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UWSP's first black graduate passes away at 67

Vance remembered as university pioneer for diversity

By Amy Zepnick **News Editor**

Gerald Vance, UWSP's first African American student, died on Feb. 23 at the age of 67 due to complications following surgery.

Vance graduated from the university in 1957 with an Elementary/Upper Elementary degree. He was principal at Auer Avenue School in Milwaukee for ten years and worked other jobs

"As one of our premier principals, he was a wonderful caring person," said Brenda Wood, leadership specialist with the department of leadership services in the Milwaukee Public Schools. "He was extremely knowledgeable and dedicated to his profession. Anyone working with him would get a job because he demanded excellence."

According to his wife Bobbey, Vance was dedicated to the education of students, particularly minorities.

"He stressed education to

in the Milwaukee Public Schools. African American students," she said. "He wanted them to know



that education prepared them for the world of tomorrow."

Mrs. Vance said that being the first African American graduate at UWSP prepared her husband for his future.

"He stayed involved in diversity issues and was committed to education."

Vance's accomplishments extend his nine-page resume, and include over 20 papers and speeches and 18 awards. In 1988, he was presented the Distinguished Man of the Year award, and in 1997, was awarded the first African American Graduate

Award.

Many current and previous faculty members were shocked upon hearing of Vance's death.

"It was such a surprise," said Chancellor Thomas George. "Unfortunately, everything that could have went wrong during surgery, did. This is such a tragic loss."

On campus, the black flag was raised in front of the Old Main building to commemorate the legacy of Vance.

"Gerry laid the foundation for diversity on campus," said

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·Hindu guru explores

By Amy Zepnick **NEWS EDITOR**

guru Hindu Chaitanyananda (a.k.a. Aiya) introduced the campus to Sri

Sri Chaitanyananda explains Sri Vidya.

Vidya tantric tradition on Feb. 26

in the University Center. Aiya,

originally from Sri Lanka, is head

priest at the Sri Rajarejeshwari

Goddess Temple in Rochester,

N.Y. Aiya's beliefs stem from

tantric philosophy and he

describes his god as the "divine

mother of the universe." His

practice reflects interdependent

male and female principles-giv-

we call God is neither male or

female," Aiva said. "Since I was

"In all scriptures, the entity

ing women a central role.

died, the only person I could depend on was my mother. She sat up with me when I was sick and came running when I called. That's how God should be, like a mother."

> Aiya meditated on the thought of a female god when he felt female changes in his consciousness.

"I didn't want to harm anyone," he said. "I wanted to hug everyone on the road and give everything I had. The divine mother of the universe is inside you. You just need to break down the barriers to see her in you."

The belief system was established when

guru saw a vision of Divine Mother while meditating. She

instructed him on tantra, the feminine aspect of God, into what is now the Sri Vidya faith.

"Tantra is when you have no idea where you are," he said. "You have no limitations of body or personality and no realization of the senses. Imagine climaxing for 48 hours.

"There are steps you must take to possess Sri Vidya

weight. Second, you must control your breath. You must move your breath from the left side of your body, which is the feminine side, to the masculine right side."

According to Aiya, the next step entailed slow withdrawal of the senses-eating less and breathing more. Letting the mind flow is the last step, which involved chanting. During this time, the universe opens its secrets to the person meditating.

Different from the traditional Hindu principals, Sri Vidya places high value on females. The faith wanted to break female inferiority.

"Women represent the divine mother on earth," Aiya said. "You treat them as divine and the divine mother in them will treat you the same."



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Divine Mother of the Universe

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George's stipend questioned

By Amy Hamann NEWS REPORTER

Every school year, UW chancellors receive allowance for living expenses.

UWSP students' tuition pays for Chancellor Thomas George's housing expenses. Chancellors on average make \$150,000 a year but some, like UW-Madison's John Wiley and UW-Milwaukee's Zimpher, make almost double that. The Board of Regents sets the salaries and argues below the national market but not everyone agrees that taxpayers should pay for a chancellor's housing and use of a state car.

"I don't like the idea. I think if they make that much money, our money can go to better causes," senior Wes Dendy said.

State legislator Scott Suder (R-Abbotsford) disagrees, as well. "I don't want to cut salaries, I want to cut lavish fringe benefits."

According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, many Wisconsin chancellors, including Thomas George receive about \$1,563 a month for housing. The chancellors at the Madison, Green Bay, Platteville and Parkside campuses, as well as the UW System president, Katherine Lyall, have residences owned by the state. As a condition of their employment, they are required to live in these official residences.

George considers paid housing not a benefit but a necessity. "It's an allowance that provides the wherewithal to conduct university business." The chancellor's residence is used to conduct university business, such as fund raising, and it is an important recruiting tool; without it, a university would not be able to recruit the bestqualified chancellors, George explains.

"I think that it is okay that [chancellors] are given housing allowances. Many other countries do this; it's only one job of many that receive benefits like that, like Navy captains, for instance," student Shan Shan Tan said.

"I am not clear on why chancellors even get a housing allowance. It doesn't make sense to me," senior Mark Korpela said.

While many residents and students do not fully understand why the chancellor needs a housing allowance, it seems that it will stay that way for a while. Suder, right now, is the only representative that would like the rule changed. If the chancellor could not entertain at home, it would have to be on campus, which would cost the state more money than keeping it at home.

Thomas George is a professor of chemistry and physics. He is the 12th chancellor of UWSP, appointed by the Board of Regents in 1996.

seven, I had questions as to the tantra. First, one must sit without gender of god. When my father moving. You cannot shift your

http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/pointer

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Chancellor George. "We [now] have the Plan 2008 mentoring program to increase participation and graduate rates of multicultural students."

The university established the Henry and Shirley Vance Family Scholarship Fund in 1997 to help other African American students receive an education similar to Vance's. This scholarship fund hopes to build \$10,000 that will generate \$500 to award annually to a promising African American student. Currently, the balance total is \$5,670. To contribute, contact Terri Taylor at 346-4027.

According to Ron Strege of Multicultural Affairs, the university is looking or ways to honor Mr. Vance.

"For some time we have been talking about ways to honor Mr. Vance," he said. "However, at this point, nothing is set in stone."

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Northwest Funeral Chapel and funeral services will be on Friday, Mar. 1 at New Testament Church, both in Milwaukee.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be made to the Henry and Shirley Vance Family Scholarship Fund.

Organization initiates peace

In the midst of global conflicts, one organization based at UW-Stevens Point hopes to encourage research and teaching of the factors necessary for a global peace.

The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies is a nonprofit organization whose members include ten UW campuses, UW-Extension and 12 other private and public colleges and universities in the state.

"The institute has a busy agenda trying to keep abreast of world happenings and keeping on top of the issues," said Eric Yonke, a UWSP professor of history. "There is a real emphasis on bringing forth a diversity of opinions on peace issues."

The institute does not take a stand on a specific viewpoint, he said, instead its programs reflect a goal of education and information. From her office at UWSP, the institute's administrative director, Sarah Stillwell, coordinates speakers for

member institutions and collects scholarly essay for publication in the annual Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict.

"While the institue has witnessed and discussed many world events since its 1985 inception," Stillwell said, "there has been a renewed interest in the institute and its resources since Sept. 11."

Of the institute's two annual conferences, one is held for the

public in the fall and the other for students in the spring. Registrants attend informational workshops on nonviolent peaceful intervention, peace and conflict in specific countries and the peace and reconciliation proIn addition to the colleges and universities, individuals may become members of the institute for \$35 a year. Students memberships are \$10 and include free registration for the student conference and a subscription to the journal.

For more information about the Wisconsin Institute, its speakers or programs, contact Stillwell at (715) 346-3383 or email wiinst@uwsp.edu.



Correction from last week:
The Keg is open Tuesday through Saturday.

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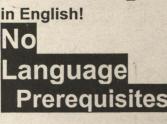
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Marketing schemes exposed

By Mollie Mlodzik

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Chances are, you have seen a sign on the road, an ad in a newspaper or a flyer that says "Own a computer? Put it to work \$25-\$75/hr" or "Work at home and make thousands of dollars a month."

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is warning students against the dangers of these pyramid and multi-level marketing schemes.

"We found that college kids are often misled by signs that say make \$25-\$75 an hour or \$5800 per month," said Glen Loyd, public information officer with Consumer Protection. "We get complaints from college kids saying there really aren't any jobs there, and the companies want you to invest first."

Pyramid marketing schemes include, but are not limited to, some mail order operations, chain letters, classified ads and buying clubs.

With pyramid schemes, participants first contribute to the person who is on top of the plan and then have to recruit a number of people below them, who will do the same. This may work until the supply of people runs out, the pyramid collapses and the people at the bottom of the pyramid lose their recently invested money, while those on top walk away with other people's money.

While there are no legal definitions of the terms multi-

level marketing and pyramid plans, citizens are protected by the Wisconsin consumer protection law.

"The point we are trying to make is that if you display a help wanted ad, which leads to a consumer investment before a job, and this [investment] was not advertised, it is illegal," added Loyd.

The Wisconsin Administrative Code of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) 122 also prohibits "the promotional use of a chain of distributors scheme" as an unfair trade practice.

Whether consumers are blinded by the thought of obtaining a quick and easy living, or busy trying to recruit new participants to their group, they do not realize that they are being misled. This could lead to big problems and lost money for college students.

"I have seen those signs and ads before, and though, I may have never tried one myself, I have a few friends who I could see getting involved and ripped off. I have always wondered how they worked," said UWSP student Melissa Berwick.

According to a consumer facts sheet by the Bureau of Consumer Protection, there are cautions and common problems for all consumers to be aware of.

When looking at an ad, be cautious of advertisements that have no company name or address, list only a telephone number, promise incomes that sound too good to be true or use

vague phrases that don't clearly explain what the business does.

"A lot of people fall for it," said Loyd, "Companies shotgun ads for people that say 'Do you like sports? Well, we need an office manager for our business. Then, once they get you, they ask for an investment for something else. There really is no job."

Other red flags the Bureau of Consumer Protection site are: exaggerated profits and markets, denying the offer involves a pyramid scheme, claiming the plan is new and that there is no selling involved, conflicting oral and written statements and approval of endorsement claims by organizations or government agencies. In actuality, no agencies endorse or approve specific marketing plans.

"Right off the bat, these companies are illegally placing their signs on property and phone poles. They don't follow state laws," said Loyd, "Why would you want to work for a company who does things illegally? Once they have you, they are making money off you and others that are being misled."

While the state has no registration requirements for multilevel marketing plans, the deceptive advertising law prohibits untrue, misleading and deceptive representations. If violated, the subject can be fined no less than \$50 and no more than \$200 per violation.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection at (800) 422-7128.

Pointer Poll will return next week!

Elsenrath named new chair

Elsenrath

faculty has been named chair of the department of psychology at UW-Stevens Point by Dean of Letters and Science Justus Paul.

Dennis Elsenrath, who began his career in the UWSP Division of Student Life in 1965, will chair the psychology department for a threeyear term beginning in August. He succeeds Coralie Wells who has served as chair for the past nine years.

During his 37 years at UWSP, Elsenrath has served as deputy assistant chancellor for Student Affairs, executive director of Student Enrichment and Retention Services, and director of counseling and staff psychologist at the UWSP Counseling Center. In the mid-1980s, he was elected chair of the National Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors and served as president of the Organization of Wellness Networks. A co-founder and board member of the National Wellness Institute, Elsenrath has conducted numerous wellness presentations and workshops nationally and internationally.

In 1995 he was UWSP's nominee for the UW Regent's Systemwide Teaching Excel-

A longtime member of the lence Award. He has been honored twice with the universitywide excellence in teaching recognition and has received the University Leadership Mentor

> award. In 1997, he received the Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Achievement Award. The same year, two of his former students created the Professor Dennis Elsenrath Scholarship, awarded annually to a junior psychology major

who displays outstanding leadership, service, promise of scholarly work and commitment to well-

As a licensed psychologist, Elsenrath has maintained a limited private practice in the community for 26 years after completing a yearlong post-doctoral clinical psychology internship in the department of psychiatry at the Marshfield Clinic. He holds degrees from Slippery Rock State College, Westminster College and Indiana University.

As department chair, Elsenrath plans to administratively support his colleagues in their efforts to further advance a department record of excellence in teaching, research and community service.



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Women in this faith are given first priority and are allowed to participate in rituals. Their worship and religion are not limited to the temple.

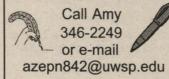
"We are making it possible for women to get loans to attend night school," Aiya said. "We want to give women a good beginning."

Because women are usually the inferior population in Hindu culture, Aiya has received some opposition from other religious communities.

"The established priesthood thinks down on it," he said. "They think women shouldn't be doing rituals. But, if the divine mother likes it, that's all I care about. If you have the love of god, you are the richest person on earth."

For more information, log onto www.srividya.org.

Want to write for The Pointer?





Pray Hall

Thursday, Feb. 21 1:01 a.m.

The Stevens Point Police Department was called because of smoke in the hallway where there was fire in a trash can.

Roach Hall

Friday, Feb. 22 12:35 a.m.

A strong smell of marijuana on fourth floor north was reported.

Lot J

Friday, Feb. 22 2:19 p.m.

A student reported her vehicle was vandalized.

Neale Hall

Saturday, Feb. 23 1:30 a.m.

Police were dispatched in response to a fire alarm pulled: in the east wing.

Chinese New Year celebrated

By Julie Johnson

NEWS REPORTER

Although the traditional New Year is over, the Chinese New Year was celebrated Feb. 24 in the Laird Room. It was sponsored by the Chinese Cultural with help Multicultural Services. According to Wei Shan Piak the event coordinator, the celebration went

"The total number of people that went was over one hundred," she said. "There was a shortage on food due to this number being so high."

The celebration included a dinner where traditional Chinese cuisine was served, a lecture and a Chinese comedy.

The Chinese New Year is based on the Chinese calendar, which is a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to 'catch up' with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year. The Chinese New Year is the most important annual festival for the Chinese community. Each year it is named after one of the twelve animals in the Chinese Zodiac. This year it was the year symbolized by the horse.

Preparations for the New Year include repainting walls, planning a "thanksgiving" feast for New Year's Eve. Debts are settled and prayers and offerings are made. The New Year's celebration focuses on the family entity and relatives that have passed. It is a time between family and friends. New Year cards are exchanged from one person

to another. It is also a time of religious reverence in honor of Heaven and Earth. The Chinese New Year consists of fifteen days of celebration. The celebration starts with honoring Heaven and Earth and ending with an elaborate lantern ceremony.

Besides the religious and family entity that occurs food plays an important part as well. The Chinese culture finds great importance in the food eaten and what it symbolizes. On the day of New Year, Jai, a vege-

tarian dish, is prepared; Students enjoy Chinese cuisine. the ingredients have a superstitious value to Chinese culture.

On the 15th day of the first month of the Chinese New Year. a lantern ceremony takes place. Lanterns range from delicate works of art to children's creations. The lantern ceremony takes place under a full moon and incorporates lions and dragons dancing around with Chinese rid-

making elaborate clothing and dles being played in the background.

> These traditions are not all carried out in the United States or even the home countries. Every culture has many aspects and many points of view resulting in different rituals, traditions and celebrations.

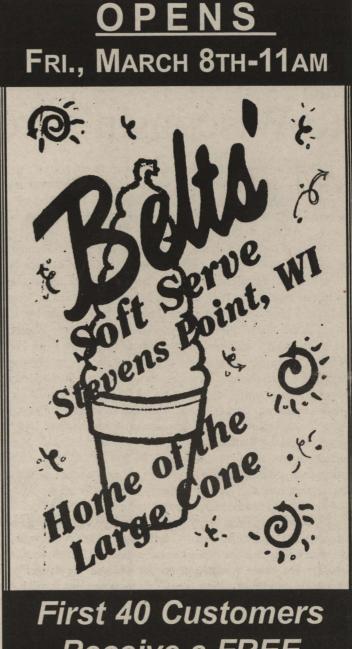
The Chinese Cultural Club



Photo submitted by Wei Shan Piak

was established in 1999 by a group of students interested in increasing cultural diversity on campus. The main goals of the Chinese Cultural Club are to create understanding of the Chinese culture and relate it to everyday life.

The Chinese Cultural Club intends to celebrate next year.



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LETTERS & OPINION

Words of Wisdom From the Editor

My knowledge is bigger than yours: a tutorial in snob-ology.

By Josh Goller EDITOR IN CHIEF

I don't condone vanity. Feelings of superiority have brought about some of the worst human atrocities in history. No one is inherently better than anyone else.

With that said, everyone needs to be a snob. Believing that your preference or opinion is more advanced than that of the general "pop culture" population is essential to us all. Whether it be about music, literature, fashion, athletics, cuisine, cigars, automobiles, wine, Beanie Babies, Star Trek or that freaky anime porn, everyone has some aspect of culture that they feel they know a little more about than most others.

Some use the candy-coated term "connoisseur" in reference to snobs, but I like to call a spade a spade (for you figurative language snobs out there).

A common misconception is that snobs are conceited. The key difference is that someone who's conceited is stuck on themselves while a snob is stuck on their interests. A snob is never a follower but rather craves the unconventional.

Fashion snobs often put value in the price or brand of clothing they wear. I once tried to get on the fashion snob bandwagon, but once I realized that \$60 could either buy me a T-shirt at Banana Republic or four cases of beer, I started shopping for clothes at rummage sales. If you see me wearing any name brand clothes, you can be sure it was either a gift, or I found it for five bucks at Goodwill.

I may seem a little bitter, and rightfully so, considering another primary rule of being a good snob



is that you have to dislike most other snobs. Music snobs can jam together, wine snobs can get tanked together, automobile snobs can get greasy together and anime porn snobs can get off together but you never saw a Trekkie puffing a stogie with George Burns, now did you?

Personally, I'm a film snob (for you peons out there, film is another name for movies). I scoff at pretty much any blockbuster hit. To a film snob, box office gross is often inversely proportional to the quality of the movie. If you liked *Charlie's Angels, Pearl Harbor, Jurassic Park III*, any movie with Freddy Prinze, Jr. or friggin' *Harry Potter*, than you're definitely not a film snob (kind of like anyone who likes Creed isn't a music snob).

To fully become a film snob, it's necessary to know that Hitchcock's *Frenzy* isn't something you can find at El Dorado's, and it's absolutely crucial to realize that Woody Allen is infinitely funnier than Tim Allen. Most people haven't even heard of *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Graduate*, *Taxi Driver* or *Annie Hall* but these films are staples of any film snob collection.

I could drone on about Francois Truffaut or Run Lola Run, but as a snob I only want my opinions to fall upon film-enlightened ears. Okay, maybe snobs are a bit conceited to, but I'll have an extra seven bucks in my pocket while half of America goes to watch Men In Black 2.

Just remember, being a snob gives you something to identify with, but, more importantly, something to bitch about.

Cyanide poses serious threat to Wisconsin's freshwater

Water is the world's next gold, the world's next oil. It's the next resource to hit the stage with too little to go around. Unfortunately, while we can survive without gold or oil, a human being can survive only two days without water. Wisconsin is incredibly fortunate; we have our beautiful lakes, streams and rivers, like the wild Wolf River in northeastern Wisconsin. Common sense says to protect these resources with every available tool.

As I write this, the State Assembly is waiting to vote on Tuesday, March 5 on a bill to ban the use of cyanide in all Wisconsin mines. When we think of cyanide these days, we may think of the new tool of terrorism that threatened to poison Italy's waters. Think again. The chemical is used to separate metallic minerals from rock, BHP Billiton, the owner of Nicolet Minerals Company, plans to truck 20 tons per month to the site of the proposed Crandon Mine, just outside of Mole Lake, Wis. The trucks may run right through the city of Stevens Point on our often-slippery Wisconsin roads. With at least 32 transportationrelated cyanide spills reported to federal authorities from 1987-97, our warning flags should be raised. Even if the trucks arrive safely to the mine site, the entire watershed of the Wolf River faces the threat of cyanide contamination. Cyanide measured at only 20-80 parts per billion can kill trout, while 40-200 parts per billion poisons wildlife and can be fatal to humans. With cyanide-laced mine waste held in exposed tailings ponds or backfilled into the mine in contact with groundwater, the poison will inevitably escape into the environment. Just downstream from the mine lies the traditional rice beds of the Mole Lake Ojibwa and the Wolf, a nationally listed wild and scenic river and the Fox Valley, one of the most populated parts of the state. BHP Billiton has spilled toxic chemicals into America's environment before, including sodium cyanide, sulfuric acid and arsenic at mines in Arizona and Nevada. Why should Wisconsin trust this foreign company to protect what we hold so dear, especially when some of the more cost-efficient metallic mines don't even use cyanide?

The Stevens Point City Council foolishly voted down a resolution backing the state ban on cyanide in mining, but its citizens need not do the same. The crucial vote in the state Assembly is this Tuesday March 5, with a rally in front of the Capital at noon. Contact your legislators through the hotline at (8000 362-9472. For more information on the bill and the danger of cyanide, visit http://www.alphacdc.com/treaty/cyanide.html. Water is precious to us now, but it will be even more precious seven generations from now. Please help ensure that it will also be clean and safe.

Deanna Erickson UWSP Student

Prohibition needs to be revived in America

In our society, alcohol is an epidemic problem. It is a problem that pervades all of society's sectors. The damage of alcohol transcends all classes, races and both genders. The sad aspect is that many don't recognize the gravity of this severe problem.

Taverns have contributed to the downfall of morality, health, intellectual culture and our spiritual life. It is time we take action. It is time that the conservatives embrace the glory of opposing an antifamily, youth corrupting force. Also it is time that progressive thinkers look to the future, embracing a truly liberating vision.

Because our society deserves better, we must oppose the decadence of alcohol culture. Thus, on Friday March 8 starting at 10:00 p.m. until Saturday morning and Saturday, March 9 at 10 p.m. until Sunday morning, there will be "Sleep out for the Prohibition of Alcohol" on the public sidewalk in front of the Stevens Point Main Street Shopko to garner support for the neo-prohibitionist cause. We also seek to galvanize people to emancipate themselves from the shackles of alcohol.

As neo-prohibitionists, we encourage the best approach, banning alcohol WITHOUT imprisoning people. We'd rather focus on eliminating alcohol from society, rather than waste time and energy imprisoning people. Besides, alcohol abuse is punishment enough.

Partake in this activity organized by an informal connection of the interested, rather than by a formal organization. The future of America is on the line. Participate in the amazing activity of sacrifice to bring purity and innocence back to this nation. People are welcome to come and go as is needed. Any amount of time protesting, or merely visiting the event, will be helpful. Opposition to alcohol's destruction is the epitome of love and compassion. Come take the stand that you don't want any more lives destroyed by alcohol.

Andrew Bushard
UWSP Student

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FEATURES

The Poetry of Point

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moving and lowing speeding and falling continuously floating and passing through past faces and a names

sliding down a hallway to step in line to step with blank faces and names for no one

by Christopher Klingbeil

The Will

You didn't have the willpower to stay strong.
You didn't have the patience to go on.

So instead you decided to say goodbye, despite all your loved ones who would cry.

No one really knows why you did what you did, but we do know all the pain that we just can't rid.

The fact that you are gone just doesn't seem right, to die at such a young age and not put up a fight.

In the hearts of so many, you will live on, and your face will be present in our souls for so long.

But | will live, and | will go on, will have the will power to stay atrong.

And I will remember the heartbreak, so I will live my life for your sake.

by Ellie Johnson

afterglow

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by Joseph Pisciotta

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by Andrew Bushard

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by Rachel Zentne

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In the valley of imagination
Where the trees of hope grow
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so are these fertile things ne river runs through it.

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Gaelic Storm to rain down on Point for St. Patricks Day

By Barett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

Gaelic Storm, the Irish folk band who made a swing through Stevens Point a couple of years ago, is returning over the St. Patrick's Day weekend in three weeks to help put some Irish Spring into the steps of UWSP students.

Besides their visit to Point a few years ago, many people would recognize this band as the same that played the Irish jig for Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in the steerage compartment in the movie, Titanic.

The five member band, consisting of four men and one woman, had its start in Santa Monica, Calif. and has been playing St. Patty's Day events since 1996. Since then, and probably due to their fame from

the sinking ship flick, they have been performing at concerts and Irish music festivals around the nation.

While the band had its start in the US, the band members hail from Ireland, England and the US. They have put out three albums. A selftitled debut CD and follow up full length albums, "Herding Cats" and "Tree" showcase a great deal of their musical diversity.



Instruments used to create the musical bliss that is Gaelic Storm include the fiddle, guitar, mandolin and harmonica, although African instruments and spoons have been

Irish Music Magazine describes them in these terms, "Behind the enclosing wall of bodies (one would think) super group U2 was performing ... in reality, Gaelic Storm was making music while people stood on benches,

known to be used in their shows.

jumped on seats and danced in what little space they had..."

Tickets for the event are on sale at the Arts and Athletics Box Office or by calling (800) 838-3378. Tickets cost \$8.50 in advance, and \$11.50 the day of the show for UWSP students, and \$11.50 in advance and \$14.50 the day of the show for the general public.

The performance is being sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

Beauty and the Beast to be unleashed at Sentry

The St. Louis Ballet will perform the classic story "Beauty and the Beast" at Sentry Theater in Stevens Point on Tuesday, March 12.

Based on the story by Madam Marle LePrince deBeaumont, the tale introduces a widower who has lost his wealth and now lives in a simple forest cottage with three daughters. While the youngest, Beauty, is hardworking and loving, the oldest daughters are lazy spoiled and are jealous of their father's love for their sister.

While the widower and Beauty are walking together in the forest, they stumble upon a strange garden full of roses. When the father picks one for his daughter, a monstrous beast appears and spares his life only to take Beauty away to his castle.

The Beast falls in love with Beauty, but allows her to visit her father, who has fallen ill with grief at the loss of his youngest daughter. Her sisters keep her away longer than she has promised, which causes the Beast to become gravely ill with his own sorrow. When Beauty learns of this, she returns to find the dying Beast. In her anguish, she realizes her love for him. When she professes this, the Beast is magically transformed into a handsome, young prince and a great celebration follows.

The St. Louis Ballet is a permanent, professional resident ballet company which performs classical and contemporary works. Founded in 1972, the company has gained international recognition for its repertoire. It has become a driving force in the Midwest dance community.

Admission for the ballet is \$20 for the general public, \$16 for senior citizens, \$8 for youth and \$4 for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets may be purchased at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office or by calling 346-4100.

Sponsored by the Performing Arts Concert Series, the performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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The Pointer through time...

This week from 1935 By Barett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

This week marks the fourth installment of our esteemed campus newspaper over the years. We are slowly working our way up to the present, and this week the paper we our pausing to pay homage to is the first issue of March, 1934.

While being smack dab in the middle of the Great Depression, the spirits of the Pointers were flying high. The

Central State Teachers College (CSTC) as UWSP was known then, had a basketball team that was doing pretty good and had laid down the hammer on Oshkosh a few days earlier while the debate team in St. Paul made a strong case amongst the 60 odd teams from around the midwest.

The Pointer by this period in time had expanded to six full size pages and had the look and feel of a contemporary newspaper with photos printed liberally throughout its pages, clean, and well written articles and a professonal looking layout that could easily pass as something that any major newspaper might have produced

you are holding now, this paper had been expanded into a weekly publication that included editorials and letters to the editor, otherwise known as the "Student Broadcast" section.

However, there are still plenty of things in The Pointer that wouldn't be found today. There still are not nearly as many pictures as there are today, and the difference in graphics between then and now is like night and day. The articles were shorter, and more numerous on a page and were broken down with centered, bolded subheadings.

The lead stories from the front page include the debate tournament mentioned earlier,

and the drop in enrollment to 785

Five men were invited to join the Sigma Zeta Science society, a league for Industrial Democracy was recently organized and a dance was slated for

manner of on-campus work.

Most of you probably have seen the occasional space filler for 90FM or a section related ad in the paper over the year. This practice occurred in 1934, though with more of a liberal

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The Sports section from March 1, 1934. Even after 68 years, the basketball team still is affectionately referred to as "the cagers" by The Pointer sports editors.

Friday to celebrate the opening of the new gymnasium.

The only news articles that indicated the presence of our nation's worst economic period was an article on the distribution of state backed loans to 63 needy students to help cover the cost of admission fees. Part of the loan package included a work stipulation that students take jobs in all

mindset. One such space filler read, "Students! In appreciation of their support, Patronize Pointer Advertisers.'

If you feel inclined to dive into UWSP history more thoroughly than this weekly series allows, head up to University Archives, fifth floor LRC, for the same kind of help I've received each week in searching the past.

REATURES

Student Organization Spotlight: Women's Resource Center



A few of the friendly faces you'll find in the Women's Resource Center. From left to right, Kyle, the communications director, Becky, the volunteer coordinator and Alexa, the coordinating director.

By Laura Daugherty

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) at UWSP has been active both on campus and in the Stevens Point community since 1977. The WRC is "a dedicated organization striving to educate and raise awareness on gender and women's issues. This ongoing objective is achieved through sponsoring and facilitating programs, activities and literature," said Alexa Priddy, senior.

Weekly meetings cover a variety of topics for discussion and performers and speakers are often scheduled. The WRC has a library and provides a resource for students and community members to find information on a variety of topics including sexual assault, domestic violence, health issues, affirmative action and other feminist issues. The WRC is very involved in community service and in the past has participated in World AIDS Day, National Love Your Body Day, African Heritage Month, Women's History Month, Portage County Cultural Festival, Hunger Cleanup and Take Back the Night. The WRC also provides support groups for victims of sexual assault, a female student empowerment group and a weekly yoga class.

Priddy is the Coordinating Director for the WRC. Priddy stresses that everyone, male or female, is invited to come and be involved. The WRC has something for everyone. The volunteer office and lounge is located in room 30C of the lower level UC area and is open for students to

study, read or just relax and socialize. The library, also located in the lounge area, is a great resource for those researching gender related issues or for anyone interested in reading. Stop by the WRC and take advantage of some of these great programs and resources and get involved in some of the upcoming events sponsored by the WRC.

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it."

- Margaret Fuller

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 11- Sherin Bowen from the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners will speak about women in Nicaragua. 7 p.m. in 30C lower level University Center.

Monday, March 18- Dr. Corinne Dempsey from the Philosophy Department will speak on women in

Wednesday, April 24- Take Back the Night Rally and march against violence towards women.

Weekly Meetings:

Sexual Assault Support Group- Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. in room 113 UC.

WRC Volunteer Meeting- Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in 30C of the lower level UC.

Female Student Empowerment Group-Wednesday at 5 p.m. in 336 Nelson Hall.

You can help find a cure for cancer

Cancer survivors, families, local businesses, hospitals, schools, churches and others affected by cancer are forming teams to celebrate life and raise funds to find a cure at the American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life in Stevens Point. The event takes place April 12-13, 2002 at the UWSP indoor track.

Funds raised by the ACS Relay for Life will be used for cancer research, education, advocacy and service- programs that will help the ACS reach its ultimate goal of eliminating cancer. The ACS has been involved in every major research advance in the fight against cancer, and your participation in the relay will help continue the important role the organization plays.

The ACS Relay for Life is the ultimate community event. or Janis Manthey at 346-2959.

Eight to 15 people from all walks of life organize into teams. Team members collect donations for the ACS and then commit to have one person from their team walking, jogging or running in relay style around a track or pathway for the entire event.

The event begins with the Health Enhancement Center cancer survivor's lap and continues overnight with time for food, fun and camaraderie. A highlight of the evening is the luminaria ceremony to honor those who have survived cancer and remember those who have not. The ceremony, held after dark, involves lighting candles set inside sand-filled bags, which are then placed around the track.

> For information on forming a team or volunteering for the Relay for Life, call Laura Reissmann at 1-877-423-9128

Honor Society inducts new members

Lambda Pi Eta, the newest honorary society for communication students, inducted 20 members on Feb. 23rd in the historical Old Main building. Brand new to UWSP, this student organization is determined to recognize students who have shown academic excellence.

"I'm glad that communication majors who put so much effort into their work are finally getting credit for it," said Tina Flood, treasurer.

The purpose of Lambda Pi Eta is to reward outstanding scholastic achievements in communication studies and to promote further educational development.

In addition, "we hope to build networks which will prove invaluable in the business world," said vice president Rana Wunderlich.

To be eligible for membership, a student must be a communication major with junior or senior status. Students must maintain a 3.25 or higher GPA in all communication courses and at least a 3.0 in all other courses taken.

"It's great to see other communication students achieving the goals they have set for themselves. The more you see others challenge themselves and succeed, the more you want to be a part of a great program like we have here," said Kelly Grenier, member.

Although Lambda Pi Eta was established in September 2001, the small but motivated group has already gained recognition and respect among the faculty and administration. They will be featured in the Open House on April 7th.

The Health and Wellness Spot

My friend told me that if I did tons of crunches I would lose all the fat on stomach; is this true? Sincerely,

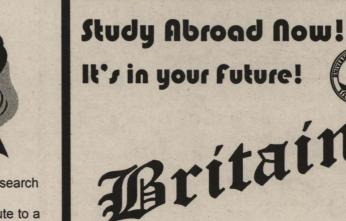
Concerned Cruncher

Dear Concerned Cruncher,

Your friend is referring to the ever-popular myth known as spot reduction. Spot reduction is based on the belief that by increasing exercise in a specific body area, more fat will be selectively reduced from that area. The notion of spot reduction sounds great, but unfortunately, research

does not support the idea of spot reduction.

There is, however, no doubt that regular exercise, with a healthy diet, can contribute to a reduction in overall body fat. Fat deposits are used as a source of energy during exercise; unfortunately we cannot designate the fat we want the body to use. Therefore, my advice to you if you want to lose that flab is to work out! Begin a workout program three times a week, 30 minutes each session, consisting of both cardiovascular training and strength training. Don't eliminate the sit-ups from your routine as they will help to tone your abs and give you some definition. Also, it is important to vary your abdominal exercises, keeping in mind that more is not better. The abdominal and oblique (love handle) muscles are like any other muscles. Doing 10 to 15 repetitions in sets of two or three is the most effective. It is also important to do any abdominal exercises slowly and controlled. If you are looking to mix up your crunches try doing them on an incline bench, with a fit ball or holding a medicine ball.



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SPORTS

Last second goal lifts women's hockey to first conference championship

Team defeats River Falls and Eau Claire to win NCHA tournament

By Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

In just their second year as a varsity program, and Head Coach Brian Idalski's first year

coaching, the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team won the NCHA tournament.

Despite predictions that they would finish third in the conference, UWSP put together an amazing season, rolling their way to a 26-1 (15-1) record. After clinch-

ing the regular season title last weekend, the Pointers needed a victory over UW-River Falls on Sunday to win the NCHA tournament.

Sunday's championship game looked like it was going into overtime with less than 30 seconds left and the score tied 1-1, but Kim Chenery changed that as she knocked in the championship winning goal with just 12 seconds left in the game.

"It felt nice because I haven't scored in a long time," said Chenery. "I was just there for the rebound, and then the puck bounced off a stick and a pad and it went in."

UWSP took an early lead, as Ashley Howe scored her ninth goal of the year late in the first period. But River Falls fought back in the second period, taking

advantage of the power as Megan Schultzenberg used the extra player to tie the

Sophomore Diane Sawyer had a brilliant game in net for UWSP, stopping 19 of the 20 shots she faced.

"Nothing has been easy for this team all year long, so I expected nothing different in this game," said Idalski. "All four games we have had with River Falls this year have been close and competititve, so I knew it was going to another battle."

In the tournament semifinal on Saturday UWSP defeated the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. This game was also a close contest with the Pointers prevailing in the third period 3-1. This contest



The women's hockey team gathers at center ice to celebrate their first ever conference tournament title Sunday afternoon at the K.B Willett arena.

also saw Point grab an early lead, as Jackie Schmitt scored her seventh goal in the last three

That was all the scoring UWSP would get through the first two periods. After a Blugold goal by Connie Cameron, the game was tied at one heading to the last period. Once the third period started, the Pointers wast-

ed no time as Howe notched the game winning goal just over two minutes into the period. Ann Ninnemann added one more goal later in the period to finish the

The conference championship does not give UWSP an automatic berth into the playoffs because the conference does not have enough teams.

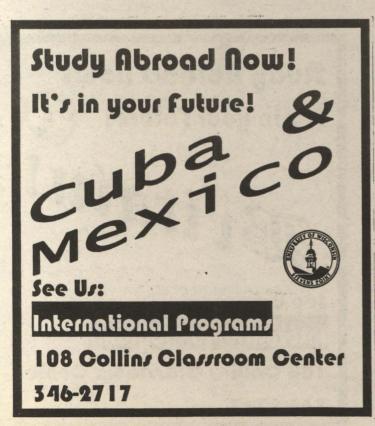
Now Idalski and the Pointers must play the waiting game to see if their season con-

"You would like to say the season was a success either way, but we would also be very disappointed if we don't make it," said Idalski. "We have won out our schedule; we have earned the right to continue our season."



Chenery

Tara Schmitt rushes the ball up the court against Lake Forest.



Women's basketball wins opener, now headed to St. Louis

Team scores a convincing 88-52 victory over Lake Forest in NCAA tournament opener

By Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

The second season began Wednesday night for the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team and they started it off with a bang.

Four different players reached double figures as UWSP pounded the Lake Forest College Foresters 88-52. It was the first NCAA Division Pointers since 1987.

Cassandra Heuer had an outstanding game shooting, as she went an amazing four for five on three-pointers ending with 16 points and six rebounds. Also reaching double figures was Andrea Kraemer with 12 points and Amie Schultz who chipped in 11.

UWSP led by six halfway through the first half when they went on a 19-6 run. The Pointers stayed out front and the Foresters would get no closer than 16 points the rest of

"I am really proud of how

our team played tonight," said Head Coach Shirley Egner. "I was hoping that we would come out and play like we did. These last few days before we

found out we made the tournament were agonizing, and we just wanted to get the ball rolling again."

The Berg Gym was packed to the rafters for its first ever playoff game, and the crowd was live the entire game, a fact that did not go unnoticed by Egner.

standing ovation with two to three minutes left, it was just a great moment knowing they appreciated our effort."

Kari Groshek once again led the Pointers with a fantastic all-around game. Groshek led all scorers with 22 points, and she also grabbed seven rebounds and three blocks.

"For the seniors, it was our last home game, so we just wanted to give it everything we've got," said Groshek. "Most of my shots, it seemed to me, were next to the basket and there was nobody around me, so a lot of credit goes to my

Fellow senior Schultz was just glad to be able to get out on the floor again.

"We have had that loss to

Oshkosh hanging on us for a week, and it's tough," Schultz. "But we knew that if we worked hard and played together as a team we could bounce back."

The Pointers also played their regular stifling

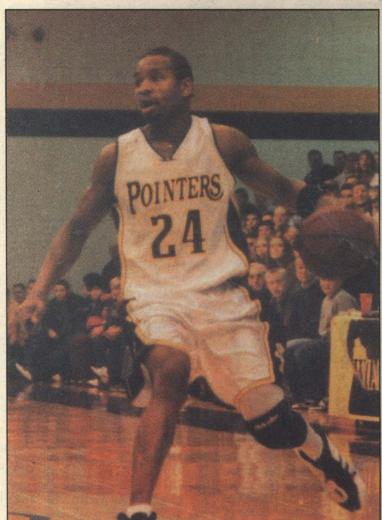
"The crowd was just awe- defense that held Lake Forest III playoff victory for the some. When they gave us a to under 30 percent in the first half and under 35 percent for

> Next up for UWSP is fourtime defending national champion and number one-ranked Washington University in St. Louis. Despite their sparkling reputation, Egner has no problems with the match-up in St Louis on Saturday.

> "If we want to be the best, we have got to play the best," said Egner. "They are a great measuring stick to see where our program is. But we are not afraid of Washington, not one bit. We can't be intimidated."

SPORTS

Men's ballers suffer tough season ending loss to Whitewater



The Pointer's Kalonji Kadima drives for a shot versus Whitewater

Team has no answer to Lewis-Byers in second half of semifinal By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's basketball team seemingly was soaring in their WIAC semi-final against Whitewater, until they were blind-sided by an anti-aircraft missile named Aubrey Lewis-

The Pointers squandered a 14-point halftime lead, allowing Lewis-Byers to control the momentum for the Warhawks during an 80-73 upset victory.

Lewis-Byers scored 24 of his game-high 32 points in the second half and hauled in 11 rebounds, seven on offense.

"Their big player stepped it up," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "I am very disappointed in that I thought Byers took it to our interior players. Whoever he was matched up on, he physically killed them."

The loss eliminated the Pointers from post-season contention in the NCAA Division III tournament, despite being .the 14th-ranked team in Division III and sporting a 21-6 record. Bennett, while realizing that his team had a very outside shot at making the tournament, was still upset that only tournament-champion Oshkosh received a bid to

the tourney.

Said Bennett, "This is a scandal with what's going on. I think the criteria they use to choose the teams is purposely keeping good teams from the WIAC out. It is disappointing, but those are the rules we play by in the national scene."

UWSP had the momentum throughout the first half, as sophomore guard Neal Krajnik, who finished with a team-high 16 points, nailed a three-pointer with four seconds to play to put the Pointers on top 41-27 at the

Whitewater emerged from the locker room with a new plan, knowing that nobody on UWSP's roster could match up with the physical Lewis-Byers. The Warhawks exploded for an 18-5 run. After a going shot-for-shot for a short time, Lewis-Byers hit a jumper with 6:04 left to give the

Warhawks a 58-57 lead. It was the first lead for Whitewater since the 14:38 mark of the first half.

The Pointers were forced to foul Whitewater to stop the clock, Warhawks became

hawkeyes, officially sealing the win from the free-throw line by hitting eight out of nine attempts, while the Pointers missed four of their last five shots from the field.

Senior Kalonji Kadima finished with 12 points for the Pointers, while the

team's two post players, junior Josh Iserloth and freshman Jason Kalsow, each scored 11. In his last game with the Pointers, senior Nick DeVos scored eight points, including a big three late in the second half to tie up the

"We didn't get one of those stellar performances," Bennett said. "Josh didn't hit a three and I don't think we got inside the way we wanted to. Part of that is a credit to Whitewater in the way they defended and the quickness they have."

SENIOR ON THE SPOT **ANTHONY HARRIS - SWIMMING**



Harris

UWSP Career Highlights

- Six-time All American
- Has qualified for Nationals four straight years
- 2001-2002 team captain
- 2002 conference champion in the 100-yard butterfly

Major - Communication Hometown - St. Paul, Minn. Nickname - "Tiny"

Most memorable moment - This past weekend I beat my 100 yard Butterfly rival from UW-Eau Claire for the first time in four years. It was a great way to go out.

Who was your idol growing up? - My parents, without question. What are your plans after graduation? - I plan on moving either back home or to Chicago to begin a radio career. Eventually I want to open my own [dance] club.

Do you plan on swimming competitively after graduation? - I don't know if I will continue swimming competitively, but I do know that swimming is in my blood and I can't just drop it all together.

What is your favorite aspect of swimming? - I love to race. The rush i get when I am standing behind the blocks is unlike any other feeling in the world.

Most embarrasing moment - When I was dragged up onto the starting blocks this past weekend to do the YMCA [dance] in front of the entire conference.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? -Carmen Electra's boyfriend

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you

- 1. My music
- 2. My basketball
- 3. A hoop (because I can shoot for hours and never get bored)

What will you remember most about swimming at UWSP? -1 will never forget the friends I have made and all the emotional highs get from swimming.

Swimmers shine at WIAC championships

Johnson, Harris pace men's team in third straight championship,

women take second place By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's swimming and diving team

has now become a legacy, capturing its third consecutive WIAC championship in Whitewater last weekend.

The Pointer women's team wasn't so lucky, but still took second place, coming just seven points short of UW-

On the men's side, sophomore Erik Johnson claimed three individual titles to lead the Pointers. Johnson won the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle to complete

his sweep of the sprint races. Senior captain Anthony Harris also won, and set a pool record in the 100-yard butterfly event with a time of 50.68 14-16, while the men swim on March 21-22. seconds.

The Pointers also took three relay championships, winning the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay.

The women's team outscored UW-La Crosse by 80 points in the pool, but the Eagles won the championship with an 87 point advantage in the diving events.

> Senior Christine Sammons won her fourth conference title in two different events. She set the conference record with a time of 1:07.05 in the 100-yard breaststroke and won the 200-yard breaststroke.

> Sophomore Alisa Bartz won a conference title in the 50-yard freestyle and senior Mary Thone claimed her second straight 100-yard butterfly

The NCAA Division III Champ-

ionships are next for the Pointers, held in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. The women's championship is March



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THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take:

Ten sure-fire symptoms of a sports addict

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

Are you finding it difficult to concentrate in your classes due to those thoughts of Mike Tyson or Michael Jordan dancing in your head? Do you flip between sports-highlight shows on TV? Have you passed up sex to watch football? Have you ever considered spending your financial-aid refund on the sweat-soaked towel of your favorite professional athlete? Well, if you have done any (or in my case, all) of these things, you may be addicted to sports.

Now you may be asking, "What does this guy know about addictions?" Well, plenty. You see, I am currently fighting a sports addiction of my own. Please

don't feel sorry for me. I'm working through my addiction. It's just going to take time.

In the meantime, I've compiled ten no-doubt symptoms of sports addiction, so as to help anyone who may think they are becoming dependent. As the experts say, admitting that you have a problem is the first step. college each player attended, Well, here you are: along with their age, weight,

1. You follow your team wherever they play. Your team could be playing in China, and there you are, right next to Mao Tse Tung in the front row, with "GO DEFENSE" painted on your chest.

2. You actually believe that stadium food is a delicacy. I'm personally not guilty of this one, but I've seen some hopeless addicts treat a foot-long hotdog they got at the concession stand like it was a prime Austrian filet mignon (although they roughly

cost the same).

3. You NEVER miss a game. Your wife could be at the hospital delivering your firstborn, and there you are in the bleachers with your buddies,

trash-talking the opposing team's outfielders.

4. You know what "Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila" means in Nigerian.

5. You cut dates off short so you can make it home in time for the 11 p.m. Sportcenter.

6. You can watch a pro basketball game and name the

college each player attended, along with their age, weight, favorite food and astrological sign (I actually had a roommate last year who could do this).

7. You show up at every Pointer basketball game dressed like (very ugly) women and dance around while beating a drum and heckling the opposing team (you guys know who you are).

8. You update the rosters on your Playstation 2 sports games every time your team makes a real-life roster change (again, I'm guilty).

9. You pray to your favorite player's baseball card every night, and then set it a place at the table for breakfast every morning.

10. You gamble 95% of your student loan on a college basketball game, only to see your "sure bet" fall to a no-talent bunch of Ivy-Leaguers (damn you, Hampton!).

There you have it, sports fans. If you have any (or all) of these symptoms, you better get checked out, because it's a good bet that you are succumbing to sports addiction. Check back in a couple of weeks, when I'll give all you sports lunatics some surefire ways to cure your sports addiction.

Track teams both take first in Pointer Invite

By Dan Mirman Sports Editor

The UWSP men's and women's track teams were rude hosts. They both placed first at their own track meet, the Pointer Invitational. Both teams received strong performances in a plethora of events in a warm up for the WIAC Championships.

The men's team managed to place first in five different events, and they also dominated the 3,000 meter and the one mile run to win the meet.



Nechute

"We have been making a lot of progress and making the improve ments that we need to make," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "It was not just one individual either, it was a real team victory. We are building to our peak level right now, and it showed with our results last week."

The women's team also had an excellent effort, as they finished first out of seven teams. They managed to place first ten times, including taking the first four spots in the 400 meter and sweeping the top three places in the long jump.

"I was surprised by how well we did," said Head Coach Len Hill.
"We just had a great meet where everybody stepped up. It's really nice to see that seven different athletes accomplished personal bests."

On the men's side, Matt Legel won first for the 400 meter dash. Mark Lalonde was victorious in a 3,000 meter run that saw UWSP capture five of the top six spots. Rounding out the other first place finishers was Kent Hutchinson in the triple jump and Noah Eschenbauch in the weight throw.

"As far as where we are right now, we don't have an over-abundance of stars, but everyone is stepping up a little more because they realize that every point is that much more important," said Witt.

On the women's side, playing basketball has not preoccupied two-sport athlete Amanda Nechuta's track abilities at all as she qualified for nationals while placing first in the shot put. Jenny Todd also had a first place day winning the 55 meter dash. Jesalyn Maher won the 400 meter dash, and Becky Clarke had a big day as she won both the long jump and 55 meter hurdles.

The two events that the women were the most successful in were the one mile run and the triple jump. In the one mile run Megan Craig led a sweep of the top three spots. She also broke the school record with a time of 5:01.60. Jody Butkowski finished first as UWSP took the top four spots in the triple jump.

"Amanda Nechuta is just a great athlete, but if the basketball team wins she won't be able to be at the conference meet. Megan just ran an incredible race, and she may be a one seed next week," said Hill. "Last year I had some doubts, but I feel good about where we are and that we are prepared."

The track and field teams will continue their season in Whitewater this weekend, where they will compete in the WIAC championships.

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The Week Ahead...



Men's Hockey - at NCHA Final Four (Ashwaubenon, Wis.) vs. UW-Superior, Sat., 3 p.m.

<u>Track and Field</u> - at WIAC Championships (Whitewater, Wis.), Sat.-Sun.

Wrestling - at NCAA Championships (Wilkes-Barre, Penn.), Sat.-Sun.

Women's Basketball - at NCAA Div. III Tournament (St. Louis, Miss.) vs. Washington University, Sun.

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OUTDOORS

'Colloquium speaker preaches benefits of controlled fires

By Steve Seamandel **OUTDOORS EDITOR**

A group of about 100 students and faculty members gathered on Wednesday afternoon to hear University of California-Berkeley graduate and U.S. Forest Service's Dr. Hutch Brown speak about the history of prescribed wildland burning in Virginia.

The main argument at hand aimed to dispell

myths that the American Indians, who inhabited Virginia before the first settlers, used controlled fires for agriculture, hunting, foraging and traveling. There are many disagreements as to whether or not American Indians actually used controlled fires, but Brown's studies indicated that they not only used controlled fires, but survived because of them.

Since the extermination of American Indians from Virginia, any wildlife and forest in the state has grown thicker because decreased fires where natural fire from lightning is rare. Whereas a dry western state, like Idaho, has an average of 817 fires started by lightning every year, Virginia averages about eight per year. Dr. Brown attributed this to the fact that Idaho is very dry and solo lightning storms are not Dr. Hutch Brown speaks about fires on Virginia, lightning is usually

accompanied by substantial rainfall, which greatly diminishes the chance of a fire outbreak.

Besides addressing the controversy of whether or not the American Indians really did use controlled fires, supporters of controlled fire like Dr. Brown are gradually convincing the Virginia Forestry Service of its advantages.

The greatest success of controlled fire, according to Dr. Brown, is the story of the Peters Mountain Mallow. This flower was once plentiful,

> but because it only spreads seeds with the help of fire, its population gradually declined to three individual plants. The flower was even put on the endangered species list at its worst moments. However, Virginia took a risk and used prescribed fires to encourage seed dispersal. Now, over 100 plants are thriving throughout Virginia.

Dr. Brown stated that the most difficult part of convincing the Virginia Forestry Service to revert to using controlled fires was dispelling the myths that have followed the practice. However, by using his studies, which that American Indians successfully used controlled fires to survive, Dr. Brown believes that in time, the Forestry Service will decide to use the fires to benefit the quality of their wildlife.



Photo by L. Rice

uncommon. However, in Wednesday at the CNR Colloquium.

Shed hunting: getting the shaft

By Joe Shead

OUTDOORS REPORTER

If you read my article on shed hunting last week, rushed out into the woods with three duffel bags in tow, ready to load up, I believe I owe you an apology. You see, last week's article was only the flowery, idealistic side of shed hunting. Truth be told, shed hunting is only something to be performed by elite antler connoisseurs. Oh, sure, inexperienced shed hunters may stumble upon the occasional antler. But hey, even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while.

In reality, shed hunting is at least as frustrating as fly fishing. More specifically, it's like going fly fishing, spotting the biggest brook trout you've ever seen, then casting to it repeatedly. Every once in a while, the fish nips at your dry fly, just so you don't feel like a total moron, but in reality, that big spotted monster wants an emerger. And since you're new to fly fishing and your fly box has barely any flies to speak of, let alone an emerger, you know full well you'll never catch the fish. Then, after an hour of casting to that blasted fish, your buddy comes along, makes five casts, hooks it, loses it and the fish is never seen again. But I

There's nothing that burns quite as much as tromping through the woods for hours on end and coming up empty-handed, only to discover that every buck in the neighborhood has bequeathed its antlers to your friend. Oh, sure, your friend will say, "It's just nice to be outside walking through the woods." Yeah, right! He would have never said that had the tables been turned. He'd be moping right now, just like you are. It's probably like having your boyfriend or girlfriend ditch you on Valentine's Day to go to a Creed concert. But I said "probably." I wouldn't know. You'd have to ask my girlfriend, Becky. But I digress again.

As you read this, you may notice that I sound bitter. That's because I just returned from a shed-hunting trip with no antlers. Don't worry, I'm not always this angry. Dealing with frustration is simply an integral part of shed hunting. The true joys of hunting for antlers are obviously finding antlers, but also, sharing time afield with friends and introducing people to the pastime.

Take, for example, my first trip of the season a couple of weeks ago. I went with my friend Nick, a seasoned veteran, and Becky. It was Becky's first time looking for antlers, and though we didn't find any, Becky still had a good time hiking through the woods on a gorgeous day. On the way back to the car, we met up with Nick. Nick is a bit of a plant lover, and he said that he'd found an interesting species. As he opened his backpack, my exfriend pulled out an antler instead of a plant!

Be sure to read next week's article on how to kill your friend, leave him in the woods and steal his antlers, if it's not censored.

Deer crisis management: just vaporize 'em

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

While perusing the news channels last week, I caught a quick glimpse of a deer, which seized my attention and forced me to put down the remote. The ensuing news piece that I saw disgusted me so much that it's been on my mind ever since.

The segment was about urban sprawl and how in New Jersey, residents of new semi-wooded subdivisions are having major deer problems. They showed several upset residents complaining about how deer are always in their yards, and they can't even have a garden without the deer eating all of the plants.

Their solution: kill them. How? Hire a private, so-called "deer assassin." The story then broke to a man pulling a large semi-automatic rifle out of the back of his truck, like the ones you see in a Jerry Bruckheimer war movie. For a nominal fee, the "assassin" would sit in a resident's tree or stakeout behind a shed and eliminate the "problem deer." From the looks of the modern laser-guided rocket launcher, the hunter was doing more than kindly exterminating them; he was practically vaporizing the nearly tame deer.

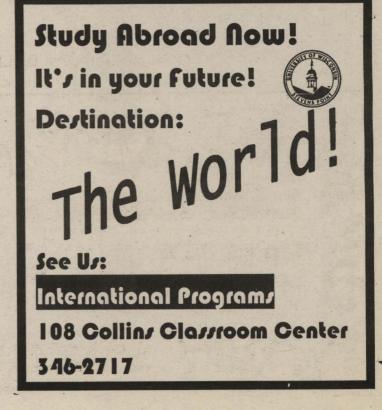
This whole concept made me realize how stupid people can be. First off, they're expanding into the decreasing acreage that the deer lived in. Secondly, they're literally leaving a buffet of fresh leaves and vegetables in their backyards. Those two reasons alone sum up the deer problem. Even I could figure that out.

Why is it that our culture is shifting so drastically in terms of wildlife and co-existing with it? If I ever met someone from this neighborhood, I'd not only explain to them why they're idiots for not seeing that the deer problem is caused by their overflow into the deer's habitat, but I'd also give them a swift kick in the derrière for putting themselves-and even their gardens-in front of nature, something that was there before the subdivision.

Yes, there are problems with excessive deer populations, and sometimes, we have to solve that by non-traditional methods of trimming their numbers. But the apparent solution that these New Jersey residents have come to is not only excessive and inappropriate, but also ignorant and careless. Wisconsin seems to have a good deer management plan, although it's probably not plausible to reproduce such a system in a more urbanized area.

But what's next? Getting rid of squirrels because they're eating all of our birdseed or getting rid of rabbits because they dig holes in our precious front lawns? Why not get rid of birds, they're

We need to realize that our territorial expansion is the direct reason behind seeing more deer and other wildlife in our backyards, and we need to live with that, and not simply exterminate the "problem."



Itching for warmer weather now

By Leigh Ann Ruddy ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Cabin fever has set in. Despite the warm winter Wisconsin has experienced, the lull in the season dangles over us like a five-pound icicle splitting from the eve's trough.

Let's face it. There's not much going on in the way of outdoor activities in February and March.

'Tis the season for outdoor activity expositions, coming to a Wisconsin city near you, and preparing restless villagers for the warmer months to come.

Last weekend, the Alliant Energy Center in Madison hosted the Madison Fishing Expo. Featuring numbers of fishing gear vendors and notable speakers, the expo warmed any fisher's blood for open water season.

The Pioneer Inn in Oshkosh hosted the Wisconsin Decoy and Sporting Collectibles Show on Wednesday. Are these held to tease us, or what?

But the one that I am really waiting for this year is the "world's largest paddle sport expo," Canoecopia. Sponsored by Rutabaga, a paddle sporting shop in Madison, Canoecopia runs next weekend, March 8-10 at the Alliant Energy Center, near downtown Madison.

> Whether it's

kayaking, rafting or curiosity this is the one exposition an outdoors enthusiast shouldn't overlook.

Price of admission is only \$5 for the whole day. The urge to max out my credit card will be painfully hard to control. The price of admission is nothing compared to the amount of vendors that are scheduled to be there. Among the amount of kayak and canoe vendors, camping gear vendors like Marmot, Granite Gear and Cascade Designs will be there.

A variety of lecture topics are scheduled, spanning from Ozark canoeing for dummies to retracing Lewis and Clark's crossing of the Great Plains in a birch bark canoe. Some of the lectures will be repeated throughout the weekend so as to accommodate one-day visitors.

Featured at this year's Canoecopia are Backpacker and Silent Sports as well as Sea Kayaker and Canoe and Kayak magazines.

Sponsored by Subaru, this exposition attracts thousands of people each year due to the discounted prices on what is usually very expensive equipment. Novice and inexperienced paddlers are encouraged to come. Canoecopia has everything from merchandise to expertise.

Shake off the depressed feel-

under the house, let the icicle drop to the muddy ground and

ing of cabin fever, step out from get in gear for the warmer months to come.



Scenes like this picturesque sunset make the winter days seem even longer and colder.

The Portage County Groundwater Guardians are looking for volunteers to teach lessons in 6th grade classrooms on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to noon or Thursday, March 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. You will find out everything you need to know then! At training, you will sign up to teach a minimum of two lessons (one hour long each) during April and early May.

If you would like to sign up or have more questions, please contact the ACT office at 346-2260 or act@uwsp.edu.

To take advantage of the "late" snowfall, Treehaven is offering a "Snowshoe Adventure and History" day workshop on Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jim Joques, adventures instructor from UWSP, will be your guide on 1400 acres of trail. Cost is \$30 and includes a great lunch in our dining room with an option for overnight lodging. Call June at (715) 453-4106 to register or for more info!

Anglers: take note of stream trespass law

To avoid trespassing on private land, anglers enjoying the early catch and release season that starts March 2 on inland waters need to remember to keep their feet wet when fishing Wisconsin streams.

A law effective on Sept. 1, 2001, allows people to walk on any exposed shore area of a stream up to the ordinary high water mark without the permission of the landowner, but only to go around an obstruction. Such obstructions can include a tree or rocks, shallow water for boaters or deep water for wading trout anglers.

That law reverses a 1999 law that generally allowed people to walk on exposed shore area along streams below the ordinary high water mark without the landowner's permission.

The ordinary high water mark is the point on the bank or shore where the presence and action of surface water leaves a distinct physical mark either by erosion, destruction of terrestrial vegetation or other easily recognized characteristic. That mark is considered the boundary between public water held

in trust by the state and the upland.

"For streams, it's essentially back to, 'keep your feet wet,' with one exception," says Mike Lutz, a Department of Natural Resources attorney who works on law enforcement issues. "You can leave the water to go



around an obstruction using the shortest possible route and remaining within the ordinary high water mark."

In addition, a member of the public may not enter the exposed shore area along a stream except from the water, from a point of public access on the stream or with the permis-

sion of the landowner.

For lakes, Lutz says, "it's the same for the public as it's always been, 'keep your feet wet,' period."

Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine, a body of law found in the State Constitution, state statutes and court decisions, charges the state of Wisconsin with the responsibility of protecting public waters for all citizens' use and enjoyment. The doctrine holds that Wisconsin's public waters belong to everyone, and it protects the public's right to fish, swim, boat, hunt and enjoy the natural scenic beauty of Wisconsin's waterways. "We're very fortunate that our public trust doctrine recognizes a right of public use that is among the best in the country," Lutz says, and adds that Wisconsin's stream access laws are also among the most expansive in the country.

The 1999 law sought to broaden that access along streams, but concern from farmers and other property owners adjacent to streams led to the partial reversal of that law in

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ARTS & REVIEW

CD Preview

Weezer

Maladroit Preview Sampler By Colleen Courtney

WWSP Music Director

I once read that Weezer's members write at least one song a day. Which raises some questions: how do they know which are the best? Did they simply experience sophomore album-itis with 1996's

Pinkerton? Why, then, was there a five-year hiatus between Pinkerton and Weezer (2001)? guess I'll never know.



apparel available at www.weezer.com

But Weezer's on a roll. When you consider the end product is 365 songs per year, it's no surprise that Maladroit, the follow-up to last summer's lime green Weezer (2001), will be released at the end of April. The band started with 30 tracks, narrowing it down to 13 for the final count. To whet appetites, the band sent out an eight-song

month. The Maladroit sampler, still signature Weezer, is a continuation of their poppy grooves. The first two songs, "Dope Nose" and "Keep Fishin," are expected to be on Maladroit. "Dope Nose," kicks off the album with steady instru-

sampler to college stations this

mentals. "Dead on my head/ Wasting time on my own/ Sleep rescue me/ Take me back to my home" are the relatable Weezer lyrics we have come to expect. The music interludes to a great bass

> breakdown from new bassist Scott Shriner. "Keep Fishin," a casual song about relationships, is guaranteed to be a commercial radio hit.

Together" has the heavy, evil guitar sounds of "Hash Pipe." And only Weezer could call a song "Death and Destruction" and play mellow instrumentals. All in all, it's a great taste for what's yet to come from

No two songs ever sound the same from Weezer, but almost all of the material is likeable, without ever being "too trendy." Weezer celebrated the tenth anniversary of their first practice on Feb. 14, and is considered such an alternative staple that a tribute album, Rock Music: A Tribute to Weezer was released on Feb. 5. You can also check out Maladroit's MP3 files at weezer.com.

Strange Tales From Mortimers

By Adam M. Mella

ARTS & REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

As another weekend started last Tuesday, I had just finished up my reading, writing and other such business for my trying courses when my good pal gave me a ring on the secure line. He asked what was happening for that evening, however, I had heard of nothing to do except to hit the karaoke bar with my famous rendition of the Righteous Brothers. Then, out of nowhere appeared this brochure for Mortimer's Showpalace, as if God himself had dropped it from heaven. While at first the name sent shivers down my spine, the menu and the entertainment that Mortimer's claimed to serve up was too intriguing to pass up. So we put on our finest sweaters, I dashed my neck with a splash of "Undeniable" cologne, and we hopped in the Dodge Duster Turbo with lofty expectations, and a bounce in our step.

As we entered the famed Showpalace, we were instantly swept up in the commotion and electric vibe of the spectacular lights, sounds and friendly folks throughout the main Showroom. On center stage was a Bobby McFerrin cover band and there were plenty of beautiful ladies that were eager to dance to the smooth rhythms. After a few cocktails, however, things started getting a little weird. Perhaps it was the mystique of Mortimer's Showpalace, the 'Undeniable", or the bad moon rising, but make no mistake about it, I will never be the same after that unforgettable night. The conversations ranged from the world famous German luger, "The Flying White Sausage", and his dominance of the Olympic Games, to the Dengue Mosquito epidemic in Rio de Janeiro, and of course, the

striking similarities between Bobby McFerrin and the lead singer of the cover band, Ed "Soul" Lewis. It did not stop there however, it only got worse, although I cannot mention the topics encompassed in this pure publication for the sake of those who remain unsullied. Let me just say the words "Sweden", "Medium Destroyer Task Force" and "Twelve Thousand Bananas" were uttered in the same breath.

Some may wonder what this has to do with them, and I will tell them plainly and matter-offactly that I would like to share my magical experience at Mortimer's Showpalace with them so that all can bask in the glorious light. A night at Mortimer's can be whatever you want it to be; an evening of mental stratagem, a way to unwind after a rough Monday, or dare I say, a romantic rendezvous with that special someone. Although many students have their own set routines when they are looking for a zesty occasion, such as bowling, fishing, or going "Downtown" in their free time, I strongly urge each and every one of you to try out the fresh and contemporary scene over at Mortimer's Showpalace for a change of pace. While Sunday brunch will often feature Chancellor George and other local jazz musicians on the stage, Mortimer's has hosted big name acts such as the late. Roy Orbison, Willie Nelson, The Judds, and John C. Mellencamp over that past decade or so. Nevertheless, I give you my word as a connoisseur of the extended weekend ... you won't be disappointed with a visit to Mortimer's Showpalace.

Due to a breakdown in communications, Mr. Patrick Rothfuss didn't get his column to me in time this week. He will return again next week. Untl then, and for the rest of the semester, any comments, complaints or submissions can be sent to zhold695@uwsp.edu or thepointer@uwsp.edu. Thanks for reading and be good to yourself and each other.

Movie Review

PRIPARE KOR ADVENTURE.

By Luke Zancanero

PHOTO EDITOR

When Hollywood takes a great book and turns it into a movie, chances are good that the movie will be terrible. I was sur-

prised with the outcome of The Count of Monte Cristo, by Alexndre Dumas. This story has been retold in the theaters a few times, yet for some reason this one, directed by Kevin Reynolds, seems to work very well.

Edmond Dantes (Jim Caviezel) and

are best friends and sailing partners. When their captain gets sick, Isla Alba, (home of the exiled Napoleon Bonaparte). On the island Napoleon gives a letter to Edmond to take back to Marseilles with him and because of this trouble is not far behind.

· Marseilles, Edmond is set up by Fernand who is jealous of Edmond and his beautiful fiancé Mercedes (Dagmara Dominczyk). Edmond is falsely imprisoned in the Chateau D'if. It is in prison that Edmond meets Abbe Faria (Richard Harris) and learns how to read, write as well as the art of swordsmanship. The Abbe soon

dies and gives Edmond a map that is thought to lead to the riches of a past count. Edmond uses the death of the Abbe to escape the prison

> and find the riches that were hidden on the island of Monte Cristo.

After obtaining the riches and becoming extremely wealthy, Edmond uses his new high social status to seek revenge on all who plotted against him. He throws lavish parties, buys information from all over Europe and is only

Fernand Mondego (Guy Pierce) known as The Count of Monte

Eventually Mercedes, who is they are forced to take shore on now wed to Fernand recognizes Edmond and confronts him. It is soon after that Edmond finishes his works of revenge and once again becomes reunited with Mercedes.

Jim Caviezel and Guy Pierce Soon after returning back to are very charismatic and entertaining in this film. Along with the careful direction of Kevin Reynolds and the great use of landscapes and lighting, the film is actually worth seeing. Beside a couple of minor differences from the book, the movie nicely represents the romantic, heart stopping, back stabbing, action packed story that Mr. Dumas wrote long ago.

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Gone Polka-Jimmy Sturr

Country Album Timeless-Hank Williams

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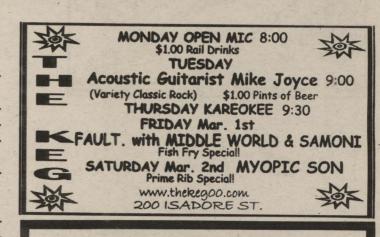
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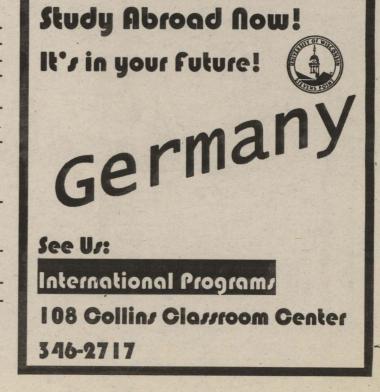
Instrumental Soloist Performance (without Orchestra)

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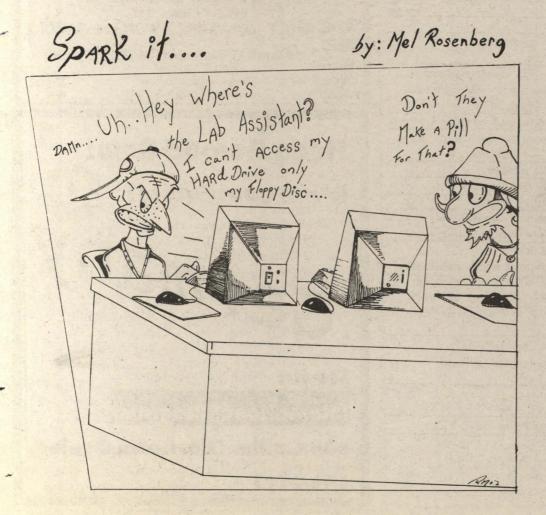
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