancers can be found on any part of the body, about 80 percent appear on the face, head or neck, where they can be disfiguring as well as dangerous," says Dr. Dennis Lynch, President of the American Soci-

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AND THE WINNER IS.....

Lance Broecker of Rusty's Backwater Saloon

The Pointer's panel of judges decided that Lance Broecker is the **BEST BARTENDER IN STEVENS POINT!**

Look for a feature article on our winner in the next issue of The Pointer.

Cooking Corner

Creamy hash brown potatoes

2 pound bag frozen hash browns
1 can cream of celery soup
1 stick of butter- melted
1/2 cup milk

one 8 oz cream cheese softened
one chopped onion
salt and pepper to season

- Mix all ingredients together.
- Spread into lightly greased 9 x 13 glass dish.
- Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour.
- Cover tightly and refrigerate.
- Serves approximately four people.

- This recipe can be used as a side dish for any meal.
- To make this recipe low-fat try fat-free or light cream cheese

Editor's Note:

Look for vegetarian recipes in upcoming issues of *The Pointer*. And as always, send your recipes to *The Pointer*, room 104 CAC or e-mail tzawl584@uwsp.edu.

Society honors distinguished students Academic club assists students along career path

By Kris Wagner
MANAGING EDITOR

Grades and experience may clear the path to success, but achieving national honor status could trim the branches blocking an eye to eye perspective that employers or graduate schools seek. UW-Stevens Point's Phi Kappa Phi offers a cutting edge for student's excelling in all academic disciplines.

"It (Phi Kappa Phi) provides incentive for scholastic achievement," UW-SP Senior Matt Feldner said. Feldner became a member of Phi Kappa Phi in late spring.

Stevens Point joined the nationally recognized Phi Kappa Phi in 1987. It is the only national honor society that recognizes students from all disciplines.

"I kind of spearheaded the process of organizing Phi Kappa Phi here (UW-SP)," Phi Kappa Phi Public Relations Officer Dr. Helen Godfrey said. "I felt this institu-

tion should have a national honor society."

Phi Kappa Phi honors students who are among the top five percent of their junior class and top 10 percent of the senior graduating class. The society also inducts faculty members who have excelled in their discipline.

Since the inception of the society, it has stood by a few guiding philosophies. According to UW-SP's Phi Kappa Phi President Dr. Bobbie Stokes, the society honors "those students who have excelled in scholarship..." and "the equally strong belief that scholarship is

not limited to any single field of endeavor but rather is universal."

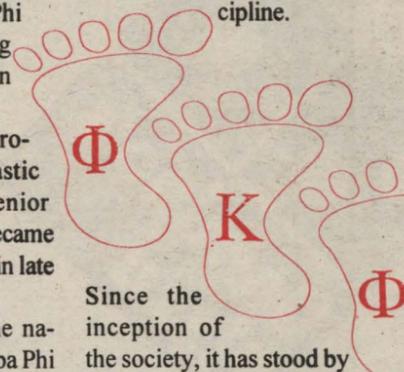
The UW-SP Phi Kappa Phi chapter offers an annual scholarship worth \$300 for sophomores. The scholarship winners and new inductees will be recognized on April 19 during the annual award banquet.

Two university staff members, Mark Boyce of the CNR and Patricia Paul of the University Library, will also be inducted into the society in April.

Phi Kappa Phi Past Secretary and Executive Member Dr. Alice Randlett said the society "assists people with their future."

"I think it will provide some sort of connection," Phi Kappa Phi Vice-President Jessica Hussin said, who is graduating in May.

"It allows people to receive achievement in their respected areas and meet others achieving in their respected areas, Feldner said.



Success secrets revealed by AWC

By Lisa Rothe
FEATURES REPORTER

A night of etiquette and fashion welcomed over 50 female UW-Stevens Point students last Wednesday.

The Success Secrets Seminar sponsored by the Association for

Women in Communication (AWC) and Centertainment Productions' Issues and Ideas Committee, was designed to teach aspiring female professionals the ins and outs of the business world.

"Everyone will come to the seminar with a mental suitcase, a compilation of who they've become and who they are yet to be," began Fiona Reyes, a UW-SP graduate, model and owner of Radiance and Image Consulting.

"Some suitcases will be empty and others almost full. Everyone brings something different and everyone is looking to fill it with helpful hints," she added.

Image, as defined by Reyes, is how you can be the "best me."

Amazingly enough, 55 percent of communication is visual. Reyes revealed important secrets to projecting a positive image to add to our suitcases.

Ninety-three percent of communication is nonverbal and impressions are made within the first

five minutes.

As Dan Dieterich, UW-SP English Professor provided more information for our mental suitcase in the second segment of the seminar, John Zach, UW-SP career counselor, stumbled onto the stage.

Zach played the role of Mr. Uncouth, an unrefined, unpolished individual used to stress the

bit more about proper etiquette.

"This may help to hand you a job and improve your self-image."

Marge Coker-Nelson, Director of Employee Development and Services at Sentry Insurance and Lorry Walters, UW-SP Career Counselor, unlocked the secrets of writing impressive resumes and provided helpful interviewing tips to pack into our suitcases in the third segment of the seminar.

"I thought the information given was good because it's something everyone can use," UW-SP student Anne Shommer said.

A fashion show featuring members of the AWC executive board ended the three-hour seminar in a decidedly light-hearted manner.

A wide array of styles graced the stage with business outfits ranging in price and originality.

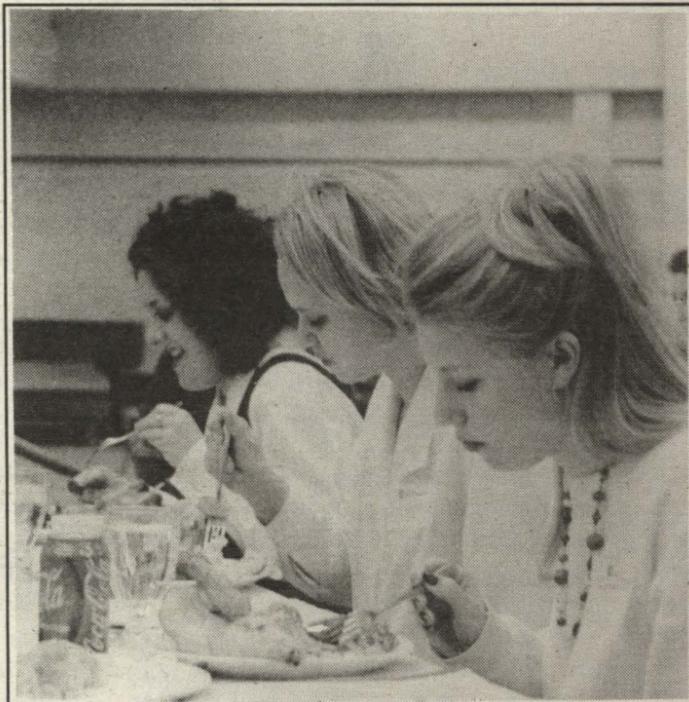
Cindy Wiedmeyer, president of AWC said,

"This is exactly what UW-SP students needed. So often we focus on hard core paperwork and not image.

"By addressing issues surrounding image, etiquette and professionalism, at least three women will walk away with a better understanding. That's what this accomplished."

Wiedmeyer would like to thank all those at the University who helped to make this seminar a success.

The seminar was beneficial to all who attended.



Students had the chance to improve their etiquette at the Success Secrets Seminar. (Photo By Carrie Reuter)

weight given to a first impression.

Dieterich and many other experts on manner from Career Services provided tips to avoid gauche eating behavior.

The women groaned as the main entree consisting of half a Cornish game hen, baked potato and steamed corn was placed in front of them, many eyed enviously the vegetable lasagna served to those who chose the vegetarian option.

Junior Jennifer Steuber felt that "overall the etiquette dinner helped everyone to know a little

Diversity is the spice of life

By Pramela Thiagesan
FEATURES REPORTER

Imagine the world brought together in one place, everyone eating together and having a good time.

All this occurred last Saturday at the International Dinner.

"This has grown to be a regularly sold-out event," Chancellor George said.

And it is no wonder, as the lure of the diversity of the event brought the community at Stevens Point together as they caught a glimpse of the world.

"I love coming to this event because I hardly get to travel and this event in a way gives me a glimpse of the world," Camille Bukowski said.

Highlights of the event included the cuisine from around the world as well as the program lineup, which gave the audience a taste of the diversity of cultures from around the world.

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--Camille Bukowski

"The sharing of a meal and the breaking of bread breaks all cultural lines for feeding another human is one of the greatest acts of friendship," said Bill Clark who was part of the team that initiated the International Dinner more than 20 years ago.

"I really enjoyed the food because it made a pleasant change from mashed potatoes and the whole atmosphere was wonderful, the candlelight and the beautiful performances have made this a night to remember," Margo Mick said.

"There has been no other university that nurtures the international students the way we do here and has a group of international students that care about the university and are integrated in the university and the community," Chancellor George said.

This was indeed evident as the international students worked hand in hand with their American peers to make the event a success.

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WORD OF MOUTH



ART EXHIBITION

"Women in Art," a juried student exhibition marking women's history month, will run Thursday, Mar. 12 at UW-Stevens Point's Agnes Jones Gallery in the College of Professional Studies building. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BICYCLING CLUB

All those interested in joining a bicycling club should attend the meeting on Thurs., March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Portage County Library downtown.

The club is open to all members of the University community and to all those in the Stevens Point area.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Central Wisconsin will celebrate a new season of cultural events with the 26th annual Festival of the Arts in Stevens Point on Sunday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Interior Courtyard of the Fine Arts Building. There is no cost to attend.

The festival is the exhibition and sale of original art by 60 artists from the Midwest. There will be music and children's activities throughout the day.

Exhibition categories will include painting, graphics, fiber, leather, wood, jewelry, ceramics, photography and glasswork. Participants are selected by a jury.

VIOLENT FEMMES

The Violent Femmes tour is scheduled to stop at UW-SP on Thurs., April 16.

Tickets will go on sale Mon., March 23 at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the University Center Information Desk and the Arts and Athletic Box Office or by calling (800) 838-3378.

No whining from students during Cheese week

By Kyle Geltermeyer
FEATURES REPORTER

Casino Night and the Mini-Brew Festival, part of the campus Cheese Week activities, were a nice, relaxing diversion to the pressures of midterms.

Students were able to put their books down for the night and have some fun. Although sparsely attended, both had an intimate feel.

Casino Night, last Tuesday in the Laird Room, was an amateur gambler's dream.

It was Vegas-style gambling without the risk of losing valuable tuition money. It was as much educational as fun.

Dealers taught the rules of betting in games such as craps, roulette, and blackjack.

For some, perhaps it was a tune-up for the real thing.

Each person paid three dollars and in return received a ticket and five thousand dollars in play-money to bet with. At the end, this was exchanged for more tickets.

Prizes were given out through a lottery system. Those with more tickets faced better odds of winning a prize.

Prizes ranged from gift certifi-

cates and t-shirts to a portable Sony Discman and a box of real Wisconsin cheese.

Not discouraged by the low turnout, the representatives at the Mini-Brew Festival were very helpful and informative.

Point and Gray's were the two breweries that participated at the Encore last Thursday night.

John Zappa, head brew master of the Stevens Point Brewery, gave a brief summary of the history of beer and the brewing process. Zappa eagerly fielded questions after his informative discussion.

After the first tasting session, Tim Gray, representative of the Gray's Brewery spoke about the differences between micro-brews and macro-brews. Taking an open-minded approach, he gave the advantages of both and clarified some misconceptions of micro-brews.

For a hands-on effect, he let participants taste chocolate and crystal malt grains to emphasize different flavors of beer. Tasting followed once more, where students were able to share a beer with both men and ask them questions informally.

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Do people really act differently around their significant others?

By Jason R. Renkens
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Some people act differently towards their significant others when their friends are around. It is an undeniable fact.

Some people are as sweet and as caring as can be when they are alone with their boyfriend or girlfriend but then a friend or two come over and it's like the full moon is out. This monster of a person their better half doesn't even know comes out of the woodwork.

Are these people trying to, in some demented way, impress their friends? Only on the surface.

The real problem is that a lot of people have the tendency to draw a distinct line between two very important parts of their lives.

This simply means that friends will remain strictly friends and significant others will stand all alone in their own separate category.

When a person who has already built this wall gets trapped in a room with their significant other and their friends at the same time, one of two personas must take over.

The side most familiar to the friends wins the internal battle. Unfortunately, this polar personality usually leads to either losing friends or losing the boyfriend or girlfriend.

A lot of people claim that the best romantic relationships are those built upon friendships. The problem arises when only

a small percentage of the people who say this take their own advise.

The best romantic relationships include two key elements concerning friends. First, as was just stated, one must befriend their lover to ensure a full, dynamic, and totally open relationship. The second element would be incorporating the lover into the same world as the friends.



Obviously, there are still going to be things that one does only when with friends and only with the significant other.

It isn't expected that people get down and dirty between the sheets when their friends are in the room or have a burping contest in the presence of a significant other.

Letting these two entities into the same world will only be beneficial. Things like crying over chocolate, locker room talk, and watching *The Princess Bride* while cuddling in that old recliner will remain sacred.

A healthy balance of the three resulting times will make everyone involved much happier. Setting time aside specifically for female or male bonding and alone time with the significant other will let both parties know exactly how important and appreciated they are.

The time that an individual spends with both will result in the friends and the significant other viewing each other as people and eventually even as friends.

The line will become transparent and eventually disappear all together.

By Tara Zawlocki
FEATURES EDITOR

Are people really different around their significant others when their friends are nearby?

My answer is simple. Yes, they are. No matter how much we say that we should "be ourselves" around our significant others, we are not, especially when our friends are around.

I can say this because I've experienced it and have seen it happen to others.

There are many different issues that play a part in my reasoning as to why people act differently around their significant others and their friends.

First, friends are the ones who know what kind of person you really are. They have seen you when you are sick, hung over, depressed after a breakup of a relationship and numerous others ways.

They are there through thick and thin supporting you in life's adventures. Because of all these things you have bonded with them; you have created many inside jokes about the trials and tribulations of your lives.

I think, often times, the reason people act differently is because they are trying to impress their friends.

You shouldn't feel the need to impress your friends by acting silly in front of your significant other. So why do so many people seem to try to impress their friends

by acting different around their significant others?

I don't really know the answer to this question. Maybe it's because your friends have seen you sing into a broomstick and play hockey stick guitar and your significant other hasn't. Those are the kind of friendship bonding experiences I am talking about.



The change in actions may also be because sometimes people want to be their best in front of their significant other so much that they forget about being themselves. When you're with your friends you don't really have to worry about it.

The truth is, you do things and go through different experiences with your friends that you probably don't do with your boyfriend or girlfriend. And there is nothing wrong with that. In actuality that is probably a good thing. It gives you something to talk about with your boyfriend or girlfriend.

I think that everyone acts differently to some degree around their significant other when friends are around. Think about it for a minute; it really is possible.

Just because we may act differently around our significant others doesn't mean we have to change our ways. Unless, of course, we are doing it in that annoying way that just bugs the crap out of our significant others.

We should be able to hang out with our friends and significant others without feeling the need to impress or annoy anyone.

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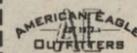
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Nitschke wasn't only a fine football player

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

The debate between fans of the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears has gone on for years. Is Ray Nitschke or Dick Butkus the best linebacker of All-Time?

That argument tends to lean towards Nitschke (of course for Packer fans), but there is no question as to who is the better person.

Sadly, football and professional sports lost one of the greatest players and more importantly one of the greatest persons Sunday, when Nitschke died of a heart attack at the age of 61.

On the football field, Nitschke was one of the toughest around, issuing devastating hits to anyone who dared to cross his path. Sometimes, he knocked opponents out of games with his ferocious tackles.

And it seemed Green Bay's fiercest rival, the Chicago Bears, brought out the best in Nitschke. A native of Chicago, it didn't take long for him to dislike the Bears, especially tight end Mike Ditka. The pair met each other often in the heat of battle and a Nitschke hit once required Ditka to be carried off the field.

He never let up, even on the practice field against his teammates.

But through all his toughness on the field, Nitschke was a totally different individual off of it.

Nitschke was unlike any athlete of this day and age of professional sports. Today, pro athletes seem like they couldn't care less about the average fan. But Nitschke was exactly the opposite.

He was actually interested in the lives of fans he met. He never refused a handshake or an autograph and often went out of his way for others.

At his public appearances, Nitschke would let people try on his Super Bowl ring. And at autograph shows, where many athletes just sign their name and take the fans' money, he would stop and talk to the fans and pose for pictures.

Everyone has their own story of the time they met Nitschke. A fan from San Diego flew into Green Bay to attend a Packer game and desperately wanted to meet his idol. Nitschke, who chose to reside in Titledown after his retirement in 1972, had his phone number listed in the phone book. The man called Nitschke and politely asked if there was any way he could get an autograph. Nitschke was so impressed that he actually went to the airport to meet him.

Although it is unlikely, there may be another middle linebacker like Ray Nitschke. One thing is for certain, there will never be another man like Ray Nitschke.

Hornby finishes college career on a high note

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Not many Division III college football players get to play in a national All-Star game.

But UW-Stevens Point's football player Joel Hornby got that honor last month, playing in the Mardi Gras Classic in New Orleans, Louisiana last month.

Hornby returned to his roots at offensive line, in the 16-6 win for Hornby's team. The senior played his first three seasons on the offensive side of the ball before moving to the defensive line in 1997.

"I switched back over and it

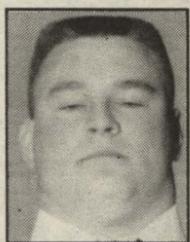
was kind of fun," Hornby said. "I had my niche on the offensive line. It went pretty smooth.

"And I ended my college career with a victory instead of a loss, so that was good."

UW-SP head football coach John Miech said that playing in the game is something special.

"Very few kids get a chance to play in a national All-Star game when you consider there are over

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Hornby

Pointers returns to NCAA tourney Hockey tries for first round revenge against Knights

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It won't be a long search for the Pointer hockey team to find information on their first round opponent in the NCAA playoffs.

UW-Stevens Point will trek to DePere for the second straight weekend to take on the St. Norbert Green Knights.

Last weekend, the Pointers (21-9) and St. Norbert (26-5) battled for the NCHA championship with the Green Knights capturing the crown in sudden-death overtime on Saturday night.

After a two-year tournament absence, Pointer head coach Joe Baldarotta doesn't care about his team's opponent and is happy just to be in the playoffs.

"We deserved it," Baldarotta said of getting in. "We don't really care who we play. We'll go anywhere and play anybody."

St. Norbert leads the season series 4-2, not including last weekend's mini-game, with each game being highly contested.

The Green Knights swept the Pointers early in the season 6-4 and 2-0.

In the opening game the Pointers actually led 4-2 heading into the third period, while the second game included an empty net goal as time expired.

Point was without the services

1998 NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Championships

*St. Norbert (26-5-0)

UW-Stevens Point (21-9-0)
Plattsburgh St. (NY) (24-6-1)

*Rochester IT (NY) (17-3-5)

*UW-River Falls (22-6-1)

Augsburg (Minn.) (19-6-4)

Oswego State (NY) (16-11-2)

*Middlebury (Vt.) (20-2-2)

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of second leading scorer Ben Gorewich in the opening series, as well as defenseman Kevin Fricke.

The two teams split later in the season with UW-SP winning the first game, 5-3, but dropping the second, 6-2.

In last weekend's action, St. Norbert captured Friday night's game 3-0 before Point won 2-1 Saturday, forcing the mini-game.

"We have to work on getting ahead early and staying ahead. We can't get behind and start pressing," Baldarotta said.

The Green Knights are headed by former Pointer player and assistant coach Tim Coughlin.

"We feel good," Baldarotta added. "Our guys are really excited. Let's lace 'em up and play."

Face-off, both Friday and Saturday nights, is 7:05 p.m.

UW-SP falls in NCHA sudden death

By Jesse Osborne
SPORTS REPORTER

(DePere)--The UW-Stevens Point hockey team traveled to St. Norbert College for the NCHA Championship last weekend and what they needed to accomplish was clear.

A series victory would bring an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. But a loss would require the NCAA selection committee to decide the fate of Point's season.

After losing Friday 3-0, the Pointers needed to win the second game to force a mini-game to decide the series. And UW-SP did just that, winning by a 2-1 margin.

The mini-game was marked by quality opportunities by both sides, but neither team was able to find the back of the net, setting the stage for a sudden death overtime period.

The overtime was much of the same, with both teams being stoned by the other's goaltender.

But with just over four minutes remaining in sudden death overtime, with a pileup in front of the net, the Green Knights' Adam Sedgwick flipped one past goalie Bobby Gorman.

That gave St. Norbert the bid and the NCHA crown.

In the regular game Saturday, with a strong UW-SP crowd looking on, the Pointers needed a great performance as they fought for their playoff lives.

The team received such a performance from Gorman, who came up with 47 saves, many of them magnificent. Including his 17 stopped shots in the mini-game and sudden death, Gorman finished with an astounding 63 saves on the night, possibly the best

performance of his Pointer career.

With Gorman manning the net, UW-SP struck first as Jason Zurawik put back a rebound. The assists from Ryan Maxon and Dan Collins helped give the Pointers the 1-0 lead.

Late in the third period, Derek Toninato gave UW-SP a much needed insurance goal, putting the Pointers ahead 2-0.

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All-American Forrest Gore (#00) and the Pointer hockey team take their show back to DePere this weekend, facing St. Norbert College in the first round of the NCAA Division III Championships. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

Point's mat-men ninth at Nationals

By Mike Beacom
SPORTS REPORTER

Entering Friday's competition at the NCAA Division III National Championships at Upper Iowa University, the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team consisted of six athletes looking to battle their way into the following day's action.

By Saturday, only two wrestlers remained as four Pointers were knocked out of the tournament.

Perry Miller and Jaime Hegland led the Pointers during day two, each making their way to the All-American presentation.

Miller won his second consecutive national title (see front page) and Hegland finished sixth at 134 pounds.

As a team, the Pointers finished in ninth place with 32 team points.

"Going in, our goal was to finish in the top four," said Pointer head coach Marty Loy. "Looking back at the tournament, I think we could have accomplished that but I'm not disappointed in how our



Jaime Hegland was one of two UW-SP placewinners at the NCAA Division III National Championships last weekend, finishing sixth at 134 pounds. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

guys wrestled at all."

Corey Bauer, Chet Zdanczwick, Ross Buchinger and Mike Carlson all wrestled tight matches on Friday but couldn't quite pull out enough to move on.

Buchinger (142 pounds) wrestled an extremely tough draw, losing to the eventual champion from Wartburg 4-2 in overtime and

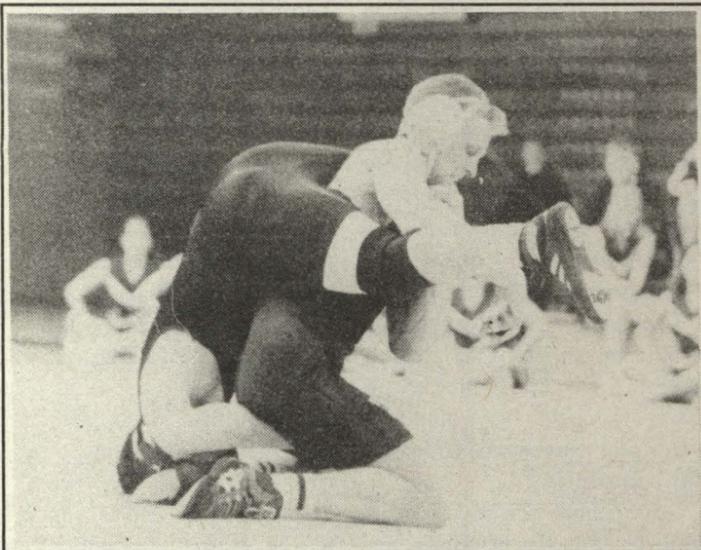
another All-American finisher from Wartburg in overtime.

Zdanczwick (126) also lost tight matches going 2-2 at the tournament. Bauer, who finished off the regular season strong, went 1-2 while 150 pound senior Carlson finished his career at Nationals going 0-2.

Hegland won his first three matches on Friday. But the junior was pinned at the 2:20 mark in the semifinals on Saturday and fell to John Hatfield of Simpson 5-4 in the fifth place match.

Loy feels the wrestlers returning next year gained a great deal from the tournament.

"There's a lot to look forward to next year," said Loy. "(Jaime, Ross, Chet and Corey) proved they're as good as anybody in the country and gained a lot of experience that will help them next year.



Senior Mike Carlson concluded his Pointer wrestling career last weekend at Nationals. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

UW-SP athletes work their way to the NCAAs

Eleven UW-Stevens Point athletes from three separate teams are set to compete in NCAA Division III National Championship meets this weekend.

The Pointer men's track and field team is the best represented, sending nine athletes to suburban Boston, Mass.

On their way to the meet at Brandeis University on the track are Matt Hayes and Brett Witt in the 800 m (ranked 3rd and 13th respectively), Eric Miller in the 400 m (ranked 4th), and the 1,600 m relay team of Miller, Curt Kaczor, Hayes and Witt (ranked 5th).

The Pointers also have five entries in the field events: Ben Douglas and Mike Mead in the high jump (tied for 4th and 5th respectively), Jesse Maynard and Lyle Eiden in the pole vault (tied

for 1st and 2nd respectively), and Mike Hamilton in the long jump (ranked 5th).

The UW-SP women's track team has one representative in the national meet, which is also at Brandeis University. She's shot putter Megan Lundahl, who is ranked ninth in the nation in the event.

The UW-SP women's swimming and diving team is also sending only one individual to the National Championships, but that isn't new to sophomore Becca Uphoff.

Uphoff was the lone representative last year, and earned All-American honors in three events. Uphoff scored all of the Pointers' 30 points by herself, and will compete in the 200 and 500 freestyle, as well as the 200 backstroke.



UW-SP's Curt Kaczor is one of 11 athletes competing at Nationals this weekend. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

On top of their game Intramural Top Teams - Block #3

Men's Basketball Top 10

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| 1. OFF 4 | 6. Who Cares |
| 2. TAPPI | 7. Pink Elephants |
| 3. Lush's | 8. Shooting Stars |
| 4. Rob's Rebels | 9. The Sugar Hill Gang |
| 5. Berlowski | 10. Anadularated Pleasures |

Women's Basketball Top 3

1. LR
2. Dawgz
3. Freedom

Water Polo Top 2

1. Ella's Orange Dang
2. Poseidon's Helpers

Soccer Top 5

1. Barca FC
2. Lush's Wannabees
3. Bayern
4. The Wall
5. Vibes

Standings are for Week #5 (3/1-3/6/98). Teams are ranked by the Intramurals office.

Co-ed V-ball Top 5

1. I don't know
2. Scrybs
3. D's Destroyers
4. So Far So Good
5. Say Anything

Women's V-ball Top 3

1. Garden Peas
2. Friction
3. Chicharrones

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Level B

1. Bryant Scharenbroch

Level C

1. Jeff Dostal

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It's time for March Madness: 64 teams battle for the national title

College basketball experts from *The Pointer* analyze the NCAA Tournament region by region

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The East Region is headed by its number one seed, the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Fresh off their ACC Tournament victory over arch-rival Duke, Carolina is the top ranked team and the nation.

Led by the dynamic duo of Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter, the Heels possess the inside-outside balance that makes them the favorite to capture their first championship in five years.

Connecticut, this year's Big East champion, is the number two seed in the East.

High-flying Richard Hamilton and point guard Khalid El-Amin should make the Huskies run all the way to the Elite Eight.

Princeton, the five seed, has only dropped one game this year, to North Carolina.

Despite playing in the weak Ivy League, the Tigers won't sneak up on anyone this year.

They could get an opportunity to enact revenge on the Tar Heels in the Sweet Sixteen, but the more talented top seed should be victorious again.

Princeton's opening round game against UNLV presents the biggest contrast of styles of any first-round match-up.

Another opening round game to watch includes Eastern Michigan, led by diminutive 5-5 point guard Earl Boykins, the nation's second leading scorer, against Big Ten player of the year Mateen Cleaves and Michigan State.

The 7 vs. 10 game features an overrated Indiana squad against Corey Brewer and the Oklahoma Sooners in what could be another

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great showdown.

Don't be surprised if a Xavier team people know little about defeats third-seeded South Carolina in the second round.

In the end, it should be the Tar Heels who break their streak of making the Final Four in only the odd numbered years in the '90's.

By Andy Ligman
SPORTS REPORTER

The Midwest Region has a clear cut favorite in Kansas, but from there it's a toss up as the middle seeds could pose a problem to the Jayhawks.

Kansas, a year removed from being knocked out by eventual champion Arizona, returns with a dynamic duo set for San Antonio.

Junior forward Paul Pierce (20.1 ppg, 6.9 rbg) and All-American senior center Raef LaFrentz (20.4 ppg, 11.4 rbg) should carry this team to the Final Four.

Gene Keady's Purdue Boilermakers second place finish in the Big Ten Tournament earned them a second seed.

Purdue has a good inside-outside attack with Brad Miller and Chad Austin, and should make it to the round of 16. Only Detroit stands in their way and if the tag team of Derrick Hayes and Jermaine Jackson are on, the Titans could be a darkhorse.

The Cardinal of Stanford also are a problem for opponents. Each man in their starting lineup averages double figures in points, and has a height advantage, with eight players 6-foot-7 or taller.

The next tier of teams includes Mississippi, TCU and Clemson. The Rebels of Mississippi have experience on their side, retuning all five starters from last year's

team and have the go-to-guy in Ansu Sesay.

TCU is headed by former Oklahoma coach, Billy Tubbs, and have the top scoring team in the nation. They play with an up-tempo style but a weak nonconference schedule makes them suspect.

The team with the chance to make the most noise other than Kansas is Clemson. Don't let the 18-13 record fool you because they played in the top conference in the nation, facing North Carolina and Duke as well as the other tough teams in the league.

Clemson returns eight players with NCAA tourney experience.



The combo of Terrell McIntyre and Greg Buckner can be lethal. Look for Tigers to be a surprise in the Elite Eight.

The 8 vs. 9 pairs Rhode Island against an underrated Murray State team. Murray State has scoring ability, speed and athleticism to go with talented senior guards.

When all the smoke clears, Kansas is the bar none favorite to be the Midwest's representative in the Final Four. The Jayhawks are due for some good luck in the Big Dance after past losses to Arizona and Syracuse.

By John Kemmeter
SPORTS REPORTER

The South Region is arguably the toughest bracket of the four. With heavyweights like Duke, Kentucky, Michigan, New Mexico, Syracuse, UCLA and UMass in the South, this poten-

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tially could be the most exciting to watch.

Going in, Duke is the number one seed, and odds on favorite to advance to the Final Four in San Antonio.

Duke will likely get past Radford and George Washington in the first two rounds, but remember, Duke was upset by Providence in the second round last year, and got knocked out by Eastern Michigan in the first round of the 1996 tournament. So don't be too surprised if they make another early exit.

There probably won't be any major first round upsets in this bracket. Some people are looking for Iona to pull off a first round upset over Syracuse, but the way that Syracuse is playing right now, stick with them in the first round.

In the second round, Syracuse will squeak by New Mexico, although the Lobos could surprise some people.

They have one of the most underrated players in the country in Clayton Shields, who can be lethal from outside, and a big inside force in Kenny Thomas.

They are an excellent three-point shooting team, but are only 2-4 since losing their shooting guard and top three-point shooter Royce Olney, and that's why Syracuse will get past them.

Michigan will advance past Davidson and UCLA into the Sweet 16. Kentucky will reach the Sweet 16 too, but they could face some problems against UMass in the second round.

The Minutemen have two superb inside players in Lari Kettner and Tyrone Weeks, and if their guards Charlton Clarke and Monty Mack get hot, they could be dangerous.

Duke should advance past Syracuse into the Elite Eight, but as mentioned before, Duke could get upset at any time.

They rely too much on their outside game, and that makes them very streaky. If Trajan Langdon and company go cold

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By Mike Finnel
SPORTS REPORTER

The wild, wild west always has the most exciting games during the regular season and in the Big Dance.

Although there may be some exciting games, don't look for a Cinderella to come marching out of this bracket.

The most intriguing first round game is the 8 vs. 9 matchup, Tennessee vs. Illinois State. Tennessee hasn't been real impressive and has to live in the women's program's shadow.

The well-coached Illinois State team has the all-around game and the tough inside play that will carry them into the second round.

A team that has a good shot to make it to the Sweet 16 is Maryland.

The Terrapins play in the tough ACC and the experienced leadership of Leron Profit will carry them.

They will be challenged by Illinois, but coach Lon Krueger has experience taking teams to the Final Four.

Experience is the key to go far in the tournament. Arkansas has been on the decline after winning the National Championship in 1994, but coach Nolan Richardson has brought his team back.

If Karien Ried and Derrick Hood can get hot and run the court like they want, Richardson and company may do some damage in the weak lower half of the bracket.

Number two seed Cincinnati is too inconsistent and will be upset. They have not put on a good tourney run since Nick Van Exel and company beat the Fab Five and Michigan in the 1992 Final Four.

The most dominant team in the bracket is the number one seed and defending National Champion Arizona.

With two first team All-Americans in Mike Bibby and Miles Simon, they will be very tough to

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Any volunteers to be Tennessee's victim?

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

The Tennessee women's basketball team is trying to accomplish something that's never been done in history.

With a championship in the NCAA Tournament, the Volunteers can become the first team in women's college basketball history to win three consecutive national titles.

And following the season ending Achilles tendon injury to Connecticut's Nykesha Sales, Tennessee is the favorite, if not a lock to capture the three-peat.

The Volunteers, coached by Pat Summitt, won't have to leave

NCAA Women's Division I Tournament Facts

Final Four site: Kansas City, Missouri

Number one seeds: Old Dominion (East), Tennessee (Midwest), Texas Tech (Midwest), Stanford (West)

Number two seeds: Connecticut (East), North Carolina (Midwest), Alabama (Midwest), Duke (West)

Wisconsin participants: UW-Madison (8th seed West), Marquette (10th seed Midwest), UW-Green Bay (14th seed Midwest)

Tennessee to make it to Kansas City, as their first two games are at home and the regional is in Nashville.

Playing in front of what will likely be a huge home contingent will give the Volunteers no real challenges in the Midwest Region.

Tennessee's first foe in Kansas City will come from the East Region, probably either Old Do-

minion or Connecticut.

The Huskies have succeeded without Sales, winning the four games she was out of the lineup. But Old Dominion and Ticha Penicheiro will probably be too much.

In the West Region, two key injuries to Stanford will not let

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Quote of the Week

“ If he's got a groin injury, everyone in the country outta go out and get one. ”

-ESPN's Mike Patrick, on North Carolina's Antawn Jamison's performance in the ACC Tournament Championship game against Duke. Jamison finished with 22 points and 18 rebounds against the Blue Devils after pulling his groin before Saturday's semifinal against Maryland.

Dinner

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"Point is a family community and this is a good opportunity for us to meet and interact with the foreign students," Barb Shamanski said.

The theme for this year's International Dinner was "Diversity is the Spice of Life" and this was portrayed in almost every aspect of the evening.

"The programs were very entertaining and I enjoyed myself immensely. I got to see my students in a different light; I never knew they could sing and dance so well," Jim Kellum, Director of the English as a Second Language program, said.

"I think that the idea of having a silent auction was a superb one," Jane Shippy said.

Artifacts and ornaments donated by students from various countries were sold and auctioned off at the event as well.

"I can't go to these countries to actually get these things and so this provided me with an opportunity to add to my collection," Bill Carlson said.

"I believe that it is good to be part of a progressive university," said Dr. Marcus Fang, foreign student advisor.

"We have come a long way from when we had to push tickets personally and serve the dinner buffet style," he added.

"The beauty of the event is that everyone around the world works together and there is immense bonding," said Constance Fang.

Women

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them live up to its number one seed. The Cardinal's chances to make a run for the national title went down the tubes Tuesday, when one of the best players in the nation, Kristin Folkl tore her anterior cruciate ligament in practice.

Folkl's injury is compounded by Vanessa Nygaard knee injury, also a torn ACL. Nygaard's ligament tear isn't as serious and may be able to play with a special brace.

Stanford has won won 19 of 20 going into the tournament, but without Folkl, the Cardinal may not make it out of the second round.

With Stanford out of the mix, Florida (#3 seed) or Iowa (#4) could pull off an upset and make it to Missouri.

The Midwest Region, which contains Texas Tech, Louisiana Tech, Purdue and Alabama, is the toughest of the four.

Look for the champion of that region to make it to the title game against Tennessee. With such a strong bracket, the team that makes it out will likely be playing their best basketball.

Prediction:

Tennessee over Alabama

South

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from behind the arc, this team can really struggle and could be knocked off by a team that is hot.

Michigan will beat Kentucky and advance to the Regional Final. Michigan is on fire lately, and with their three guard lineup of Louis Bullock, Travis Conlan and Robbie Reid on the floor together, they can neutralize the Kentucky press, and enable Michigan to control the tempo of the game.

In the regional final, Michigan will beat Duke and advance to the Final Four. Their offense is hitting on all cylinders right now, and they just have too many weapons.

Senior Jerod Ward has really stepped up his game from the outside as of late, and Bullock is a 47% shooter from three-point land.

Throw them in with Robert "Tractor" Traylor, who has become one of the most dominant forces in the country, and Maceo Baston, and they have an inside-outside game that can be unstoppable.

They are playing better right now than they were earlier in the year when they beat Duke, so look for Michigan to head to San Antonio for the Final Four.

Hockey

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St. Norbert then pulled its goalie and finally got one past Gorman with an extra attacker. But the goal, with just 27 seconds left in the game, was not enough and Point forced the mini-game.

The Pointer offense, hindered by the aggressive St. Norbert defense, managed only 15 shots on goal in the regular game.

On Friday night, the Green Knights got on the board early and went into the first intermission with a 1-0 lead. St. Norbert added to second period tallies to extend the lead to 3-0.

St. Norbert goaltender Roby Groppe and the defense frustrated the Pointers all night, and Groppe recorded 20 saves in the shutout.

Snyder

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ment (S.O.U.R.C.E.) Director.

Snyder is anxious to start working on things for next year.

"I just can't wait until the middle of next week, when we will be back on campus; we can start planning and setting up things for next year," Snyder said.

Buhrandt is a Junior Political Science Major, while Snyder is majoring in Acting.

The pair is currently seeking applications for the paid executive staff for next year and encourage anyone interested to stop down at the S.G.A. office and pick up an application.

Sun

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ety of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Skin cancer usually develops many years after exposure to ultraviolet light but can occur in younger people.

Some 9,200 Americans are expected to die of skin cancer in 1998. More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year, making it the most common cancer in this country.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN

- Do not intentionally tan, either outdoors or using indoor tanning beds. If you still choose to use indoor tanning facilities, follow safety guidelines, such as limiting exposure time to 10 or 15 minutes and wearing eye goggles.

- Try to avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Thirty minutes before going outside, apply a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen every two hours after swimming.

- At the beach where water and sand reflect the sun's rays, take special precautions. Use a waterproof sun block, which blocks out more rays, and, whenever possible, stay in the shade.

These tips are recommended by the AAD for a sun-safe spring break and summer.

Mine

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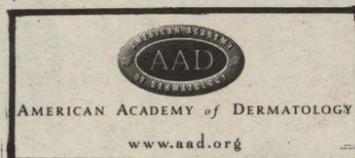
will have the technology, the products and the services to export. They will have spin-off businesses. Wisconsin will not.

It is interesting that the opponents of the mine fear that modern technology cannot prevent pollution yet they rely on technology to prevent their own wastes from becoming a pollution problem. Fortunately for the environment, the treated water from the mine will be of a much higher quality than the effluent from municipal sewage systems.

Compared to hunters and skeet/trap shooters, the mine will release virtually no lead. The lead released in the mine's effluent is equivalent to the lead from one shotgun shell being released into the river once every two years. Has anyone measured the lead content of runoff from shooting ranges?

If the Governor vetoes this bill, the environment will be protected and Wisconsin will be a world leader in the responsible production of essential resources.

-James J. Mueller
Chair
Libertarian Party of Wis



Hornby

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400 Division III schools in the nation and in this game only 75 kids were invited," Miech said.

"It's an outstanding honor not only for Joel, but it's a nice way to recognize our program as a top program in the nation."

Right now, Hornby continues to work out in case a future in football comes calling, but is concentrating on school as well.

The Richland Center senior earned first team Academic All-American honors this fall and is majoring in biology.

"I'm just trying to stay in shape and finish out my academic responsibilities and graduate in May," Hornby said.

"I'm still working out, lifting weights and running, so in case a future opportunity presents itself I'll be in shape."

The 6-foot-2, 280 pounder spent three days practicing for the Feb. 22nd game in New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

Another UW-SP football player, Ryan Krcmar, competed in an All-Star game earlier this year.

The senior safety traveled to Fayetteville, North Carolina Jan. 19th for the Martin Luther King Holiday All-Star Classic.

Cheese

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T-shirts and souvenirs from both companies were given out to all those who answered questions at the end of the festival.

Spoils went to the attendants as the leftover beer was brought down to the Brewhaus and sold at a reduced price after 10 p.m.

Although attendance was low at both events, those present experienced something different.

The Stevens Point Brewery will be having its third annual Festival of Beers on May 16 in the brewery warehouse.

West

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beat. Bibby does a great job protecting the ball and underrated Michael Dickerson is the heart and soul of the team.

Great guard play and experience will take them to San Antonio. Lute Olson has his team ready after a tough regular season schedule and has a good chance to repeat as National Champions.

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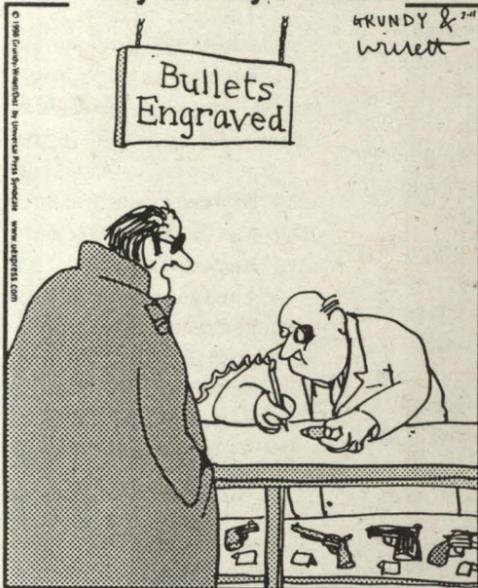
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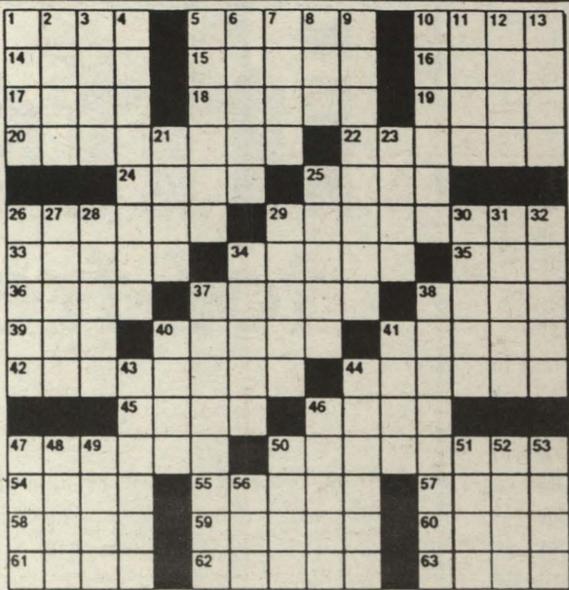
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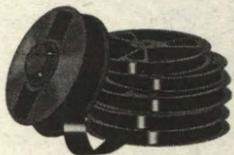
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Kissing the Fool best on video



By Nick Katzmarek
 Co-Editor-in-Chief

Perhaps I should stay away from this genre; romantic comedy usually either depresses or enrages me. In this film, I was both.

Can David Schwimmer (Ross on TV's *Friends*) ever diversify himself into a decent actor? After seeing this movie, I highly doubt it.

And speaking of *Friends*, Jennifer Aniston's new movie is in exactly the same vein as her and Schwimmer's efforts to date; perhaps they need new agents. But I digress.

Can Jason Lee break free from the whiny, vocally offensive roles he played for Kevin Smith? That, among his skill, is yet to be determined. But he is, unfortunately, the bright spot in this poorly writ-

ten, poorly acted and ghost-directed movie.

My depression was brought on by the fact that once again, a romantic comedy has to bring in a situation that never, ever would happen in real life (at least not to me). My rage was brought on by the fact that the conclusion, the best part of the movie (it was over) is trite and cliched, but attempted to be fresh and new. Why can't these movies find decent writers?

In the movie Schwimmer plays a hard-core sex fiend reporter (I guess they're all the same) who falls instantly in love with a woman (Mili Avital) and then sinks to the depths of depravity by trying to get his best friend (Lee) to hit on her to test her integrity. I was yawning from the beginning.

Get the feeling that this one is best rented when it hits the shelves? Your feeling is astute like normal; trust your instinct.

Rating:



Rentals

Inherit the Wind
 (1960, 127 min.)

Remember this one? Chances are you were in eighth grade or so, learning for the first time about the conflict between creationism and evolution, and then the teacher popped in this film.

Although your eyes drooped then, I'm sure that if you watch this now, after a little seasoning, you'll be impressed.

Spencer Tracy and Fredric March battle it out as Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan in the famous Scopes Monkey trial.

Hugely important historically, and as important in terms of film anthology, *Inherit the Wind* should be high on your list the next time you're in the video store, especially if you haven't seen it since the sleepy days of junior high.

-Nick Katzmarek

Jayhawks' Fifth: A new direction

The Jayhawks
Sound of Lies



By Kyle Geltmeyer
 MUSIC CRITIC

The Jayhawks' fifth album, "Sound of Lies," is lead singer Gary Louris' first step into the limelight. Distancing themselves a bit from country-folk music with the departure of former co-leader Mark Olsen, the Jayhawks have become much more creative. The unique harmony in previous albums has been replaced with new instruments.

Louris is ready for his new role as sole leader of the Jayhawks. Writing and singing most of the songs on the album, he's picked up where the old Jayhawks left off and added new dimension to the band. Different harmonies are heard with backup vocals being supplied by other band members. New drummer Tim O'Reagan sings lead on one song, "Bottomless Cup."

Fiddle player Jessie Greene, also a new addition, provides more diversity to the new Jayhawks' sound. Greene, former fiddle player for Geraldine Fibbers, plays a hypnotic role in the album's best song, "Poor Little Fish." Notable in the song also is subtle use of a water bong to simulate an aquatic feel and e-bow violin, compliments of Kraig Johnson, guitarist for Minneapolis based Run Westy Run.

Piano player Karen Grotenberg, introduced to the Jayhawks on their last album, "Tomorrow the Green Grass," deservedly gets more attention this time around. Her piano is the focal point of "It's up to You," a song in which she also adds beautiful harmony to Louris' lead vocals.

Louris' lyrics pay homage to his pop-rock influences, which

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ever caught more fish than him. And of those 34 walleyes, not a single one was a keeper.

This tale might also sound like I'm complaining about nothing, but you must look at the big picture. Last year the walleyes were biting every day, but over the past few days the only thing biting has been the wind. The fish are winning the battle. But be forewarned, walleyes, as soon as the weather warms up, I'll be after you again, even if I have to jump in after you.

Hate

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encourage others to do the same. It is a sad but true fact that individuals like Mr. Haas will continue to spread their hate into the community.

However, we have a choice to sit by and watch, or act now. I say we choose to act.

Why? Because I said so!

Jayhawks

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weren't as present in previous Jayhawks efforts. The lyrics in "Big Star," (possibly in reference to the band of the same name), could be about Louris himself and coming to grips with assuming the lead role. Matthew Sweet provides backup vocals on the song "Sixteen Down," a sad story of a young girl's watery death.

Many faithful fans of the old Jayhawks are no doubt appalled at their more poppy sound. I think the same thing happened to Bob Dylan when he made his brave step into rock n' roll from his successful folk career. In my opinion, the Jayhawks have grown and will continue to do so in the future. They excelled at folk-rock, but are moving toward something more unique.

For the record, rumors indicate that Mark Olsen and his wife Victoria Williams are collaborating on an upcoming album. Best of luck to both!

Kmart

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istence, but I would like the Stevens Point community to examine this situation.

Several people in the city are racist. Some will openly admit it, others will use racist comments at the drop of a hat. You or someone you care about may be one of these people. Some of the Kmart employees, like any other company, may be racist. It is a common problem, and Kmart is no different.

The fact that Kmart does not use the Equal Opportunity Employment system should tell both Stevens Point and America that racism still lives. The problem is bigger than you think.

Look at the employees at Kmart, what do they all have in common? All but one employee is white. Kmart, like any other business, will hide behind the excuse that the associates were hired not based on race but on ability etc. ... you know the argument. I beg to differ. I think they were hired because the management at Kmart believes that living in this Polish/white community, a majority of the customers are "Joe Doe White" who want to be helped by a white person because they are racist themselves! Again I have no proof

that this is true but think about it! Why else would we have only one nonwhite employee in a city that has a very large Hmong population?

The members of a business, the associates and management, make up that store. If there are racist employees and management, then that business will reflect racist attitudes.

My third point on racism has to deal with the issue of shoplifting. A great deal of shoplifting occurs at any department store. I don't know, but I'm willing to guess that the demographics of who steals and who is caught, ends up with a higher percentage of non-white people as violators. Anytime a minority is singled out for something bad, such as shoplifting, it creates a platform for racists to act upon.

The chances that you will be treated unfairly if you are a minority are less now that this event has occurred. Hopefully, with this letter, and enough people putting pressure on the Stevens Point Kmart, we can be rid of this racism forever.

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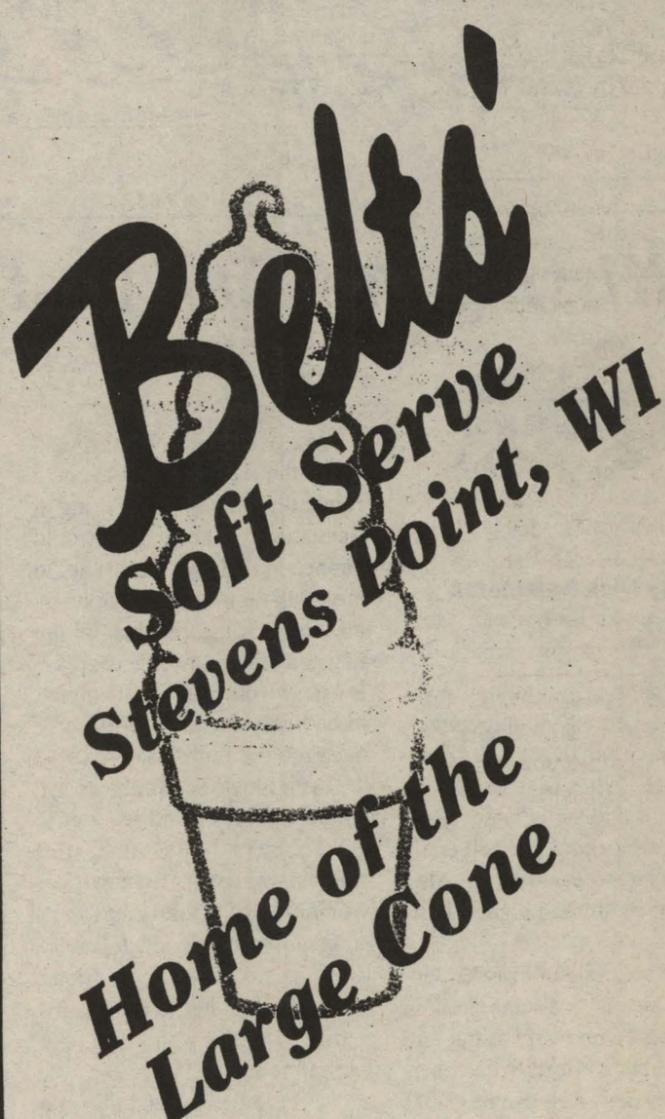


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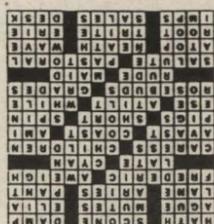
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