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UW-SP student allegedly shoots two teenagers

20-year-old Hager faces felony charges for Friday morning altercation

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A UW-Stevens Point student is free on \$10,000 bond after he allegedly shot two Rosholt teenagers in an early morning altercation last week.



Hager

Mark Hager, 20, of 1417 Fourth Avenue is charged with three felony

counts after an act of vandalism apparently led to the shooting around 1:47 a.m. Friday.

If convicted on the two counts of injury by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon and a single count of reckless use of a weapon, Hager faces up to six years in jail and/or a \$30,000 fine.

According to the criminal complaint, the two 17-year-old Rosholt teenagers and three others were in a car on the 800 block of Prentice St. when the altercation began.

Hager, who was walking northbound on Prentice

St. with two other males, kicked the car and an argument ensued with the car's occupants, the complaint said.

The altercation then moved toward Hager's residence, where the student went inside and returned with a hockey stick. He went back into the house and got a 12-gauge shotgun, the complaint said.

A witness stated when Hager went into the house the second time, the group that was originally in the car started heading back to

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A UW-SP student, who is free on bond, allegedly shot two Rosholt teenagers outside his residence at 1417 Fourth Avenue. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin).

Halverson, Nelson win uncontested SGA race

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Just 321 students decided who would be the two top leaders of the Student Government Association.

The body held its annual elections last week and Andrew Halverson and Ryann Nelson were elected as president and vice president, respectively, in the uncontested race.

"The turnout was disappointing," SGA Vice President Jeffrey Buhrandt said. "We were expecting more with the on-line voting."

"I hope students understand that 321 students decided how a million dollars



Halverson and Nelson (left) were elected to become the next SGA President and Vice-President. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin).

of their money will be spent."

Seventeen senators from the four separate colleges were also elected to one year terms.

Buhrandt (124), Jeremy Ames (112), Judy Birschbach (88), Dana Manske (106), Steve Vig

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Fire destroys building

Two UW-Stevens Point students were left without a place to stay after a fire destroyed a Plover apartment complex they lived in.

Linda Armstrong and Rhonda Wells were not injured when the Hidden Cove Apartments, 270 Oakwood Ave., started on fire early Sunday morning.

When the Plover Fire Department responded to the 1:36 a.m. fire call, the front entrance and roof were engulfed in flames.

All of the occupants are either staying with relatives, in motels or out of town.

Damage was estimated at \$300,000.

UW-SP students could see 5% increase next two years

By Mike Beacom
MANAGING EDITOR

It's likely UW-Stevens Point students will be shelling out more cash to go to class next year.

A proposed five percent increase is likely for the 1999-00 and 2000-01 school years. The increase stems from the state's de-

sire to increase faculty pay and other planned projects including updating UW-System library facilities.

The increase will depend heavily on how much of a salary increase faculty will receive.

UW-SP Chancellor Tom George feels the General Project Revenue should pick up some of the raise, but is unsure how much of it, if any.

"Ideally, we would like the 5.2 percent increase for the next two years and have the state fund it entirely," said George. "Realistically it will not happen and it will be partially funded by tuition dollars."

Some UW-SP students agree that although the tuition jump may be

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State agents arrest student suspected of making fake IDs

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A 19-year-old UW-Stevens Point student may face felony charges after he was arrested last week in a raid by state and local law enforcement.

The student, a freshman from Greenville, allegedly made false Wisconsin driver's licenses in his room. If charged with a felony and convicted, he faces penalties of three years in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

State Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agents and officers from the Stevens Point Police Department raided the student's fourth floor room in Steiner Hall

last Tuesday morning, March 30.

The student will be tried in Portage County courts, Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Section Chief James Jenkins said.

Officials are becoming more aggressive against manufacturing fake IDs, Jenkins said.

UW-SP isn't the only campus being targeted by agents. Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agents are also investigating other college campuses in the state, he said.

Students at other UW-System schools have been charged with manufacturing fake IDs. The agency has had previous cases at UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh, Jensen said.

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THE POINTER POLL

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

What is your opinion of the NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia?



Becky Post
JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"I think if we got more international support it would help our image. But it's right, we're stopping another holocaust."



Cary Semsar
SOPHOMORE, FORESTRY

"What NATO is doing is the wiser of two evils."



Andrew Bushard
SOPHOMORE, SOCIOLOGY

"Strongly against. It's wrong to counteract violence with violence."



Meryl Lee Nelson
FOREIGN STUDENT OFFICE

"It was inevitable given Milosovich's assault against Kosovo and NATO/UN's opposition to the attacks."

Supreme Court to hear Southworth case

By Jeff Buhandt
NEWS REPORTER

The United States Supreme Court decided last week to hear the UW-Systems appeal in the Southworth case. The issue at hand in the case is the use of segregated fees.

A group of UW-Madison students, led by Scott Southworth, sued the university for using their segregated fees to support student organizations they were ideologically opposed to.

The organizations in question included the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Center, Amnesty International, The Wisconsin Greens and the Black Student Union.

As the case has progressed through the courts, the students have won every decision. At each step, the UW-System has continued to appeal the previous decision.

Throughout the nation, there are many similar cases dealing with the use of segregated fees. While the UW-Madison students have won decisions up to this point, other students suing universities in Oregon and New York have lost their cases.

"The Supreme Court has to hear the Southworth case in order to set a national precedent," said UW-Stevens Point SGA President Michael Snyder. "The issue of segregated fees for ideological purposes must be settled

at a nation level."

In Wisconsin, unlike the other states mentioned, state statute 36.09(5) gives the power of segregated fee allocation to elected student governments representatives. Some students believe that the decision of the court will have a definite effect on how this state law is carried out.

"If the court upholds the latest decision, we at UW-SP will have to change our whole student organization funding procedure," said Clint Wos, SGA Budget Director.

Although the court has placed the case on its docket, no official date has been set for the Southworth case to be heard.

Campus



Thursday, April 1

- The Stevens Point Police Department was called to assist with an individual who refused to show an ID in the Fine Arts Building.

- A false fire alarm was reported in Neale Hall. The Stevens Point Fire Department was called.

- Protective Services received a report of a fight in the basement stairwell in the Science Building, between the two lecture halls. Persons involved left, but there was blood that needed to be cleaned up.

Friday, April 2

- A student reported a fight was going on in Neale Hall. The Stevens Point Police Department was called to the hall. The individual involved did not wish to file a complaint.

- A CA in Knutzen Hall reported problems with students found to have alcohol in their possession.

Saturday, April 3

- A work order was requested for a Code Blue phone, located east of the Science Building.

- The possibility of marijuana was reported on the first floor of South Hall.

Sunday, April 4

- A Steiner Hall CA reported a problem in a bathroom.

- A nonresident complained of music being played too loudly. The student agreed to turn down his stereo.

Monday, April 5

- A fire alarm was activated in Baldwin Hall for unknown reasons. The Stevens Point Fire Department and an electrician was contacted.

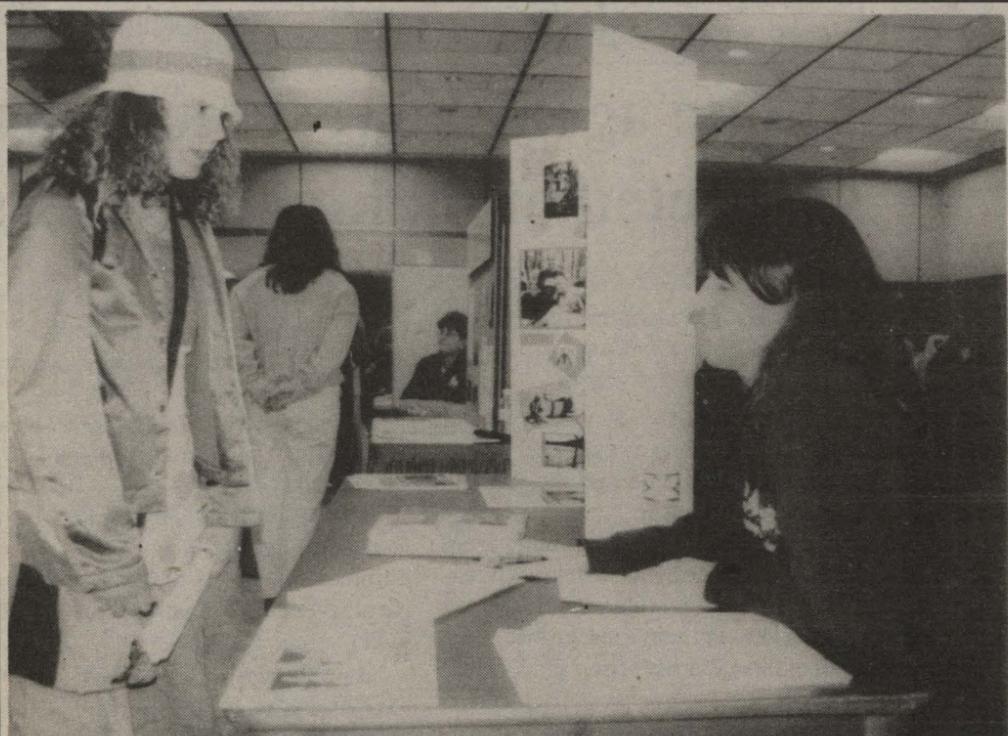
- An officer conducted a community first aid and safety class for four Pray/Sims students.

- A call was made to security of an unidentified male exposing himself to a female resident of South Hall. Nobody was present when officers arrived.

Tuesday, April 6

- Residents in Neale Hall reported their room has been receiving hang-up calls.

Looking for the perfect summer job



UW-SP student Aimee Strebeg talks to Camp Web director Michelle Drake at the Summer Job Fair held Wednesday in the Laird Room. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

Anderson gets 15 months for probation violation

Former student was arrested for federal aid fraud

By Ethan Meyer
NEWS REPORTER

Former UW-Stevens Point student Derek Anderson will spend 15 months in Adams County Jail for two probation violations noted during the January investigation of his alleged fraudulent misuse of financial aid.

As part of the investigation into Anderson receiving of more than \$1,500 dollars in Pell Grants to attend UW-Whitewater, Protective Services discovered alcoholic beverages in his room and fraudulent parking passes he was making on his computer.

At the time of the January ar-

rest, Anderson was on probation for a burglary conviction in 1988.

When asked if he was aware of Anderson's probation status before the time of the investigation, Protective Services Director Don Burling said, "We were not aware that he was on parole because he was only here for a short time during winterim."

"The state parole office will notify us if they are going to attend here," said Burling. "The officers supply various background about the subjects and we work with them to see that violations are noted."

Anderson applied for a Pell Grant at UW-SP and it was granted, but was apprehended before collecting the money.

Anderson is still awaiting trial in Milwaukee for supplying false information while trying to obtain grants to attend UW-Whitewater.

THE LATEST SCOOP

WORLD NEWS

YUGOSLAVIA

• NATO claimed Wednesday it had achieved a "major breakthrough" against Serb ground forces in Kosovo by hitting an armored column involved in the crackdown against ethnic Albanians in the Serb province. Air Commander David Wilby said the last round of airstrikes had hit 28 fixed-targets areas, including an armored convoy of between seven and 12 armored vehicles.

OTTAWA

• A former employee of Ottawa's transport agency killed four people at the city's main bus garage Tuesday, and then shot himself with his high-powered rifle, police said. The attacker opened fire with a .306-caliber rifle in mid-afternoon in a garage housing about 500 buses. According to members of the transit workers union, the former stockroom employee had chronic mental problems.

JAKARTA

• Ethnic and religious clashes killed up to 15 people in two strife-ridden areas of Indonesia Wednesday. Fighting between Christians and Muslims also claimed 12 lives on Tuesday, increasing the total number of people killed to almost 300.

NATIONAL NEWS

LOS ANGELES

• Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji arrived in Washington Wednesday on a major fence-mending mission as President Clinton warned U.S. politicians not to turn China into a "communist dragon" and trigger a dangerous new Cold War. Zhu defended China's stand on human rights, trade and allegations of nuclear spying and said that the current problems threatening Sino-U.S. relations are only minor irritants in a long friendship.

WASHINGTON

• The first hot-air balloonists to circle the world nonstop picked up their \$1 million prize Wednesday at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, where parts of their aircraft will soon be on display. Pilot Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain, who received the record last month with an almost 20-day journey over more than 30 countries, accepted the check on behalf of their Breitling Orbiter 3 team.

WASHINGTON

• U.S. nuclear weapons research laboratories suspended work at computers holding highly-classified material to try to improve security amid allegations China stole secrets, the Energy Department said Wednesday. Three U.S. nuclear laboratories - Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia - took the step toward improving computer security jointly. Key members of Congress have said they supported the recent lab security steps.

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

MILWAUKEE

• Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson defeated lawyer Sharren Rose in the most costly Supreme Court race in state history. Abrahamson was elected to a third 10-year term Tuesday, and faces the complicated task of reuniting a divided court.

MILWAUKEE

• Wisconsin's lottery tax credit passed on Tuesday, backed by 86 percent of state voters and opposed by 14 percent. The change exempts the lottery credit from normal state tax laws so it can be offered only to property owners living in Wisconsin.

MADISON

• Mayor Sue Bauman won re-election with 80 percent of the vote on Tuesday, defeating challenger Eugene Parks. Bauman became the city's first female mayor two years ago and has won another four-year term.

SGA: Voter turnout low in second election

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(86), Kaylyn Jennik (103), Jesse Reschke (107), Joe Olson (114) and Michael Roth (102) were all chosen as senators for the College of Letters and Science.

Dana Churness (31) and Frank Heider (24) were elected from the College of Natural Resources and Kevin Reese (32) and Cathy Huneke (34) were tabbed as senators for the College of Professional Studies.

Chris Keller (47), James Lamont (43), Kira James (43) and Rocky Lange (35) were elected from the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

The election was the second in a month for SGA, who had to shut down the first election after a bug was found in the on-line voting.

Buhrandt said having to hold the election over again probably hurt voter turnout the second time around.

"It definitely hurt our credibility that we had to do the elections over again," he said. "I think maybe there was some confusion too. Students may have thought they voted once and didn't have to vote again."

1999-2000 SGA Elected Body

—President & Vice-President—
Andrew Halverson & Ryann Nelson

—CNR Senators—

Dana Churness

Fred Heider

—COFAC Senators—

Chris Keller

James Lamont

Kira James

Rocky Lange

—COPS Senators—

Kevin Reese

Cathy Huneke

—L&S Senators—

Jeff Buhrandt

Jeremy Ames

Judy Birschbach

Sabrina Johnson

Dana Manske

Steve Vig

Kaylyn Jennik

Jesse Reschke

Joe Olson

Michael Roth

Mayor Wescott back for four more years

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stevens Point Mayor Gary Wescott will remain in office into the next millennium. The incumbent was elected to his second term Tuesday in an unopposed race.

Wescott, who received 1,739 votes, was the first mayor to run in an unopposed race in 30 years. The last was Paul Borham.

Wescott said the reconstruction of Highway 10 and the cable franchise renewal are two of the major projects facing Stevens Point in the coming years.

He said he will work to keep city taxes low. The city's tax rate has been frozen for the last three years.

Six Stevens Point aldermen were also re-elected in unopposed races.

Bernice Sevenich (1st Ward), Perry Pazdernik (3rd Ward), John Kedrowski (5th Ward), Elbert Rackow (7th Ward), Neal Nealis (9th Ward) and Joe Niedbalski (11th Ward) will all serve another term as aldermen.

In the village of Plover, challenger Ken Shibilski edged incumbent Meg Erler by 40 votes, 763 to 723.

Committee to hear students' views

The state Joint Finance Committee will hold a public hearing Tuesday, April 13 in the Alumni Room of the University Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

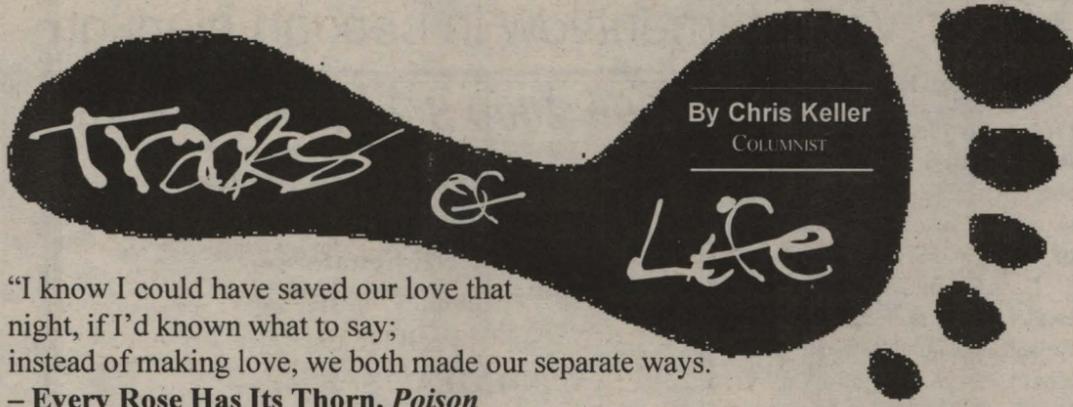
Students will be able to testify to the committee at the hearing or through writing and share their views on several issues, including tuition flexibility and advising and library funds.

Angie Gonzalez, SGA legislative issues director, said students should wear blue to show support for higher education.

Taking advantage of a spring afternoon



A class basked in the spring sunshine Wednesday by holding lecture in the Sundial. (Photo by Douglas Olson)



By Chris Keller
COLUMNIST

"I know I could have saved our love that night, if I'd known what to say; instead of making love, we both made our separate ways."
— Every Rose Has Its Thorn, *Poison*

Webster's Dictionary defines regret as feeling sorry about an act or an event. I've come to prefer another meaning for the word.

I think of regret as having the memory of your mistakes played on a television screen day after day, night after night.

No matter what you do to avoid seeing a mistake you made, or a choice you didn't, nothing can take that pain away from you.

We've all been given the gift of free will. In all its unpredictable wonder, it offers us path upon path for our feet to march down. And according to the plans laid-out long ago, not one person on this earth has a guidebook or a map; basically we make it

up as we go along. Five weeks ago, I could have used a map. Entering into unknown territory, I made the worst mistake of my life. Now, I find myself lost in a sea of how's and why's and what if's, struggling to stay above water, trying to find a way home to familiar ground.

My days consist of finding small ways to pass the time; my nights are a torturous hell, as my past is played out time and time again inside my cluttered head. Whoever said, "You can't live in the past," couldn't have lived a lot, because it's nearly impossible not to think back and want to change so much.

Given a chance, I feel that now, after losing my way, I finally have the tools necessary to complete my journey. However, it

seems as though the path is gone forever.

For the past 23 years, I have tried to live by one simple creed, "Live everyday so that one day, when I'm old and gray, I won't be able to say, I wish I..." For the most part, I have attained that goal, but that came to an end five weeks ago.

Hell hath no fury like a sleepless night trying to find comfort in memories and irrational thought. The path I have chosen leaves me alone and cold, reaching for a hand, only to be stabbed by spears of the mistakes I have made.

If nothing I have written this year has made you think, please take this to heart. Play this game so very carefully. Think your actions through before it's too late.

Brewers can't compete without revenue sharing

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Monday night's Opening Day victory over the playoff contending St. Louis Cardinals may have boosted the hopes of some eternally-optimistic Milwaukee Brewers fans.

It's too bad that over the remaining 161 games, things won't go as well for the Brew Crew. But it's not entirely General Manager Sal Bando or Manager Phil Gardner who should be blamed if and when the Brewers complete another sub-.500 season.

While almost everyone knows the team Milwaukee puts on the field everyday doesn't compare with baseball's superpowers like the New York Yankees and the Atlanta Braves, who knows what would happen if all 30 teams competed on a level playing field financially.

Milwaukee's payroll for this season stands just below \$40 million while the Yankees, Dodgers and Orioles all have payrolls over \$80 million. Now obviously the owners of these three teams have deeper pockets, but television dollars have a lot to do with it.

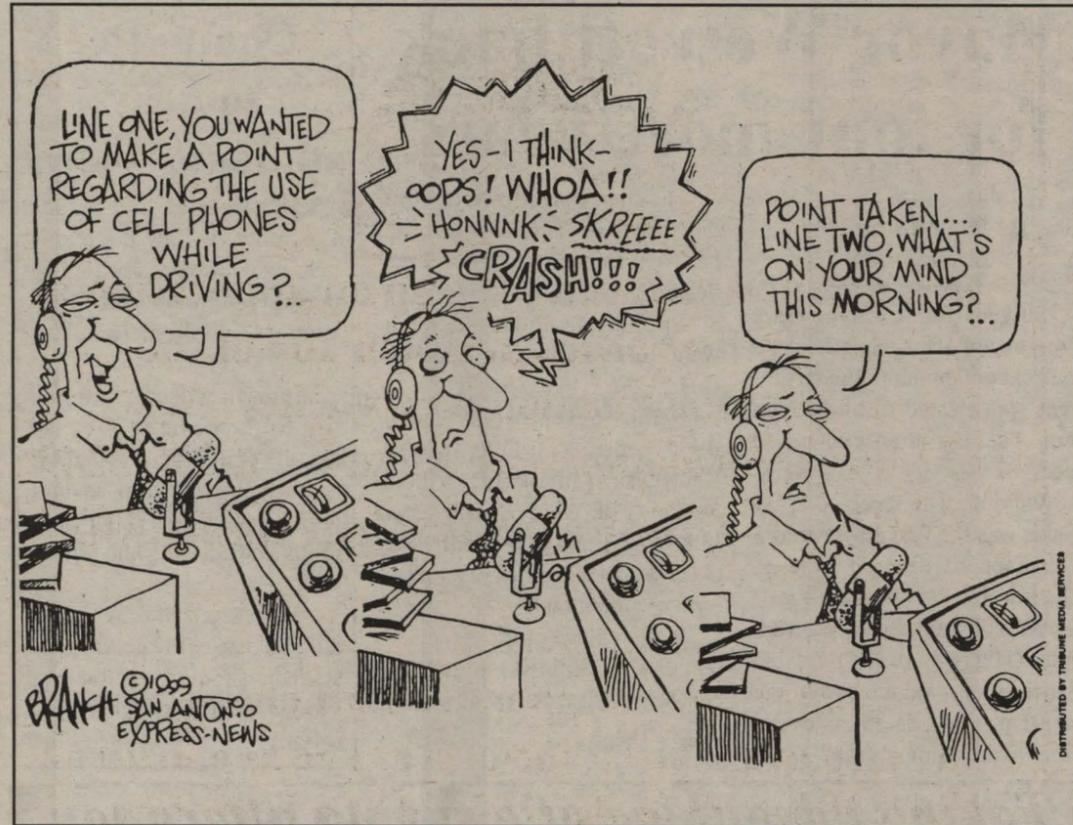
In the National Football League, the Green Bay Packers can compete and beat teams from big markets like New York and Chicago because television revenues are split evenly between all 30 teams. Without it, the Packers probably wouldn't be playing in Green Bay, much less exist as a franchise.

The discrepancy in baseball television and radio revenues are amazing.

The Brewers receive a few million dollars from WTMJ-AM, who carries the games on the radio, and about the same from Midwest Sports Channel. In comparison, the Chicago Cubs receive over \$20 million from their TV rights and at least \$10 million for radio rights.

Owners agreed to a luxury tax on payrolls during the last labor deal, but obviously that isn't working. Teams like the Brewers, Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins still get the short end of the stick.

Obviously any kind of revenue sharing will be a tough sell to owners like George Steinbrenner, Rupert Murdoch, Ted Turner and Peter Angelos. But the future of competitive baseball may rest in their wallets because nobody wants the same teams to win every year.



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From the Editor's desk



Dropping writing emphasis credits will hurt students

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It looks like everything comes down to the almighty dollar. That's about the only way to explain the Academic Affairs Committee's decision on the writing emphasis proposal.

The idea, which will likely go in front of the Faculty Senate before the school year is done, proposes a reduction in the amount of writing emphasis credits each student needs to graduate. If approved, students would only need three writing emphasis credits instead of the current requirement of six.

Everyone I've talked to said writing skills are essential for any job. If employees can't communicate effectively in the workplace, success is unlikely.

Obviously, the degree of written communication varies depending on the career. Getting the message across is extremely important for a journalist, otherwise readers can become confused. While a scientist doesn't write as often, explaining an experiment, a new formula or equation is done through writing. If those people can't write effectively, the message could be lost.

But if this proposal goes through, students who enroll in the fall 2000-01 semester would have their writing emphasis courses cut in half. That means less instruction on the proper ways to write and less practice writing (and practice makes perfect).

With all of the above evidence, why would this proposal not seem idiotic? Well, it all comes back to money.

As stated in the proposal, it will cost UW-Stevens Point about \$1.5 million in personnel dollars to take care of a bottleneck of writing emphasis courses.

Yes, the almighty dollar. Obviously money is tight in these quarters, especially after the proposed state budget was released earlier this year. Students already face a five percent tuition increase next year, which will push costs up into the \$1,600 per semester range.

There's no question administrators have some tough choices ahead of them to keep the quality of education high and tuition costs low. But cutting the requirements to an essential element of every student's career - writing - is not the way to do it.

Let's hope the Faculty Senate keeps the future of every student in mind and does the same thing it did last year - reject this absurd proposal.

Watch out for effects of overpopulation

Dear Editor:

Here's some food for thought. Earth's ability to sustain human existence has been surpassed. To understand this, the major events leading to human overpopulation must be understood.

Up to the discovery of the Americas, humans progressively increased the number of people the Earth could sustain by reducing the ability of other species to survive: a practice known as takeover.

After Europeans inundated the New World, takeover reached its limited potential and the process of drawdown (i.e. stealing

resources future generations will need) was instituted. This larceny increased the number of people the Earth could support, but only for a limited time.

energy reserves created by photosynthesis millions of years ago, does the Earth have the capacity for the current population to exist.

"We have placed the existence of the human race, now more than 90 percent dependent on fossil fuels and technology, on a knife's edge."

We have placed the existence of the human race, now more than 90 percent dependent on fossil fuels and technology, on a knife's edge. This blade of dependence is waiting to slice off the majority of human

To create a sustainable population, drawdown must be eliminated and our dependence on depletable natural resources curbed.

population, estimated to occur as early as 2025, when Earth's limited non-renewable resources will finally be dried up.

Only by draining the finite

- Peter Barwis
UW-SP student

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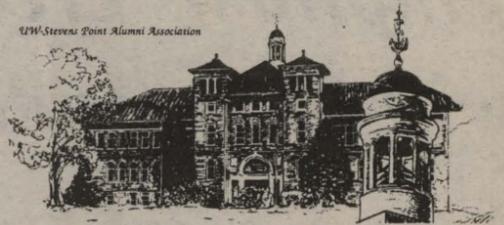


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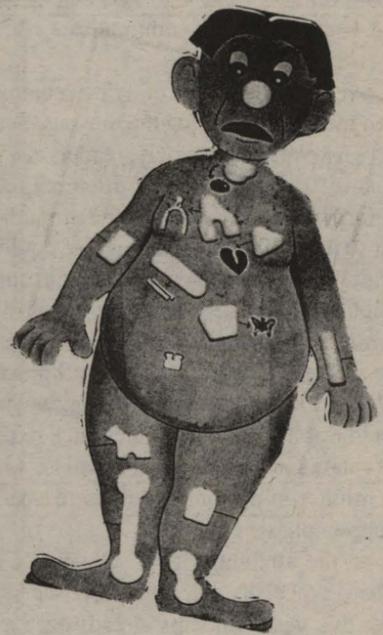
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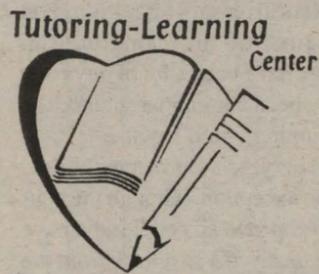
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STUDYING THE RIVER

By Matt "Bert" Ward
OUTDOORS EDITOR

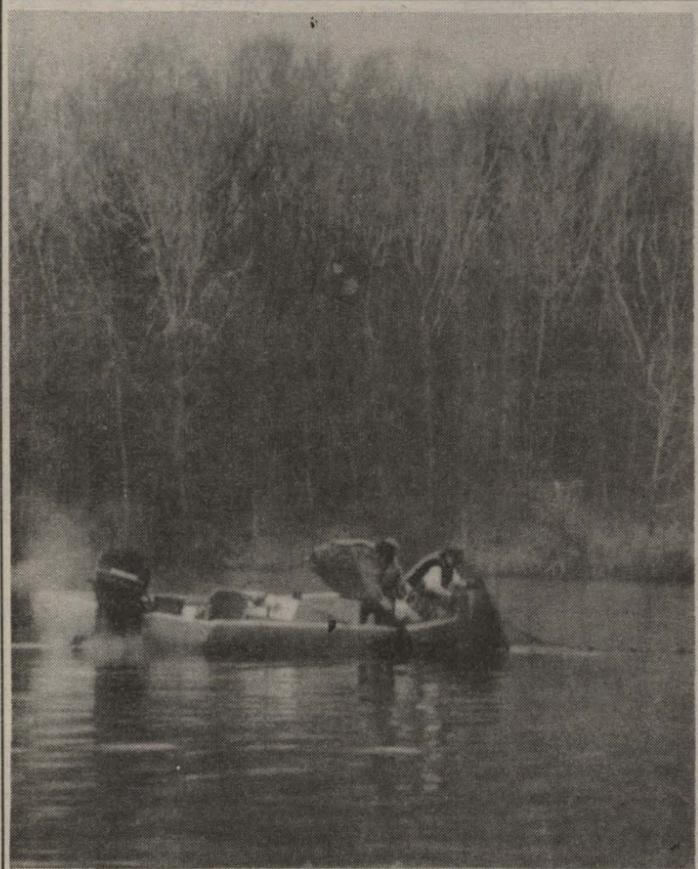
On Friday, April 16, the UW-Stevens Point student chapter of the American Fisheries Society will initiate a 10-day fishery research project on the Stevens Point Flowage. The body of water in question is located between the Lake Dubay dam and the Stevens Point dam located just south of the Highway 10 bridge in downtown Stevens Point.

This project was initiated in 1980 with the assistance of Fred Copes, a former professor of Biology at UW-SP, and was performed every spring until 1991. This year the fisheries society will pick up where they left off in 1991, with plans of continuing it every spring into the future. The goal of this assessment is to record the present species composition on the Stevens Point Flowage and observe the variations that occur in the species present, throughout time.

Ten fyke nets will be set and pulled daily by fisheries society members. These nets are entrapment devices intended to hold the fish for a 24-hour period, allowing students the time to measure and record each fish before releasing it. The most abundant species of fish that have been recorded in the previous years are yellow perch, walleye, black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike, bullhead, musky and bowfin.

Another goal of the project is to do a more in-depth assessment of the musky population present within this stretch of river. Every fall the 12 Apostles Musky Club contributes thousands of dollars in musky stocking efforts. Each stocked 9-11 inch fingerling is marked before its release and the society hopes to determine if these current stocking efforts are successful. The length and weight of each musky will be recorded, and scales will be taken to determine the approximate age of the fish.

With financial assistance from UW-SP Student Government Association, 12 Apostles Musky Club, the La Crosse Boot Company along with the use of the biology departments boats and the Black River Falls Department of Natural Resources fyke nets, the fisheries society will be able to further understand the fishery that lies in our backyard. For further information regarding this event please e-mail me at mward849@uwsp.edu.



Fyke nets will be used to assess the current fish populations which exist on the Wisconsin River. (Submitted photo)

Walleye tournament just a week away

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Later this month, the waters of the Wisconsin River around Stevens Point will come alive with hundreds of eager walleye anglers during the state-employee's 10th annual walleye tournament.

This is not your typical big-money, high pressure fishing tournament, but rather a unique social event, bringing folks from all corners of Wisconsin. The tournament is being organized by the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization, in particular, retired Stevens Point Police Sergeants Dennis Kohler and Tom Ness, in cooperation with local businesses.

The Stevens Point Parks, Premium Brands of Stevens Point, Cops Foods and others, all are in effort to enhance relationships between state employees.

"We wanted to get together to relax and exchange ideas between the different state, county and municipal agencies," said Kohler.

The fishing tournament that resulted from these efforts grew from rather humble beginnings, with as few as 15 teams participating in the first tournament in 1989. Since then, this event has blossomed into a popular tournament, with as many as 200 com-

petitors in recent years. "It's great because of the camaraderie. There have been a lot of guys that have been coming back since the beginning," said Ness.

This year's tournament should be no exception. Though the contest is open to all people who have ever received a paycheck from the state of Wisconsin, recent popularity of the event has forced organizers to limit the number of participants to 100 two-person teams.

Contestants will compete, not for money, but for trophies, which will go out to the 1st through 4th place heaviest total weight over the two days, and one trophy for the longest walleye.

The entry fee is \$65, which includes eligibility in the tourna-

ment, a banquet and a guaranteed door prize, ranging from hats to trolling motors.

Though the tournament is not designed to turn a profit, any proceeds are put back into the Stevens Point community, such as in the Big Brothers Big Sisters or the city parks department.

The tournament will be held on April 24 and 25 in the Wisconsin River between the Stevens Point and Lake Dubay dams. The tournament headquarters will be at the Franklin St. boat launch; however, participants can use other launches in the area.

If you would like to learn more about the tournament or are interested in participating contact Paul Kazmarek at the Stevens Point Police Dept.



Anglers participating in the tournament will be in pursuit of nice walleyes such as these. (Submitted photo)

DNR public hearings set for April 12
Turkey, bear and trout seasons to be discussed

Citizens across the state will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on a wide variety of proposed hunting and fishing rule changes during the 1999 Department of Natural Resources Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings that will be held in every county of the state on April 12.

The annual hearings are held simultaneously in each of the state's 72 counties in conjunction with the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' county meetings. All hearings will be held Monday, April 12, beginning at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Included in the proposed rule changes are re-authorizing the early catch-and-release trout season making it a permanent rule and allowing use and possession of barbed hooks during the early season. Other changes include reducing the bag limit and closing of most

statewide population at 180 animals. A state recovery plan initiated in 1989 set a goal for reclassifying the wolf from state endangered to threatened once the population remains at 80 or more for three consecutive years.

Another DNR question asks if citizens favor a statewide ban on shining wildlife from public roadways between September 1 and December 31. The shining question was on the 1998 hearing agenda and was approved by a 55 percent margin. This year's question seeks to reaffirm that vote.

Other questions will ask for opinion on establishing a mourning dove season, allowing use of telescopic sights on muzzle-loading rifles, prohibiting the sale of catfish, a limited hunt of sand hill cranes, a nine-day either-sex season for Mississippi River Block deer

"Spring hearings are one of our most important tools for measuring public thought on these issues. The results have great bearing on which issues move for final action"

—Al Phelan, meeting coordinator

waters to shovelnose sturgeon fishing, a variety of fisheries bag and size limit changes, permanent authority to close the Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing season as soon as 80 percent of allowable harvest is reached and earlier opening dates for the fall turkey and black bear seasons.

"Spring hearings are one of our most important tools for measuring public thought on these issues. The results have great bearing on which issues move on to the Natural Resources Board and then to the legislature for final action," Phelan said.

Among the statewide questions up for discussion and vote is changing the gray wolf, or timber wolf, from endangered to threatened status in Wisconsin. The most current wolf count estimates the

management units and establishment of an inseason harvest monitoring system for bobcat, otter and fisher to prevent over harvest.

"If you've ever wondered how we end up with the regulations that you see in the hunting or fishing regulation pamphlets you read each year, you should come to this meeting," said Tom Hauge, director of wildlife management for the DNR. "Public comments at these hearings are very important in determining if proposals will advance first to the Natural Resource Board for adoption and then to the legislature for approval before eventually becoming a regulation you'll read in future pamphlets." For more information contact Al Phelan at (608) 266-0580.

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Biology students headed to symposium

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Biology students study biology. While this is always true, Doug Post's Biology 100 students have taken an unusual approach to this end.

Post has assigned his students to do special projects. His students have broken into groups and are developing projects that students hope will make a difference on campus. One such group is learning about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Post and a group of seven students will attend a symposium at the Great Lakes Aquarium near Duluth, Minn. in the Wolf Ridge Environmental Center April 9-11.

The symposium will deal with the biology of Lake Superior.

Several universities from Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota will attend this conference to discuss things such as ecosystems ecology, issues of aquatic research, watershed theater, mapping global climate change, wilderness philosophy and many other topics pertaining to the Lake Superior ecosystem.

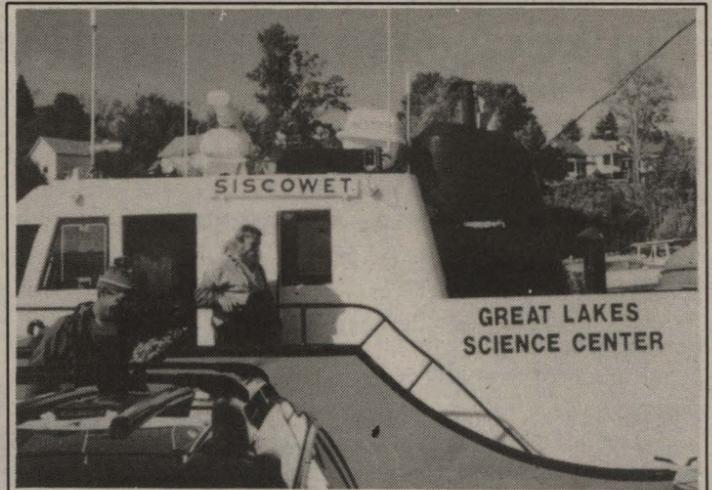
Student group members are interested in how scientists communicate their research to the general public.

"We've got a real interest in communicating with the community about biology," Post said. "We're talking about the biology of Lake Superior in a sense of taking the good science and making it understandable to the non-sci-

entist."

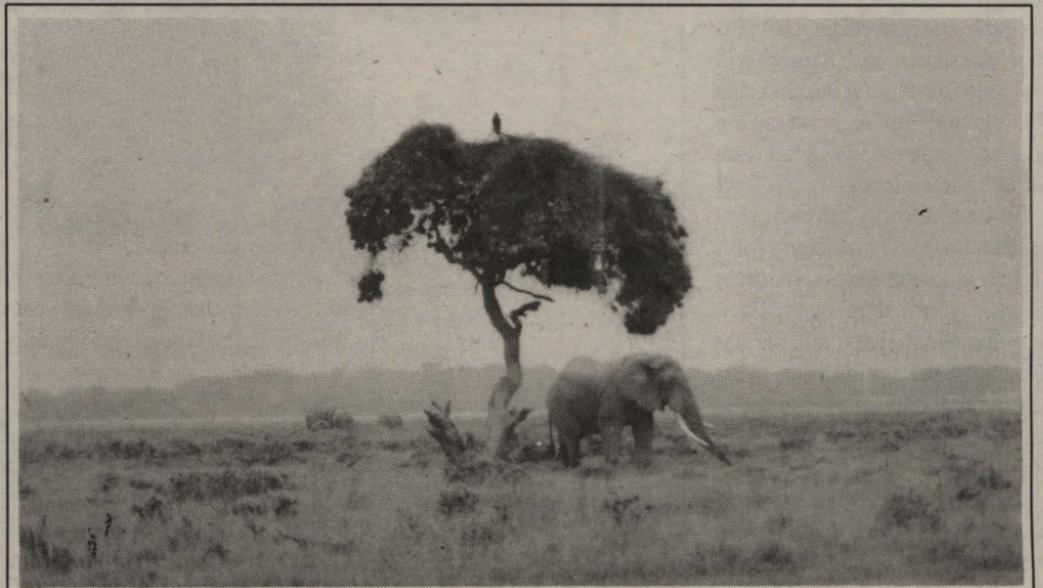
The group hopes to learn how to run a weekend symposium based on their experience at the Great Lakes symposium this weekend. The group then plans to put on their own Great Lakes symposium for area high school students next year. The group hopes that future Biology 100 classes will continue to produce these symposia.

"We're hoping this is something we can leave behind like the Eagle Walk," said Biology 100 student Jessica Flyte.



The Great Lakes Science Center is one of numerous vessels dedicated to researching the Great Lakes. (Submitted photo)

Traveling across Africa



An elephant stands on the savannah in Amboseli National Park in Kenya last August. (Photo by Jessica Carey)

Vending affects recycling

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

People on campus may notice a change the next time they go to buy pop, soda or whatever they want to call it. The reason for this is several new Pepsi vending machines have been installed on campus. The new machines feature 20-ounce plastic bottles and sell for 75 cents. The traditional machines sell 12-ounce aluminum cans that cost 50 cents.

The new machines are located in the UC, Science, Collins, Fine Arts, CNR, Quandt and the Maintenance buildings. "We're experimenting," said Jerry Lineberger, director of the University Centers. Lineberger said the new machines are being installed to follow a trend among the major soft-drink companies.

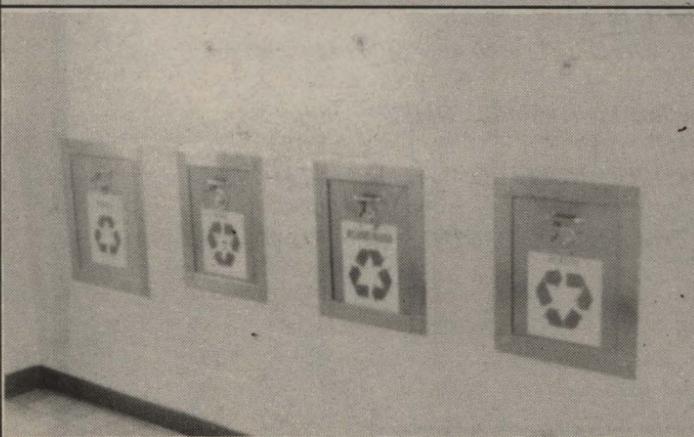
"Both Coke and Pepsi are moving toward 20-ounce bottles as their preferred source," Lineberger said. This change, however, will affect campus recycling. "It does take away from the revenue we generate because aluminum is one of our biggest revenue generators," said Sharon Simonis, recycling director on campus.

Simonis said that currently, aluminum to be recycled is sold to a recycling company which picks it up at no charge. Plastic bottles, on the other hand, are not sold but simply removed by another company that charges for pick-up. With the new bottle machines, the recycling trend of empty beverage containers will now cost the university rather than profit it.

Simonis said that the plastic bottles are not the most cost-effective type of container; a guideline in the campus recycling policy. "One of the goals of the program is to seek cost-effective goals to conserve natural resources and provide materials for recycling and re-manufacturing," Simonis said.

Simonis understands the convenience of the bottles as they can be closed unlike aluminum cans. People have to note, however, that the caps have to be removed and thrown away from bottles that are to be recycled. Removing caps from bottles incorrectly recycled will be a time-consuming activity.

The new machines are experimental. "Part of our goal is to do what students want us to do," Lineberger said. The aluminum can machines are still available to students and the university has one more year on its contract for these machines. They won't be disappearing any time soon. For now, consumers still have the choice of bottles or cans.



With major soda companies opting for plastic bottles over aluminum, recycling revenue is being lost. (Photo by Cody Strathe)

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Turkey season opens next Wednesday

The first hunting period of the 1999 Wisconsin spring turkey season opens April 14, and state wildlife officials predict another excellent hunting season. A record 111,792 permits were issued to over 128,000 applicants (also a record), according to Keith Warnke, upland ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

"Over the past few years, spring turkey hunters have averaged around a 24 percent success rate at shooting a turkey," Warnke said.

"The 1998 spring season was especially good with the overall success rate at 28 percent and first period hunters averaging 39 percent. We expect that hunters will experience a similar success rate this spring, but as always, the weather can be a significant factor in hunter success."

Winter severity has been very mild and wildlife managers report sighting large flocks in farm fields. Overall, they say the flock is in excellent shape and should provide a great spring hunt. "Turkey hunting opportunities are getting better all the time," said Warnke.

"The birds are expanding their range into new areas we thought were marginal at the time they were reintroduced. We're trying to speed up expansion by relocat-

ing birds into areas beyond their current range. Over winter, DNR biologists trapped and relocated 204 birds to release sites at the northern edge of the current range."

The spring season is held in six five-day periods with the first period beginning on April 14 and the last on May 19. Hunters may notice a mistake on their carcass

tags which says that they must register their birds by 2 p.m. on the day they shoot them. This is incorrect. Hunters have until 5 p.m. of the day after they shoot a bird to register it. Hunters must apply for a specific period as well as a specific management zone.

For further information please contact Keith Warnke at (608) 264-6023.



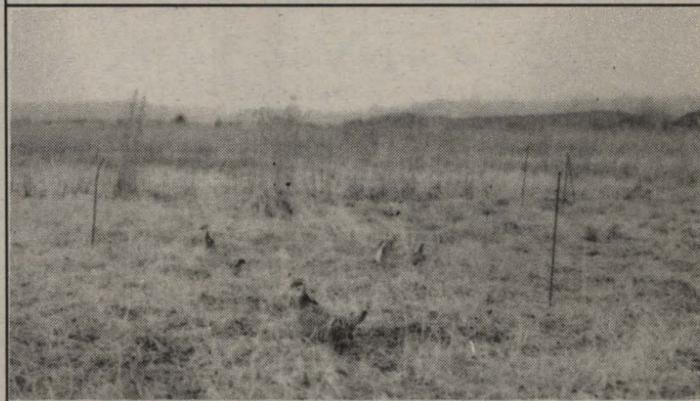
Flocks of turkeys will once again be pursued by hunters in the upcoming weeks. (Submitted photo)

Sturgeon guard volunteers needed

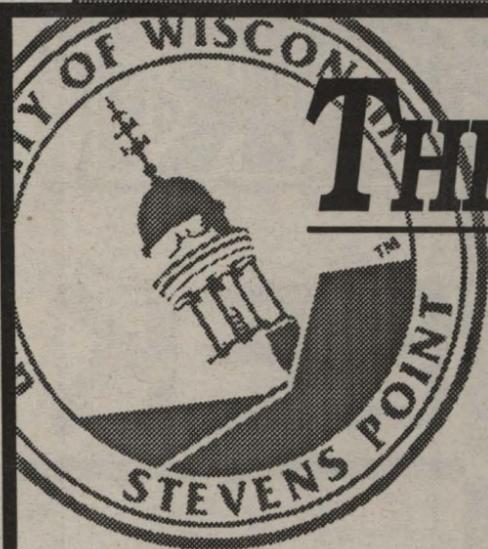


For further information on signing up please contact Carolyn at the Oshkosh DNR at (920) 424-3057. (Submitted photo)

Prairie chicken counters needed



For further information on signing up please contact Dave Miller at dmiller952@uwsp.edu. (Submitted photo)



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK

Multicultural Affairs: Native American Dance Demonstration (Sundial-- Encore-UC Rainsite), 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Joint Student Recital: MICHAEL TRAVIA, Clarinet & STACY MOTQUIN, Bassoon, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

TREMORS DANCE CLUB, 9PM-12M (AC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: BLOOD BROTHERS, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

CPI-Centers Cinema Movie: OUT OF SIGHT, 8:30 & 11PM (AC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

AIRO POW-WOW, 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM (Berg Gym)

Pray-Sims Hall Presents: Taste of Pray-Sims (Enjoy Food from Other Cultures), 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Pray-Sims Hall)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: BLOOD BROTHERS, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

Senior Recital: TIRSAH LA VEER, Clarinet & AMY HEITZMAN, Soprano, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

TREMORS Dance Club, 10PM-2AM (AC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Planetarium Series: LIGHT YEAR FROM ADROMEDA, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)

Faculty Recital: CARL JOHNGEN, Tenor & MICHAEL KELLER, Piano, 3PM (MH-FAB)

Junior Recital: ANN KNUTH, Flute, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: BLOOD BROTHERS, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Student Composers Concert, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Planetarium Series: NIGHT SKY PROGRAM, 8PM (Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

UC Student Man. BLOOD DRIVE, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

Centertainment Prod. Presents: GOO GOO DOLLS Concert, 7:30PM (QG)

CPI-Centers Cinema Movie: SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (AC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

UC Student Man. BLOOD DRIVE, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

Basement Brewhaus Jazz Night w/JAZZ COMBO, 7-10PM (Brewhaus)

Faculty Recital: PATRICIA HOLLAND, Bassoon, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: BLOOD BROTHERS, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)

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

Hager: Student free on bond

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an apartment at 805 Prentice St. Witnesses said Hager then fired the gun and pellets struck the two teens, the complaint said.

One of the males was hit with 14 pellets from a shotgun shell and the other was struck with three pellets. Both were released from St. Michael's Hospital after suffering wounds to the legs.

After the shots were fired, Hager went back into his house and went to bed, the complaint said.

Police responded after receiving several 911 calls at 1:47 a.m. The department's Emergency Services Squad was activated to contain the situation. The squad set up a perimeter and police negotiators contacted Hager by telephone, a police department report said.

Hager surrendered at 3:48 a.m. without incident.

Stevens Point Police Department investigators found three spent shotgun shells near the west sidewalk and three expelled shotgun wads in the front yard of the Prentice St. apartment, the complaint said.

Investigators also determined the "trajectory of the shotgun wads and projectiles shows that the shotgun was aimed directly at or somewhat low of the group shooting at," the complaint said.

Judge Thomas Flugaur set Hager's \$10,000 bond at a hearing in Portage County Branch 3 Circuit Court Monday.

Hager, who appeared via video from the Portage County Jail, has several conditions connected to his bond. He cannot possess firearms or weapons; possess or consume any alcohol or be where it is served; possess any controlled substance without a prescription by a physician; and he cannot have any contact, direct or indirect, with the two victims or their families.

Tuition

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necessary, the state needs to share the bill.

"There has to be some kind of raise, but most increases have come from students' pockets," said SGA Vice-President Jeff Buhrandt. "I can understand small raises as long as the state kicks in its share."

"The state should compensate the tuition increase," said junior Aric Otzelberger. "If they can afford to put cable into prisons, they can afford to put more books in our libraries."

The state's Joint Finance Committee will be on the UW-SP campus next Tuesday and Chancellor George and others plan to lobby for state assistance.

"We're going to be working very hard to get more state dollars into the overall budget for higher education," said George.

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Do athletes use the academic systems?

By Nick Brilowski and
Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITORS

It has come to the attention of *The Pointer* sports desk that it has become commonplace over the past few years for athletes, both here and at other universities, to abuse the academic system.

A trend has developed where athletes use up their four years of eligibility in their respective sport and once their final season has finished, leave school for good without completing their education.

Many of these athletes may have received financial aid or scholarships based upon their athletic prowess, but in turn just use university for their own personal gain.

How is this fair to their teammates and fellow students?

A couple years ago there was a player that attended one UW-System university only to transfer to another school that was better in football every fall, just for the sake of playing that sport. As soon as the semester was over he returned to the original school.

The problem is, there is nothing that prohibited the athlete from doing so. Whether or not the athlete had the right to do so isn't the question, it's the principle of the situation.

Another example of morally cheating the system is the case of a student-athlete who enrolls at a university just for the semester in which their given sport takes place.

Besides cheating themselves of an education, how is this fair for their teammates who attend classes throughout the year?

Mainly at the Division I level, although it also occurs at the Division III level and maybe here at Stevens Point, athletes are using the collegiate level only as a springboard to the professional ranks.

What it boils down to is greed. It is the difference between playing for their own personal gain as opposed to playing for the love of the sport.

We've all seen it happen around us. Perhaps that is the problem with most athletes today.

Maybe that is why grade school and high school athletics are the best ones to watch. At that age, sport is played in its purest form with no reservations.

Greed is a learned behavior. What type of morals are we passing on to our future generations of athletes?

In the end, it is likely that these sort of activities will catch up with these types of athletes in the long run.

We commend those who play because they have the opportunity, not the right.

Track teams sweep Coldman Invite

First outdoor meet of the season is a success

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Breaking open their outdoor season, the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams proved that Point really is an outdoor team as both the men and women buried the competition at the Coldman Open Invitational Saturday.

Racking up 233 points for the women and 299.50 for the men, head coaches Len Hill and Rick Witt felt pleased with the overall results.

"It went pretty well," Hill said. "But I don't think the scores are indicative of how we can do."

Witt added, "We felt like we had good competitiveness, not necessarily good performances. The performances will come in time."

The men brought home several firsts for the Pointers as they dominated the meet.

In the track events, Matt Hayes, Jesse Drake and Ben Treptow paced out the competition in the 1,500 meter run taking the first three places and 24 points for UW-SP.

The Pointer men continued to score in groups as Curt Kaczor took first in 50.02 seconds and Craig Gunderson finished second on Kaczor's heels with 50.45 in the 400 meter dash.

In the 400 meter relay, UW-SP crossed the finish line in 42.34 to beat UW-Oshkosh for first, while the 1600 meter relay placed third in 3:28.13 minutes.

The Pointer men racked up the points in the field events as well, as the men finished first in six out



Ben Brousil threw with intensity during Saturday's javelin competition and placed fourth overall. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

of the eight field events.

Andy VanBrocklin and Chris Nichols leapt for first and second place respectively in the high jump, while in the pole vault UW-SP claimed four out of the top five places, led by Jesse Maynard.

In the weights, Joel Schult won the discus and later threw for second place in the shot put. Rounding out the outdoor field events, Larry Aschebrook placed first in the javelin throw and Josh Keim took first in hammer throw after tossing for 153-feet-three-inches.

The women powered through the field events with indoor national qualifier Sara Groshek swept both the hammer and the javelin, while finishing second in the discus.

On the track, Groshek's fellow national qualifier Leah Juno out-

paced the pack to cross the line three seconds ahead of Ripon College's runner and finish strong enough for first in the 400 meter dash.

Distance runner Lisa Pisca led her teammates in the 3,000 meter run placing first in 11:09.70. She paced the Pointers, who took four out of the six scoring positions in the event.

Looking back on their first outdoor meet, the Pointers are glad the invite is over.

"It's nice to get the first outside meet out of the way," coach Witt said. "We can work on adjustments now."

Up next, UW-SP travels south for the North Central College Invitational in Naperville, Ill. With only three weeks left until conference, the Pointers are warming up.

Baseball take three of four at Winona

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

Following a 6-5 record in their annual spring trip to Florida, the Pointer baseball team returned to action a little closer to home as they traveled to Winona, Minn. March 27-28 and came away with a 3-1 record, splitting a pair with Winona State and defeating Bemidji State and Viterbo College.

UW-Stevens Point kicked off action Saturday against Winona as they sent their ace, Chris Simonson, to the mound and came away with a 4-2 victory.

Following a Winona State run in the bottom of the first, Point responded with three runs in the top of the second to take a 3-1 lead.

Winona got one back in the bottom of the third but UW-SP added a run in the top of the fifth to account for the final margin.

Simonson scattered six hits in going the full seven innings, striking out nine and walking none.

"That game was a little misleading," Pointer head coach Scott Pritchard said. "(Simonson) didn't have his best stuff early in the game."

"He needed to challenge Winona to see if they could hit it. He picked it up and threw the way he was capable of throwing."

Jared Barker paced the Pointers with two hits and two RBI.

"We didn't hit particularly well, but we took advantage of their mistakes," Pritchard added. "You take them anyway you can get them."

In the nightcap, Winona struck back with a vengeance, winning 7-1. The home team reached UW-SP starter Justin Duerkop for five runs on five hits and four walks in just 2 1/3 innings of work.

Point managed just five hits off Winona pitchers Troy Heifort and Mat O'Brien, two by Ryan Krcmar.

UW-SP bounced back in their opening game Sunday, a hard-fought 6-5 victory over Bemidji State.

Rob Govek's single with one out in the top of the seventh scored Jon Winter with the winning run.

Chris Berndt added his second home run of the season in the first inning.

"They got a couple balls up into the wind and hit a couple home runs," Pritchard said. "Fortunately for us, we battled through and pulled that game out. That was a big win for us."

The Pointers closed out the invite with another one run win, this time a 4-3 decision over Viterbo College.

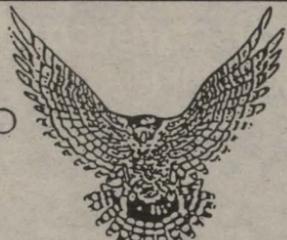
Freshman Bill Verbrick struck out seven V-Hawks and allowed four hits over his six innings of work to get the win. Ryan James worked the seventh to pick up his second save of the day.

UW-SP is currently 9-6 on the season heading into a stretch of six home games in six days.

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Kriewaldt sets sights on NFL Draft

Looks to be first Pointer drafted since Rose in '92

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

Not since 1992 when receiver Barry Rose was selected by the Buffalo Bills, has a UW-Stevens Point football player been selected in the NFL college draft.

Linebacker Clint Kriewaldt appears primed to break that short seven year streak.

Kriewaldt, a Shiocton native, is projected as approximately a fourth round pick when the 1999 draft takes place on Saturday April 17.

"It's been pretty busy the past two weeks, but it's been fun," said Kriewaldt who has worked out for nearly half of the 30 NFL teams.

"It's mainly been doing a lot of lifting and staying in shape."

The Detroit Lions and New York Jets each flew him to their team headquarters to work out and meet the coaching staff.

Kriewaldt's list of accomplishments are seemingly endless: four-time first team all-conference selection, 1999 WIAC player of the year, Pointer all-time leader in tackles, NCAA Division III first team All-American, member of Aztec Bowl all-star team, 16 career rushing touchdowns.

"I think I had a real good chance going into the offseason," he said of his chance of being drafted. "A lot of scouts were real happy (with the workouts). I had a real good 40 (yard dash) time."

Kriewaldt ran between a 4.55 and a 4.65 in the 40 on UW-SP's

indoor track, an excellent time for a linebacker.

Although it has been at linebacker that he has gained notoriety, because of a shortage of quality fullbacks in the NFL, Kriewaldt may be asked to put his backfield experience to use at the next level. That isn't something that necessarily bothers him, though.

"I'd prefer to play linebacker because I've been playing there the last four years full-time," he stated.

"But it doesn't bother me (playing fullback), because your first couple years you're probably just playing special teams anyway."

Kriewaldt feels the opportunity is a great one that just about every kid grows up dreaming

about.

"It's always been a dream, I guess. In junior high it was a goal to play college ball and then once in college it became a goal (to play in the pros)."

"I'd take him in a heartbeat if he's there in the fourth round," one personnel director of an NFL team told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

"That's my sleeper. I think he's got a chance to be everybody's surprise."

As for draft day itself, Kriewaldt said he doesn't have any major plans. He will probably just sit back and watch it on television with his parents and his brother.

"I'm sure it will probably be a pretty nervous day," he said.

The draft will air on ESPN.



Senior Clint Kriewaldt (#42) takes to the line during one of last season's games. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Rugby opens up season at Mudfest

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

In their first competition of the spring intercollegiate season, the UW-Stevens Point women's rugby club smashed their way through the UW-Platteville Mudfest Tournament to finish third behind Division I Marquette University and league powerhouse UW-Eau Claire.

The women entered the consolation bracket after dropping a close 5-0 match to UW-Madison, but came back later that afternoon to upset a newly formed UW-Stout team 12-5.

In the final match of the bracket, Point met up with the UW-Milwaukee Lady Panthers rugby club to battle for the third place trophy.

The Panthers opened up the scoring after only five minutes, but Point answered back immediately as second row Christy Thompson dove into the Milwaukee try zone on a crashing penalty play.

Evenly matched in both the

scrum and back lines, the game remained tied until the last 1:30.

After four consecutive five meter scrumdowns by the Panther try zone, Point failed to capitalize and lost possession creating a Milwaukee kick to the UW-SP 40 meter line and a penalty call on the Panthers.

Point scrumhalf Sarah Ames then sliced her way through the Milwaukee pack to stack up six penalties on UW-M moving the ball 60 meters and scoring on Panther errors with 30 seconds left.

Marquette University beat UW-Eau Claire 3-0 in the champi-

onship match to win the women's tournament for the second time.

UW-SP hosts UW-Madison and the Milwaukee Mayhem city team Saturday at 12 p.m. on the intramural fields.

Women's Rugby Club:

UW-Madison def. UW-SP 5-0.

UW-SP def. UW-Stout 12-5.

Point Tries: Wheeler, Hoffmann.

Point Extra Points: Morgan.

UW-SP def. UW-Milwaukee 10-5.

Point Tries: Thompson, Ames.

Up Next: Home vs. UW-Madison and Milwaukee Mayhem, Saturday 12 p.m.

Quote of the Week

“ This head coach is not so much about himself and is more about the team. ”

-- LeRoy Butler, Green Bay Packers safety discussing the differences between current coach Ray Rhodes and former coach Mike Holmgren.

--Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Softball captures three of four at Stout Invitational

Sweep pair from Platteville, Ripon

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point fastpitch team wrapped up a busy week with a pair of wins at Ripon College Wednesday, 10-0 and 7-1.

Jaime Lowney and Nicki Bertram allowed just one hit in the opener which was halted after five innings. Beth Mullins and Sarah Berg each had home runs and Jill Kristof added four RBI and two doubles.

In the second game, Jen Schaper and Caroline Lamb got the win and save, respectively, as the Pointers ripped five doubles.

Point opened up WIAC play Tuesday as the traveled to UW-Platteville and came away with a two-game sweep of the Pioneers, 9-5 and 10-7.

Michelle Gerber, Berg and Kristof each ripped three hits for the Pointers. Berg knocked a towering three-run homer and Kristof a solo shot. Gerber added two doubles.

In the nightcap, broke open a slim 3-2 lead with six runs in the fifth.

Berg and Cari Briley had three hits each for UW-SP. Steph Schoenrock and Gerber, who had four RBI, both went yard.

Schaper worked five innings to get the win while Rebecca Prochaska recorded the final two outs for the save.

Once again strong pitching helped carry UW-SP to a 3-1 record at the UW-Stout Invite last weekend.

The Pointers bounced back to post three straight victories after dropping a 9-8 heartbreaker to St. Scholastica in the opener.

Despite trailing 8-6 heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Saints managed to push across three runs and steal the victory.

Chris Lorentz drew a bases-loaded walk to tie the score at 8-8 before Cyndi Hull knocked in the winning run on an infield hit back to the pitcher with two outs.

Pointer coach Dean Shuda was pleased with the way his team responded in spite of the loss.

"They really just pulled themselves together," Shuda said. "They played the way they are capable of playing."

Unfortunately for UW-Stout, they were the first to fall as Lowney took control in the 11-1 romp halted by the eight-run rule.

Lowney walked just one Blue Devil batter and allowed only five hits. Kristof and Berg paced the offense with three RBI apiece while Gerber added a home run.

Not to be outdone by Lowney, Schaper came through with a three-hitter in Point's 6-2 victory over UW-La Crosse the following day. Kristof, Schaper, Berg, Holly Kruit and Briley each led a balanced attack with two hits.

UW-Superior was the next victim for the Pointers as UW-SP shutout the Yellowjackets 8-0 in another five-inning game.

Lowney was the winning pitcher once again, tossing the first four innings before Bertram came on to record the final three outs. Prochaska and Mullins each had two RBI's to lead Point.

Besides the strong pitching, the bats have also started to come around for UW-SP. The team batting average is at .297 for the year and they have outscored their opponents 149-51.

"We showed improvement over the weekend and we'll continue to work at it," Shuda said following the Stout Invite.

The Pointers host the Coca-Cola Classic this weekend followed by a home game against Whitewater next Tuesday.

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The Pointer Scorecard

The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Track and Field: at North Central Invite, April 10, 11 a.m.
 Baseball: Augsburg, April 9, 2 p.m.; Marian, April 11, 1 p.m.; Lakeland, April 14, 1 p.m.
 Softball: Coca-Cola Classic, April 10-11; UW-Whitewater, April 13, 3 p.m.

Track and Field

COLDMAN INVITE
 STEVENS POINT, WI
 APRIL 3, 1999
 Team Results

Men	
1. UW-SP	299.5
2. UW-Oshkosh	207
3. UW-Whitewater	149
4. Ripon College	29.5
5. Wisconsin Madison Unatt.	23
6. Carroll College	17
7. Wisconsin Track Club	13
Women	
1. UW-SP	233
2. UW-Whitewater	221.5
3. Ripon College	123.5
4. Wisconsin Track Club	22
5. Carroll College	8

Pointer Men's Firsts: 400 - Curt Kaczor (50.02), 1500 - Matt Hayes (3:59.40), 4x100 - UW-SP (42.34), High Jump - Andy VanBrocklin (6'04.75), Pole Vault - Jesse Maynard (15'09.75), Long Jump - Cory Lesperence (21'06.75), Discus - Joel Schult (142'11.00), Hammer - Josh Keim (153'03.00), Javelin - Larry Aschebrook (187'03.00) **Seconds:** 400 - Craig Gunderson (50.45), 800 - Chris Horvat (1:56.76), 1500 - Jesse Drake (4:06.30), 400 IH - Hayes (56.75), High Jump - Chris Nichols (6'04.75), Discus - Brad Paulson (135'09.00), Shot Put - Schult (48'02.50), Hammer - Luke Hilkers (150'11.00), 10,000 - Josh Metcalf (31:30.50) **Thirds:** 800 - John Auel (1:57.40), 1500 - Ben Treptow (4:09.50), 5000 - Ryan Wenos (15:49.40), 110 HH - Jason Kelly (15:68), 400 IH - Kelly (57.32), 4x400 - UW-SP (3:28.13), Pole Vault - Jeremy Wadzinski (13'10.50) **Fourths:** 5000 - Nathan Mechlin (15:53.60), 3000 - Shane Suehring (9:44.40), Pole Vault - Ryan Foley (13'10.50), Decathlon - Craig Cherek (5114 points), Triple Jump - Brian Buege (41'04.25), Javelin - Ben Brousil (159'09.00).

Pointer Women's Firsts: Hammer Throw - Sara Groshek (154'05.00), Javelin - Groshek (125'08.00), 400 - Leah Juno (1:00.94), 3000 - Lisa Pisca (11:09.70) **Thirds:** 100 - Amanda Shilling (13.37), 200 - Shilling (28.01), 400 - Jen Barrows (1:05.23), 800 - Jenny Krenz (2:31.59), 1500 - Erin Dowgwilllo (5:08.70), 3000 - Marcie Fisher (11:21.00), 5000 - Amanda Cariveau (21:11.60) **Fourths:** Javelin - Nicki Mertens (85'08.00), 200 - Elisabeth Herbner (28.02), 800 - Molly Lindahl (2:34.05), 1500 - April Raykowski (5:16.00), 3000 - Alyssa Garbe (11:28.20), Discus - Merten (109'04.00).

Baseball

UW-SP - BEMIDJI STATE
 MARCH 28, 1999
 WINONA, MN

UW-SP 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 -- 6 8 0
 Bemidji St. 0 0 2 1 1 1 0 -- 5 9 2
3B: Winter (UW-SP). **HR:** Berndt (UW-SP), Benke, Carroll (BSU). **Win:** Szews. **Loss:** Czech. **Save:** James.

UW-SP - VITERBO COLLEGE
 MARCH 28, 1999
 LA CROSSE, WI

Viterbo 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 -- 3 4 2
 UW-SP 1 0 0 3 0 0 x -- 4 6 0
2B: Ryder, Hjort (VC). **HR:** Westberg (VC).
Win: Verbrick. **Loss:** Peck. **Save:** James.

UW-SP - WINONA STATE
 WINONA, MN
 MARCH 27, 1999

Game One
 UW-SP 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 -- 4 6 0
 Winona St. 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -- 2 6 4
Win: Simonson. **Loss:** Davis.

Game Two
 UW-SP 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 -- 1 5 4
 Winona St. 0 2 3 2 0 0 x -- 7 7 3
Win: Duerkop. **Loss:** Heifort.

Softball

UW-SP - RIPON COLLEGE
 April 7, 1999

Game One
 UW-SP 1 5 4 0 0 0 -- 10 8 3
 Ripon 0 0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 1 2
2B: Kristof 2 (UW-SP). **HR:** Mullins, Berg (UW-SP). **Win:** Lowney. **Loss:** Lauer. **Save:** Bertram.

Game Two
 UW-SP 0 2 3 1 1 0 0 -- 7 11 0
 Ripon 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 -- 1 5 2
2B: Berg 2, Briley, Karls, Gerber (UW-SP), Anderson (RC). **Win:** Schaper. **Loss:** Johnson. **Save:** Lamb.

UW-SP - UW-PLATTEVILLE
 April 6, 1999

Game One
 UW-SP 0 2 0 0 4 3 0 -- 9 15 1
 UW-P 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 -- 5 8 1
2B: Kristof, Berg, Gerber 2 (UW-SP). **HR:** Kristof, Berg (UW-SP), Ahlbrecht (UW-P). **Win:** Lowney. **Loss:** Larson.

Game Two
 UW-SP 2 0 1 0 6 1 0 -- 10 13 4
 UW-P 0 2 0 0 4 0 1 -- 7 5 1
2B: Rutta 2, Berg (UW-SP), Ahlbrecht (UW-P). **HR:** Schoenrock, Gerber, Mullins (UW-SP). **Win:** Schaper. **Loss:** Esser. **Save:** Prochaska.

UW-STOUT TOURNAMENT
 April 1-2, 1999
 Tournament Records

1. UW-SP	3-1
1. UW-La Crosse	3-1
3. UW-Stout	2-2
4. St. Scholastica	1-3
4. UW-Superior	1-3

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

STEVE SCHWEICKHARDT - SWIMMING



Schweickhardt

UW-SP Career Highlights

- Team captain (1998-1999)
- Fourth place 500 Freestyle WIAC Championships 1998
- Fifth place 500 Freestyle WIAC Championships 1997

Hometown: Wausau, Wisconsin

Major: Physical Education

Most memorable moment: When I accidentally lit my garbage can on fire in my dorm room.

Who was your idol growing up?: A senior named Joe when I was a freshman in high school. He was a real awesome swimmer.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: Teach and coach somewhere.

Biggest achievement in sports: Surviving four six-month long seasons.

Most embarrassing moment: When I accidentally changed in the guy's locker room in front of a high school girls team during their sectional meet.

Favorite aspect of swimming: The feeling of complete fatigue after a meet.

What will you remember most about swimming at UW-SP?: The sense of camaraderie our team has.

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Application deadline is April 8th

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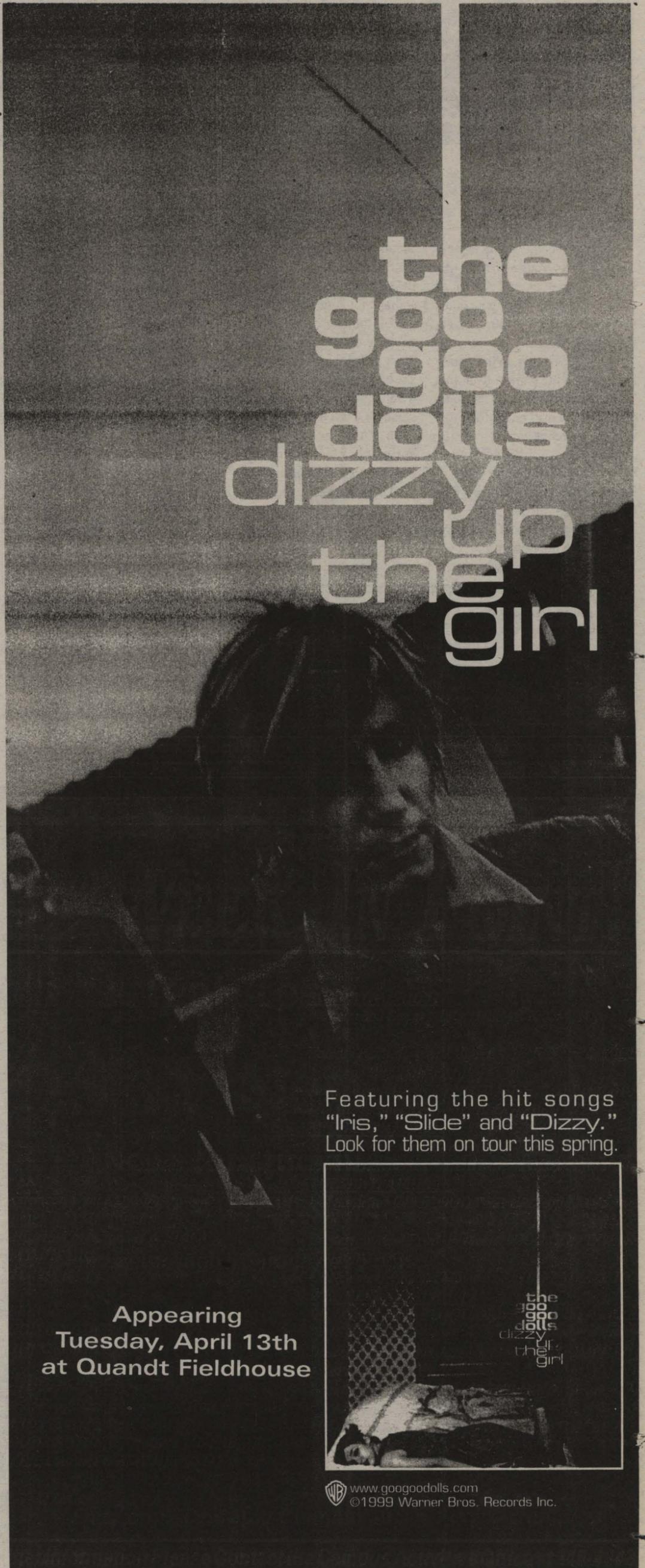
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Tastes of the Towne Park Ridge Café

By Ethan Meyer
RESTAURANT CRITIC

table with water and menus in hand. I was immediately impressed with the sheer volume of entree options available. The menu contained many options of sandwiches, salads, appetizers, deserts and some specialty Greek Italian and American entrees.

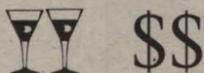
We both ordered gyros, me because of my great affinity for them, and my companion because she had never eaten one. We were given the choice between a tossed salad and a Greek style salad. Both of us chose the Greek out of curiosity. We were not disappointed with our decision.

The salad was covered with an herbal vinagrette dressing. Chunks of gouda cheese and Greek olives were piled on the greens and the lemon orange gar-

nish. The salads were unique and quite tasty. The gyros were a little better than average, but then I am used to those at a place downtown.

One complaint that I can voice is that the service was a bit over prompt. I felt very rushed to order and had to ask for more time after only a few minutes of being seated.

The Park Ridge Cafe was pretty good on most accounts. I would recommend it as a place for all casual encounters.



4 \$ equates an elegant meal

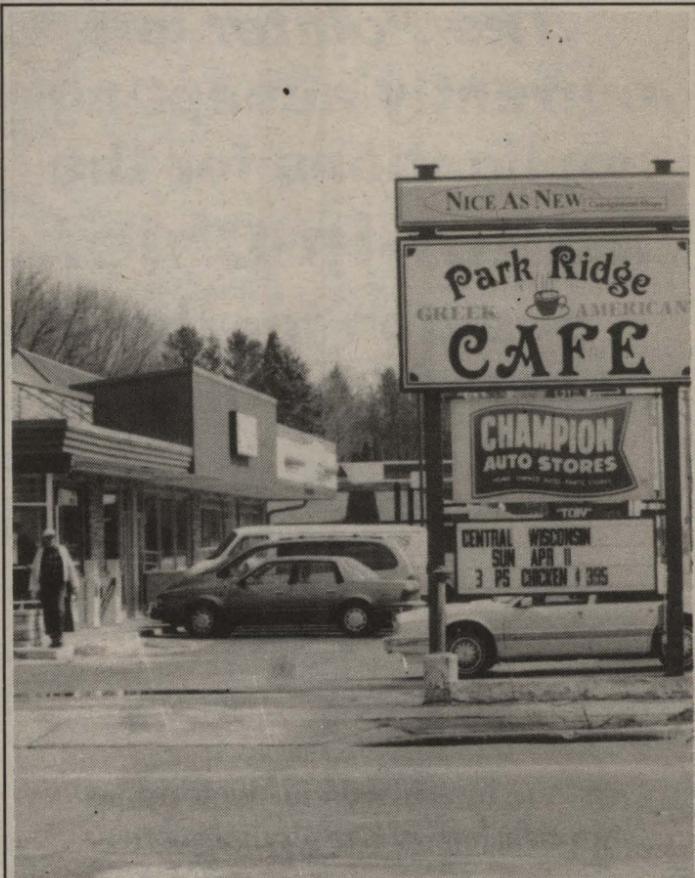
4 \$ equates a meal over \$12

Sporting a huge menu and extremely affordable prices, the Park Ridge Greek and American Cafe affords its patrons with quick service in a jeans and t-shirt casual environment.

I was first drawn to this establishment by the sign in front that boasted Greek cuisine. I assumed that at very least I could look forward to a decent gyro.

The restaurant was briskly busy as my cohort and I entered. Being an off hour I was surprised to see quite a few people in various stages of eating. The seating was immediate, however.

Our waitress arrived at the



The Park Ridge Cafe, on Main St. in Park Ridge, is a good place to have a casual dinner. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

School "Pointers"

From the Lifestyle Assistants

By Laura Reismann
UW-SP LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT

Alcohol Screening

Do you feel you or someone you know might have a problem with alcohol abuse? This is your opportunity to find out. Fourteen million people in the U.S., 1 in 13 adults abuse alcohol or are alcoholic. Thursday April 8, the UW-Stevens Point AODA Coalition and the UW-SP Counseling Center are co-sponsoring the first National Collegiate Alcohol Screening Day.

The screening includes a self-assessment procedure as well as a brief interpretation of the assessment with a UW-SP counselor. The screening is free and will provide confidential feedback for any problems related to alcohol abuse.

The screening is free to all students and will be conducted in the Counseling Center, 3rd floor Delzell from 9:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m. You can walk in on Thursday the 8th, or make an appointment by calling x3553. If you cannot attend the screening, call the counseling center to make an appointment and talk with a counselor about the role alcohol may be playing in your life.

Blood Brothers: Hopper's finale

Theatre and Dance chair to retire

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Twins separated at birth is a scenario frequently heard about on the average TV-tabloid show, but rarely is the lifelong tale of the twins displayed directly in front of you.

UW-Stevens Point students will be able to see this display, when the UW-SP Theatre Department gives us their rendition of *Blood Brothers*.

Set in a 60's Liverpool, England, *Blood Brothers*' plot separates twin boys at birth.

One boy remains with a mother who lacks money, but not love. The other is raised by her former employer, who is now of the upper-middle class.

Though the mothers try to keep the boy's apart, destiny has other plans of bringing the boys together - which brings about a surprising end to the show.

The run of the show is April 9-11, and 14-17. Call the Arts and Athletics ticket office (located in Quandt Gym) for information.

In honor of the retirement of the Chair of the Theatre and Dance department, Arthur Hopper, who is also the director of Blood Brothers, I, the Assistant Feature Editor for The Pointer, felt an interview would be appropriate.

Tracy Marhal: It's been said this show is like two musicals in one. Can you explain why?

Arthur Hopper: The first act is humorous. The first two-thirds of the music leads to humor, and the third act is serious.

TM: What was it about this play that moved you?

AH: It's charming, it's funny, it's sensitive. I like the music. You like all the characters, and the end grabs you.

TM: Do you think the same thing that moved you will move UW-SP students?

AH: I sure hope so. It's a challenge because it's very "English." There are references to "the boat," which is the trunk of

a car. There are a few slang words that might make people say, "What is that?" But, the actors are humorous and charming, likeable and they have great voices.

TM: How long have you been at UW-SP?

AH: I have been here 16 years and directed 25 shows. I've been a director for 40 years and done over 200 shows. But I'll never do another show with students here, and I'm very moved by that. But it's my choice to retire, for a lot of reasons. The old cliché, 'I want to spend more time with my family. But, there is no farewell, melodramatic stuff.

TM: With this being your last show, do you have any final comments?

AH: There are students who never see our shows - they would be impressed. They would be moved by the theatre experience. Their lives would be enriched.

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Let the sun shine down on me...



Last week's warm weather was perfect for chatting outside. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

What's in a name? – May Roach Hall

Roach responsible for genesis of the College of Natural Resources; active in community

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

UW-Stevens Point may never have had a better ambassador than May Roach.

The former professor, who taught at the university for 42 years, loved UW-SP and wasn't afraid to tell people about it. Roach was famous throughout the state for her speeches at various events, and often times she threw in an anecdote about the school she loved.

But the university wasn't the only thing Roach held dear to her heart. She was involved in numerous local organizations, she often visited patients at the hospital and spent time with shut-ins.

And even after she retired in 1956 and moved to her hometown of Eau Claire, Roach remained close to Stevens Point.

In 1970 at the age of 85, when most retirees would spend their time relaxing, Roach was named the chairman of UW-Stevens Point's first-ever fund drive. She came back to campus countless times to visit with students, espe-

cially those living in Roach Hall, the all-girls hall dedicated in her honor in 1965.

Her teaching career began at the young age of 17, when the high school graduate got a job at Bears Grass rural school in Eau Claire County. Wanting to further her education, she enrolled at Stevens Point Normal School for the 1902-03 school year.

After a year at what is now UW-SP, she taught at rural schools in Rusk County, was the assistant high school principal at Alma and was the principal at a school in Cable.

But Roach returned to Stevens Point Normal for the 1909-10 school year, where she was on *The Pointer* staff. President John Sims hired her to teach at the school in 1914 and Roach never left.

During her 42 years, she taught English, rural economics and school management. But her biggest accomplishment was probably the addition of the conservation major. Roach, along with President Hansen and Fred Schmeekle, started the major that has evolved into the College of



May Roach (left holding sign) makes a presentation to the Portage County War and Rationing board during World War II. (UW-SP Archives Photo)

Natural Resources.

Along with all her schoolwork at the university, Roach founded the nation's first rural life club and advised it for years. She was also the chair of the Faculty Senate for two years, a sponsor of the Loyola Club (now Newman Uni-

versity Parish) and the first president of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for outstanding women in education.

Also heavily involved in the community, Roach served for 15 years in the American Red Cross (including three as its chairman).

She was a founder of three organizations as well – the nine-county wide Wisconsin Headwaters, Inc., the Stevens Point Catholic Women's Club, and the city's Business and Professional

SEE ROACH ON PAGE 22

Word of Mouth

DEATH-DEFYING HUMOR

• Flaming torches, Chinese devil sticks and comedy? The husband and wife team of Cheney and Mills create a marriage between danger, thrills and humor that is pure comic pandemonium. They will be in *The Encore* on Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. They have appeared on "CBS This Morning," "National Geographic Explorer" and "American Funniest People."



CUBS VS. BREWERS

• Students and non-students alike can take in the Brewers vs. Cubs game on Saturday, April 27 for \$20 and \$25, respectively, transportation included. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the UC. Sign up at the Campus Activities office in the lower level of the UC.

TRIVIA MOVIE 99

• 90FM and Marcus Theaters bring you the 1999 Trivia movie, *The Imposters*. The film will begin at midnight on both Friday and Saturday at Campus Cinema, located on Division St. behind the Amoco station. The cost of the movie is \$2 and it would behoove every team to send a representative. Get there early!

BARNEY STREET WINNERS

• On Thursday, April 7, Barney Street winners will be reading their work in a relaxing, high-caffeine environment – the Mission Coffee House. Come check out, free of charge, some of the campus' most talented writers' stuff.

RUSTY'S BACKWATER BASH

• Saturday, April 17 is a day to mark your calendars as it is the official Rusty's Backwater Bash. See *Heartwood*, *Detour* and *Unit One* and realize that all proceeds will go to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Gates open at 1 p.m. and transportation is provided from JL's to Rusty's and back.

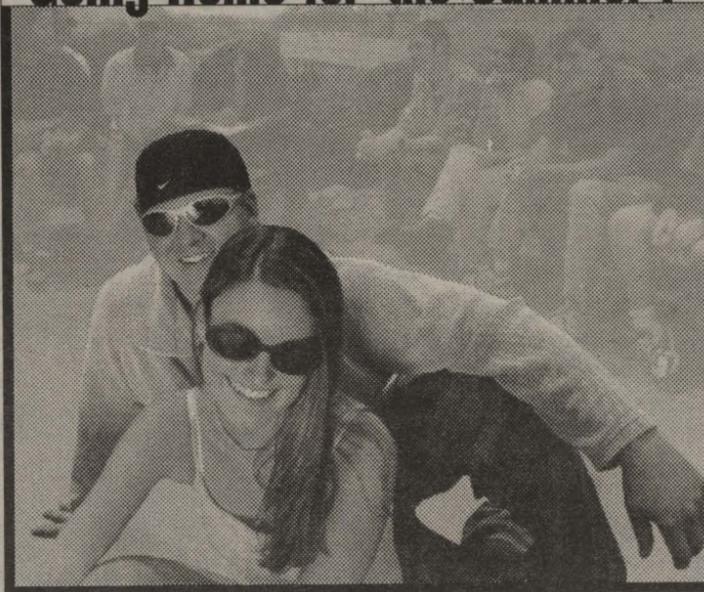
HANG GLIDING

• Ever been Hang Gliding? Me neither. Here's a chance to remedy the situation. Rec Services is having a hang gliding trip to Raven Sky Sports in Whitewater, WI on April 25. Space is limited, so hurry and register. Don't miss the chance to fly with the birds!

MOVIE NIGHT

• One of the best films of last year, *Out of Sight*, will play at the Allen Center on Friday, April 9. This was a great film and deserved some Academy Awards. If you missed it, here's your chance to see it. George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez star, and it's worth the \$2 bucks (\$1 with an ID) to see it.

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The freshman/sophomore UW campuses

ROTC gives students leadership skills

By Erin Yotko
FEATURES REPORTER

Everyone has seen them, these "student soldiers." Dressed in neatly pressed camouflage uniforms, black combat boots polished to a mirrorlike shine, they walk with a purpose, eyes focused, staring straight ahead. But who are they, and more importantly, what are they doing at UW-Stevens Point?

These students, 225 strong, comprise the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program on this campus.

The program prepares men and women for a career as officers in the United States Army.

Upon successful completion of course requirements, cadets are commissioned 2nd Lieutenants in the Army and are sent to bases around the world.

"The opportunities in the ROTC program are far greater than students can find anywhere else," said Lt. Col. Tom Gray, professor and chair of the Military Science Department here. "Students learn that there is more to education than just hearing a lecture or reading a book. They learn to apply the knowledge to their lives on every level."

In addition to taking the necessary courses for their majors and/or minors, cadets are required to take one military science class per semester, one three-hour Leadership Lab per month and must participate in physical training.

Three other classes in Professional Military Education (PME) must be taken, one each in the areas of computer literacy, communication and military history.

Upon meeting eligibility requirements, cadets can also receive specialized training in airborne, air assault, northern warfare and cadet troop leadership, where they are able to experience what being in the military is really like.

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You're wrong! So are you.

Is it unhealthy for a society to "worship" celebrities?

By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR



We, as a culture, at least far, far too many members of it, are stuck in the rut of worshipping people that are not worthy of being worshipped.

I'm not talking about religion (GASP!) but celebrities. These are people that are, in the immortal words of Charles Barkley, "not role models."

While some of them may display tendencies toward pro-active social betterment, too many of the people that we talk about and look at and put up on our walls are just not good people to pattern life after.

And while I'm not saying that we should be totally disinterested in the public figures in our society, I think a healthy skepticism is mandatory and necessary. But in most cases that skepticism is absent or subjugated to a need to live vicariously.

Celebrities are one-in-a-million. Some would say that their negative personality characteristics are what make them celebrities in the first place. If this is true then we need to seriously evaluate our notion of who is worthy of attention.

Rodman, Stern and Springer - these are all names that ring throughout the American consciousness like poison bells through a fog of cultural stagnation and individual unwillingness to get off of the couch.

Spencer Black, Ralph Nader and Rachel Carson - these are bell tones that should balance the shock celebrity, but unfortunately we can't really hear their ringing too clearly.

Turns out their ratings aren't high enough.



By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Of course it's unhealthy to "worship" another human being. But it's not unhealthy to look up to a public figure, to be physically attracted to a movie star, or to

give praise to someone for the work they do. I do, however, think the term "worship" describes a lot of people who see themselves as harmless admirers. For example, the teenage girls who shutter and cry at the sight of Elvis. The power held in having that strong a presence can be dangerous to those vulnerable.

On the other hand, many people can be positively influenced and entertained by persons in the media's eye. Claire Danes is going to college; Madonna gives to charity. Most celebrities have a polite mannerism and a respectable reputation.

People like what entertains them. We respond to those who make us laugh and move us to cry. And all celebrity "worship" is a large scale response to these things. We're saying "thank you" and asking for more.

When people get so obsessed with celebrities they stalk them, or kill themselves if they don't meet them, that is the worship that worries me. I assume, however, something is wrong with these individuals in the first place to go to such extremes.

Laugh at Adam Sandler, gawk at Liv Tyler and jam to the *Beastie Boys*. Just remember, they are only human. It sounds so simple, but thousands of those Elvis fanatics will still tell you he's a god.

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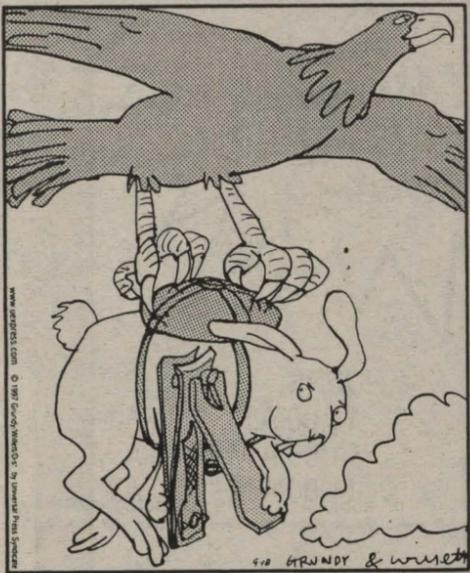
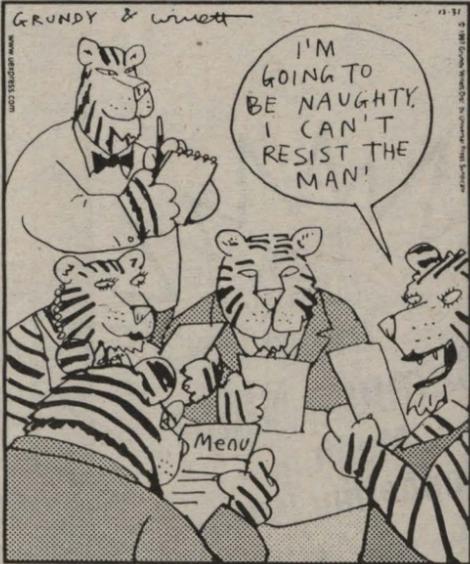
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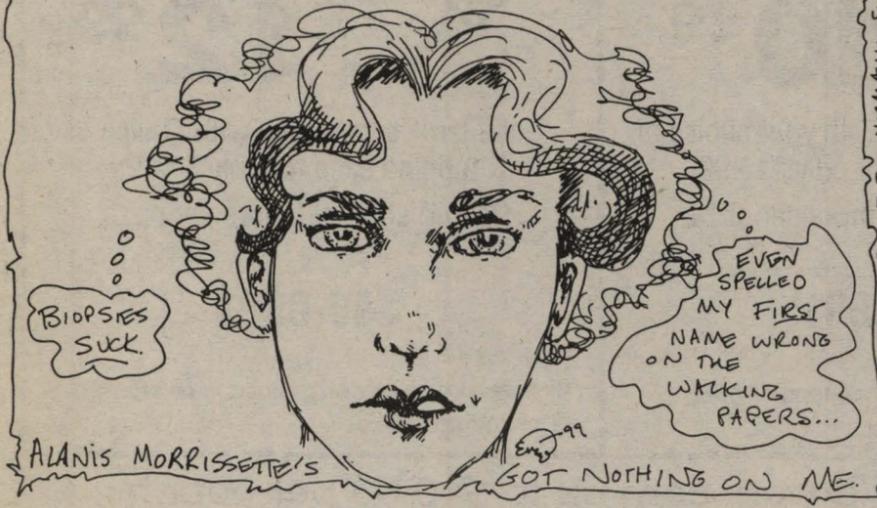
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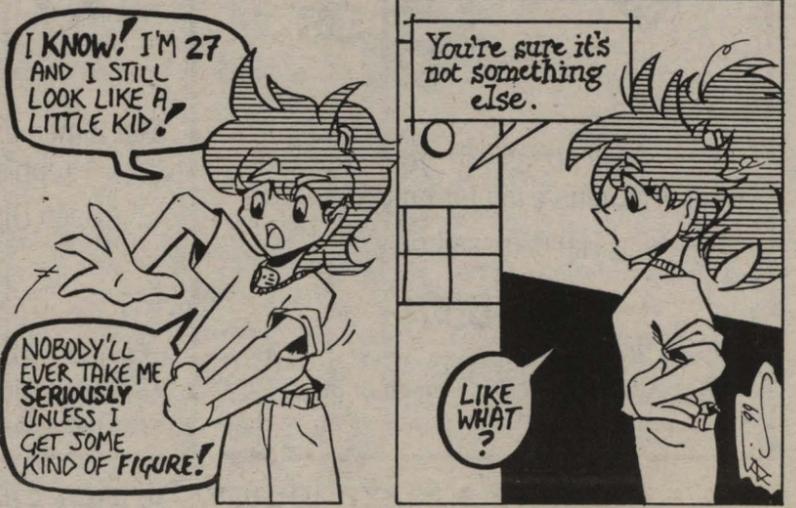
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Major Tabb Benzinger, assistant professor of Military Science, echoed those sentiments.

"Some students come to Point knowing that ROTC is for them, and others don't know what they want, but the program seems challenging.

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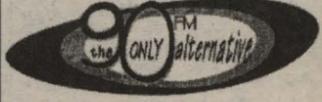
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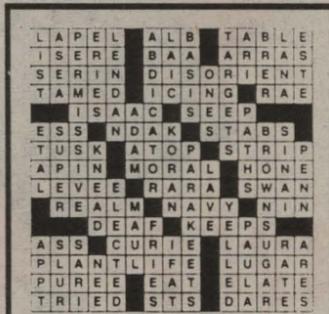
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