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Students will decide fate of activity fee proposal

Additional funds would give students free admission to certain events

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In two weeks, UW-Stevens Point students will decide if they want to get into certain campus events for free.

The Student Government Association is holding a referendum that, if passed, would allow students into arts, athletics and Centertainment events at no cost.

The referendum, which student will vote on in the last week of Oct., asks if students want an extra \$20.00 added to their tuition bill.

Voting will take place on Oct. 27th and 28th. SGA Communication Director Chris Keller said the organization is planning an e-mail survey and it may also hold informational forums.

Under the proposal, athletics would receive \$10.00, which could net more than \$75,000 for the program.

The arts area, which includes the music, theater and performing arts departments, would receive \$5.90 for a total of over \$44,000. And in the contemporary entertainment area, Centertainment aims to get over \$23,000 by receiving \$3.10 from each student.

Twenty-five cents would

be used to offset other expenses and the extra 75 cents will be used to fund student organizations.

"I just think the benefits to the students are incredible," said Greg Diekroeger, the advisor for Centertainment Productions.

"We're expecting a 10 to 20 percent raise in attendance, at least. You can go down and see a movie, half a movie. You can check out some of the comedians Centertainment brings in," SGA Vice President Jeff Buhrandt said.

Under the proposal, students would just need to bring their UW-SP identification card to the events to

gain admission.

UW-SP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien said admission to athletic events would be free, with the exception of playoff games.

"Even if you want to go to a basketball game for five

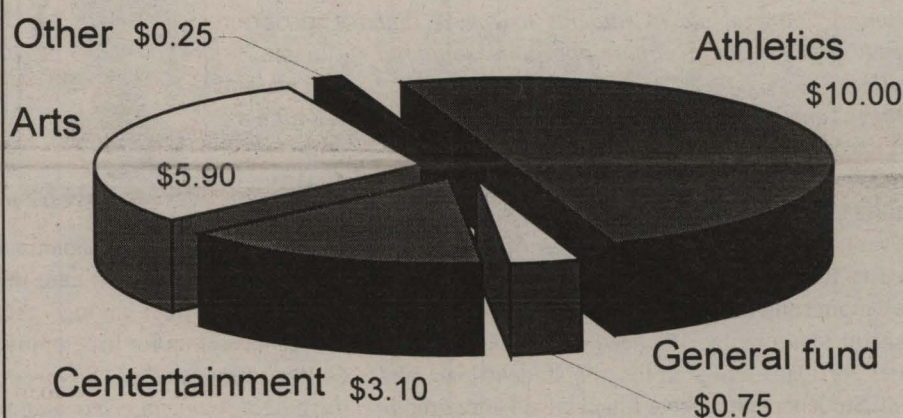
minutes, you can just swipe your ID card," Clint Wos, SGA budget director, said.

Wos said if the referendum passes, students who purchased four year All-Sports passes would receive refunds.

"I think it would mean better attendance (at Centertainment events). If they get in for free they can see it and if they don't like

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Proposed Activity fee increase



Computers may be in new students' laps

By Jen Lueck
NEWS REPORTER

Incoming freshman of the future may be closer to the millennium than they think.

Discussions have begun to provide laptops to students at UW-Stevens Point.

"As of right now, this is only exploratory," said Chancellor Thomas George.

This project, which is still in its infancy, will be the topic of discussion among selected faculty and administrators in the upcoming months.

The preliminary setup is based on programs used at other schools, such as Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

If enacted, the program would provide every incoming freshman with a laptop computer. The cost and upkeep would then be paid for by a raise in student tuition and fees. The cost would be divided by eight semesters, although if a student was to attend the university for more than four years, they would still have to pay the fees to cover upkeep of the laptop.

The question of compatibility has been raised among supporters. Computer labs and classrooms would be updated to provide hook-ups for the laptops.

According to Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer, it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the current computer labs.

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Beating hits home Candlelight vigil scheduled

By Kris Wagner
NEWS REPORTER

In response to the beating death of a gay University of Wyoming student, the UW-Stevens Point 10% Society will host a candlelight vigil to spark awareness of hate crimes.

Earlier this week, Matthew Shephard died from a fractured skull that was so badly damaged doctors could not operate. Authorities said the reason for the attack was partly due to Shephard's sexual orientation. Bicy-

SEE VIGIL ON PAGE 9

Obey, West square off for Congress

By Kyle Geltemeyer
NEWS EDITOR

The two candidates for the 7th District House of Representatives seat were interviewed this week.

Here is what Democratic Congressman David Obey and Republican hopeful Scott West had to

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say about Financial Aid, Health Care and the current global economic crisis.

Q: What legislation can be introduced con-

SEE RACE ON PAGE 2

Eco-Hall starts environmental action

By Christina Summers
NEWS EDITOR

Students living in UW-Stevens Point's first ecologically-minded residence hall have begun their fight to help save the earth.

The Eco-Hall, located in Knutzen Hall, began this fall and was designed to foster community involvement and self-motivation by pro-

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EARTH (Environmentally Aware Residents Thinking Holisitically) meet every Monday at 9:30 p.m. to discuss their future plans. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

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Photos by Douglas Olson, Cody Strathe and Nathan T. Wallin

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?



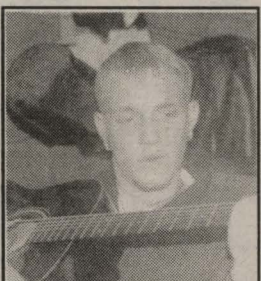
Nathan Kruse
SOPHOMORE, FORESTRY

"Eldorado's to go shopping."



Julia Anderson
SOPHOMORE, PAPER SCIENCE

"I want to go to Australia because that's where my boyfriend is."



John Adams
SOPHOMORE, WILDLIFE

"I would want to go backstage with Phish to jam with Trey."



Allison Jenner
SOPHOMORE, MATH

"I want to go to Hugh's house to go swimming."

Race: UW-SP employee West tries to unseat Obey

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cerning financial aid to students to ensure that needy students get an equal opportunity to attend college?

Obey: Tonight (Wednesday) we restored about three billion dollars. Pell grants will be up \$325 million dollars, we added \$40 million to Perkins loans and \$25 million to the trios outreach program that aids disadvantaged people.

West: We need to help find legislation that increases pell grants and to help do a better job on collecting student loan money. We need to decrease interest rates for loans and simplify the student loan system. Students that receive financial aid after graduation from college will make a lot more money after graduation and will be able to pay back loans.

Q: What should be done to help reform Health Care?

Obey: I also voted for real HMO reform that makes certain that decisions about what treatment or medications received will be made by patients and doctors, not some HMO bureaucrat thousands of miles away. I've sponsored legislation for federal and state governments to set up a partnership in which everyone is covered. We aren't telling states what to do with health care funding, we want everyone to be covered. Federal funding will cut state costs in half.

West: I know what we shouldn't do. Have more government involvement, which was a huge issue in

1994. We'll end up with a program similar to Canada and England with lesser quality of health care.

In reforming HMOs (we should stay away from) limiting doctors and health care rationing. I like the employee medical savings accounts that Steve Forbes has set up for his employees.

Q: What steps can the U.S. Government take to avoid the global financial crisis that is effecting foreign countries right now?

Obey: We need further action to lower interest rates. Fifty percent of the world is in a deep recession that will spread if we don't act quickly with strong government action. If Asian currencies drop (it will) effect the goods that we try to sell. Also we need rules (to keep) financial speculators from manipulating currencies.

West: I think that we've done a pretty good job as global leader. We told Japan to cut taxes.

I'd never support us contributing to the International Monetary Fund without knowing where the money is going. Ask them to open their books.

Free trade has been important to the American economy. To compete with the world is important.



Obey



West

Specialist warns about Year 2000 bug

By Kyle Geltmeyer
NEWS EDITOR

Computer specialist Nancy Osterhaus spoke to UW-Stevens Point students Wednesday night about the fast arriving Y-2K problem.

She spoke in front of a crowded audience in the Alumni room at UW-SP's University Center.

"You are lucky if your system breaks, because many (will) still work, but fail," Osterhaus said.

She explained that the insurance company that she works for, CUNA, experienced problems

with their system that caused drunk drivers to receive reduced rates. The problem was not detected for a year and a half, when the company started losing money.

The problem is that when computer programmers designed programs, they used two digit years such as 98 instead of four digit years such as 1998. When the year 2000 comes, computers with two digit fields will reset.

"Disk space was expensive in the 70s and 80s, so two digit years were used and were added to the core of a huge system."

When explaining the complexity of solving the problem, Osterhaus used an analogy she

heard on National Public Radio.

"It is like changing a rivet on the Golden Gate bridge. Suddenly, you have to change every single one in two weeks."

Osterhaus stressed that students in the Computer Information Systems at UW-SP were in a field that will be in great demand.

"The problem will hang around until the year 2002. Then all the projects that have built up in the mean time (will create many jobs)."

"Fixing Y-2K will introduce new bugs into software. I don't think that anyone will be left unaffected, but I don't believe the tabloid scare stories," she said.

Campus



Beat

Monday, Oct. 5

- A cheerleader fell on her neck while practicing in the Physical Education/HEC building. An ambulance assisted the girl.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

- A resident of Smith Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls and was instructed on actions to take.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

- A CA from Watson Hall reported a large group of people standing outside of the hall; they soon left.

- A Stevens Point Journal van was seen driving on a campus walkway. Their office was notified of the campus restriction of vehicles on sidewalks.

Friday, Oct. 9

- A CA in Thomson Hall reported that a urinal on the fourth floor would not shut off.

- A male party picked up a code blue phone and said, "Hi, how ya doing?" and then would not answer anymore.

- An individual reported that a group of kids in a red vehicle shouted racial slurs at him while they were driving down Isadore St.

Saturday, Oct. 10

- Report was received of water balloons being thrown out of the fourth floor of Hansen Hall. An officer was unable to find anything.

Sunday, Oct. 11

- A resident reported that a tree UW-SP had planted on Michigan Ave. was damaged and/or vandalized.

Protective Services' Safety/Crime Prevention Tip of the Week

Operation Identification is a national program designed to help prevent thefts and burglaries. Identify and engrave all items of value with your drivers license number along with the two-letter state designation behind it.

Protective Services has engravers that you may check out for this purpose and its FREE! Forms are available for you to record serial numbers, model types, color, date purchased and estimated value at no cost.

Fee: SGA proposes rate hike

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it, they can leave," Diekroeger said.

The details on how the fine arts department would guarantee seating for students is still in the works.

In an option on the proposal, students could purchase a ticket at their regular discounted rate to ensure a seat. Students could also get a ticket free the day of the event for unsold seats.

The additional money would go into each student's activity

fee, which is lowest in the UW-System.

"Long range, this brings the university up to equal standards with other universities in the system," Buhrandt said.

But Buhrandt said SGA will do whatever the students want.

"Student Government will not support this unless the students support this," Buhrandt said.

"I think it offers a perfect test how much students really want athletics, theatre and Entertainment events."

THE LATEST SCOOP

WORLD NEWS

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

• South Africa is struggling with the proposal of integrating the white church with its non-white counterpart. Their proposal, under consideration at a national meeting, has been met with hostility by angered provincial branches threatening to secede from the Dutch Reformed Church to keep their religion segregated. Some church theologians supported the integration in order to keep up with the social transformation, as a result of 1994's first all-race vote.

Debate within the church has centered upon old teachings involving apartheid. While apartheid was in practice, the church had told members that white minority rule was ordained by biblical teachings.

CHINA

• Unskilled female laborers are having a hard time finding employment as China tries to convert to a market economy. The closing and downsizing of state-owned industry has left women over the age of 35 most often laid off. Most of these women have few learned skills and remain uneducated due to the closing of the majority of China's Universities during China's Cultural Revolution. Job ads in China openly specify sex, height, age and other characteristics.

NATIONAL NEWS

HIGHLAND, CA

• An expensive and fierce battle over a ballot measure in the expansion on casino-style gambling on Indian lands statewide is taking place in California. A coalition of Nevada casinos, unions, church groups and other businesses oppose the expansion because they feel it creates unfair business competition since Indian casinos are not subject to state taxes.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• The gay rights movements received another setback on Tuesday as the Supreme Court let a city charter amendment allowing discrimination based on sexual orientation stand. The amendment allows employers, landlords and business owners to discriminate against people based on sexual orientation.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

• Demonstrators gathered outside City Center to show support for and against the opening of "Corpus Christi." The controversial play, written by Terrance McNally, is about a gay Christ-like figure.

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

MADISON

• UW-Madison scientists released a one-minute movie of the planet Neptune on Wednesday. It displays Neptune's erratic weather system where scientists have discovered 900 mph winds, storm-like dark spots as large as the earth and bright clouds of methane ice.

MILWAUKEE

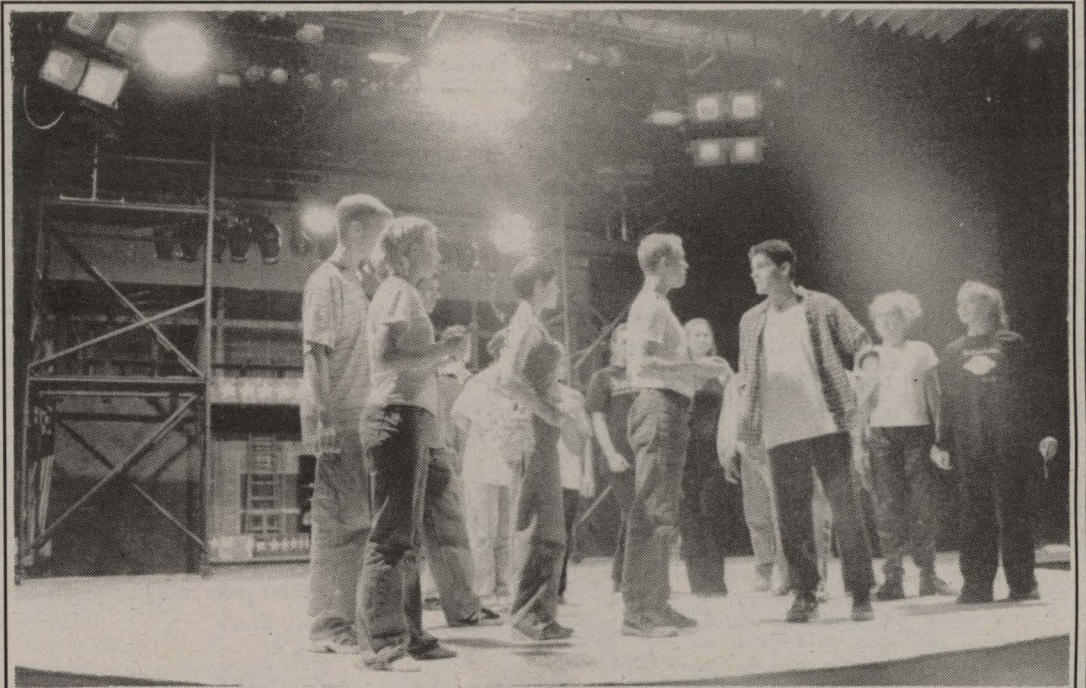
• The city and state board remain in a standoff over the timetable for the city's overdue Miller Infrastructure payment.

MILWAUKEE

• The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee called on the five Wisconsin Works agencies to hold public forums to decide how to spend an estimated \$14 million in agency profits and community reinvestment money. An analysis of W-2 spending found that \$9 million in profits and \$5.4 million in community investment money resulted from the program.

The five, which include the non-profit United Migrant Opportunity Services Inc., Opportunities Industrialization Center, and Employment Solutions (a division of Goodwill Industries); and the for-profit Maximus, and YW works (a partnership of CNR Health, Kaiser Group and the YWCA) are being asked by the religious group to let the public help decide how the money is spent.

Putting the final touches on 'Pippin'



Students rehearse for the theatre production "Pippin" which will be showing Oct. 16-18 and Oct. 21-24. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Eco: Knutzen Hall taking steps to help the earth

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viding opportunities for environmental action, education and involvement.

An EARTH group, or Environmentally Aware Residents Thinking Holistically, is a resident interest group responsible for coordinating programs, activities and resources. According to Joe Totman, Director of Knutzen Hall, EARTH has been working to create a resource room for students to do research on environmental issues and also to get an environmental speaker for next semester as a fundraiser for the hall.

In addition to these activities, EARTH recently sponsored a Green Circle cleanup, where they spread wood chips on 1/3 of a mile of the trail.

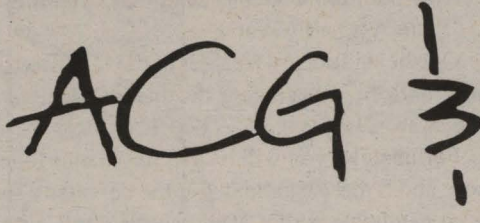

"I'm very excited that the Eco-Hall is underway. Even though we are still getting things started, there are many dedicated individuals living here that are

devoted to the Eco-Hall community," said Jeremy Ames, a resident of Knutzen Hall.

Totman also said that EARTH is investigating an energy saving system in the building to see how much energy the hall is wasting. The Eco-Hall, which will eventually be added to the residence hall option application, is also seeking out environmentally safe cleaning products for the hall. The Eco-Hall also has a grant writing committee which is seeking additional funds for further projects.

"The Eco-Hall is basically serving as a test site for these plans. If they work out, we eventually want to incorporate these environmentally sound ideas into other halls," said Totman.


"I like living in the Eco-Hall a lot. It's great participating in helping to save the Earth, no matter how small the actions are. Some day, these actions will add up to something greater," said Melissa Theusch, an environmental interpretation major.

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'Eliminate apathy'

Dear Editor:

Apathy. It's the scourge of our generation. Our parents. Our leaders. Our professors. Even our peers.

All of them claim that we don't care about what's going on in the world. They say we would rather watch MTV, drink beer, anything that requires little or no thinking. We're apathetic, they say.

Are we the only ones who see the danger in this? Is anyone else outraged by this? Does anyone feel the need to prove them wrong?

We know of some students right here on this campus that are trying to prove the apathy argument wrong. We know students are interested in issues and we know many students want to act...to make a change.

How about the tuition raises that are 2.5 percent higher than the rate of inflation? How about the state of the environment in Wisconsin? How about ensuring that our campus receives enough money to offer adequate programming?

SEE APATHY ON PAGE 9

Bike owners beware

Dear Editor:

I would like all would-be thieves and bike owners to take the time to read the following.

I received a note attached to my bike (which was locked up) on Monday evening stating:

You are a dumb (expletive). We debated about whether or not to steal your bike for three hours.

You're lucky you caught us in a good mood.

I could use a Cannondale. You can pay me back later. Front tire lock your bike again and it'll be gone in a heartbeat.

Love You,

Bub-bye

P.S. Use your (expletive) head.

Well, I am using my head informing my fellow colleagues.

I thought we were attending college to better ourselves. We are supposed to be concerned about the issues of the world today.

Instead, we have people looking to harass others and steal property that is not rightfully theirs. I know others, like myself, have more important things to do with our time than to look for bikes that are not locked up the "right" way.

--Anonymous UW-SP student

AITP president not happy with coverage

Dear Editor:

I am writing you because I am very disappointed with *The Pointer*.

Correct me if I am wrong, but my understanding is that the primary purpose and objective of *The Pointer* is to inform the university members about the activities/events going on at UW-Stevens Point and the local community. In other words, "pass on the information" (along with other features/stories).

If you may recall, I stopped by *The Pointer* office a couple of weeks ago. (Not to mention I had to make several trips before I could get ahold of an editor.)

I informed you about the upcoming Computer Information Systems career fair and AITP (Association of Information Technology Professionals). I also handed you a copy of past coverage. In spite of all this, *The Pointer* did not cover the event.

To the editorial board of *The Pointer*, covering a guy who caught a 10-pound muskie was more informational and important than an event that was put together by a campus organization.

The career fair not only saw 32 prestigious employees, but provided students an opportunity to learn about careers and internships in the field.

About 300 students and several faculty members visited the fair. But of course this was not interesting enough for you guys.

I can therefore safely deduce that the printed material is decided by personal friends and who-knows-who rather than by content.

It is sad that we do not have the right people serving us. I hope you take this letter as a learning opportunity and not criticism. And most important, not all the students like to read two pages on hunting and fishing.

Respectfully submitted,

--Labu Sharma
President of AITP

Editor's note—The September 24 edition (Issue 3) of *The Pointer* included a story on the CIS career fair. The Page 3 article, "Windows open for computer careers," previewed the event and informed students of where and when it would take place.

--MK



Reader likes election interviews but wants all candidates featured

Dear Editor:

First off, I would like to commend your efforts to cover the organizations making a push to get our student population out to vote on November 3. It really is true that the students do have a voice and can make a difference on election day.

My only complaint of the recent political coverage in *The Pointer* stems from the fact that students are not being allowed to fully educate themselves on the stance of all the candidates which will be on the ballot.

An example of this is the interviews conducted with John Lopez Frank and Julie Lassa (Issue 5, 10/8/98). Some students may not be aware, but there

are two additional viable candidates running for this State Assembly seat.

One being Richard Keahler of the U.S. Taxpayer party and the other being the Independent candidate, Aaron Haase.

Fortunately, you will be given a chance to learn more about these candidates at the university sponsored candidate forum at the University Center, 7 p.m. on Oct. 20th.

I hope you all become educated and open-minded voters by attending this forum.

--Hope Klingler

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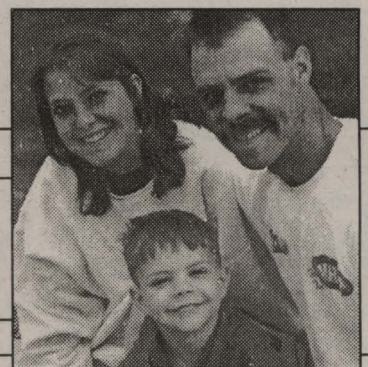
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Trout Study Continues

By Matt "Bert" Ward
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Every fall, volunteers from the UW-Stevens Point Chapter of the American Fisheries Society participate in a fish population assessment on the Little Plover River. The main objective of this study is to determine the detrimental affects of groundwater contamination on the fish communities present in the river. From the information obtained in the field, a site quality rating of the Coldwater Index of Biotic Integrity is awarded to each respective site.

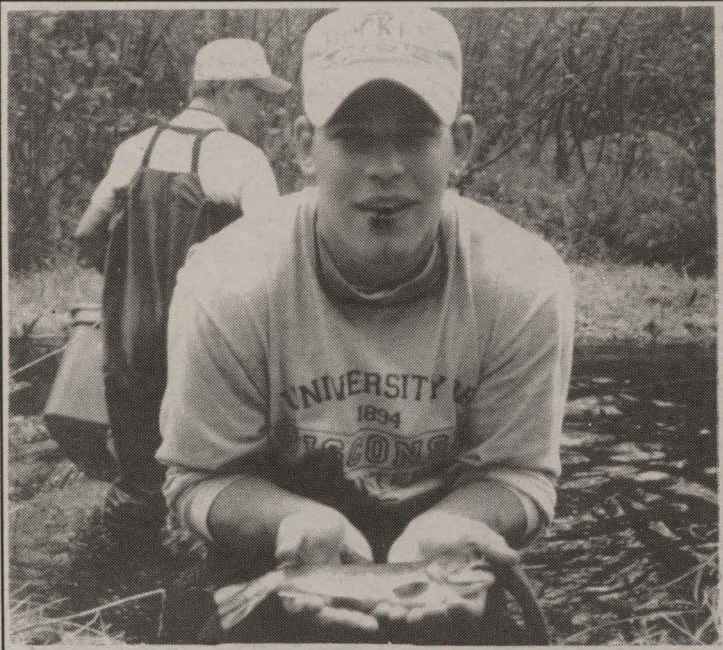
This fall was the third consecutive year the project took place and the society has aspirations of maintaining it for several years to come. The major goal is to provide a detailed understanding of the negative influences the surrounding agricultural practices exhibit on the river's watershed area. A majority of the land contained within the Little Plover River watershed is intensively irrigated by the underlying groundwater which is also essential in maintaining a viable brook trout population within the river.

Agricultural chemicals applied to the area fields are also a major concern as a source of stream degradation in the area. This is due to the highly permeable sand, which comprises the majority of the surrounding soils allowing extensive leaching to occur. Groundwater quality trends in the watershed are being extensively monitored by UW-SP faculty member Bryant Browne. The results are analyzed by society members in the process of establishing relationships between groundwater quality, fish abundance and biomass within the river.

Fish populations in the river are annually assessed at six individual sites along the river through the use of a DC tow-barge, also known as a "stream shocker." Each site is enclosed by the insertion of block nets at the upstream and downstream ends of the site. This prevents all fish present within the site from vacating the premises while the assessment takes place. The populations of fish residing at each site is determined through a three-pass removal estimate, shocking from the downstream end of the site to the upstream end.

The fish are individually measured, weighed and then released below the downstream end of the site. The majority of the fish community within the Little Plover River is comprised of brook trout, with smaller populations of mottled sculpin and central mudminnows existing also.

After observing the prior three years of data, it is noticeably apparent that fish abundance and biomass is declining at each respective site on the river. One can unfortunately reach the conclusions that due to this section of river exhibiting moderate upwelling, and the nitrate and triazine levels in the water being moderate to high, agricultural practices in the area are demonstrating detrimental effects on the river and the fish populations it contains.



Fisheries Society member Jordan Weeks displays a brook trout captured while shocking. (Submitted photo)

Outlook for pheasant season optimistic

A mild winter combined with good reproduction for wild pheasants and increased stocking of game-farm raised birds means hunters should find good hunting opportunities when the pheasant season opens statewide on Oct. 17.

Crowing surveys conducted this spring found similar numbers of crowing roosters to last year where habitat was good and decreases in areas where the habitat was insufficient, according to Keith Warnke, upland game ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

"The good news is that summer brood observations indicate that pheasant productivity this year was the best it has been in several years," Warnke said. "Good productivity should have a strong positive impact on pheasant hunting this fall."

Because of the mild winter, pheasant survival was good through to the spring nesting season in most areas of the state.

Nesting productivity varied around the state as some areas had a prolonged wet, cool spring while other areas were mild and dry. The general trend was an increase in the number of pheasant broods observed, Warnke said.

The number of young pheasants in the average brood increased as well. "More broods and higher brood size should

mean that pheasant hunters will see more pheasants this year than in several previous seasons.

How - ever, wild pheasants

in Wisconsin occur primarily on private lands and the key is to hunt good habitat. It will be important for hunters to identify areas with high quality habitat and concentrate hunting efforts in that area," Warnke said.

Approximately 70 public hunting grounds



will again be stocked with game farm pheasants to provide hunter opportunity.

The number of pheasants released by DNR on public hunting grounds will increase to at least 50,000 this year as the result of increased production at the Poynette game farm.

The pheasant season runs through Dec. 31, and the daily bag

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--Keith Warnke

Department of Natural Resources

limit is one bird per day for the opening weekend and two birds per day throughout the remainder of the season.

Hunters should check the pheasant hunting regulations to see which counties are in a special Pheasant Management Zone. A pheasant stamp is required to hunt within the Pheasant Management Zone.

In addition, hunting on properties within the zone are subject to one or both of the following rules: a 2 a.m. closure of hunting hours from Oct. 19 through Nov. 3 and a hen/rooster hunting permit and tags.

Check the 1998 Wisconsin Public Hunting Grounds with Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations pamphlet available from DNR Service Centers for more information or contact Keith Warnke at (608) 264-6023.

Grassroots Coordinator Appears National Wildlife Federations' Jodi Applegate speaks

By Dave Miller
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Last Friday Jodi Applegate came to the College of Natural Resources to speak to students about the newly introduced Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1998.

Applegate is the National Grassroots Coordinator for Teaming With Wildlife, which is part of the National Wildlife Federation. She spoke at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's meeting held in Stevens Point on Saturday and took the time while in town to speak to students.

Applegate works with the Teaming With Wildlife (TWW) initiative, which is a grassroots campaign, supported by over 3,000 organizations and outdoor businesses.

The initiative is modeled after the Pittman-Robertson Act, which takes money from hunting purchases to help protect game species.

TWW would put a small tax on outdoor goods such as binocu-

lars and camping gear to help protect non-game wildlife. Even with the support of so many organizations, the coalition has had trouble getting the bill introduced in congress where so many people ran with "no new tax" pledges.

Last Wednesday a new piece of legislation was introduced by a bipartisan coalition including John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan noted for commitment to environmental issues, and Don Young, an Alaskan Republican who is generally scorned by the environmental community.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act has three parts which are all funded by offshore drilling leases. The deviation from the original TWW concept, distrust of the sponsors and motives of the bill, and funding by oil drilling, all combine to make this new legislation controversial within the wildlife community.

Applegate explained the parts of the bill and addressed the benefits and disadvantages of the bill were addressed. The bill has three parts, referred to as titles. In Title 1, approximately 1.3 billion dollars a year would be returned to

states affected by outer continental shelf drilling for "impact assistance" projects.

Title II puts money (\$800 million/ year) towards state and federal Land and Water Conservation projects (land acquisition such as state and national parks). Finally, Title III is modeled after the TWW concept, putting money (\$500 million/year) towards wildlife funding, but unlike TWW, the funding base is provided by OCS drilling which will be relatively short-term as oil supplies are projected to run out in 40 years.

Applegate emphasized that the National Wildlife Federation does not support the way the bill is currently written but they are committed to working with this legislation.

She also said that the Teaming With Wildlife campaign would not die even if this bill were passed because there is a need for a long-term funding source for non-game wildlife.

To learn more about this legislation, check out the Teaming With Wildlife home page at <http://www.teaming.com>.

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The renewal of the Stewardship Fund

Spencer Black proposes fund to conserve wetlands

Ten years ago, I proposed a broad initiative to protect the best of what remained of our state's natural lands and wildlife habitat. I made that proposal because development pressures were threatening the scenic beauty, biological diversity and outdoor recreation that makes Wisconsin so special. With the support of conservation groups across the state, my proposal - The Stewardship Fund - was passed by the Legislature in 1989.

The Stewardship Fund is the largest land conservation effort in Wisconsin history. My proposal authorizes spending \$250 million during the 1990's to protect natural areas and wildlife habitat, expand state parks and forests, and provide outdoor recreational opportunity.

It has been a great success. To date, almost 160,000 acres of Wisconsin's outdoors have been protected. Examples include the purchases of the Turtle-Flambeau and Willow Flowages and protection of the Wisconsin Dells and Lower Wisconsin River.

The Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area, Pheasant Branch Marsh and the Ice Age Trail are

other examples of areas protected by stewardship.

Unless the Legislature acts, the Stewardship Fund will end in July, 2000. I am now proposing 'Stewardship 2000' to continue Stewardship, double the size of the Fund and place a renewed emphasis on protecting our water based resources and wildlife areas.

While \$25 million per year was a large appropriation in 1989, skyrocketing land prices have eroded the buying power of the Stewardship Fund. With development pressure threatening the future quality of fishing and availability of wildlife habitat, a strong Stewardship Fund is more important than ever.

Stewardship 2000 would place a priority on protecting wetlands, acquiring shoreline of wild lakes and preserving many of Wisconsin's most scenic rivers. The Fund would also focus on the protection of conservation, recreation lands and wildlife habitat through purchase of conservation easements to ensure permanent protection of our land resources.

The Stewardship Fund has helped conservation groups pro-

tect lands that have been threatened by development.

For example, the Madison Audubon Society used Stewardship grants to help protect the Goose Pond Sanctuary in Columbia county. Stewardship 2000 would allow even more conservation groups to participate by increasing the flexibility of Stewardship grants.

Protecting our inheritance of Wisconsin's natural beauty, abundant wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities is one of the wisest investments we can make.

The Stewardship Fund investments we've made over the last eight years will continue to pay big dividends to ensure our kids have the same opportunity to enjoy the outdoors that we have had.

We must renew our commitment to leaving a beautiful and biologically rich Wisconsin for future generations to enjoy by continuing and expanding the Stewardship Fund.

Representative Spencer Black is the author of the Stewardship Fund. He also is author of the Mining-Moratorium and the Recycling Law.

Baiting: A question of ethics

By Bob Nack
OUTDOORS REPORTER

With the bow hunting season in full swing and the rifle season approaching, I felt it necessary to address a topic that will cause a heated debate among the best of hunting buddies. Baiting deer has been a controversy for some time, but has recently surfaced as a topic of heated concern.

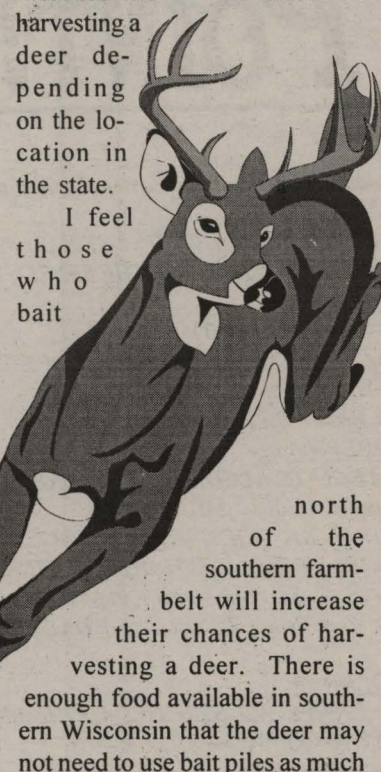
I will openly admit that I am against baiting deer for hunting purposes. I do not see any beneficial outcome from baiting. Sure, baiting has probably helped a number of hunters harvest deer, but is that what hunting is all about?

Picture a massive 10 pointer walking right at you through the crisp fall air. Your heart is beating so hard you're surprised the deer can't see it pounding from your chest. He's checking the wind, steam rolling from his nose. He puts his nose down and continues forward. Just as he's into bow range, he lowers his head and starts eating a pile of corn. Does that seem natural to you? Would that buck have been in front of you if there wasn't a corn pile?

Maybe. I don't claim to be a white-tail expert. I can count the number of deer I've shot on one hand. I do however feel strongly about the non-hunting public's perception of hunting.

The benefits of baiting deer for hunting purposes are slim. It may serve as a management technique for harvesting high densities of deer, keeping the population at a desired level. It may also increase the chance of harvesting a deer depending on the location in the state.

I feel those who bait



north of the southern farm-belt will increase their chances of harvesting a deer. There is enough food available in southern Wisconsin that the deer may not need to use bait piles as much (not saying they won't). I assisted the DNR at a deer registration station last year in Price County.

Over half of the hunters who harvested bucks had the words "bait pile" in their story. I wondered to myself how many of those bucks would have been shot if baiting were illegal.

There are numerous reasons to question the use of bait piles. One of my main reasons is it takes away the woodsmanship aspect

of hunting. Getting out in the woods and using your knowledge of the white-tail to find that perfect spot for a stand. Or patterning the movements of a buck in the pre-season, anticipating opening day and a chance to harvest the animal.

Some say baiting tends to make deer more nocturnal, and I agree. During hunting season, why would a deer put itself in danger and move during the day, when it knows there's a bait pile that can be eaten all night.

Does baiting increase the temptation to illegally shoot deer after shooting hours? Just ask the violators from Kenosha that got fined and lost hunting and fishing privileges for a year. Hunter's that normally wouldn't poach may be tempted on that last day of the season to pull the trigger after hours.

Then there's always the question of fair chase. Are we hunting deer on equal terms? Does the bait pile give us an unfair advantage? Now we could begin to question some of the recent technology in hunting. I'm not going

to go into that, but it does play a role.

The health of the deer herd could also be put in jeopardy. If the bait pile is large enough, the deer may depend on it as their major source of food. When winter comes and the bait pile is gone, the deer may have it rough searching for an alternative food source. Not to mention the disease from moldy bait piles. With high densities of deer using a bait pile, disease can be spread rapidly.

Lastly, baiting may not enhance sport hunting in the eyes of non-hunters. Many hunters say they hunt for the sport of it, myself included. People ask how is baiting deer any different from bear? My opinion is that baiting bear is one of the only ways to control the population.

The terrain in northern Wisconsin doesn't allow us to spot and stalk a bear as they do out west. Without baiting bear, it would be very difficult to harvest enough bear to prevent an overpopulation problem. Especially with legislation trying to ban the

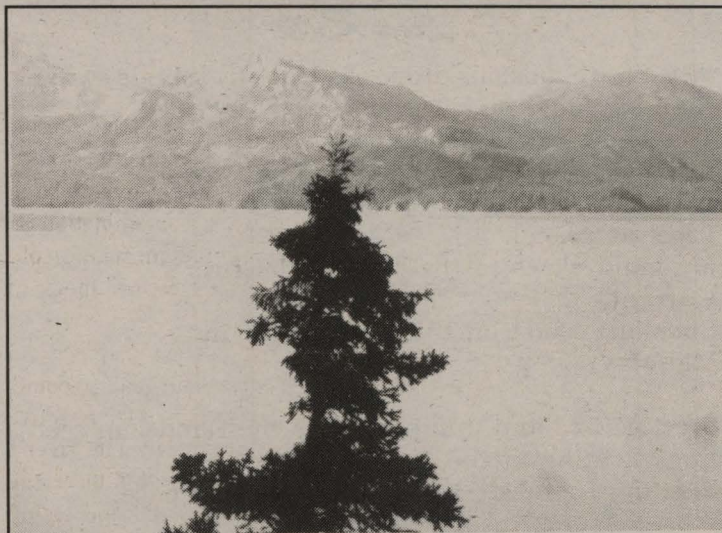
use of hounds.

Many young hunters are being brought up using bait piles. In their eyes, there are no disadvantages to baiting. We should take pride in showing a young hunter the proper way to "read the woods."

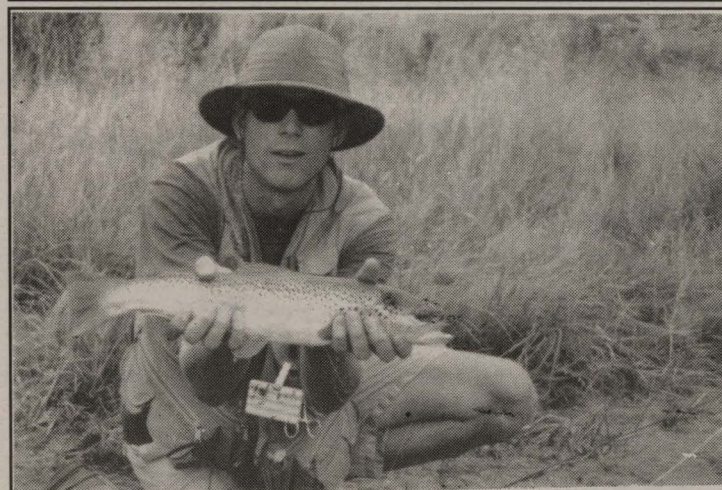
I am not saying all people that bait deer are lazy or slob hunters. Some hunters work very hard on their bait piles and are very outdoor oriented. Non-hunters enjoy seeing deer at the feeder in their yard. Feeding deer in the northern counties provides much needed nourishment during harsh winters.

I've often heard the remark, "I bait, I don't agree with it, but I have to compete for deer with those hunting around me." This is the way it is getting to be in much of northern Wisconsin. The solution may be to set certain times of the year when baiting is allowed, primarily during the winter months. It will be interesting to see what will happen on this subject. I urge people to rethink the reasons why they are baiting. Are they the right ones?

Outdoor Pointers



Skilak Lake lies peacefully amongst the Alaskan wilderness. (Submitted photo)



Jeremiah Heitke holds a nice brown trout for a quick picture before releasing it this past summer. (Submitted photo)



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Outdoors Poetry

Lisa Rothe

When the obnoxious drone of a black fly sounds sweeter
than hot fudge on a Turtle sundae-
You know you're losing your mind.

With the sun beating down upon my tired body
I feel at peace.
My mind slows to the pace of the river's
Current,
Sneaking along on this perfect day in
Mid-May.

I feel as free and uninhibited as the Dandelion seed-
lings floating in the Breeze.
Silently, I chuckle at the ant's hurried pace.

I can relate to the crayfish
Sunning themselves on the rocks
Or maybe better still to the turtle, whose head
Barely above the water bobs along.

Even the fat-bellied bass, trying to catch their
Afternoon snack have more energy than I do.

Sighing, I lay back on my flannel blanket,
Allowing the wind to tug at my curls and breathe
In the sweet river air.

Crane Counters Needed

ONCE EACH FALL AND SPRING, A CENSUS ON THE STATEWIDE CRANE POPULATION IS TAKEN. THIS FALL, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL HEAD OUT TO MARSHES, FIELDS AND OTHER STAGING AREAS TO COUNT CRANES AS THEY MIGRATE SOUTH. THE COUNT WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCT. 31ST. FOR MORE INFORMATION, COME TO ONE OF OUR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS IN ROOM 170 CNR ON MON. 5 P.M. OR WED. 5 P.M. AND FIND OUT WHAT THE CRANE COUNT IS ALL ABOUT!

Gun ownership amendment on the ballot

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Hunting was traditionally a way of life for people. For thousands of years, people killed animals to survive. Even into this century, hunting was a major source of food for people in this country. One need not go back more than a couple generations to find examples of the necessary role hunting played when it came to putting food on the table.

Times have changed. Hunting is no longer necessary for survival. Meat is now associated with domestic rather than wild animals. Since hunting is no longer important as a food source, many people have tried to do away with it completely, reasoning that it is cruel, violent, unnecessary or any number of reasons.

At a time when hunting seems to be under fire, the state of Wisconsin is taking action to try to preserve this age-old ritual. An amendment is in the state legislature to protect the right of the people to bear arms. The proposal states: *The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.*

Wisconsin is one of seven states that currently does not have

an amendment allowing citizens to bear arms. Of course, the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of the people to bear arms. This federal law would prevail over any state law that would go against it, but many people want this amendment to make it seem as if the states themselves have more power.

Already this proposed amendment has passed two consecutive sessions of the state legislature which will now send it to the upcoming referendum ballot. It won't be an easy decision.

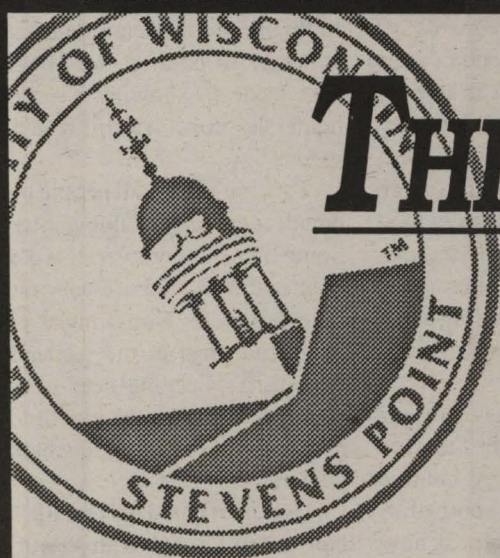
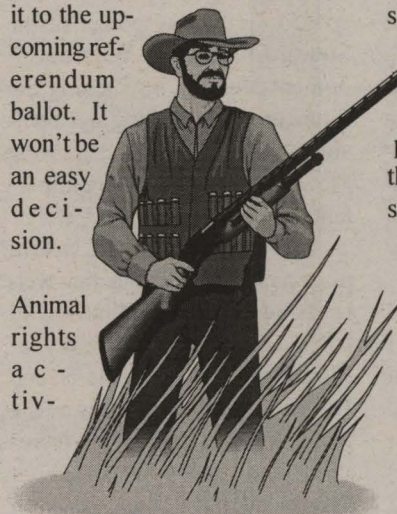
Animal rights activists

are one of the major parties opposed to gun ownership. They are able to voice their opinion loudly through their many public demonstrations. But this is not simply a matter of anti-hunters ver-

sus hunters. The vast majority of Wisconsin's population falls somewhere in between these two categories. And since this is a public referendum, *their* opinions count just as much as a hunter's or an anti-hunter's. These are the people that will decide the outcome of the referendum.

Unfortunately, just when it seemed as if Wisconsin gun owners were going to have more protection in the books, a major blow to the cause occurred this week. A protected tundra swan was shot this week in the Horicon Marsh. Several sportsmen witnessed the shooting but were unable to catch up with the poachers who left the bird lay in the marsh. Incidents like this give sportsmen a bad name. As always, it's the minority that ruins it for the majority. This incident could influence the neutral public in a negative way.

If hunters and other gun owners want to protect their right to bear arms, they need to take action. The most important thing anyone can do is be a model. Make your actions show how responsible the majority of sportsmen are. Make your voice heard and rally other sportsmen to do the same. And come election day on Nov. 3, vote. Your rights may depend on it.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Counseling Center Prog.: *Keys to Success in College*, 4-5PM (Counseling Center)

Faculty Recital: STEVEN BJELLA, Violin, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

POINTER PERSPECTIVE DAYS

Volleyball, UW-Stout, 7PM (H)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *PIPPIN*, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

CPI-Centers' Cinema Presents: *CHASING AMY*, 8:30PM & *GOOD WILL HUNTING*, 11PM (Allen Center)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)

Assoc. for Community Tasks *MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY*, 11AM-1PM (Various Locations)

Wom. Cross-Country, Tori Neubauer Invite (Away)

Men's Cross-Country, Jim Drews Invite (T)

Wom. Soccer, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Wom. Tennis, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Football, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Volleyball, UW-River Falls, 2PM (H)

Amer. Suzuki Foundation Music of the Masters Dinner, 6:30PM (Holiday Inn)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *PIPPIN*, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

CPI-Club/Variety Presents: *"SPOOF OF THE SEXES"*, 8PM (Encore-UC)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Wom. Soccer, UW-Superior, 1PM (T)

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

Suzuki Solo Recitals, 2&3:30PM (MH-FAB)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *PIPPIN*, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

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

Alcohol Awareness Week Prog.: *CONTROLLED DRINKING* (Sobriety Tests Administered by the St. Pt. Police Dept.), 8PM (Thomson Hall Lobby)

Alcohol Awareness Week Prog.: *DRINKING & DATING*, 8PM (Steiner Hall Lobby)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Lifestyle Assistants Present: *ALL STRESSED UP* (Healthful Ways to Manage Stress), 7:30 PM (Wellness Center-AC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Wom. Soccer, UW-Whitewater, 3PM (H)

Wom. Tennis, UW-Oshkosh, 3PM (H)

Volleyball, UW-Platteville, 7PM (H)

RHA Presents: *ALCOHOL JEOPARDY* by Hot SHOTS Peer Educators, 7PM (028 DeBot Center)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *PIPPIN*, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

Alcohol Awareness Week Prog.: *CONTROLLED DRUNK*, 8PM (Knutzen Hall Lobby)

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343

Laptops

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If laptops were provided, the funding necessary for current computer lab maintenance could be reduced to finance the new program. There are still a lot of questions to be raised before this is even brought to the drawing board.

Students will have a chance to voice their opinion, but probably not for a while.

The supporters still need to draw up the proposal and then it will be presented to the Student Government Association and Faculty Senate before an open forum is involved.

"I have a hard time seeing this plan go through without student support," said Brett Hazard, academic issues director of SGA.

Apathy

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These programs would include maximizing racial diversity and general awareness of all minority groups and supporting advisors and their staff to promote open lines of communication between faculty, students and administration at the campus and UW-System level.

Guess what folks — whether or not you like the way the system works, we need to vote.

As many of you know, as college students, we do not have a lot of money. However, we are 36 percent of the population in Stevens Point and part of the 55,000 (approximately) students. This means our power is in our voice — our voice is in our vote.

To not hold elected officials accountable for our lives, yes, our LIVES, is to give more power to those who claim students are "apathetic."

Let's make the word "apathy" disassociated from the word "student." Register to vote TODAY!

For more information, stop by the voter registration booths that are set up in the University Center and academic buildings this week.

--Angie Gonzalez

Legislative Issues Director, SGA
and Jeremy Ames
Senator, SGA

Vigil: UW-SP remembering Wyoming student who was beaten

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clists found Shephard beaten and tied to a split-rail fence near Laramie, Wyo. last Wednesday.

Universities around the United States have held vigils in memory of Shephard, including UW-Madison. UW-SP's candlelight vigil will start Thursday Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m. in the Sundial.

"Anybody who is dissatisfied with the actions (of Shephard's death) or who feel strongly about social injustice (should attend the vigil)," said a member of the UW-SP's 10% Society who asked to remain anonymous.

"We at Stevens Point don't support hate crimes. This happened 20 years ago and shouldn't be happening."

Despite the short notice, 10% Society members are expecting three speakers to address problems with hate crimes and discuss legislative issues surrounding hate crimes.

Participants will have a chance to send condolences to Shephard's family and friends.

"We can take a stance on this. This does frighten the university... we aren't going to stand for it," said Angela Gonzalez, legislative issues director for Student Government Association. "No matter what

you believe, we are all still humans."

Students at UW-Madison held a candlelight vigil on Tuesday night at Library Mall.

"I personally think it's a travesty. It really hits close to home here in Madison," said Tim Treffinger, events and publicity coordinator for UW-Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender campus center.

Since the incident, President Clinton and activists have urged Congress to pass legislation on hate crime laws. Forty-one states have hate crime laws, 21 states specifically cover offenses motivated by the victim's sexual orientation, including Wisconsin.

"The vigil is going to raise awareness about this hate crime bill," said Erika Hedalen, vice president for 10% Society. "If this (federal) bill goes through, it's a pretty big step for the gay community (and other diverse groups)."

The 10% Society is welcoming anyone, homosexual or not, to attend the vigil.

"There's plenty in the local community who this affects. We're comfortable in SP - not much stuff happens," said a member of the 10% Society. "It's a wake-up call."

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IN THE ZONE

NBA needs to end lockout for sake of their image

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

As the scheduled beginning of the National Basketball Association season nears, the main question that fans are asking each other is not, "When will the lockout end?" but rather, "Who cares?"

Just when the NBA had seemed to reach their peak in popularity, they found a way to screw it up.

The current labor dispute seems to be a debate of "We want a bigger percentage of your billions" between the players and the owners.

Not exactly a great way to gain new fans.

The NBA had reached a point where they had become the most popular professional sport in the world.

With the incomparable Michael Jordan still hanging around and fresh, young, overrated talent like Kobe Bryant stepping in, the league had everything going for them.

Obviously the NBA has forgotten the hit that Major League Baseball took after their forgettable strike of 1994.

The only problem is Jordan won't be around to help the league make a comeback and they don't have a Mark McGwire or Sammy Sosa-type player to carry the game.

The fact of the matter is that the NBA has become dull and predictable to watch.

I can only view so much one-on-one play and pick-and-rolls before I'm forced to turn the channel.

Personally, I'll take a great college showdown like North Carolina against Duke any day of the week before I'd watch an uninteresting pro game.

The college atmosphere is so much more electric than the pro game, less predictable and all around more entertaining to watch.

Maybe it's just me, but I like to watch people play for the love of the game.

As quickly as the NBA has seen their popularity rise over the past five years through marketing, they shouldn't be surprised to see how quickly it will fall.

Commissioner David Stern is going to have his hands full trying to put fans back in the stands, at least let's hope so.

Spikers continue their winning ways

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point volleyball team stayed on track last week with a trio of road wins.

On Wednesday, the team traveled to UW-Oshkosh where they defeated them in four games (15-13, 9-15, 15-8 and 15-9). Leading the way for the Pointers was Erin Carney with 34 assists.

Coach Kelly Geiger was happy with how her team played.

"They aren't as bad of a team as their record (2-18) indicates. Their mistakes did catch up with them, and we were able to capitalize."

The Pointers next took on Concordia and Cardinal Stritch College on Saturday in Mequon.

Once again, the UW-SP opponents found themselves on the losing end as Point defeated them 15-5, 15-17, 15-11, 15-12 and 15-4, 15-5, 15-13 respectively.

The match against Concordia was the closest, but that did not tell the whole story.

"We were a better team than Concordia. They had the game of their lives when they beat us. We kept our focus and got the momentum back," Geiger said.

The Cardinal Stritch match was significant for the Pointers in that they were able to rest most of the starters and give the bench some important playing time.

"In the second and third games, we only had one starter

in. It showed a lot for our program. We have depth and we can take care of a lead," Geiger added.

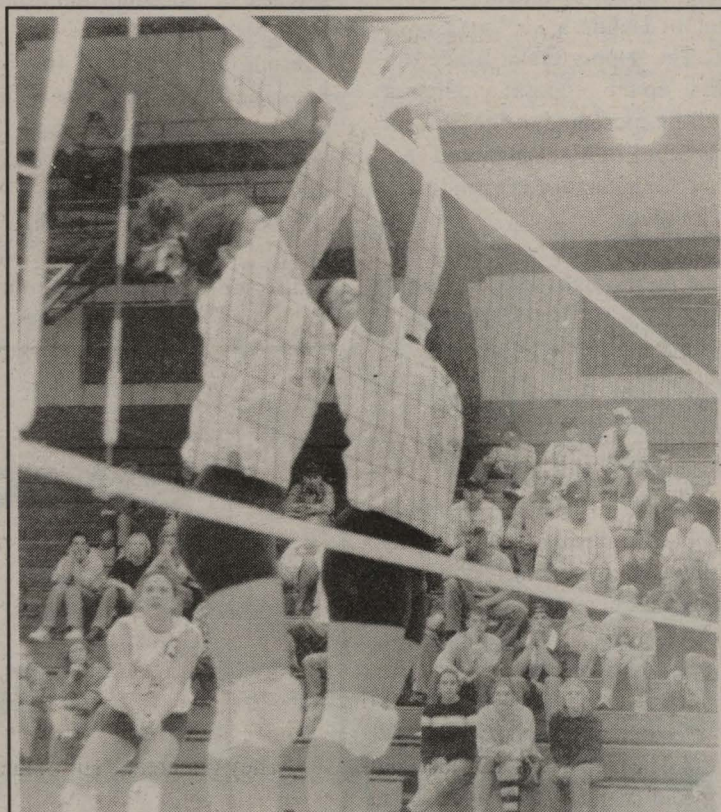
Team leaders for the Pointers over the weekend in kills were Sarah Kuhl (59), Emily Hanka (49) and Kelly Gralinski (46). Carney ended the weekend with 57 set assists.

The Pointers are once again firing on all cylinders as they head into their toughest week of the season.

Geiger believes they have a shot at sweeping four key conference matchups, all at home.

"We just need to play our best matches. We need to have everyone on the same time. I believe if we play tough, we have a good shot at all four of them."

"River Falls is the toughest team out there right now, because we lost to them. But it's payback time. These are the ones that count."



A pair of Pointers reach high to attempt a block in their match against UW-La Crosse Wednesday night. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Kickers get back on the right track

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Fresh off two wins, the UW-Stevens Point soccer team gained a national ranking for Division III women's soccer.

With their 9-3-2 record, the Pointers placed 20th in national rankings and third in the Central Region.

"We have three losses," Head Coach Sheila Miech said, "and our ranking just shows the strength of our schedule."

"It really is no surprise in comparison to the other conference teams."

Last Thursday saw the Pointers annihilate conference competitor UW-Oshkosh in a 5-0 victory.

UW-SP teammates Jenny Davis, Marie Muhvic and Michelle Mauel all nailed one past the Titan's goalkeeper, with two more goals by forward Hope Wadel to close out the game.

After the they took out the Titans, the UW-SP kickers moved on to host Gustavus Adolphus College Saturday.

A goal by Laura Gissibl and a gift goal by one of the Gusties clinched the close 2-1 victory for Point and Miech believes this win helped them attain their rankings.

"To play with that caliber of a team," said Miech, "things would be different if we had lost. But the win insured us our ranking."

Looking ahead, the Pointers need to finish their WIAC play before anything else.

In a conference where every team is looking to knock them off, UW-SP must continue their six-year conference winning streak.

"You want to get that number one spot in conference and we have four more games," said Miech.

"We have to really stay focused and stay hungry. There's really not any easy games left."

The Pointers hunger for their next win Saturday when they travel to UW-Eau Claire to take on the Blugolds.

Women's hockey club takes to the ice

As we all begin to feel the cold of winter approaching, one UW-Stevens Point club prepares for their season.

The women's hockey club began practicing a few weeks ago and face the UW-Madison club team in the season opener Saturday.

Taking the ice with her teammates, club President Michelle Pouliot joins the ever-growing number of women hockey players in the United States.

"I had no experience," Pouliot said. "I came out with a friend and was brand new to the sport."

With a few years behind the newer club, the UW-SP women's hockey team is ready to go the distance and prove their

dedication through late night practices. The team will host their first home game Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

Club Sports and Schedules

Men's Soccer

UW-SP tied Michigan Tech, 2-2. Point Goals: Bell, Wagner.

Point Record: 1-1-6.

Up Next: Michigan Tech, Saturday and River Falls, Sunday.

Men's Rugby

UW-Platteville def. UW-SP, 36-5.

Point Tries: Chad Messner

Up Next: Marquette, Saturday.

Women's Rugby

UW-Platteville def. UW-SP, 32-0.

Up Next: At UW-Whitewater, Saturday, October 24.

Women's Hockey

Up Next: At UW-Madison, Saturday; Promo Night at K.B. Willet, Saturday, October 24.

Lacrosse

Up Next: At Potowatomi Reservation, Saturday, October 24.

Quote of the Week
 "I started feeling some spasms in my back. I think it was on my 13th or 14th punt. Boy, that's something you don't hear all the time."

-- Oakland Raiders punter Leo Araguz who set a NFL record with 16 punts Sunday in the Raiders 7-6 victory over the Chargers.

-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Warhawks drop Pointers Fourth quarter comeback falls short

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a matter of too little, too late for the Pointer football team in their game at UW-Whitewater Saturday.

A valiant fourth quarter comeback attempt fell short in the Warhawks 21-12 defeat of UW-Stevens Point.

Trailing 14-0 heading into the final 15 minutes, Point finally got on to the scoreboard with 11:09 remaining when backup quarterback Ryan Aulenbacher found Larry Aschebrook with an eight-yard pass.

Jason Steuck's extra point failed, leaving the score 14-6.

"That missed extra point kind of took the wind out of our sails," UW-SP Coach John Miech said.

On fourth down of Whitewater's ensuing series, punter Chris Korff had trouble getting off the punt and only managed to get the ball to the Warhawks' 22 yard line.

UW-SP quickly took advantage of the miscue, as Aulenbacher hooked up with Wally Schmitt for a 20-yard gain down to the Warhawks' 2.

Three plays later, Clint Kriewaldt rushed one yard to make it 14-12 with 8:36 to go.

Unfortunately for the Pointers, the ensuing two-point conversion

SEE FOOTBALL ON PAGE 13

Runners battle the Titans

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While the UW-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams both traveled to UW-Oshkosh Saturday, their respective coaches had different philosophies for the small invitational.

The men's team had just competed at the Notre Dame Invitational a week earlier.

Coach Rick Witt chose to give his first ten guys the weekend off so they could rest for the huge UW-La Crosse Invitational this Saturday.

But with the women's team coming off a week with no racing, Coach Len Hill decided to run his top women before this Saturday's big meet in La Crosse.

In their first racing action in two weeks, the Pointer women finished third overall with 80 points. The host Titans won the title, edging UW-Parkside, 31-32. Northern Michigan was fourth with 94 points.

"It was Oshkosh and Parkside and pretty much a dual meet between us and Northern Michigan," Hill said.

Lisa Pisca paced the Pointers with a 11th place finish in 19:15. Sara Holewinski (13th in 19:19), Leah Juno (15th in 19:24), Erin Dowgwillo (21st in 19:49) and Alyssa Garbe (28th in 19:59) rounded out UW-SP's top five.

"They ran great," Hill said of the whole team. "We have 21 on the roster and 14 had personal bests."

"We had a hard week (of workouts). If they can do that with a hard week, I'd like to see what we can do with a little rest."

Rest was just what the UW-SP men's top runners did and the Pointers finished fourth with 103 points.

UW-La Crosse was first with 22 points, UW-Oshkosh took second with 45 and UW-Parkside finished third with 76.

"As I said to the guys, our guys ran better but we didn't run

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Tennis nets WIAC split

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Pointer tennis split their weekend with a win and a loss for the record books.

Heading first to UW-La Crosse Friday, the UW-Stevens Point team dropped their dual meet 6-3.

Head Coach Nancy Page was pleased with her team despite the defeat.

"La Crosse was the tougher team and to come away with three wins was encouraging," she said.

Point's Tammy Byrne and Heather Janssen won their two singles matches. Janssen joined teammate Anne Renken in a doubles victory.

Heading home, the Pointers turned their game around for Saturday's dual meet against the UW-Stout Blue Devils. In a decisive 7-2 victory, the Pointers knocked down another conference competitor.

"The team knew how important it was to win the dual match," Coach Page said.

"I was very pleased with our play in both matches."

UW-SP will host UW-Oshkosh at the Allen Center courts Thursday beginning at 4 p.m.

Getting ready to drop the puck



Members of the Pointer hockey team prepare for the start of their season at a recent practice. Point kicks off their season with the Purple/Gold game October 24. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

Golfers wrap up their fall season

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

To finish out their fall season, the UW-Stevens Point women's golf team traveled to the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Hitting the links in Minnesota, the Pointers placed fifth at the Winona State Invite with a two-day team total of 771.

Lea Haas led the team, shooting a 96 on Saturday and dropping seven strokes for a Sunday score of 89. She finished first for UW-SP with a combined 185.

Playing on greens along the mighty Mississippi, Head Coach Scott Frazier made some changes from his usual starting lineup, and took only three of the usual top six golfers.

Starters Christy Huegerich, Jenny Roder and Kathryn Carlson missed the Invite, but Kelly Schroeder, Jill Brenegen and Shelly Paul stepped up to join the remaining starters Haas, Kelly Rogers and Abby Hall.

Huegerich was the low average for the team, while Haas earned All-Conference for the Pointers to close the fall season.

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The Pointer Scorecard

Football

UW-SP - UW-WHITEWATER SUMMARY WHITEWATER, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

UW-SP	0	0	0	12	--	12
UW-Whitewater	7	7	0	7	--	21

Team Statistics

	UW-W	UW-SP
First Downs	12	27
Net Yards Rushing	232	60
Net Yards Passing	174	160
Total Net Yards	406	220
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-67	9-88
Sacks By-Yards	3-19	5-18
Interceptions-Yards	1-40	1-0
Time of Possession	36:13	23:47

Scoring

First Quarter

UW-W - Grovesteen 3 yd run (Johnston kick), 6:31.

Second Quarter

UW-W - Hollingsworth 16 yd pass from Grovesteen (Johnston kick), 9:12.

Fourth Quarter

UW-SP - Aschebrook 8 yd pass from Aulenbacher, (kick failed), 11:09.

UW-SP - Kriewaldt 1 yd run (pass failed), 8:36.

UW-W - Wolter 40 yd interception return (Johnston kick), 4:14.

Rushing: UW-SP - Gast 8-31, Fredrick 2-12, Aulenbacher 4-11, Wiese 4-5, Kriewaldt 1-1, Schmitt 2-0, Ward 1-0. UW-W - McKenzie 25-123, Grovesteen 28-91, Warren 4-15, Wozniak 1-3, Magestro 1-0, Team 1-0.

Passing: UW-SP - Aulenbacher 38-15-1, 142 yds, Wiese 6-3-0, 18 yds. UW-W - Grovesteen 26-13-1, 174 yds.

Receiving: UW-SP - Aschebrook 3-45, Ullsperger 3-38, Gast 3-5, Schmitt 2-33, Jones 2-16, Fredrick 2-8, Martin 1-9, Ward 1-4, Gary 1-2. UW-W - Magestro 5-80, Gullickson 5-52, Hollingsworth 2-28, Tenhagen 1-14.

Cross Country

UW-OSHKOSH MEN'S INVITATIONAL OSHKOSH, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Team Standings

1. UW-La Crosse	22
2. UW-Oshkosh	45
3. UW-Parkside	76

The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Football: At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 1 p.m.

Soccer: At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 1 p.m.; At UW-Superior, Sunday 1 p.m.; UW-Whitewater, Wednesday 3 p.m.

Volleyball: UW-Stout, Friday 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls, Saturday 2 p.m.; UW-Platteville (Senior Night), Wednesday 7 p.m.

Tennis: UW-Oshkosh, Thursday; At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 1 p.m.

Cross Country: UW-La Crosse Invite, Saturday.

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UW-SP Finishers

17. Andy Bushard 26:22, 27. Casey Cook 26:51, 29. Curt Kaczor 26:57, 36. Mike Heidke 27:21, 38. Dan Texidor 27:28, 40. Adam Freihofer 27:32, 46. Chad Haas 27:43, 57. Eric Meeker 27:57, 62. Ryan Enke 28:08, 66. Robbie Pieper 28:22, 67. Justin Salzman 28:38.

UW-OSHKOSH WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL OSHKOSH, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

1. UW-Oshkosh	31
2. UW-Parkside	32
3. UW-SP	80
4. Northern Michigan	94
5. Ripon College	155

UW-SP Finishers

11. Lisa Pisca 19:15, 13. Sara Holewinski 19:20, 15. Leah Juno 19:24, 21. Erin Dowgillo 19:49, 28. Alyssa Garbe 19:59, 30. Maggie Dennewitz 20:02, 41. Susan Lueck 20:35, 42. Marcie Fisher 20:39, 47. Amanda Miller 21:01, 56. Jill Schweitzer 21:35, 57. Holly Wilmer 21:36, 60. April Raykowski 21:47, 65. Angie Wood 22:14, 66. Megan Tatterson 22:27, 68. Jennie Heinz 22:28, 71. Katie Eiring 22:43, 72. Sarah Hulstedt 23:04, 77. Therese Deboth 24:33, 79. Teri Heinz 25:04, 80. Elizabeth Herbner 26:39.

Women's Golf

WINONA STATE INVITE WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

OCTOBER 10-11, 1998

1. Winona St. 1	365	350	715
2. St. Thomas 1	368	357	725
3. Macalaster	383	363	746
4. Winona St. 2	370	377	747

5. UW-SP	395	376	771
6. Bemidji St.	411	381	792
7. St. Thomas 2	401	406	807

UW-SP Finishers

Lea Haas	96	89	185
Abby Hall	106	92	198
Kelly Rogers	100	95	195
Kelly Schroeder	96	100	196
Jill Brenegen	102	103	205
Shelly Paul	113	109	222

Women's Tennis

UW-SP - UW-STOUT STEVENS POINT, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Singles:

No. 1: Mader (S) def. Oswald (SP), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2: Byrne (SP) def. Jackson (S), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3: Renken (SP) def. Lundquist (S),

7-5, 6-4.

No. 4: Oelke (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 5: Derse (SP) def. Hesli (R), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 6: Janssen (SP) def. Schawanbeck (S), 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles:

No. 1: Mader/Jackson (S) def. Oswald/Oelke (SP), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 2: Renken/Janssen (SP) def. Lundquist/Hesli (S), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3: Byrne/Henn (SP) def. Johnson/Anderson (S), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

UW-SP - UW-LA CROSSE

LA CROSSE, WI

OCTOBER 9, 1998

Singles:

No. 1: Byrne (SP) def. Stepnes (L), 6-1, 6-3.

No. 2: Movrich (L) def. Renken (SP),

6-0, 6-2.

No. 3: Mashack (L) def. Oelke (SP), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Campbell (L) def. Derse (SP), 6-0, 6-2.

No. 5: Lenart (L) def. Janssen (SP),

7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

No. 6: Fisher (L) def. Henn (SP), 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles:

No. 1: Stepnes/Movrich (L) def. Oelke/Derse (SP), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2: Renken/Janssen (SP) def. Mashack/Lenart, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3: Longsdorf/Leary (L) def. Henn/Byrne (SP), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Women's Soccer

UW-SP - GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS STEVENS POINT, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Gustavus Adolphus	1	0	--	1
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UW-SP	1	1	--	2
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Scoring

First Half:

UW-SP: Gissibl (Wadel, Davis assists), 19:21.

G.A.: Johnson (Ryerse assist), 38:10.

Second Half:

UW-SP: Own Goal (Camps assist), 66:38.

Shots on Goal: UW-SP: 14, Wheaton: 14.

Goal Saves: UW-SP: Rabinovitz 2, Hyslop 5.

G.A.: Carlson 7.

UW-SP - UW-OSHKOSH STEVENS POINT, WI

OCTOBER 8, 1998

UW-Oshkosh	0	0	--	0
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UW-SP	1	4	--	5
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Scoring

First Half:

UW-SP: Davis, 43:43.

Second Half:

UW-SP: Wadel (Davis, Wickesberg assists), 55:06.

UW-SP: Muhvic (Jacob assist), 62:04.

UW-SP: Mauel (Maas assist), 72:47.

UW-SP: Wadel (Gissibl assist), 82:50.

Shots on Goal: UW-SP: 33, UW-O: 0.

Goal Saves: UW-SP: 0, UW-O: Eckhardt 15.

Women's Volleyball

TRIANGULAR AT MEQUON, WI

OCTOBER 10, 1998

UW-SP	15	15	15	15
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Cardinal Stritch	4	5	13	
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UW-SP	15	15	15	15
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT KELLY GRALINSKI - VOLLEYBALL



Gralinski

UW-SP Career Highlights

- Team Captain (1998)
- Honorable Mention All-Conference (1997)
- Led team in total blocks in 1997 (118)
- Fifth on UW-SP's all-time list for total blocks in a season (1997) and block assists in a season (1996)

Hometown: Greendale, Wisconsin

Major: Health Promotion and Wellness

Most Memorable Moment: This season when we beat Eau Claire. The team just clicked and everything seemed right in that moment. It was even better because we were at Eau Claire.

Who was your idol growing up?: My parents, they're my biggest support system. They've been at every one of my games this year. They don't know how much I appreciate them.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: I want to take a year off, I'll probably go to Germany to visit a friend. Then go to graduate school for Physical Therapy.

Biggest achievement in sports: For me, being elected Captain means more than any award, it says more about me as a person, that my team has confidence in me to lead them.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting my break-dancing caught on video.

Favorite aspect of volleyball: I think the concept of a team, the whole being greater than the sum.

What will you remember most about playing volleyball at UW-SP?: The great people I've met, the staff and the players here made it a great experience.



On top of their game Intramural Top Teams

Men's Basketball Top 10

1. Stool Samples
2. Big Nutz
3. Smooth Like Butta'
4. Team Tappi
5. Stars
6. Pink Elephants w/ Afros
7. Air It Out
8. The Pipes
9. Many Nations
10. Playaz Ball

Women's Basketball Top 2

1. Mixed Nuts
2. En Fuego

Indoor Soccer Top 3

1. Your Name Here
2. The Vibes
3. Captain Morgan

Outdoor Soccer Top 3

1. The Boyles
2. PBRMEASAP
3. Thompson

Flag Football Top 5

1. Scrubs
2. Air It Out
3. Girth
4. Baldwin
5. Flying Spears

Co-ed Beach V-ball Top 5

1. R.A.W.
2. So Far So Good
3. Tequilla Slammers
4. The Schroeders
5. Erin Schroeder's Team

Women's Beach V-ball Top 3

1. Friction
2. Watson Women
3. Sassy Girls

Co-Ed Indoor V-ball Top 3

1. Bobbiesox
2. OOC
3. Pocket Full O' Rubbers

Ultimate Frisbee Top 2

1. Gravitrons
2. Puff Down

Football

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pass attempt failed, leaving Point as close as they would get the rest of the way.

"We were in a great position that we could have stole the game from them," Miech stated.

UW-SP mounted one final attempt to win the game with just over four minutes to go but Jake Wolter picked off Aulenbacher's pass attempt and returned it 40 yards for the score.

The ensuing extra point accounted for the final margin.

"The story line," Miech said, "was defensively and special teams wise we played well enough to win but offensively we didn't play well enough to win."

Whitewater began the game's scoring on quarterback Ty Grovesteen's three-yard run at 6:31 of the first quarter.

The lead stretched to 14-0 when Grovesteen connected with Geon Hollingsworth on a 16-yard scoring strike.

"(Offensively) our young people are working hard to get better and our defense has played well all year.

The loss dropped the Pointers to 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC.

UW-SP travels to arch rival UW-Eau Claire for a showdown Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

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as well as we're capable," Witt said.

Andy Bushard led UW-SP, finishing 17th in 26:22. Casey Cook (27th in 26:51), Curt Kaczor (29th in 26:57), Mike Heidke (26th in 27:21) and Dan Texidor (38th in 27:28) rounded out the top five.

Several Pointers ran their personal bests for times but Witt is more concerned about the bigger picture.

"We lost sight at the fact that it's a competition and not a (personal best). I was happy but I also feel we have to be a little more competitive."

Both UW-SP teams will see plenty of tough competition at the UW-La Crosse Invite Saturday, a meet packed with ranked teams from throughout the midwest.

"We get to find out what we're made of," Hill said.

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WORD OF MOUTH



SPOOF OF THE SEXES

Men can participate in events such as the Vogue Pose competition while women see if their cardio work is paying off in the Arm Wrestling challenge during Spoof of the Sexes.

WIFC's Dave Callaway hosts the event this Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

Winners will receive \$100 and knowledge of skills previously unknown.

Contact Kera Glass at Centertainment Productions x2412 or sign up to compete at Campus Activities.

RAKE-A-THON

The Association for Community Tasks is looking for volunteers for Rake-a-Thon.

Volunteers are needed for registration, raking and preparing lunches.

Rake-a-Thon is an individual or team event. For more information, contact Kate Lawton at 346-2260 or email klawt696@uwsp.edu.

FACULTY RECITAL

Violinist Steven Bjella, associate professor of music, will perform at UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for students.

NON-TRAD OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

This Thursday and Friday are the last two days for the open house at the Non-Traditional Student Services and Referral Office open house.

Stop in and register for prizes, ask about "Kiss the Critter" and on Friday night join the party from 5 p.m. until the lights go out. Includes munchies, beverages and a cash bar.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

The Association for Community Tasks has found sites in the Stevens Point area that needs your help! Cleaning, yardwork, painting and other volunteer opportunities are needed at the YMCA, Family Crisis Center, Crossroads Mental Health Services, the Salvation Army and more.

To sign up, or for more info, call 346-2260.

MASTER CLASS

Internationally renowned french horn soloist, performer and teacher Hermann Baumann will conduct a master class on Thursday, Oct. 15 at UW-Stevens Point.

The session will be held in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Admission is free and the session is open to the public.

In addition to his appearance at UW-SP, Baumann will open the season for the Marshfield/Wood County Symphony on Friday, Oct. 16 at the Helen Connor Laird Fine Arts Building at UW-Marathon County.

Baumann has appeared as a soloist with the major orchestras of the world, including Chicago, London, Tokyo, Houston and Berlin. He frequently conducts master classes in conjunction with his concert appearances.

YOU'RE WRONG! SO ARE YOU
Does socialization get in the way of education?

By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR



Hmmm... let me rephrase that question. Does education get in the way of socialization? If you can answer yes to this question, then read Tracy's opinion first, then come back to me.

Done? Alright. Let me tell you a little bit about the nature of being in school. Socialization does not necessarily mean drinking. Why does everyone have to equate the two in their twisted little minds? I'll be the first to admit that drinking is certainly the easiest way to hang out with friends.

But there are other ways to socialize. Pot lucks, bowling, biking, hiking and just chillin' are a few that come to mind.

The point of coming to college is arguably to network. The connections that a person makes during their years at a university can be the most productive in terms of making friends and contacts in your life. And let's face it, it's not what you know it's who you know. It's sad, but that's the way it is.

What do you think is more important, going to your eight o'clock business writing class or talking with someone over coffee or a few drinks that can maybe give you a job later on down the road?

My vote goes to the chat time. Sorry, Dan, but my education in this case is second to networking. Thanks anyway.

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



Hmmm...let me rephrase that question. Have any members of my reading audience ever skipped a class due to a hang-over because you just had to go out for one drink--just one--(that somehow turned into five or fifteen) the night before?

If you can answer yes to this question, I'm right. Even if you simply feel like crap cause you stayed out or up to late, then you've socialized yourself beyond the mentality you need the next morning to attend the class you're (or your parents or the government is) paying for.

Staying up super late to study sucks and causes the same results as late-night socialization. Studying, however, is unavoidable at times.

Where as staying up to fraternize with your buddies can be cut short so you don't peel your eyes open the next day hating the world and your eight o'clock class cause you've only had three hours sleep.

I know it's just not that easy to say "good night" sometimes, especially when you need to unwind--or drink or gossip or whatever.

Well, life's not easy. But it can be easier if we learn to say good bye/good night at around 11 p.m. instead of deciding the dreaded morning after that Healthy American is a blow off class anyway.

Restaurant review:

China Garden

By Ethan Meyer
RESTAURANT CRITIC

Tucked away in the University Plaza next to KMart, one may find the China Garden. Efficiently easy to reach from campus, this restaurant provides yet another quick alternative to the fast food garbage that too many of us live on.

I was greeted promptly by a representative of the restaurant and shown to a table. The decor was sparse but tastefully done. The tapestries were hand painted and original. Soft Oriental music served to enhance the overall calming effect of the establishment.

Because I arrived later in the afternoon, I was not able to sample the buffet. This was not a bad thing. I opted instead for shrimp in hot garlic sauce.

I ordered Egg Drop soup to go with my entree. I have never met the equal of this soup. Because it would take a while to explain, I will say only: Try it for yourself.

My salad consisted of chopped lettuce and a very tasty garlic pepper vinaigrette dressing (also worth a try).

When I received my meal, I was instantly attracted by two things. First, the portion size was very generous. When I say generous, I really mean it.

I have been known to pack away a considerable amount of food and I couldn't finish my plate. Secondly, as I first looked



China Garden, tucked behind KMart, makes for a great lunch or dinner destination and is easy on the wallet. (Photo by Cody Strathe)

at it, I began to notice the freshness of the vegetables and the overall presentation, which was remarkable to say the least. The moment I tasted my entree I knew that my return trip was assured.

The China Garden offers a daily lunch buffet from 11:30 to 2, Monday through Friday. For the very reasonable price of \$4.50, you can gorge yourself on the buffet or any of the special lunch plates, which are all priced at about the same rate.

The China Garden also offers a taste of Imported Chinese beer. I sampled a bottle of Tsingtao. I found it comparable to Heineken with a bit more body; very good, in my opinion.

The service that I received during my meal was very good. My server was very attentive to

my needs and prompt in her delivery of my subsequent courses.

Over all, I definitely can say that I liked the China Garden. My experience there was positive enough to earn them a good rating.

Rating:



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Military Science students enjoy weekend at Fort McCoy

By Amy Mason
FEATURES REPORTER

Last Friday, 174 military science students and instructors traveled to Fort McCoy, Wis., for the annual Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Fall Leadership Lab. The weekend-long event was attended by a majority of freshman and sophomore UW-Stevens Point students.

According to Capt. Eric Killien, a freshman/MSI instructor, many of the students had never visited a military post.

"This is an introduction to the Army lifestyle for these kids," said Maj. Tabb Benzinger, ROTC admissions officer.

Eric Fee, a freshman majoring in forest management, said that he didn't know what to expect from his first visit to an Army post. "I had no clue what it would be like," said Fee. "It looked like a town. I expected more camouflage."

Besides being an introduction to Army life, the occasion was a chance for cadets to experience leadership training and team-building by going through a conditioning or obstacle course, rappelling off a 55-foot tower, jumping out of a 34-foot airborne

tower and constructing a rope bridge.

Students are divided into platoon-size groups and then are further divided into smaller squads. The conditioning course and construction of a rope bridge are timed events with platoons competing against one another.

Fee added that the events inspired team-building between everyone.

"It was one of the best things about the weekend, and everyone should experience it. You don't know what you're missing. No matter where you go, you have to learn to work with and rely on other people," said Fee. "This prepares you for your life and job. They should make this (ROTC) a requirement for everyone."

Unit cohesion was encouraged even more, because everyone, even the freshmen, wore camouflage/BDU (Battle Dress Uniforms) to get them more into the military mode.

Traditionally, only upperclassmen wore the camouflage uniform.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Gray, the new professor of Military Science, said the reason for the change from past years is that

wearing a uniform helps foster a team atmosphere.

"Put everyone in BDUs," said Gray. "The football team has a uniform. The tennis team has a uniform. This is the ROTC team. Everybody's on the team. Let's get everybody on the team in uniform."

Not only did the cadets get to wear Army uniforms and participate in physically challenging activities, they also had a chance to eat Army food. Students had the

opportunity to eat in an Army dining facility, and some were surprised at the setting.

cation. "They were amazed at how nice it was."

The group of students and instructors returned on Sunday morning. Jana Rudrud, a junior biology major, said one of the best things about the weekend's events was meeting new friends.

"It was really neat to see the students come together," said Rudrud. "Some of them even went out after we got back. This (weekend) was the most fabulous time of my life."

"This weekend was the most fabulous of my life."

- Jana Rudrud



A cadet executes a rappel off a helicopter skid from 55 feet at Fort McCoy. (Submitted Photo)

Encore home to Battle of the Bands

By Ethan Meyer
FEATURES REPORTER

A thunderous battle took place at the Encore on Friday. Nobody was hurt in this battle, but many music lovers were pleased to hear some local talent fight it out to play for pay later in the year.

Kicking off the Battle of the Bands was Thrillhammer, followed by a local high school band named Dunkey.

The Plasmic Style Coalition worked the crowd with an intriguing mix of instrumental rock and

Myriad Shades finished things up.

The Plasmic Style Coalition went home the winners although all the bands put on a good show.

Judge Steve Schoemer said of The Plasmic Style Coalition that "They had great musical talent."

Chris Keller called them "A free form improv band."

As a whole, all of the bands were impressed with how easy it was to work with Centertainment Productions. They also expressed their gratitude for the relative simplicity in terms of getting in and out.

The bands were graded by such criteria as time limit, audience reaction, complexity of music, and bias of the judges (among other things).

Upon interview, Dawn Schlund (coordinator of the event) said "I am super happy with the turnout. All of the bands were good."

Everyone agreed that the turnout this year was good. Ninety-eight students and 53 non-students were in attendance. The total was just under that of last year.

The Plasmic Style Coalition won a \$100 contract to play next semester at the Encore.

Billy McLaughlin to play at UW-SP

Guitar virtuoso brings particular style to stage

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

His music has been described as new age, folk rock and acoustic guitar, but feel free to create your own definition of Billy McLaughlin's sound during his upcoming Encore performance.

"He's got a good following in this area," said Ben Selle, Concerts Coordinator for Centertainment Productions.

McLaughlin has toured with Willy Porter, another past performer at Point, and currently has a CD out called Finger Dance.

The Minnesota Music Academy gave McLaughlin the award for Acoustic Guitarist of the Year.

A two-time UW-Stevens Point performer, his encore viewing audience can judge the UC Information Desk.



for themselves if he deserves that award which he has been practicing for since childhood, when he was first introduced to music, said Selle.

The nationally known artist is currently on a tour of the midwest, gaining rising popularity since the 1993 release of his first solo album titled Inhale Pink.

McLaughlin has several other solo and group albums.

"Try to see him because he's very entertaining," said Selle, "His music touched home with a lot of people."

Tickets for McLaughlin's October 23 show can be picked up at

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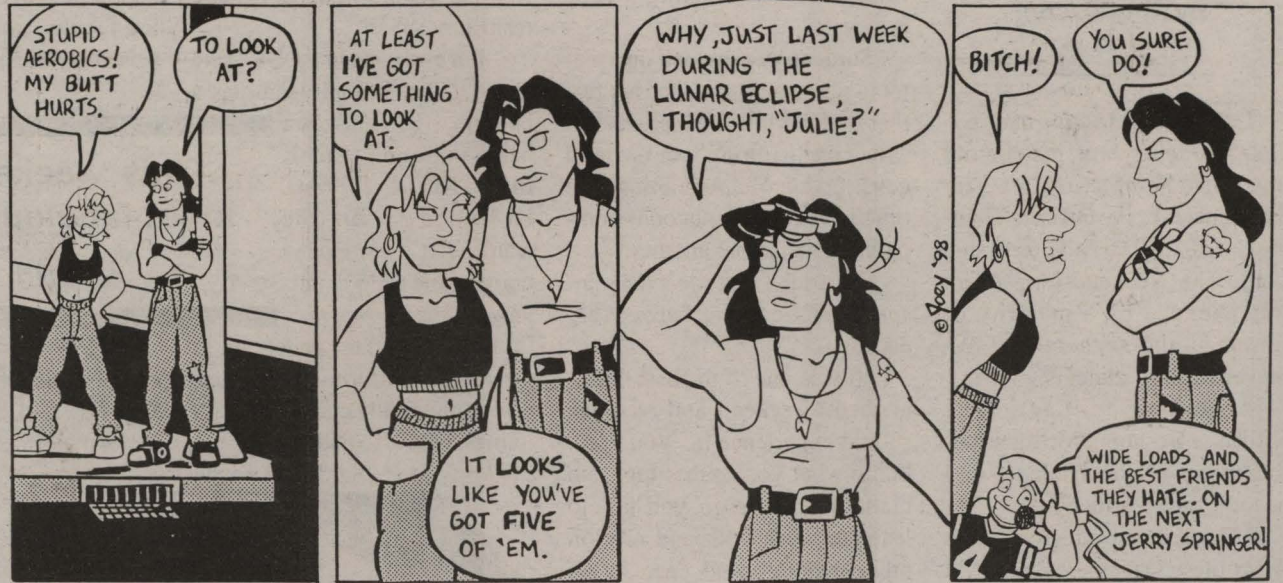
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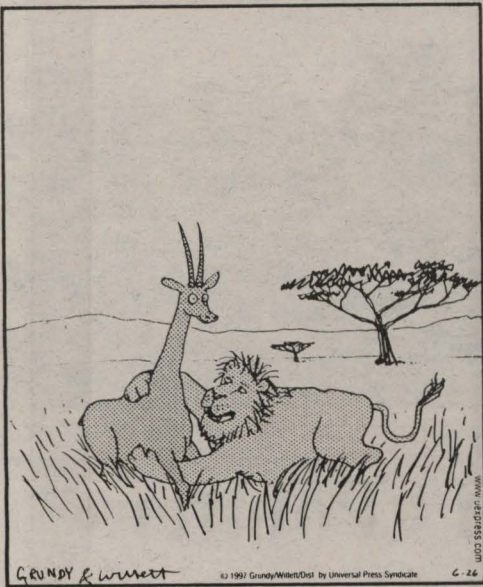
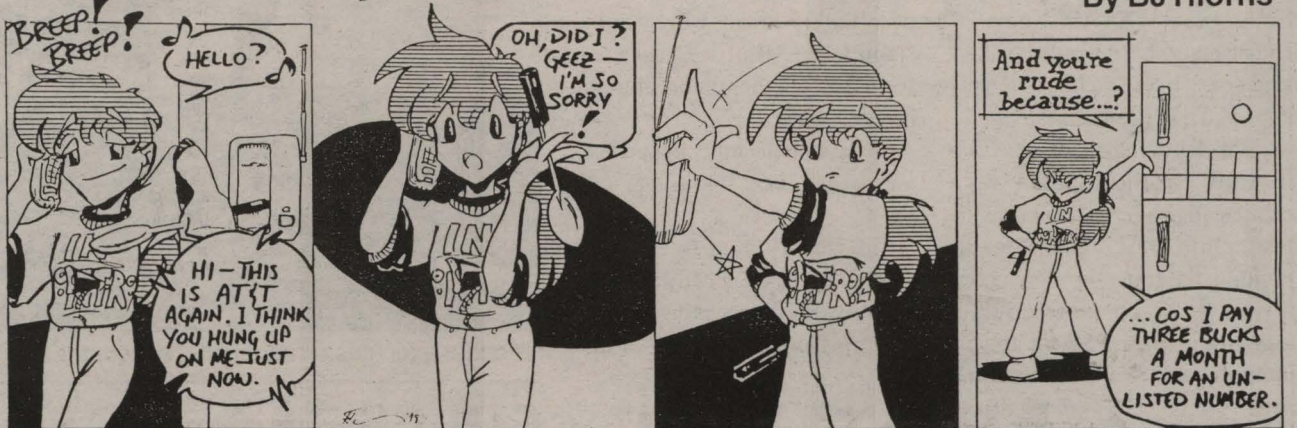
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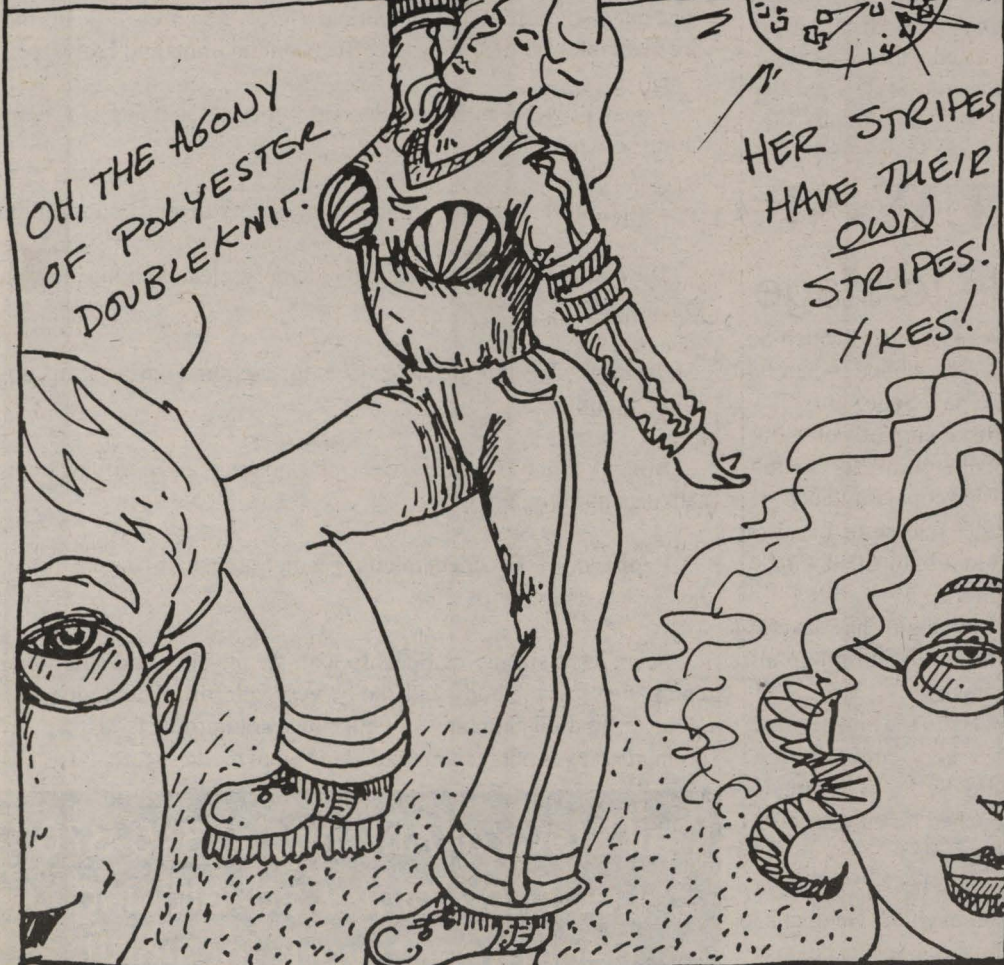
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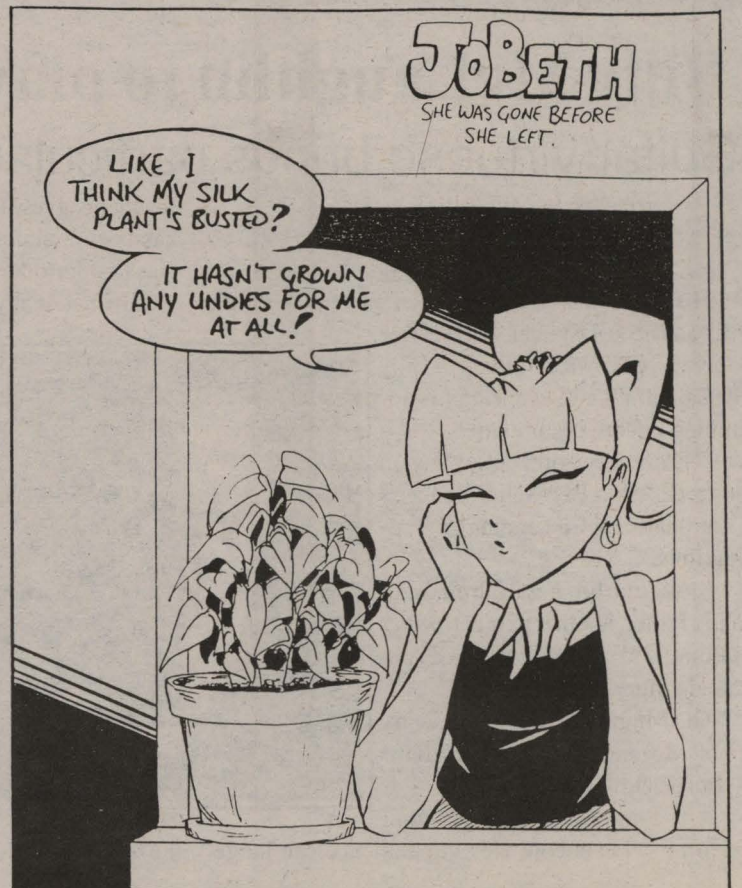
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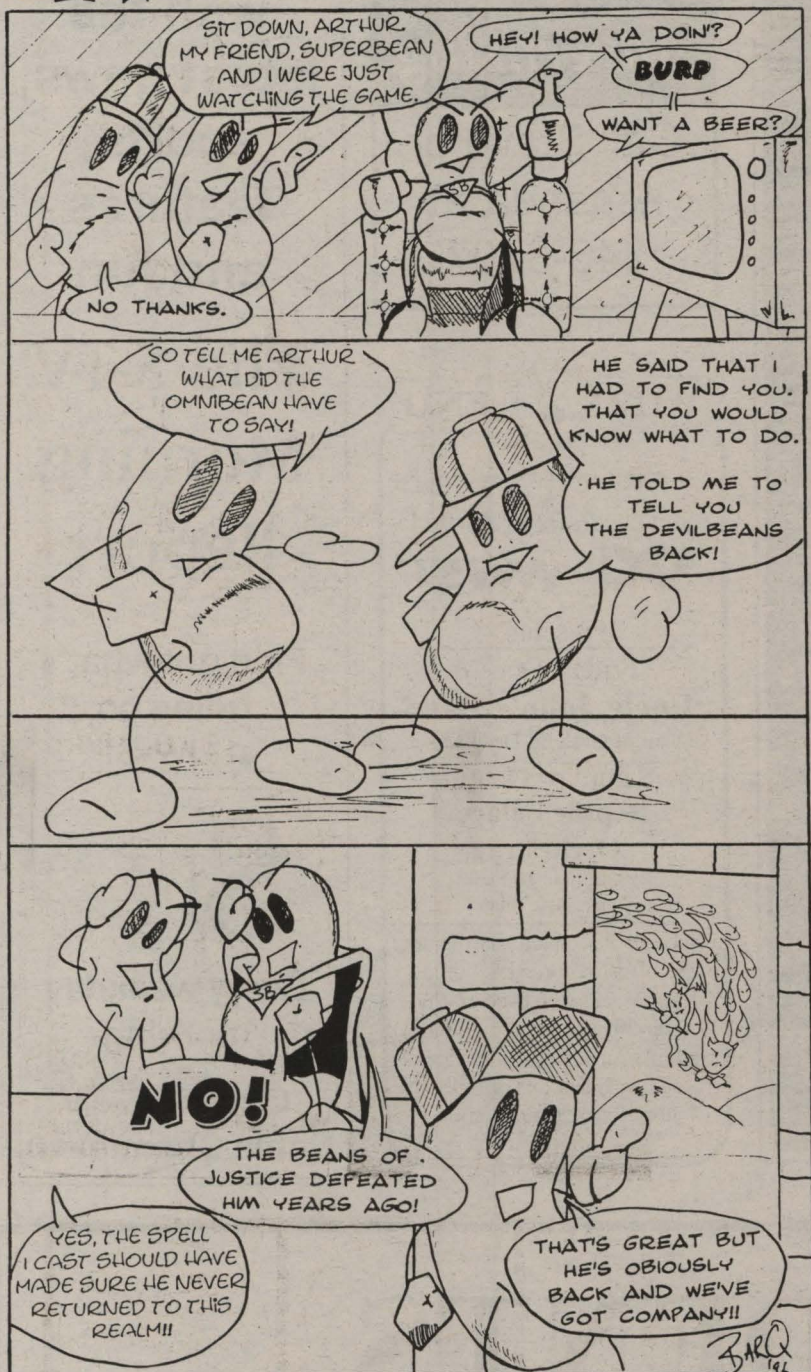
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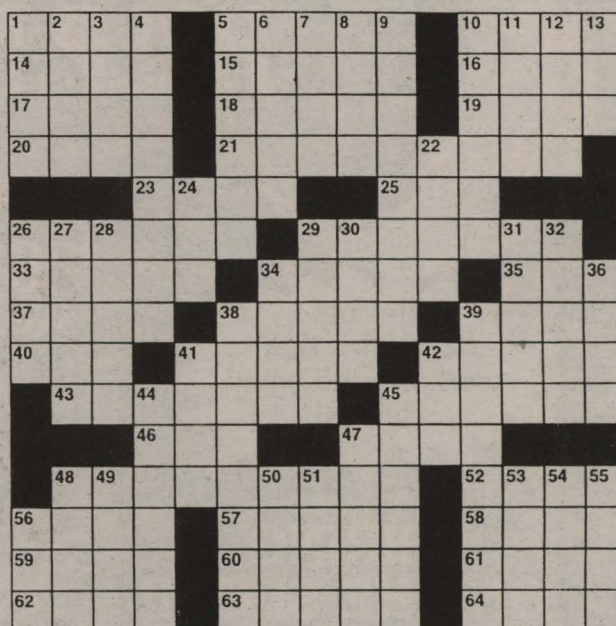
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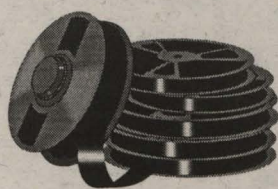
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Story makes *Rounders* worth another round



By Nick Katzmarek
FILM CRITIC

One of the unfortunate consequences of living in a small town is that we typically have to wait for movies to come here. Such was the case with "Rounders," and my friends and I jumped at the chance to see this one.

Hyped as a character driven movie, "Rounders" piqued my curiosity from the start, as all movies that place plot beneath character are almost always worth critical attention.

Basically, the plot boils down to a blurry copy of "Good Will Hunting." Matt Damon plays Mike McDermott, a nobody who happens to be amazing at one skill (sound familiar yet?). In this movie, he is a poker genius cum lawyer that fought his way out of the depths of gambling depravity.

Somehow, he gets hooked up with Jo, played by Gretchen Mol, and she does a good job playing a nagging ninny that really does a good job of, well, ticking off the audience.

Then an old friend named Worm (Edward Norton) is released from prison for fraud, and quickly, Mike's world is flipped upside down.

Worm is sunk deep in debt and Mike is forced to come to his aid. This is where the film gets interesting, as Mike has to decide exactly how to help his friend without alienating his wife.

Another character that bears mentioning is Teddy KGB, played by John Malcovich with the thickest Russian accent you've ever heard on screen.

This film was an interesting watch. I found myself drawn into the story and for once was not concerned with the subversion of character to plot. It's a winner that deserves your attention.

Rating:



Rentals

Tremors

(1990, 90 min)

If you're at all like me, there are times when all you want to do is throw in an entertaining movie and sit back with a big bowl of popcorn and a giant soda and immerse yourself in the world of escapist fiction.

If that's the case, then this movie is perfect for those rainy Wednesday nights.

Tremors features performances by Kevin Bacon and Fred Ward as the main characters and Reba McEntire and Michael Gross (remember "Family Ties"?) in supporting roles.

It's your typical monster movie, but it's well directed and has a unique script and premise.

At a PG-13 rating, you won't get the blood and gore we've grown to expect from Hollywood monster films, but you'll get much better acting and direction than you will from a movie like Halloween H20. Check it out.

-Nick Katzmarek

"Ice" is *Hard to Swallow*



Vanilla Ice
"Hard to Swallow"



By Steve Schoemer
MUSIC CRITIC

He's back, he's bad-- in fact, he's really bad.

As if "Ice Ice Baby" wasn't enough, Vanilla Ice is attempting yet another comeback with his latest album "Hard to Swallow."

However, this album is nothing like the old Vanilla Ice we all once knew and loved.

Judging from the lyrics, Rob Van Winkle is no longer a horny pretty boy. It seems Van Winkle is now a horny, pot smoking hard ass with an attitude.

Van Winkle sounds like he is absolutely furious at the world for making so much fun of him all those years ago.

Various song titles include "The Horny Song" and "(expletive) Me." The lyrics are full of rage and filled to the brim with profanity. This guy is cussing and swearing his way to hell all in one album!

The sound itself is very hard-core. It sounds like a cross between Cypress Hill and Rage Against the Machine (at least he didn't rip off Queen again). The guitar, keyboard and drums by themselves, at times, make for a halfway decent listen until Van Winkle starts ranting and raving like a little kid having a temper tantrum.

If you are intensely into hard-core hip hop, maybe this album is for you. Then again, if all you want is a dumb laugh, this album is probably for you.

In my opinion, however, this album is not even worth the 60 minutes it took me to listen to it. Sounds to me like it's just a feeble attempt to save a reputation that destroyed itself.

I realize that many of you reading this are probably thinking that I am going pretty hard on Van Winkle, but I can honestly say this album is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard in my life.



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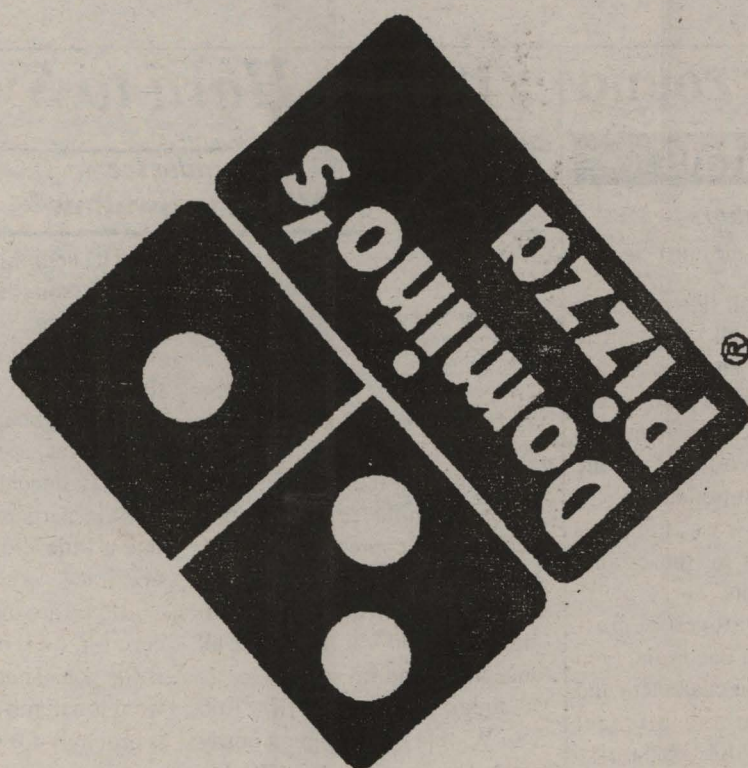
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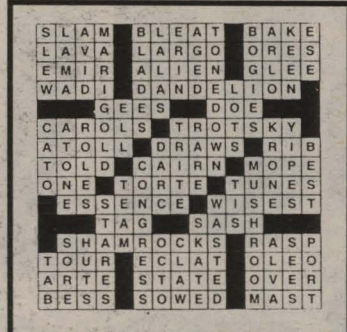
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