

Two UWSP students pass away during break



Elvio Misoni

Deaths of Misoni and Schuett shock families, friends and campus

By Amy Zepnick News Editor

Death claimed the lives of two UW-Stevens Point students, Elvio Misoni and Christina Schuett, during winter break.

21 year-old Elvio Misoni passed away on Sunday, Jan. 20. His friends found him unresponsive in his home and called for assistance. Alcohol was the alleged cause of death.

Misoni graduated from Mosinee High School in 1998 where he was an active soccer player, wrestler and developed into an accomplished weight lifter. As a junior at UWSP, Misoni majored in Health and Wellness. He enjoyed outdoor activities-especially fishing. He participated in his family's fishing adventure, the "Mamekogon Fish Master Classic" and, for four years in a row, was titled "Fish Master."

"He was fun loving, smart, personable...a great kid to be around," father Steven Misoni said. "He loved school. When we asked him what he was going to be when he grew up, he always smiled and said 'educated.' He was enthusiastic about learning. He wasn't afraid to do things. If he didn't know how, he would teach himself. He was very smart."

According to a personal memorial on the Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home website, Misoni was a good stu-



to submitted by Patricia Charlton Christina Schuett

Dombeck honored

Professor wins Lady Bird Johnson Conservation Award By Mollie Mlodzik ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former chief of the U.S. Forest Service, and current UW-Stevens Point Global Environment Management (GEM) pioprofessor, Michael neer Dombeck has been awarded the fourth Lady Bird Johnson Conservation Award.

"I am the fourth person ever to receive this award," said Dombeck. "I feel incredibly humbled by the recognition."

In 1992, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Board of Directors established the presti-

gious award in honor of Mrs. Johnson's 80th birthday and her ongoing dedication to the environment.

"I think Lady Bird Johnson was very concerned about our environment and land conservation, and that is basically what I am working for, to be a steward of the land," said Dombeck.

Currently a full-time College of Natural Resources professor, Dombeck leads planning for the GEM education center, a 100,000 square foot facility that will respond to accelerated global changes and critical issues, inspire and develop creative solutions and create a sustainable future for local communities in Wisconsin and abroad.

A UWSP alumni, Dombeck



Professor Michael Dombeck

has been involved in numerous

conservation efforts, including

watershed health and restoration,

UWSP recognized for ecological practices

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By Amy Zepnick NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point was listed highly in the first national survey of university environmental practices performed by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).

The survey entitled "State of the Campus Environment: A national Report Card on Environmental Performance and Sustainability Higher in Education," groups UWSP into a handful of campuses who demonstrate firm environmental

UWSP was the only UW System school to be listed in more than one categor-holding a leading position in "offering majors and minors requiring environmental courses" and "supporting and evaluating faculty on environmental studies."

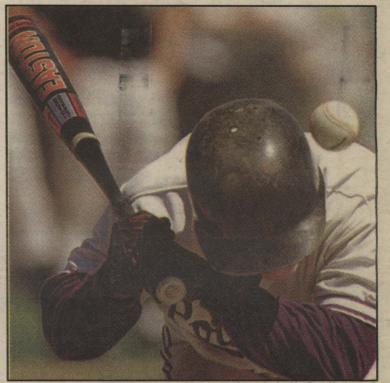
UW-River Falls was the only other UW System campus listed in the NWF survey.

"This emphasizes everything we do on campus," Chancellor Tom George said. "Knutzen Residence Hall is our Eco-hall. We require environmental literacy credits to graduate. Our College of Natural Resources is the biggest and best in the country.'

Conducted in partnership with Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA), the survey documented the environmental importance in decision-making at UWSP regarding everything from curriculum to landscaping.

For a bachelor's degree at UWSP, a student must complete three credits of environmental studies. According to the survey, only eight percent of campus restoration projects also indicate

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Charlesworth snaps winning photos

UWSP News Services photographer places second in University **Photographers contest By Amy Zepnick**

News Editor

Tom Charlesworth, UW-Stevens Point News Services photographer and media specialist, placed second in the "personal vision" and "sports" categories of the University Photographers Association Fourth Annual Web Image Competition. "Anyone that works for a enter," university can Charlesworth said. "There are about 150 members in this organization. This is the second time I've entered. I placed last year, too." Organized by the University Photographers Association of America (UPAA), the competition allowed photographers in the United States and Canada an opportunity to show their talents in scanning, color management and PhotoShop skills. Any UPAA member in good standing could submit up to six digital photos (one for each category) used in a website within the past 18 months.

Charlesworth entered an image for every category. The four other categories he submitted to were people, environment and landscape, news and features, and science and photography. He attended UWSP and worked for The Pointer newspaper. He continued as chief photographer at the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune and was a staff photographer at the Stevens Point Journal. He was honored by the Wisconsin News Photographers Association and the Wisconsin Newspaper Association. Last summer he placed first in the science category of the UPAA slide contest. He came to

working for sustainable forest ethics.

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research.

Charlesworth's winning "personal vision" photo captured a hibiscus flower in front of the University Center. For the "sports" category, his photo depicted a ball on the brink of hitting a UWSP baseball player. Information on contestants and their photos are found on UPAA's website at the www.upaa.org/test/2001_web_i mage_winners.htm.

Growing up in Stevens Point, Charlesworth was influenced by his father's interest in

UWSP in 1999.

"I do all different kinds of photography," he said. "I do senior pictures for friends and family. I do industrial work, too. My job on campus is to take photos for the university's promotion pieces. I take pictures of anything from sports to plays. These photos go on websites. Our pictures are also used for promotions in the University Center and for local newspapers."

Charlesworth intends to continue his work at UWSP.

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Photo submitted by Tom Charle

Charlesworth's winning "sports" photo.

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UWSP's on-going awareness of

ecological and environmental

recognition shows excellence at

-UWSP," Chancellor George said.

"Different campuses have differ-

strengths. This is our strength. If

any university deserves a recog-

Nearly 22 percent of institu-

nition of this kind, it's UWSP."

"To other universities, this

focal points-different

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dent and hard worker. He enjoyed building houses, which gave him a sense of accomplishment. His generous spirit pushed him to go the extra mile for family and friends. He was funny, playful and witty and flashed his unique clothing and hairstyle.

"Misoni was his grandfather's namesake and 'keeper of the flame," the memorial reads. "That flame will now, and forever, live in the hearts of all who knew and loved him."

To offer condolences, log on to the Peterson/Kraemer website www.peterson/kraemer.com.

23 year-old Christina Schuett died on Jan. 16. Schuett lost control of her car while driving southbound on Interstate 39-90. She crossed the center line and struck a northbound pickup truck near DeForest.

Schuett was orginially from Watertown and graduated from Watertown High School in 1997. She was a fifth-year student at UW-Stevens Point majoring in geography with an emphasis in cartography and minors in geographic information systems, spatial analysis and music. She also worked as the assistant

director of Pray-Sims Residence Hall, where she ran the front desk and took care of the physical – aspects of the building.

"She was a very sweet girl," said Pray-Sims hall director Christel Ryder. "She had this beautiful smile and strong character. She really enjoyed life."

According to best friend, Patricia Charlton, Schuett had an amazing faith.

"About a year and a half ago she became saved and believed knowing Christ was most important," she said. "She was actively involved with Chi Alpha, a campus ministry organization. Jesus was her best friend. She spent a lot of time in prayer and worship because God gave her this awesome joy. It was just time for her to go home. Jesus wanted her to be with Him."

The flag in front of Old Main hung half-mast Jan. 22 to mourn Schuett's untimely death. Also, a memorial service will be held for Schuett at the First Assembly of God church in Plover on Jan. 27 at 3 p.m.

If seeking support due to these unfortunate events, contact Counseling Services in Delzell Hall at 346-3553.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

tions were questioned. Responses came from universities that both excel in environmental awareness and need work in that area.

To keep UWSP at the top of the list, Chancellor George said the university needs to continue with programs and awareness.

"The students should be proud," he said. "We are proactive. We don't wait for things to happen. We make things happen."

Dombeck

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ecosystem management, and also working towards sound forest roads and roadless area protection.

Between his last two jobs as acting director of the Bureau of Land Management and chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Dombeck has helped make an impact on nearly 500 million acres of U.S. land, reinforcing his qualifications for this reward.

In March, Dombeck will travel to Austin, Texas; to receive the award a luncheon at the Lyndon B. Johnson presidential library.



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III. Semester Abroad in Hungary, Szeged

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Tepsa awarded scholarship

By Josh Goller EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Uncommon Legacy Foundation recently awarded Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) President Cheryl Tepsa with a lesbian leadership scholarship award. Designed to promote further leadership in the gay community, Tepsa became one of only four students in the D.C. district (of which Wisconsin is included) to receive the award.

"I view this [award] as an affirmation of my work, which I don't really consider to be work, but just what I feel I need to do," Tepsa said.

As part of the honor, Tepsa will be flown to Washington D.C. for an awards banquet with the award donors.

"This trip will be a wonderful networking experience for me," Tepsa said. "And they're paying for my airfare."

According to GSA adviser

majoring in Communication with a Mass Comm. emphasis and minoring in scientific and technical writing.

"My career goal is to direct a non-profit organization that assists persecuted individuals or groups," Tepsa said.

According GSA Outreach Education Director Connor Hayes, Tepsa's award could make a significant impact on GSA and the gay community as a whole in Stevens Point.

"It's going to have a good impact because a lot of people can see what can happen if you're a leader and just happen to also be gay," Hayes said.

Just how significant an impact this honor will make is something that remains to be seen, according to Tepsa.

"I'm interested to see how they'll spin this for the university," Tepsa said. "I hope they [the university] don't just pay it lip service. I hope it makes a difference when the Faculty Senate is confronted with the issue of including sexual orientation in regards to their idea of diversity."

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Wayne Sorenson, Tepsa's award is a reflection of collective quality of leadership at UWSP.

"To tell you the truth, I'm very excited. I've worked with some great leaders and Cheryl is as good as anyone I've ever worked with," said Sorenson. "This is a very prestigious award and Cheryl's carrying on the legacy of great leaders in GSA and the rest of campus."

In addition to her GSA presidential duties, Tepsa holds the Managing Editor position at *The Pointer* and is associate chair of the Equity and Affirmative Action Committee to the Chancellor. A second semester junior, Tepsa is However, the financial impact of the award on Tepsa's personal life is something she can already recognize.

"I never really realized I got the award until I looked at my fully stocked refrigerator and almost cried," Tepsa said.

Tepsa discovered the scholarship on Fastweb Online and completed a 1,000 word essay in addition to including two reference letters that indicated her service to the gay community to apply for the award.

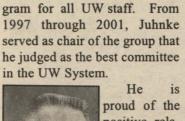
Juhnke retires from post

Rollie Juhnke ends 29 years of service for **UW-Stevens Point**

Rollie Juhnke, a tax-sheltered annuity and retirement specialist who has been director of personnel services for the past 29 years, left his post at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at the end of December.

Juhnke says his career at UWSP has been fulfilling because of his co-workers, especially two good bosses, Zeke Torzewski and Greg Diemer, and a wonderful staff. He refers to the personnel staff as a "team" that has worked well together for nearly 30 years with very little turnover.

Juhnke has spent many years serving on the UW System Tax Sheltered Annuity Review Committee, which advises UW System President Katherine Lyall on the adminis-



tration of the tax shelter pro-



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between them occurred during his tenure. Juhnke believes that relations among administrators, faculty and staff have always been straightforward and that employees have been treated fairly at the university. He applauds changes at the state level that have made the employment system less bureaucratic and authoritative.

Juhnke, who has taught

classes on personnel management, labor relations and other personnel related topics, also has led financial planning and retirement sessions for university employees. In addition, he has published papers for the U.S. Department of Labor and the Journal of the College and University Personnel Association. An Oshkosh native, he holds bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-Oshkosh and has studied preretirement financial planning through the College for Financial Planning in Denver, Colo.

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Upon his retirement, Rollie and his wife, De, who is leaving the College of Letters and Science Dean's office, plan to stay in Stevens. Point where their two daughters live. Travel itineraries include trips to Europe, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. He also plans to pursue hobbies of photography and fishing.



and Lyndsay Rice

What was your favorite Christmas present?



Eve Dickmann, Sr. Biology Ski poles



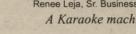
Adam Hinkle, Sr. Biology A new bed



Zack Billings, Jr. Undecided Jumper cables



A Karaoke machine



Professor accepts prestigious membership

Thomas becomes the newest member of **Roosevelt's Boone** and Crockett Club

By Mollie Mlodzik ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Christine Thomas, professor of resource management and associate dean of the UWSP College of Natural Resources, has recently been nominated and accepted for membership into the Boone and Crockett Club.

The club has over 100 years of history and commitment to preserving the needs of hunters, as well as the needs of wildlife. Started in 1897 by Theodore Roosevelt, the Boone and Crockett Club pioneered and maintains the ideas of the National Forest, the National Park and the National Wildlife

Refuge.

Having a limited membership of 100 regular members, and a small number of 65 invited "professional" members, Thomas receives the "professional" membership with pride.

"I am honored to have been asked. One of my interests is conservation history, and Theodore Roosevelt, one of the founders of the Boone and Crockett Club, was a very important person in the conservation history of this country," said Thomas. "I am humbled to know that I have a chance to become part of that lineage through this group."

Thomas also created a program in 1991, called "Becoming an Outdoors Woman," which teaches women outdoor skills, in addition to hunting, fishing and shooting skills.

Aside from serving as a CNR professor since 1989, Thomas is on the Board of

Directors for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The Elk Foundation is a non-profit wildlife habitat conservation organization that focuses on wildlife management projects such as elk transplants, elk habitat research, conservation education programs and hunting programs that promote ethical hunting.

In addition to the Boone and Crockett Club, Thomas has been recognized on both local and national levels for her natural resource work and outdoor involvement, including the Budweiser/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Outdoorsman of the Year, The Great Lakes Outdoor Writers Association Golden Glow Award and the Special Services Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Wildlife Management, among others.



Todd Savoie, Jr. Pre-Med Independent hoodie and a snowboarding trip



Rockstar socks

Gillo consults for LSU

The Board of Regents of Louisiana State University requested aid from UWSP's associate dean

The Board of Regents of Louisiana has asked Diane Gillo, associate dean of tStevens Point's (UWSP) College of Letters and Science and professor of business administration, to be a consult-Louisiana State ant to

ment in the development of the general studies major at UWSP has prepared her for just such an important task," said UWSP Provost/Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer. "This is not only a feather in Diane's cap but one for UWSP as well. It is very much deserved."

Gillo is a management specialist who taught at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo prior to coming to UWSP in

1983. An a-



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Photos by Luke Zancanaro

Students walk to class and signify the beginning of spring semester.

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University (LSU)-Alexandria in its efforts to change from a two-year to a four-year institution.

LSU-Alexandria has formally requested degree-granting status from Louisiana's Board of Regents.

A team of consultants will meet for one week in February to tour the Alexandria campus, interview individuals and write a report for the Board of Regents. Gillo has been asked to be the specialist for the liberal studies component. "Professor Gillo's involve-

ward bearing her name was established at UWSP in 1989 in recognition of her student advising Gillo work.

A native of Pennsylvania, Gillo earned a bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock University and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Western Michigan University.

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LETTERS & OPINION

Words of Wisdom From the Editor

I remember a time when the word "monopoly" made me think of a little pewter car and an old guy with a monacle.

With the recent corporate takeover of more and more aspects of American business, I long for the days when "monopoly" meant passing go, free parking and multicolored fake money. Garnering a few houses on Boardwalk or owning all four railroads seemed exciting as a kid (and I'll admit that it still does). However, with the myriad of recent litigation over the legality of Microsoft and the countless other corporate maneuvers that have put quantity over quality and wreaked havoc on small businesses, I've been having feelings about the state of

American capitalism that would have had Joseph McCarthy in my face with a vengeance fifty years ago.

The recent bankruptcy of the Enron Corporation and the similar submission of K-mart to the Wal-Mart corporate monster can be interpreted as a "survival of the fittest" aspect of capitalism that can be viewed as one of its most proud and basic principles. However, I really can't accept that K-mart succumbed to bankruptcy

because they provide lower quality products than their Sam Walton-founded competitor; I simply believe that the Wal-Mart corporation out-marketed the Big K. Has vicious competition yielded a better product in this situation, no. But according to K-Mart officials, around 500 stores across the country will be forced to close their doors, forcing thousands of working-class Americans to find new work or face unemployment. The K-mart corporation has cut its losses and may still survive (though some stock market analysts feel it may collapse altogeth-



er) but nevertheless people are out of work.

Though necessary to prevent the feared "monopoly," it's the litigation between corporations that really pickles my cucumber. AOL Time Warner Inc. (which itself pulled off the mother of all mergers) is now suing Microsoft on similar antitrust grounds to that of the U.S. Justice Department. Now while I fully agree with the Justice Department keeping a potential monopoly at bay, it doesn't seem right for another corporate giant (AOL Time Warner even owned the CNN site on

> which I read the article) to seek triple the alleged monetary damages it incurred. It's merely one monster feeding off another. While that creepy Monopoly guy may have smiled at such an action, I'm left scratching my head.

Corporations have infiltrated nearly every aspect of American life, but I'm still clinging to the hope of that the little guy can really

make it big and that every American can achieve the so-called "American dream." But deep down I know that the "American dream" amounts to little more than whoring yourself to big business so you can put in a pool in your backyard or buy a Rolex and sacrificing the individual for what's "good for the company." Call me pessimistic, but, in reality, the best that the little guy can hope for is "passing go" and collecting his two hundred dollars.

Those who want war should be willing to fight in it

As of late, there is, of course, tons of angry aggressive, venegeful, militant rhetoric spouted by the masses. Many Americans believe we not only have a moral right but also a moral mandate to attack Afghanistan and also Iraq.

As a peace activist who has been accused of not being real and true enough in my beliefs, I must respond to the empty rhetoric of the other side.

Many people are incensed and outraged about Sept. 11 and often respond to peace activists with knee jerk responses like "We can't sit back and do nothing. We must do something." They make it sound as if the peace activists are the apathetic inactive ones, and they are the caring active ones.

It's amazing how many people want war-yet how few are actually fighting the war. It's easy for insulated detached people, living in comfort, to demand war, but it sucks for the people actually fighting the war. We peace activists are deeply concerned about life, both ours and our "enemies." Many people really don't care who dies to teach the terrorists a lesson, just as long as it's not them. The privilege of these people separates them from the reality. Through intuition, reason, morality, we peace activists don't like the thought of anyone fighting war.

about us having great freedom, but alcoholic debauchery is the antithesis of freedom. The taverns by plastering a \$4.99 flag decal from Walmart on their windows, act like they really care about America. If they really cared about America, they wouldn't pollute America with the miasma of alcohol.

There are even sober pro-war ranting folks. I believe anyone who wants a war, should be ready to fight it or else these people really don't want a war. If you truly believe it is noble and virtous to bomb the hell out of Afghanistan or Iraq, then you should have enlisted in the military. It is quite easy to call for war when others may die. It is easy to demand military aggression when someone else has to do the dirty work. Although I am morally opposed to most military aggression, I admit that those in the military at least have the guts to fight the war. So many call for war, yet only a small fraction are willing to fight it. If you want the war, you should fight it. If the masses who aren't in the military got real with themselves, they should realize that war is ugly. If the non military-enlisted, war mongers out there would be honest with themselves they would realize that war is no game. If you want a war, you should be fighting it otherwise it's just empty rhetoric flowing from your mouth. If many people would actually have to fight the war, many people would probably have second thoughts about being a war hawk. Many fans of war would likely change their tune if they had to actually fight a war. Many people definetely want a war just as long as they are not the ones fighting it. Only a distorted sense of fantasy leads anyone to believe war is anything but ugly. If peace activists are not backing up their beliefs, then the taverns and mainstream America sure aren't either.

Cyanide still an issue

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On Nov. 6, 2001, the Wisconsin State Senate, by a vote of 19-14 passed Senate Bill 160 to ban cyanide use in all Wisconsin mines. On the same day, this legislative body also passed Senate Bill 271, by the same margin, which mandated "no special treatment" for the regulation of mining wastes. It should be noted that Senator Mike Ellis of Neenah and Senator Rob Cowles of Green Bay were the only Republicans who voted for this vital legislation that is needed, not only to protect the environment but also to protect the health of the people of Wisconsin.

During the three weeks prior to the passage of this legislation there were three major mining-related cyanide spills, which dramatically illustrated the need for a ban on the use of cyanide in Wisconsin mining. Two mine waste dumps full of toxic cyanide spilled in Ghana and a tanker truck in China spilled eleven tons of sodium cyanide into a river.

These disasters occur when transporting the cyanide and when the cyanide is dumped into mine waste dumps. Wisconsin is simply inviting an environmental disaster if the Wisconsin State Assembly fails to pass this legislation.

Assembly Environmental Chairperson Neal Kedzie must be contacted lest Wisconsin's precious rivers, lakes and forests be poisoned by cyanide. It is imperative that he allow Assemby Bill 95 to come to a vote.

Assembly Bill 547, which will see to it that mining ground-water and hazardous waste standards will be improved by raising them to the level of other industries while ending environmental exemptions for mining wastes, must be brought to a vote, too.

Rep. Kedzie can be reached at <Rep.Kedzie@legis.state.wi.us> or State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702. He can also be reached toll-free at 888-534-0043.

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There are droves of pro-war ranting drunkards imbibing their worthless decadence of a beverage. We must remember that the Taliban, despite all its egregious faults, has had the insight to ban alcohol.

We need some perspective. Although we are much freer than the Taliban's Afghanistan, the Taliban's Afghanistan did have some advantages to America and in some ways, were indeed freer than us. Banning alochol was a wise move which liberated at least a part of Afghanistan's soul. Americans thinks that we are free because we have legalized alcohol, but we must realize that alcohol addiction never can be freedom. We are not free, by any stretch of the imagination, and we press mindlessly and spout rhetoric

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A Point of View

Is Coca-Cola all it makes itself out to be?

By Kristin Sterner FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

When you go into a gas station or a grocery store and need a refreshing beverage, let me advise you, do not reach for Coca-Cola products. I have been told about the wide range of unethical business practices of the Coca-Cola Corporation and the adverse health effects of its products for some time. In the interest of this article, I quickly became a truly informed consumer.

Coca-Cola is also one of the largest multi-national corporations on the planet and keeps its profits high at the expense of workers rights and our environment. Just this past year, a Colombian paramilitary death squad killed a Coca-Cola union leader; a lawsuit has been filed against Coke and its Colombian business affiliates in response. A similar incident occurred in Guatemala in 1994, when two men stabbed a Coca-Cola union leader to death. These coincidental events indicate that Coke may be trying to prevent their workers from organizing in order to keep profits up, but of course they deny any connections, knowledge or wrongdoings.

Environmentalists have also

singled out Coke over the past 12 years because they use very little recycling in the production of their cans and bottles. After pressure from investors, Coke made a commitment to reform its recycling practices, but eliminated it shortly after because

it wasn't cost effective. Let me just give you an example of what that means to a multi-national corporation; Coca-Cola was losing .05% of its profits by implementing a campaign that promised 25% recycled content in its containers and a 80% bottle recovery rate by 2005. With more than 25 million bottles and 70 million cans sold each day, Coke should feel a greater responsibility for the waste it is producing.

Coke is very bad for your body too. Coke says that its product contains mostly water and the same three sugars found in nature. Thus by consuming it,

Coke claims that one would be no more adversely effected than if he/she were to eat a piece of fruit. In fact, Coca-Cola CEO M. Douglas Ivester was even so bold as to say this of his product, "Our product is quite healthy. Fluid replenishment is a key to health....Coca-

Cola does a great service because it encourages people to take in more and more liquids."

Did you know that Coke is also a well-known solvent for deteriorating the corrosion on car battery terminals? No joke. It can be used to loosen rusty bolts and remove the grease from clothes, too. If Coke can deteriorate metals and break down greases, just think what your stomach goes through every time you drink a can!

Do you hold a differing point of view on this article? Care to try and refute it? Send your MS-Word rebuttal to bstee561 before Wednesday at 5 p.m.

UWSP instructs science teachers on water resources

Science teachers from 15 school districts up and down the Wisconsin River will learn how to monitor water resources through a program developed by Wes Halverson of UWSP's Watersheds Center.

The Wisconsin River Education Network (WREN) will be funded by a UW System grant award of \$45,200 under the Eisenhower Professional Development Program.

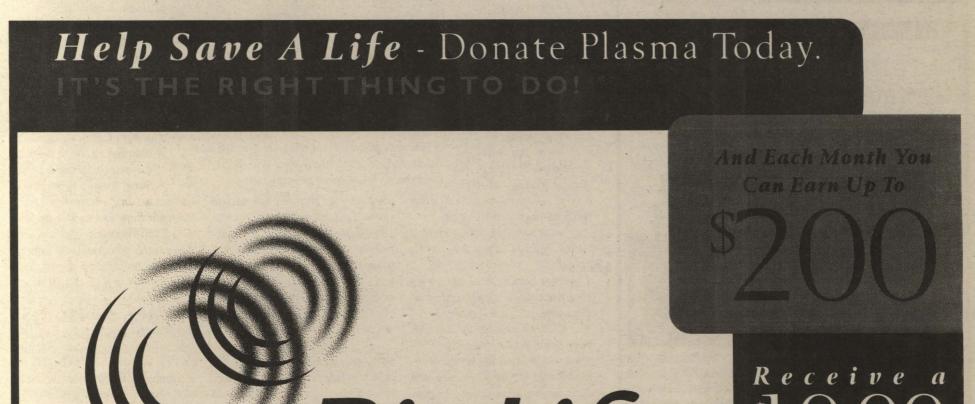
According to Halverson, one of the project's major goals is to build a network of seventh through twelfth grade teachers and link them to long-term water resources partners. The partners will include the Watersheds Center, county governments, private, nonprofit organizations, DNR and UW Extension. The second goal is to improve educational experiences available to students and to engage their curiosity and creativity in the conservation of water resources.

"The program is designed for junior high and high school science teachers who have an interest in the physical, chemical or biological properties of the Wisconsin River watershed," Halverson says. "Interests may include wetlands, ponds, lakes, groundwater or any of the hundreds of tributaries to the Wisconsin River. We will teach the educators how to monitor these systems, including which technologies to apply to their studies."

Forty teachers will learn scientific field methods at a fiveday summer institute to be held on the UWSP campus. Following their training, the educators will involve their students in monitoring projects using water quality test kits. One-day regional workshops will be held for the teachers and their teams of students prior to their fall semester fieldwork. The second semester will involve data analysis and development of graphic presentations for a spring watershed symposium at UWSP.

"UWSP's water resources faculty have a high respect for science teachers and depend on them for producing the next generation of CNR students. Our faculty desires a long-term relationship with secondary science teachers and the Wisconsin River watershed is a perfect outdoor classroom to engage in a collaborative project that can benefit all the citizens of Wisconsin," Halverson says.

Further information is available through the UWSP Web site at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/watersheds or by calling 346-3806.





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Dear Health Advocate.

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-Concerned student

Dear concerned student.

The recent death was tragic and you are not alone in wanting to know what can be done. We all have an obligation to prevent this event from repeating itself. There is an attitude that drinking heavily is part of college culture, and potentially dangerous situations are not taken seriously. Don't be left thinking, "We should have done something." If you encounter someone who may be suffering from alcohol poisoning, take the following action without delay:

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·Check the person's breathing. If he or she is breathing irregularly or with few breaths, seek medical attention immediately.

Check the person's skin. If the skin is pale or bluish, cold or clammy, seek medical attention immediately. This is an indication that the person is not getting enough oxygen.

ABOVE ALL, TURN THE PERSON ONTO HIS OR HER SIDE AND DO NOT LEAVE HIM OR HER EXCEPT TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION.

If you have any health and wellness related questions for the Health Advocate, email her at kbuch680@uwsp.edu.



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The Health and Wellness Spot Try these helpful hints when planning for Spring Break

By Laura Daugherty ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

When it's cold outside and the snow seems like it will never melt, think spring! Spring Break is just around the corner; and now is the time to start planning that getaway you've been dreaming of all winter long. Spring Break is a time when thousands of college students flock to various locations to

escape the stress of school life, relax, party and otherwise embarrass themselves by doing things they wouldn't do under normal circumstances.

I've spent the past semester studying in London and traveled to many different countries during my time there. Needless to say, I learned a few things about traveling great distances. With the advent of spring break in eight weeks and my experience overseas, I felt it only right to offer these helpful tips to keep in mind when planning your adventures. Whether you're hitting the beach, the slopes or even a foreign country, these tips are worth the paper they were printed on.

- Plan early for the best deals on plane tickets. Using the Internet is the easiest and fastest way to find the best fares. I recommend these websites:

www.orbitz.com to search for flights, hotels, vacation packages.

sive vacation packages and good deals on international airfare.

www.statravel.com a student travel website.Great for travels abroad

www.hotwire.com or www.priceline.com are useful if your departure dates are flexible.

- Check around for the best hotel deals. Again, the Internet is a good way to find the best accommodations. Book in advance and don't forget to ask about group or

youth hostels is inexpensive and great way to meet fellow travelers. If staying in hostels, you may want to bring your own sleep sheet.

- Check to find out if you need a passport. If you do, I would suggest applying as soon as possible, it will take a few weeks to arrive. You can apply at the clerk of courts office and will need a worth the money. Ask how to obtain a card at the International Programs office here on campus or visit www.isiccard.com.

- When packing, don't bring 50 different outfits with matching shoes. Pack light and leave room for any extra items you might acquire during your travels. It's always fun to laugh at your friends who have packed too much and

> complain about it the entire time; however don't be that person who gets laughed at!

- Most airlines will allow you one carry-on and personal item (purse, briefcase etc). Be sure to put your contact information on all of your luggage in case it is lost.

- Make sure to arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes in advance for domestic flights and two hours before international flights. For security measures, be prepared to have your boarding pass and passport (if applicable) ready at all times.

-When scanning your carry-on, airline personnel may ask you to remove some items from or look through your baggage. Don't worry; this is for your safety, so be cooperative. On international flights, expect your luggage to be searched and patted down.

If you are looking to really get away, there are some great deals on international airfare to destinations such as London and Paris. I have seen adver- .

tisements for round-trip fares from Chicago to London for less than \$300! Looking into some of the group trips through the university is recommended if you don't want to do any of the planning yourself.

From my experiences, I don't feel that flying is unsafe. Yes, you will experience intense security checks, you must try to be patient and appreciate the extra security measures. Wherever you may go

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copy of your birth certificate and photo ID. A passport usually costs about \$65 if ordered in a timely fashion. If it is too late to order a passport under normal delivery time, they can be acquired through an express service. Getting a passport through these channels can cost up to \$200.

- If going abroad, you may want to consider purchasing an ISIC (International Student Identity Card) card. This is a card



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keep these tips in mind when planthat gives students discounts at student discounts. If traveling abroad, staying at many attractions, and is definitely ning your trip.

Theatre summer abroad in London planned

Wisconsin theatregoers may enjoy the drama capital of the world during the "Theatre in London" study trip sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's International Programs.

The trip, set for June 13 through July 4, is open to the public and includes over nine plays, British guest lecturers, visits to the Globe Theatre, National Theatre, Barbican and Royal Court, walks in London and travel time on the weekends. Participants will stay in private rooms in Commonwealth Hall on the Bloomsbury campus of the University of London.

The trip features guest lecturers from the University of Edinburgh, University of Birmingham, University of London and Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as well as the Globe Theatre's education director.

Two course options are available for three transferable UWSP credits. Participants may take Theatre 490/690: Seminar in Theatre, or English 395/595: Workshop in Drama. Graduate credits require an additional tuition fee and a research project upon return to UWSP.

The three-week London adventure costs about \$2,985 including round-trip airfare, a private room, breakfasts, dinners, theatre tickets, tuition, tours and lectures. To secure a spot, those interested should pay a nonrefundable \$150 deposit to UWSP International Programs by Feb. 1.

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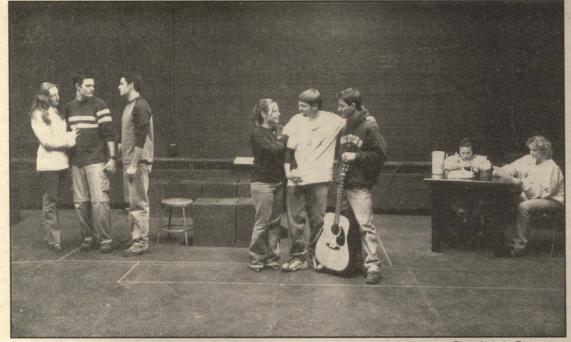


Photo by Luke Zancanaro.

The cast of "Shadowbox" from left to right; Colleen Buckley, Joe Kluck, Ryan Reilly, Carolyn Radtke, Josh Johnson, Dan Gutierrez, Phyllis O'Hara and Teresa Williams in a recent rehearsal.

The Players are playing it up next week in The Shadow Box

By Barett Steenrod FEATURES EDITOR

They kicked off the year with "The Open Room," they'll finish it with a "Cornucopia" of dance in less then a month, and right at the moment, they are in the midst of "The Shadow Box."

And who are they anyway?

"They," are The Players, the university's student drama organization that set a producthree tions. With the opening of "The -

Shadow Box" Friday, Feb. 1, they will have completed the two major productions of the year.

"The Shadow Box," written by Michael Cristofer, debuted on Broadway in 1977 to rave reviews. Winning both the Tony award and Pulitzer Prize that year, it has now arrived at UWSP under the direction of Owen Albado, a senior, drama major.

The play is set inside a cabin on the grounds of an experimental hospice and features three different families as they deal with and come to grips with their terminally ill loved ones. Within each of these substories, the dying family member suffers from a distinct disease that is never verbally identified for the audience. Albado stresses how, "Each story is unique in its own way." The first family introduced to the audience consists of a working-class husband and father, his wife and their son. The wife is in denial of her husband's impending death. This denial is compounded by the fact that their son knows nothing of his father's condition. In the second family, the terminally ill person is very upfront about his condition and has the companionship of his lover. Things get more interesting when his ex-wife, having learned of his condition, arrives at the hospice cabin.

In the third family, a devoted daughter spends time with her feisty 70 year old wheelchair bound mother.

"This play isn't about

death: it's living about with death. It is this about moment," says Albado. "This is more for people to leave -Owen Albadothinking about

> what is important in their lives." This production has its lighthearted funny moments, but can best be described as heartwarming, yet bittersweet. It deals with people and the process of dying, doing so in a way that considers what is happening now, not what will happen. It is this focus on the "here and now" that is the driving element in the entire production. One would think that a play such as this would be fraught with religious overtones; however, that is not the case. It has been best described as a sort of secular prayer to the human spirit under the hand of fatal

The play is a rather large production for The Players, incorporating 10 people into the cast. Most of The Players involved are upper classmen, however, there is also a freshman and a sophomore involved. The production takes place in the Studio Theatre of the Fine Arts Center, B201, on Feb. 1 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for UWSP students and \$5 for the general public. Tickets can be bought at the UWSP Arts and Athletics Ticket Office. Seating is limited to 90, so don't delay.

Vow to break the bad habit of war

By Constance Hilliard GUEST FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Things aren't always what they seem. The most peaceful man I've

ever known was my father, a career military officer who taught me unconditional love, family devotion and inner peace. And one of the most violent persons was a peace activist. Her "us vs. them" hatred of militarists left her little time and even less energy to heal the emotional wounds suffered by her children, who were embittered by her neglect of them in the name of peace activism.

Sept. 11 and the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan have underscored my belief that world peace begins with our own peace of mind. Our families operate as incubators in which the wholesomeness of love experienced by the children often determines their capacity as adults to deflect or even transform the aggressiveness, emotional immaturity or pathologies of others.

Martin Luther King Jr. used such transformative energy to empower the civil rights movement. Regrettably, in recent years no new leaders have emerged to save us from our ingrained bad habits-including war

Stripped to its essence, war is a bad habit, sort of like smoking or eating candy between meals, but far more deadly. It operates from the same provocation/response mechanism that propels me to munch on a Milky Way when I'm bored or causes smokers to reach for a cigarette when their nicotine craving calls. War's provocation is violence; the response becomes retaliation. Like any bad habit, answering the initial provocation in a new way can break the cycle.

After Sept. 11, I was deeply inspired by the words of Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese monk King nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize." A terrorist is human being with hatred, violence and misunderstanding in his or her heart. Acting without understanding, acting out of hatred, violence and fear, we help sow more terror, bringing terror to the homes of others and bringing terror back to our own homes."

Regardless of what our international goals are, my personal goal now is quite simple: work on extinguishing the fiery little terrorist from my own heart. She is the anger-addict in deep denial, who tries to convince me that the only impediments to peace within my own life are those who provoke me, rather than the retaliatory impulses that arise within my own breast to strike back in rage.

Constance Hilliard is a professor of history at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrant

90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR Every Monday through Thursday night on 90FM WWSP, the listeners are in charge of the radio station. 90FM is the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student-run radio station and is the largest student-run non-commercial radio station in the Midwest.

From 10 p.m. -2 a.m., the all-request show Soundstreams hits the airwaves. Listeners call in requests, and if the song is in the station, it will get played. Requests can come from any catming music, including classic alternative, new bands, singer /songwriters, compilations, Wisconsin musicians, loud music, ska or music that is in heavy, medium or light rotation. Christian Parker (Monday), Brad Mehlbrech (Tuesday), Patrick Brennand (Wednesday) and Joe Schoebel (Thursday) are the jocks for Soundstreams and each has a different style to the type of music they play.

to According Parker, "Soundstreams and the allrequest format is a nice break

egory of the general program- from strict format radio. It is a chance for the listening audience and the DJ to bring their interests onto the air."

Mehlbrech likes to explore the different sections of alternative music and share songs with listeners that may never get airplay on other stations because they are not in the top 40s.

If you have a request to be played during Soundstreams, you can call 346-2696. According to Brennand, "We play anything even if it sucks... if I personally don't like something that someone requests, I'll still play it."

"This play is both heartwarming and bittersweet with an goal this year of ending that most will not expect."

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Award is presented to the top eight student athletes from all



Photo by Jim Strick, UWSP Sports Information Director

Leah Juno receives an NCAA Top VIII Award from UW-Stevens Point Athletic Director Frank O'Brien at the NCAA Honors Dinner on Jan. 13 in Indianapolis.

Juno caps career with **NCAA Top VIII honor**

Juno

Former UWSP track & field standout selected as a recipient of NCAA Top VIII Award **By Craig Mandli** SPORTS EDITOR

Leah Juno will go down as one of the finest athletes

ever to compete at UWSP. This was true even before former wothe men's track and field and crosscountry athlete had been selected as a recipient of prestigious the NCAA Top VIII Award. Being named one of the best is a fitting

cap to Juno's brilliant career.

The NCAA Top VIII



U.S. Olympic volleyball team, the top collegiate golfer in NCAA history and one of the country's top football players.

The Brillion, Wis. native was given the award at the NCAA's annual honors dinner on January 13 in

Indianapolis as part of the NCAA Convention. She is the first athlete from the WIAC conference to earn the honor and joins Stevens Point native and former Olympian Suzy Favor-Hamilton as the only Wisconsin athletes to be honored in the 30-year history of the award.

"We are proud of Leah's accomplishments both athletically and academically," said UWSP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien. "The fact that she is the only WIAC student athlete ever to receive a Top VIII honor is indicative of how prestigious this award is. Leah was a lot of fun to have in our athletics program for four years and it truly was a thrill to watch her compete. This is a credit to Leah as an individual."

During her track career, Juno was a three-time NCAA Division III champion, winning indoor and outdoor 800m titles during the 2001 season. Juno also won the outdoor 800m in 2000 and was the 2001 UWSP female Athlete of the Year. The six-time all-American was the 2001 Midwest Region indoor and outdoor track and field athlete of the year. In cross country, the twotime all-American led the Pointers to a ninth-place team finish in 2000. The WIAC champion as a senior, she finished fifth in the conference as a junior, 11th as a sophomore and 25th as a freshman. "Leah is one of those rare athletes who has it all," Pointers' women's track and field coach Len Hill said. "She has the desire to work hard, the talent to back it up and the intelligence to bring it home."

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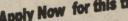
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Swimmers stand tall in Hawaii, clean up at home

Sammons stands out for Pointer swimmers

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP swim teams recently arrived back in Stevens Point after a two week training trip to Hawaii over break. Their trip wasn't all fun in the sun, though, as the Pointers trained twice daily. and even competed in a meet, the Aileene Soule Classic on Saturday, Jan. 5 in Honolulu.

Senior Christine Sammons placed third in the 200m breaststroke to lead the Pointers in the meet, which featured primarily Division I schools such as Wisconsin, Brigham Young, Michigan State, Hawaii and Iowa State. No team scores were kept.

Sammons posted a time of 2:28.10, while senior team captain Katie Siebert placed sev-



Pointer senior Melanie Luke gets a quick start against a swimmer from Michigan State during the Aileene Soule Classic in Hawaii.

enth in the same event with a time of 2:37.24. Sammons also placed seventh in the 200m individual medley in 2:20.14 and was a member of the 400m medley relay that finished Pointer women include junior

fourth in 4:11.76. Sophomore Alissa Bartz and seniors Mary Thone and Amy Rockwell joined Sammons on the relay. Other top finishers for the

captain Melanie Luke, who was fourth in the 1000m freestyle in 11:50.41, while Rockwell teamed with junior Jen Randall, freshman Jean Hughes and sophomore Erica Janssen on

the 400m freestyle relay that also finished fourth with a time of 3:50.73.

The men's team was led by the 400m freestyle relay team of sophomore Erik Johnson, freshman Aaron Marshall and senior captains Anthony Harris and Scott Bowe that finished fifth in 3:16.37.

After returning home, the Pointers were back in the pool last Saturday. UWSP is coming off a dual meet sweep of UW-River Falls as the men's and women's teams both improved to 4-0 in WIAC duals. The victory was the 32nd consecutive WIAC win for the Pointer men's team.

The Pointers will host the annual "Get to the Point Invitational" this weekend with preliminaries beginning both days at 9 a.m. Finals are at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Wrestlers body-slam Oshkosh and Lawrence

Young team picks up first dualmeet wins of the season

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

Maybe the Pointer wrestling team was chomping at the bit to get back to school. Whatever the case may be, the young Pointer grapplers are now officially on a roll with a pair of blow-out victories over the past two weeks.

The Pointers picked up their first dual meet win of the season with a 31-6 victory over UW-Oshkosh. Against the Titans, the Pointers received a pin at 165 pounds from quickly-improving freshman Cody Koenig, who improved to 12-4 overall for the season.

The Pointer's top wrestler, sophomore Yan White, posted a technical fall. The win pushed White to the fourth-ranked spot in the country at 197 pounds.

Senior Nathan Preslaski also returned from an injury to win 13-2 at 157 pounds.

On Tuesday, UWSP won seven of the 10

matches to earn a 27-9 non-conference wrestling victory over Lawrenc University.

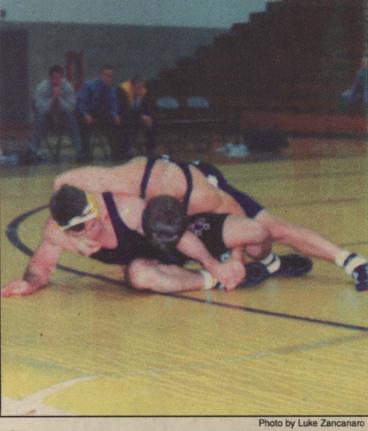
Freshman David Davila had the Pointers' lone pin of the match, taking down Lawrence's Andy Quinlan in 6:25 at 125 pounds.

Heavyweight junior Mark Burger won the closest match of the night, posting a takedown with 10 seconds left on Lawrence's Scott Fischer for a 3-1 victory.

Other top performers for the Pointers included freshman Justin Geitner, who won by technical fall at 149 pounds with a 23-7 victory and Koenig, who won by major decision at 165 pounds with a 9-1 win.

The Pointers also received strong performances from Preslaski at 157 pounds, sophomore Jamie Schultz at 174 pounds and White at 197 pounds. Senior Joe Bavlnka battled the nation's top-ranked 184-pounder, Lawrence's Andy Kazik, to a 7-3 loss.

UWSP which is ranked 26th in the NCAA Division III rankings, will host WIAC rival UW-Whitewater on Thursday. The match is the final home match for the Pointers this season.



Lawrence University.

Men's ballers exact revenge on Joe Bavlenka struggles to escape during a dual-meet match against **UW-Whitewater**

Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

time. UWSP notched the victory, despite trailing the final 16 minutes of regulation.

Unfortunately UWSP could not pull out a vic-

Last chance to SAVE \$ MONEY \$

Josh Iselroth set the school record for points for the second time in a month as he dropped 40 points on UW-Whitewater in 91-80 overtime victory over UW-Whitewater on Wednesday night. The victory put UWSP (16-4, 6-4) just a game behind Whitewater in the conference standings.

Iselroth knocked down two free throws to tie the game with 22 seconds left and force overtime. The extra quarter was dominated by the Pointers as they outscored Whitewater 18-7 including a 10-1 run that put the game away.

In addition to his 40 points Iselroth, also pulled down 11 boards to give him the double-double. Joining Iselroth in double figures were Kalonji Kadima and Neal Krajnik, who both tossed in 12 points a piece.

It was a close contest all the way as the score was tied 34-34 at the half and neither team able to take much of a lead until the Pointer spurt in over-

tory in a Saturday contest against UW-Stout. Stout used a 15-0 second half run and got to the free throw line 38 times in the second half to earn the victory 95-87.

Once again Iselroth led the team in scoring tossing in 30 points on 10 of 21 shooting; he also added three blocks on the evening. Nick Bennett also had a solid performance scoring thirteen points and dishing out three assists off the bench. Also reaching double figures was Kalonji Kadima who had 12, including shooting three for four on three pointers, and Ron Nolting who tallied 11 points.

UWSP had just tied the game at 44-44, when Stout went on a 15-0 run in the next three and a half minutes and the Pointers could come no closer than six points the rest of the game.

UWSP will take this Saturday off and will return to conference action Wednesday at UW-La Crosse.

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Women's hockey continues outstanding season with Lake Forest sweep

Team earns split with conference foe

Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team held Lake Forest college scoreless in their weekend double header to push their winning streak to six games.

The wins pushed their record to 17-1 and 9-1 in the conference in just their second season in existence.

Saturday's 4-0 victory was a total team effort as goals were scored by four different players and three different players tallied at least one assist to keep UWSP in a first place conference tie with with UW-Superior.

Liz Goergen set the pace early on scoring just over a minute into the contest giving UWSP an early lead. Kim

Chenery then tallied a goal with less than three minutes left in the first period to effectively the game. Becky end Humphries scored a goal in the second and Ashley Howe tacked on a shorthanded goal in the final period to finish off the scoring.

Lake Forest could muster only eight shots in the contest compared to 46 shots for UWSP. Diane Sawyer recorded her third straight shutout to improve her record to a perfect 8-0 for the season.

Friday's match-up was a closer contested game that UWSP edged out by a score of 2-0. A second period goal by Howe and a power play goal in the third period by Ann Ninnemann were all the scoring Point would need.

Freshman Shannon Kasparek stopped 13 shots en route to her second career shutout and ninth victory of the season.

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-Josh Iselroth set a new single game scoring record with 40 points in a game. -Diane Sawyer was named Womens Hockey national defensive player of the week.

-The mens hockey team went 4-2 over the break including a victory over UW-Eau Claire to extend their streak to eight straight

Bounce Back in 2002

Groshek has record-setting night in Whitewater victory

By Andrew Bloeser SPORTS REPORTER

Kari Groshek set the record for points by a UWSP women's basketball player in one game with 38 in an 83-50 victory over Whitewater Wednesday night.

Groshek also added 12 rebounds and five steals to add to her monster game.

The Pointer women entered last Wednesday's match-up with conference leader UW-Stout with a 7-1 record in the WIAC, riding the momentum of six game winning streak against conference opponents. Ranked seventh in the nation among Division III teams, the next accolade on the horizon was a share of the top standing in the conference.

Outside of its significance on the WIAC standings, the Pointers meeting with the Blue Devils also provided an opportunity for the women to avenge their only loss of the season, a 72-71 defeat at thehands of Stout on Dec. 8, as well as an opportunity to snap a 13 game

losing streak on Stout's home floor. The Pointers, however, were met with strong opposition by the conference leaders, who played a very physical brand of basketball on both ends of the floor. But, with all being fair in love and basketball, this was simply not to be the Pointers night for revenge as the team suffered its most lopsided defeat of the season, 82-64.

Stout quickly established itself as the more effective team on the boards, out rebounding the Pointers by a staggering margin of 43-27 and forced 27 turnovers over the course of the game. The Pointer women were able to keep the score close in the first half and were only trailing by four at half time.

The second half proved to be a much different story, as Stout opened the period with a 15-6 run and never looked back. Despite the huge individual performance of freshman Amanda Nechuta, who led the game in scoring with 22 points in her 22 minutes of playing time, the Pointers were largely ineffective in matching their rivals in

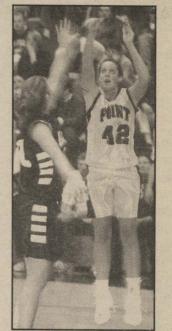


Photo by Luke Zancanaro Carry Boehning knocks down a jumper Wednesday night.

terms of hustle during 40 minutes of play.

"It was a very physical game and I feel we lacked intensity in the second half. That led to a lot of second shot opportunities for Stout," said Coach Shirly Egner.

With this loss, the Pointers join Eau Claire and Oshkosh in a three way tie for second place in the WIAC standings.

Caufield set to take over as fastpitch coach

Hockey assistant quickly steps in for **WIAC champions**

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

Paul Caufield didn't have to go far to get a head coaching opportunity. Just a few doors down the hall, actually. Caufield, currently an assistant men's hockey coach at UWSP, has accepted added duties as the school's head fastpitch softball coach.

Caufield will become the seventh coach in the 22-year history of the program and takes over a team that finished 25-13 and won the WIAC championship last season.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," Caufield said. "We've got a great nucleus of players back. Softball has a great tradition at UWSP and we want to keep it going."

The Greendale, Wis. native is in his second season coaching with the Pointer men's hockey

team and is the alltime leading scorer in UWSP's hockey history, having played for the Pointers from 1988-92. Caufield has been a head hockey coach at College, Marian Milwaukee Pius High School and Hartland Arrowhead

High School.

"Paul's an excellent coach and he has a strong coaching background," said UWSP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien. "We're fortunate that we already had such a quality individual in our athletic department who will certainly do a fine job with our softball program."

Former Pointer fastpitch star Kelly Rutta, who was the

The Week Ahead...

WIAC Player of the Year the past two seasons, will join Caufield as an assistant coach.

Rutta was a four-year starter at second-base and set a school record with 64 hits in 1998, catapulting the Pointers to the NCAA Division III championship.

Caufield is replacing Carl Nienhuis. Nienhuis, an football assistant coach for the Pointers,

was named softball coach in September, but stepped down from both positions to pursue other career options. Nienhuis had taken over for Ali Brian, who guided the Pointers for the past two seasons.

Caufield and the softball team will begin practice in late January and the first game will be on March 23 in Fort Myers, Fla.



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New grants available to help restore wetlands

Municipalities, lake associations and other governmental units can now receive state grants to help restore or enhance wetlands that affect water quality in nearby lakes and are identified in their comprehensive land use plans, state lakes officials say.

A provision in the 2001-2003 budget bill created a special wetland restoration grant opportunity within the Lake Protection Grant Program. The provision requires the Department of Natural Resources to fund up to 25 grants each year for the next two years for \$10,000 each for wetland restoration or enhancement activities that contribute to protect the water quality in a lake or enhance its ecosystem.

come, first served basis, and the unit receiving the award is not required to put up matching local funds - two departures from the other lake grant programs.

Carroll Schaal, who manages the state lake grant programs for the DNR, said the new lake grant will reward communities for considering environmental aspects in their comprehensive land use planning, and will result in more wetlands being restored. "No ranking and no local match should help get projects funded that otherwise might not get done because the group or government couldn't provide the local match," he says.

Because the wetland grants represent an expansion of the Lake Protection Grant Program, all projects must be able to demonstrate how they will contribute to the protection or improvement of a lake's water quality or its natural ecosystem, he says. "Typical activities that can be funded include things like tile breaks, ditch plugs or other water level controls but could also included plantings or vegetation management activities," says Schaal. Eligible cost may include professional service contracts, labor, plant materials, construction materials or other costs determined by the DNR to be necessary to completion of the project.

All counties, cities, towns, villages, tribes, qualified lake associations, lake districts and other local governmental units established for the purpose of lake management, are eligible to apply. A special condition requires that the proposed project be identified in a comprehensive land

use plan completed by the sponsor. No local match is required, unlike other grants the program awards for lake planning and protection projects.

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All projects must comply with local, state and federal wetland regulations and have applied for all necessary water regulatory and wetland permits at the time the application's submission for the wetland grant.

For more information, contact your local DNR Regional Environmental Grants Specialist or visit the Environmental Grants website and look for Wetland **Restoration Incentive Grants. Applications** must be sent to your regional DNR office and will be received and awarded on a continuous basis through May 1, 2003.

The grants will be awarded on a first-

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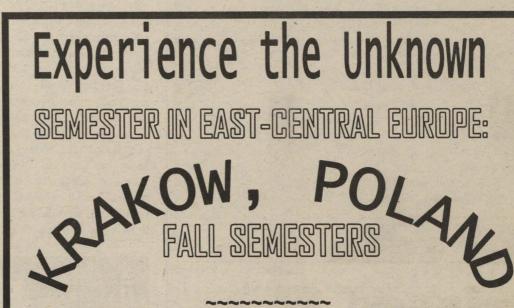
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2. Fishing and Fish Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m.

3. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from event at Lake Emily. Participants will enter the ice from the Boat Landing on the east side of the lake (off of Lake Road).

4. When fish are brought in for registration and measurement, they must be alive. Participants are responsible for transporting the fish in coolers, buckets or other holders in order to avoid any unnecessary deaths of fish. Following this, fish may be kept if it meets the required length regulation.

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OUTDOORS

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Another interesting feature

Snowmobiles caught on dry land

By Leigh Ann Ruddy ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Hang up your iridescent green and orange snowsuits and leave the gas tank empty in your Ski-Doo because the snowmobiling season is on hold! For many, winter brings another slew of seasonal activities, but due to Mother Nature's screwy picks, Wisconsin is left with the slushiness.

Weather may not hold everyone back. For those of you that are gung ho about snowmobiling and can't live without the icy, snow shards flying in your face while cruising at 50 m.p.h., here's a few things to be aware of before setting out on the trails.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Snowmobile trails remain dormant as snowfall totals continue to suffer throughout this winter.

In addition to the inclement weather, Portage County Parks has not yet opened any of the regulated snowmobile trails. These public trails are maintained by the County Parks Department and may not open for a while. According to the County Parks Department, central Wisconsin must see a six to eight inch snowfall before any of these trails will open. This amount of snow is needed to ensure the safety of both the vehicle and the land.

Like all other traffic violations, you may be fined for riding in a restricted area. Officer Ken Tschudy of the Sheriffs' Department cites that the penalty for operating a snowmobile on restricted land will cost the driver \$126.22 in fines.

Although the designated trails are indefinitely inaccessible, lakes (preferably frozen) are just as popular, if not more, for the avid snowmobiler. Lakes too, carry a few restrictions for snowmobiles. Taking the Snowmobile Safety course, designed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, is suggested for beginners in order to learn all the laws associated with snowmobiling.

Recent updates on trail closings can be checked regularly by phoning the Portage County Parks' Snowmobile Trail Information hotline at 343-6277.

Would you like to submit a story to the Outdoors section? E-mail Steve Seamandel or Leigh Ann Ruddy!

The ins and outs of SP sledding

An impressive sledding hill awaits students only minutes from campus, yet few students even know about it. Here's everything you need to know.

By Steve Seamandel OUTDOORS EDITOR

What perfect timing. I brainstormed about articles for the entire break and decided to do an article on sledding. Now, on the eve of the first Pointer of the semester, all of the snow is gone.

I never really knew of any places to go sledding around here and never had a sled to go, either. I've since become the proud owner of a sled and found a great place to use it.

The sled itself is quite a remarkable improvement from the paper-thin roll-ups that I used to have. Riva, better known for snowboard and skiing equipment, has unveiled a new and improved heavy-duty sled. It's molded from thick plastic and is remarkably durable for making those extra bumpy hills less of a to the market about two years ago, but are now just starting to surface at more popular stores like Target. The sleds range in size, colors and prices. Most of

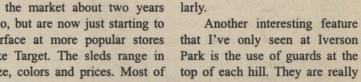
the sleds are colors from singlevary from \$35 to \$50.

I never about knew the sledding

> hill at Iverson Park until a few weeks back. Upon seeing the setup, I was thoroughly impressed. Whenever I had gone sledding in the past, it was on the 18th hole of a golf course. If it was a really nice hill, they'd have a snow-fence set up alongside the hill to aide in the ascent after the short ride down.

> Area features not only stairs and guard rails, but many more perks.

Sledders have never had it any easier. There are multiple sets of railroad-tie stairs. There



vibrant neon and vary in size seat saucers to two-person mini-toboggans. Price can

Iverson's Winter Recreation



the hill so you have something to hold onto when sitting atop of the hill, trying not to go down. The only problem with the rails is that they're a little too short for my tastes, so I had to really concentrate on ducking to avoid knocking my head against them.

Behind the hills are two monstrous toboggan runs, but those are open much less frequently. In fact, that's probably the only downside to the sledding hills at Iverson Park; they've got

pretty strict hours. The hills are actually closed Monday through Thursday for private parties, open on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.

There's also a skating rink at Iverson, even though I'm not sure of its present state. Hopefully, some colder weather and precipitation will make up for the two-week long tease of winter that we just experienced.

Iverson Park is located on Hwy. 10, just west of Hilltop Pub. Getting to the hills is a bit of a challenge though; from campus,

take Hwy. 10 East and turn right on Sunrise Avenue. Drive straight until you see the Iverson Park Winter Sports Area sign on the left side of the street.



Students enjoy the snow at Iverson Park's sledding hills while it's still here.

pain for the riders. In addition, the sled is very lightweight and easy to carry up a hill, thanks to a thick rope tied to the front.

Riva sleds are fairly new to

are five trenches (think all-natural bobsled tracks) for sledding so people don't run into each other or people walking up the hill on the way down. The hills

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Winter's Movie Soundtracks: Can They Live Up to the Film?

By Colleen Courtney WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

While students headed to movie theaters over winter break to view the latest Hollywood blockbusters, the films' accompanying soundtracks heated up 90FM's alternative charts. Here's a glance at the best and the worst of winter's movie music.

I am Sam-This movie features an incredible Sean Penn as Sam Dawson, a mentally challenged man fighting for custody of his sevenyear-old daughter. Sean Penn and Michelle Pfiffer visited mental hospitals before the filming of the movie. The patients there especially enjoyed listening to the Beatles, and the soundtrack, pulled together in a mere three weeks, consists completely of Beatles covers. Married couple Aimee Mann and Michael Penn (Sean's brother) collaborated for an energetic cover of "Blackbird," and Ben Harper fuels a "Strawberry Fields Forever" that is remarkably similar to the original. Other standout contributors include the Black Crowes, Sheryl Crow and a tear-jerking version of "Let It Be" from Nick Cave. Bottom line: After Sept. 11 and George Harrison's death, the hopeful talent of the Beatles continues to be appreciated.

Ocean's Eleven-This actionpacked remake exhibited the starstudded cast of George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Matt Damon and Brad Pitt. The soundtrack is devoid

of new talent and instead features Clooney's speaking parts and Percy Faith and his New Orchestra. David Holmes' electronic tunage is a quirky plus, but his two tunes do not carry the soundtrack. Bottom line: If we wanted to listen to actors talk, we'd throw the Pulp Fiction soundtrack into our players and again marvel at the brilliant concept of "royale with cheese."

Not Another Teen Movie-Did you ever think you would hear Marilyn Manson's version of Soft Cell's "Tainted Love?" System of a Down's version of "The Metro?" Enter the Not Another Teen Movie soundtrack. Poking fun at the 1980's era of teenage movies and the Brat Pack, the soundtrack features gushy 80s favorites. Check out Mest's version of Modern English's "I Melt With You" and up-and-coming punk band Good Charlotte's version of OMD's "If You Leave." Your best bet? Phantom Planet pulls off Jackson Browne's "Somebody's Baby" with enough accuracy to make you wish for leg warmers. Bottom line: Great remakes for anyone who appreciates the 1980s.

Shallow Hal-The movie got terrible reviews and people protested the cruel treatment of large people. Additionally, the soundtrack is lukewarm at best. The Farrelly brothers may have named Gwyneth Paltrow's character "Rosemary"

solely for the use of Edison Lighthouse's classic "Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Grows)." The track was meant to be the equivalent of There's Something about Mary's finale "Build Me Up Buttercup," but fell flat. Poor Neil Young contributed his hit "After the Gold Rush," which stands out like a sore thumb. P.J. Harvey's "Good Fortune" is alive and kicking, but Sheryl Crow screeches her way through "Members Only." Rosey's exuberant "Afterlife" keeps the soundtrack alive. Bottom line: Looks like Shallow Hal's soundtrack will follow the movie into the toilet bowl.

Vanilla Sky-A stroke of musical genius. In the beginning of the movie, Tom Cruise recollects a mysterious dream. What better song to accompany his thought process than Radiohead's "Everything in its Right Place?" Paul McCartney's "Freedom" is rocking the mainstream air waves right now, but it is his song "Vanilla Sky" that is earning him the critics' praise and awards. Alternative veterans Todd Rundgren and Jeff Buckley add a retro feel, and Bob Dylan's "Fourth Time Around" gives a tranquility to this confused film. Peter Gabriel's brilliant classic "Solsbury Hill" rounds out this polished soundtrack. Bottom line: See the film, get the tunes! You won't regret it!

CD Review The GC5

Singles Collection (1997-2000)

By Zack Holder ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

My excitement could not be stifled when I received this CD from the four young men from the great metropolis of Mansfield, Ohio. The first release on the brand new Cosa Nostra Records (run by Dan and Doug McKean of the GC5 and Mark Linsky of the Hudson Falcons), this is a collection of out of print seven inch albums and tracks from compilations; plus two re-recorded songs from a 1997 self-recorded CD. The tracks consist of 14 originals, a cover of the Dwarves classic "Saturday Night" and Billy Bragg's "There is a Power in a Union."

These guys have been compared to the likes of The Clash, Swingin Utters, Rancid, Stiff Little Fingers and the Replacements. After listening to this album, I have to agree with the liner notes when they say each song is different. I can hear all of the aforementioned bands on at least one track on this disk. With Doug McKean (bass) and Pete Kyrou (guitar) sharing the vocal work, they leave a high energy wake after each song that knocks you over and makes you get up with just enough time to shake it off before the next song starts. Former guitarist Chris Yohn plays on most of the album, the current guitar player Paul Weaver picks up where Chris left off on the newly re-recorded tracks. Little brother Dave McKean (he's probably gonna kill me for calling him that) rounds out the lineup, playing the drums like a man posessed ... or like one that is in a beerfueled rage.

As far as lyrical content go on this record, the songs ange from the personal to the political. "He Will Too" deals with the emotions of a lost love and the realization that comes when they find someone that will take care of them as well. "After All" those people who try to make true individuals stay alienated from the crowd. One of the favorite topics of the GC5

is the plight of the American worker. This is brought up in "White Collars," which rails against the minority that controls the majority of the money in this country. Their view is plainly stated when they say, "The cat is getting fat/ J ain't the smartest guy in the world/ But I can see something wrong with that/ White Collars/ How many people must die tonight?/ How many people must suffer tonight?/ How many people will stay and fight?" My new favorite song is "Molly Maguire" which is about the struggles of some of the early organized labor pioneers against the owners of the large corporations and the hired thugs used to intimidate workers trying to get basic priviliges. Privileges that we take for granted today. I agree with Doug, who wrote the lyrics, "Oh Molly Maguire, I'm in love with you."

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If you love high energy, brash and, most importantly, smart punk rock and roll, the GC5 is soon to be one of your favorite bands. You can check out MP3s, tour dates and more information about the band at their website www.thegc5.com. You can also write Cosa Nostra Records at 291 Redwood Road, Mansfield, OH 44907. It seems like these guys are always on the road and they've been in the Wisconsin at least three times (that I can remember) in the last year. In the past they have frequented Racine, Fond du Lac, Madison and Milwaukee while on tour, so you should be able to see at least one show when they make their Wisconsin swing. Go see this band every chance you can get, hell, even buy 'em a beer or two to make them feel at home. The music is intense on the albums and it only gets better live. The GC5 is one of the angrily responds to all of best young bands out there today and they deserve all the good things that are coming to them.

Film Review: Lord of the Rings **By Zack Holder**

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Ever since I was a kid and my dad read Tolkien's books to me, I wondered what it would look like to see them up on the big screen, and although I was temporarily satisfied as a young lad by the lame cartoon versions, I had to wait another 20 years for the spectacle to come to life. So the first day the film came out, I went, along with my brother and

of what seems realistic and artificial in films. Large battle scenes are partially made up by real actors and computer generated images. I will bet anyone that they can not tell one from the other, as the motion is as fluid and realistic as if an actual human actor was standing there.

Besides the sets and the special effects, this film had

portrayed were right out of Tolkien's novels. They are supposed to be the most beautiful creatures in Middle Earth and in the film, they are.

At a running time of three hours, and with some intense moments, this isn't a movie for little kids, no matter what the marketing geniuses want to make you think. But, it is worth every second you sit in the theater and not only did I go back for a second viewing, but I'm anxiously awaiting the two sequels that will be released during the next two Decembers. Go see this film, suspend belief and let your mind become intertwined within Tolkien's fantasy world brought to life by Peter Jackson. Both fans of the books and those who are visiting Middle Earth for the first time will not be disappointed.

father, to the theater to see if it lived up to my expectations. I was not disappointed.

I don't know if Tolkien had ever been to New Zealand when he wrote the tales of Middle Earth, but in my mind the locations of that country could not have been any more perfect. Volcanoes, mountains, lush open fields, forests and streams are among the many beautful natural areas to appear in The Lord of the Rings. Along with the actual location shots, the use of CGI in this film continues to blur the line

some fine acting in it as well. British legends of screen and stage Ian McKellen and Christopher Lee portray two powerful wizards battling on different sides in the war to destroy or recapture the Ring of Doom. Both of them play the role with a sense of great drama, but avoid the campiness which could have developed from "serious" actors appearing in fantasy films. Elijah Wood and Sean Astin looked and acted exactly as I thought Frodo and Sam would have. The way the various elves were

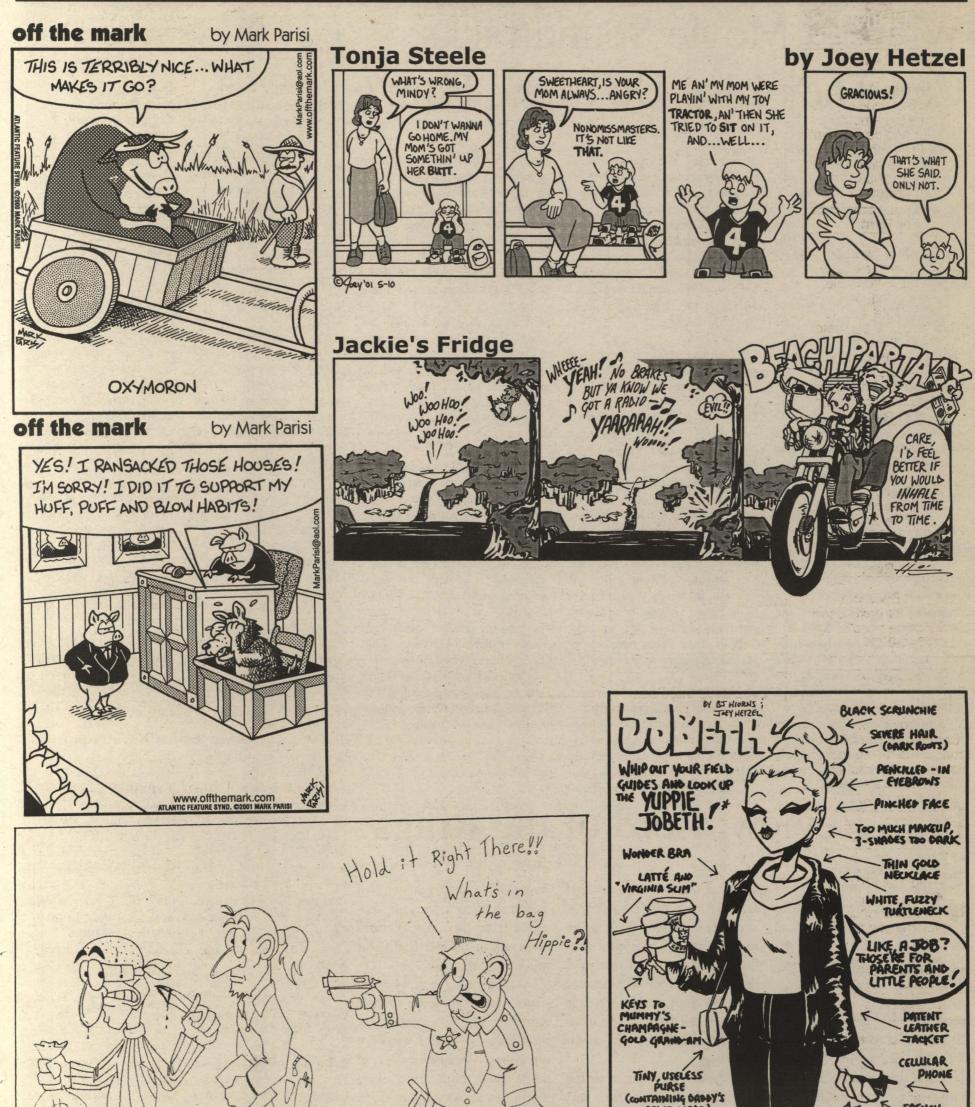


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