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UWSP loses professor to tragedy

Founder of Point's "Sister City" loses life after heart attack

By Amy Zepnick
News Editor

Distinguished UW-Stevens Point Russian professor Robert Price died June 5 of a heart attack in Rochester, Minn. following a successful kidney transplant.

"This was a tragedy," said Chancellor Thomas George. "When we heard about it, we raised a black flag in front of Old Main and many faculty members, including myself, attended both funeral services. We lost an outstanding human being."

Born and raised in Detroit, Mich., he joined the Army after high school and graduated in 1956 from the Army Language School (Monterey, Calif.) He served in Germany. After being discharged, he enrolled at Manchester College (North Manchester, Ind.) and graduated in 1961.

He became a reference librarian at the Library of Congress in the Slavic area and because of his research in

Yugoslavia, received a Fulbright Fellowship. He taught Slavic Languages at the University of Colorado-Boulder and before receiving his doctorate from Indiana University in 1970.

In 1972, Price joined UWSP teaching Russian and Polish until his death.

Price also originated Stevens Point's Sister City program with Rostov-Veliky and, in 1985, led a group of Russian students to the Soviet Union to tour the city.

"Bob was a great innovator, especially with the Soviet Union," said George. "He established interactions with the municipalities, university and schools in Rostov-Veliky. He did a lot to cement relationships with us and those overseas."

According to George, Price taught the Russian language not just to students from UWSP, but also to other universities via distance learning. He also interpreted and worked with current Russian collaborators in the area. He acted as a translator for visitors from Rostov-Veliky and invited students from the city to stay in his home.

Price visited Russia over 30 times and was a translator for the World Council of Churches in their conferences with the Patriarchy of Russia.

Price was also active at Trinity Lutheran Church, where him and his wife, Bonnie Price, were members.

"Bob was very active in church leadership," said Pastor David Maxfield. "He held positions on many councils. For instance, he was the chair on the Communication Committee, which worked to upgrade the technology and access cable. He also presented his involvement with the Sister City and worked to get the congregation involved."

Because Price was the only Russian and Polish professor on campus, the foreign language department plans to hire a substitute for Price's Russian class until a permanent faculty member can be appointed.

"He will be hard to replace," said George. "He was a wonderful human being and a great faculty member."

Summertime in Point



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

The summer months have brought a hush to campus, which now hosts only summertime students and orientation for incoming freshman. For more summer sights, see pages 6 and 7.

Dietche retires from UWSP after teaching in China, Africa

Julie Phelps Dietche has enjoyed challenges during her 26 years as a professor of English at the UWSP, from teaching around the world and serving in the Peace Corps to facing first-year students in her campus classroom.

She now faces a new challenge – retirement.

A native of Greenwich, Conn., Dietche took her first teaching job at UWSP in 1976. A specialist in 20th Century British, American and African literature, she says she especially enjoyed teaching and working closely with students in her freshman English classes.

"One of my greatest challenges over the years was keeping freshman English alive," she said. "You have to engage with the students and not so much with the material. You have to strengthen their ability to think and get their thoughts out simply and clearly in their writing."

Seeking another challenge, Dietche took a year off from UWSP in 1980-81 to become a visiting professor at the Institute of Modern American Literature at Shandong University in Jinan, the People's Republic of China. She taught both undergraduate and graduate courses.

"I was very fortunate," she said. "It was a wonderful opportunity to teach and travel the country by train. The Chinese students were excited about learning new materials, since China was opening up to the world again after the repressive years of the Cultural Revolution."

Her experiences there led her to look for other ways to teach in other countries. In 1984, Dietche took a two-year leave of absence from UWSP to

become a Peace Corps volunteer, one of the few UWSP faculty members to do so. Her first assignment was in Senegal, where she trained teachers of English in an isolated city. The second year she spent as a visiting professor at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) in West Africa. Her students there were brilliant, hard working and kept her on her toes, she said.

When she returned to UWSP, she integrated African literature into her freshman classes then created a Survey of African Literature course. She also developed a graduate course, African American and African Women Writers, and attended conferences to make presentations on the subject.

The spent part of a 1991 sabbatical in Ibadan and Calabar, Nigeria, attending two international conferences and during the summer of 1993 she spent two weeks in Ghana, West Africa, for a National Council for Black Studies International Conference. Dietche also served as a visiting lecturer at the University of the North in Sovenga, South Africa, during the spring semester of 1995.

Since the early 90s, Dietche has been researching autobiographies of black South African women and is currently working on study that will compare these works. She plans to use her retirement to complete the project. Dietche is scheduled to present a paper on her research at an upcoming Women's Worlds 2002 Congress to be held in Uganda this

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UWSP posts grades on the Internet

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point stands to save about \$10,000 per year by posting student grades on the Internet.

As of last semester, UWSP students no longer received grade reports in the mail unless a special request was made and included a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"Since UWSP printed and mailed more than 9,000 grade reports last year, we expected to print and mail as many as 400 reports this spring, but we actually processed about 100. Needless to say, this change should represent savings for UWSP," said Associate Registrar Larry Sipiorski.

"Grades posted on a password protected Web site provide quicker, easier access for students and can be printed from the site as well," he continued. "Students have been able to look up their grades on the Web for several years and for many, accessing the Internet is the preferred way to get information. Other campuses that have done this report their students had few problems adapting."

"Students without access to computers during the summer who have expressed concerns can go to most public libraries in the country and use the Web for no charge," Sipiorski said.

In general, students have been supportive, he reported. When they were informed of the change, one replied, "I think this sounds like an absolutely wonderful idea! Thanks for saving our trees and money and many other resources."

Another student said, "I think this is great ... It is about time people start realizing the net was meant to save paper, not create more of a hassle. Good luck with it."

Other UW System campuses that recently switched to electronic grade reporting include Eau Claire, La Crosse, Madison, Oshkosh, River Falls, Superior and Whitewater.

Division of Student Affairs personnel reorganize at UWSP

A reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs at UWSP has given additional responsibilities to positions in Admissions, Career Services and Financial Aid.

According to Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for Student Affairs, a reassignment of duties was made due to a retirement in the division as well as proposed reductions in the 2002-03 state budget.

"We anticipate we will have budget reductions in Student Affairs as well as in the university as a whole," said Tomlinson. "This reorganization will allow us to meet those expectations while still providing the needed services for students and their families. Those with the added responsibilities were chosen for their skills and many years of experience at UWSP."

The duties of Dennis Tierney, who retired last year as executive director of Student Services, director of Career Services and fundraising liaison for Student Affairs, have been reassigned to other staff.

"Dennis has been an incredible asset to UWSP over the many years that he has served here," Chancellor Tom George said. "Whether it was in the areas of finding scholarships for worthy students, assisting our athletics program, developing the co-op program for student employment and training or enhancing the United Way Campaigns, Dennis has always looked for creative means of serving our students."

"Those professionals assuming his former duties have benefited greatly from their work with Dennis," continued George. "As a result, Enrollment Services, Career Services and Financial Aid will continue to serve as models for the rest of the UW System."

Tierney came to UWSP in 1968, serving in career counseling and placement and as an assistant professor of psychology. He became director of Placement Services in 1971 and executive director of Student Services in 1983. Active within the Wisconsin Career Planning and Placement Association and Midwest College Placement Association, he has authored publications and essays on career placement issues. Tierney holds degrees from UW-Madison, where he taught before coming to UWSP.

Registrar and Director of Admissions Dave Eckholm received the title of executive director of Enrollment Services on June 1 and assumed many of Tierney's duties. While continuing as registrar, he is responsible for direction, supervision and administration of areas related to student recruitment and matriculation, including the offices of Admissions, Foreign Students, Registration and Records, and Financial Aid.

The role of director of Career Services will be filled by Mary Mosier on July 1. Mosier will continue her current duties as educational career services coordinator while serving as director.

She previously served as director of Campus Activities and director of Conferences and Reservations prior to joining Career Services in 1984. She has been active in Faculty Senate and in several community organizations. She holds degrees from the State University of New York campuses at Geneseo and Albany.

Catherine Glennon, associate director of Admissions, became the director of Admissions on June 1. The associate director of Admissions position was eliminated and Assistant Director of Admissions Bill Jordan will continue in his present role.

A native of Stevens Point, Glennon has worked in the Admissions Office since 1981. She was an admissions counselor before becoming assistant director in 1989 and associate director in 1996. She is active in the Wisconsin Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officials and has served on committees for UWSP, UW System and the UWSP Credit Union. She is a graduate of UW-Madison and UW-Oshkosh.

Eckholm, who came to UWSP in 1968 as assistant registrar, has served as registrar since 1979 and director of Admissions since 1996. In addition to involvement with both the American and Wisconsin Associations of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Eckholm has served on working groups and committees for the UW System. He has been active in the community on the boards of charitable organizations and served on the Portage County Board of Supervisors and the Stevens Point Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from UWSP.

In August, Philip George, director of Financial Aid, will take on the additional responsibility of coordinating fund raising efforts between Student Affairs and the UWSP Foundation.

George has served as director of Financial Aid since 1970, overseeing more than \$30 million in aid to approximately 6,000 students annually. Over the years he has worked on UW and Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board task forces and working groups. He has served as president of the Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and has made several trips to Washington D.C. to educate Wisconsin's representatives on student financial aid programs and needs. He earned degrees from Marietta College and the State University of New York-Albany.

Ann Carlson retires after 36 years at UWSP

After 36 years at UWSP and 41 years in the classroom, Assistant Professor Ann Carlson feels she's been lucky.

"I've had such wonderful students," she said. "I've always felt that every student should leave my classroom experiencing a sense of accomplishment and knowing that I really cared about them."

Carlson first came to UWSP in 1965 as a business education teacher, but moved into the Department of Mathematics and Computing in 1985 when business education was phased out. As technology developed, so did her expertise as she taught herself different applications. She credits her success to hard work and her colleagues' willingness to help her.

"I had to grow and change with technology," she said. "I kept up with how my students felt by putting myself in their roles."

One of the highlights of her career at UWSP happened in 1996 when she received the Excellence in Teaching Award. Her students wrote many letters of recommendation to the award committee, which touched her deeply, she said.

A native of Green Bay, Carlson taught business education in high schools in Pulaski and New Berlin. She holds a bachelor's degree from UW-Whitewater, a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and has earned over 100 post-master credits.

Carlson now hopes to slow down her pace and "take time to smell the roses." She also plans to spend more time on the farm where she lives with her husband, Stan, a professor of mathematics at UWSP, as well as enjoy painting, walking, traveling and tracking "her Green Bay Packers."

Conrad Kelley receives statewide awards

A producer/director with the Department of University Telecommunications at UWSP received two video awards from a statewide communication organization.

Conrad J. Kelley was recognized at the Greater Wisconsin Media Communications Association International Awards Festival held recently in Marshfield. He received silver awards in the Sales and Marketing Category and in Videography Craftsmanship.

His entry, "Discover the Real America," is a recruitment video in the Japanese language, UWSP's first "high-level" media effort to recruit international students in their native language. Kelley says the video is enjoyable to watch even if you don't understand Japanese. Images of UWSP, Stevens Point and Wisconsin were taped over a two-year period.

He believes sales and marketing is the toughest category because "you're up against the big guns of advertising." This year there were 45 entries in the category with only three awards given.

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July.


In addition, she hopes to teach occasional adult education courses a year as well as continue her travels around the world and to Texas to visit her son and his family.

Dietche holds a bachelor's degree from Vassar College, a master's degree from New York University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. She has presented lectures and published many papers on her experiences and, while at UWSP, served on the Faculty Senate and university and English Department commit-

Upon receiving the award, Kelley expressed appreciation to Meryl Lee Nelson, director of UWSP's English as a Second Language summer school programs, who produced and scripted the program. He also acknowledged Virginia Liu for her contribution as narrator.

Kelley, who has been named member of the year by the International Television Association (ITVA) Greater Wisconsin Chapter, has received numerous honors including UWSP's Cultural Diversity Award, Special Services Award from International Programs, Kodak Gold Medal, National Association of Photojournalists Award of Excellence, Governor's Award for Special Achievement in Promoting the Potato Industry and several ITVA awards. He holds a bachelor's degree from UWSP and a master's in educational media from UW-La Crosse.

Copies of the award-winning video are available for viewing by contacting University Telecommunications.




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Stop sweating and learn to beat the summer heat!

Do the dog days of summer have you down and out? Here are a few helpful hints for keeping yourself cool in the sweltering heat.

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Sure enough, every day at around 4 o'clock, I find myself sweating it out in my room. Not only is late afternoon the hottest time of the day, but it's also the time that the sun comes directly into my room, shooting through four large west-facing windows. With three fans in operation and the shades pulled, it still gets hot.

By simple experimentation, I've

learned a lot about science this summer, and how to control the temps in your house without the convenience of an AC.

One of the most important aspects is air flow. The more flow you have in your house, the more fresh, and hopefully cooler air will circulate through your house. A closed, stagnant house usually isn't the best way to go during the summer. The best way to get some movement through your halls is to open all of the windows and place some fans in strategic spots. For smaller upstairs areas, try to blow air from one side of the house to the other. Window fans have the ability to suck outside air into the house or to exhaust hot air from the house, depending on which way they're facing of course.

If you're low on fans, it's good to think about what kind of area you're trying to cool off before running to the store and buying a fan that won't do you much good. Oscillating fans are good for blowing on people, but don't have as much power as a box fan for moving some serious hot air.

Besides fans and air movement, there are a few other ways to keep cool. For starters, it helps to close the shades when the morning or afternoon sunlight is coming directly into a room.

Also, your body actually stays cooler if you stay hydrated. If you begin to feel tired in the afternoon and don't know why, try slamming a few glasses of water. Not only will it re-energize you, but it'll keep you cooler. It should also be noted that

alcohol and soda does not refresh the body or help you cool off at all.

Of course, there are also more obvious ways to keep cool. One is to get out of the house and go somewhere that has air conditioning. Another is to go swimming. There are plenty of lakes and swimming holes in the area. Two of the most popular around Stevens Point are Lake Joanis in Schmeeckle Reserve and Lake Emily.

Sometimes, the humidity and heat are so overwhelming that nothing will do the trick. In cases like this, it's good to remember that in Wisconsin we rarely see unbearable heat for extended periods of time, and the snow, ice and mush that we all love is only another four months away.

Three students receive ROTC scholarships

With the recent economic slump and the rising cost of tuition on all students' minds, at least three of the incoming freshmen for the class of 2006 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point can breathe easier. In an unprecedented event, the UWSP Department of Military Science and Leadership announced that they anticipate three incoming freshmen scholarship winners to attend classes next fall.

Two outstanding young women and one man have each accepted an offer by the United States Army Cadet Command to participate in the Army ROTC program at UWSP. This year's three Army ROTC scholarship winners are: Jaime Wehman from Naperville, IL, Jessica Heubach from Hopkins, MN, and John Wagenaar II from Pell Lake, WI.

These three students competed with tens of thousands of high school students from across the United States for an Army ROTC scholarship. These scholarships are given out based upon past performance in high school academic, athletic, and leadership activities. These scholarships are very competitive and the standards for even qualifying are very high.

Each student will major in the study of their choice and minor in Military Science while attending UWSP. During the duration of their scholarship, the Army will pay for their tuition and lab fees. As freshmen, the students will also receive a monthly stipend of \$250 per month as well as a tax-

free check of \$300 per semester to pay for books and supplies. The financial incentives do not end there because each student upon graduation receives a guaranteed job as an officer in the Army with a starting salary of \$38,000 with benefits.

"For as long as anyone in the Department can remember, we have never had this many scholarship winners in UWSP history," stated Doug Ferrel, Assistant Professor of Military Science. "We've had years with two winners, but never three. We are very excited about this event. I think it speaks a lot about the incoming freshman class and their sense of selfless service to the nation."

Each of these students, once they graduate from UWSP, will be the leaders of the future for the Army. They will be in charge of America's soldiers and millions of dollars worth of equipment. That is a heavy responsibility, but one that we feel each and every one of the students who graduate from UWSP's ROTC program are more than capable of accomplishing. We are always looking for college students who are not satisfied with the norm. We need students who excel in all aspects of student life- academics, athletics, and leadership- to be the future officers of the Army. I know that all three of our new students are ready to rise to the challenge."

Any student interested in learning more about what Army ROTC has to offer can either contact Doug Ferrel at (715)346-3821, or can check out the web at www.armyrotc.com.

Mentoring program seeks volunteers to help local youth

Program matches area youth with trained mentor to help foster positive growth.

By Michelle Fitch
FEATURES REPORTER

Think back to your youth and the people that influenced you as a young person. Did you have a favorite teacher, basketball coach, neighbor, boss or older person in your life? Consider the impact you could have on another young person today. The Portage County Mentoring Program (PCMP) helps pair trained adult mentors with youth at-risk in Portage County and is currently looking for volunteers. We work with youth ages 7-16 years of age.

A year and a half ago, PCMP created a program where at-risk youth worked with mentors to help build life skills, improve grades, increase school attendance, build self-esteem, and work on healthy relationships. The program is presently working with several matches and growing each month.

The PCMP's mission is dedicated to providing positive mentoring relationships for youth at risk of offending. Through trained community mentors, youth are given friendship, guidance, and encouragement toward constructive attitudes, behaviors, and practical life skills. The mentored youth will experience a reduction in juvenile offenses and use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs while school performance is improved.

Mentors go through an application process and background check, and then are matched with a youth that has similar interests and goals. The mentor and mentee form a relationship with the guidance of the program, and usually meet anywhere from two to 10 hours per week. We ask that the mentor work with the youth for a year, however a nine-month contract is available to students if they so choose.

The program plans group activities every few months where all the mentors, mentees, and mentees families participate in the activities. In the past, activities included horseback riding, tubing, a trip to Wisconsin Dells, and volunteering at the Salvation Army Hope Center for the homeless, etc. Basically, the mentor and mentee form a friendship and mentoring relationship.

The mentoring program is a great opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to become more involved in our community and help shape the lives of the youth in Portage County. We are currently looking for individuals that want to donate two hours of their time a week to spending time with a youth. This is not a huge time commitment, but a tremendous impact for a youth at risk. All types of majors/minors and interest areas are acceptable for our program; all we are looking for are enthusiastic people that want to "hang out with a kid!"

If you are interested, or know someone who would like more information, please contact program liaison Michelle Fitch at (715) 345-5876 or program coordinator Barb Hunt at (715) 345-5868. Michelle can be contacted by e-mail at fitchm@co.portage.wi.us and Barb at huntb@co.portage.wi.us.

ACT awareness at UWSP

By Melissa Miller
FEATURES REPORTER

When you think of the letters ACT you probably think of the test you had to take in high school to get into college. But did you know that ACT also means something else? At UWSP, ACT is something much better: The Association for Community Tasks.

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) is a student organization which coordinates student volunteers throughout the community, in places like the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County, the American Red Cross and local schools. We try to provide students with a hassle-free way to gain experience in their major, have fun, make new friends and at the same time, make a difference in the Stevens Point community.

ACT has five core programs:

community group projects where groups (like sororities, or residence hall wings) can volunteer for one time events. Another type is individual volunteering, which offers individuals the chance to help out in our community and is tailored to the individual. The third is tutoring, and don't think that you have to be an education major to tutor in any of the schools or homes in the Stevens Point/Plover School District. Another program is the hunger clean-up, which is our annual event that will be on April 26th, where students raise money for local charities while cleaning up the community. The final program is the UWSP Blood Drive, where volunteers not only give blood, but also help to register and assist blood donors in multiple ways.

It is easy to become involved in ACT. The upcoming Tutor/Involvement Fair on

September 16th will provide more information about each of the programs. The fair will be held in the Laird Room from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., or stop by the office located in the lower level of the University Center room 30G. You can also email us at act@uwsp.edu or call 346-2260.

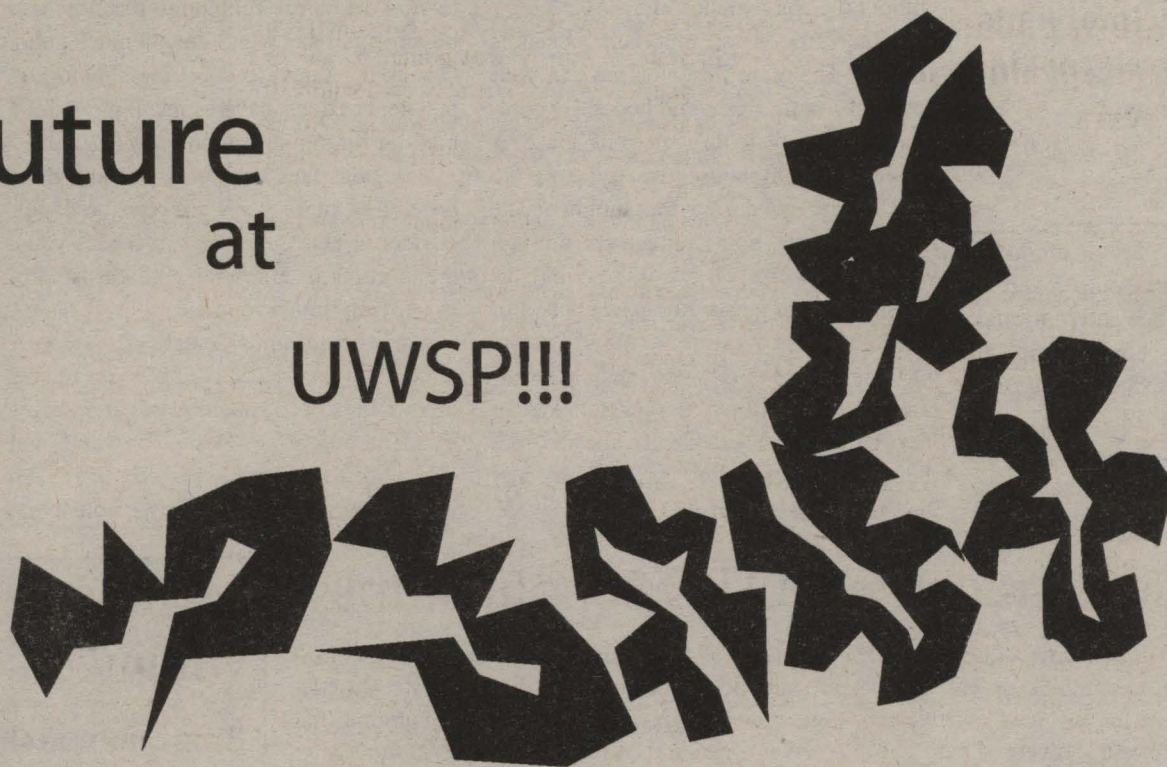
"The upcoming academic year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association for Community Tasks. Even after twenty-five years, it is easy to see the students' pride in their work and their dedication to ACT's service-learning philosophy. Our University's mission to produce educated graduates who have a strong sense of citizenship and pride in their community is clearly evident. ACT is a major contributor to the experiential dimension of this philosophy at UWSP," said Rob Manzke, ACT advisor.

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Baseball reaps rewards of outstanding season

Molitor and Verbrick both receive national recognition for record setting years

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

When a team has the most wins in the history of men's sports at UWSP, accolades are bound to follow. It's no surprise the UWSP baseball team picked up some post-season awards after posting a 37-10 record.

Pitcher Bill Verbrick was the big winner as he was named the Midwest Region Pitcher of the year. Verbrick had a monster senior season as he set WIAC single season records in both innings pitched (102), as well as strikeouts (115).

He also set a UWSP single season record by recording ten victories. Verbrick also became the first player in WIAC history to pitch a nine inning perfect game, which he completed against UW-River Falls April 6.

Verbrick was also named a second team All-American for his outstanding season.

Fellow Senior Paul Molitor became the first

Pointer ever to be named a first team All-American. Molitor played every single inning in all 47 games for UWSP and set a WIAC season record with 210 at-bats. He also tied for the league lead with 57 runs scored and led the WIAC with 58 RBI while belting 13 home runs.

In addition to these national honors UWSP also had the WIAC coach of the year in Brian Nelson and six all-conference selections.

However, the accolades do not end there, as Point also landed an amazing seven players on the all region squad.

Verbrick and Molitor were joined on the first team by another Senior, centerfielder Randy Reed. Catcher Joe Waksmonski was named to the second team along with first baseman Ryan Jones.

Rightfielder Ryan Ivy and pitcher Jeff Pieper were both third team selections for UWSP.

UWSP won both the regular season WIAC title and also were victorious in the conference tournament. Point then advanced to the regional championship game, but they had their season come to an end when Chris Thousand of UW-Lakeland hit a home run in the bottom of the 10th inning to advance to the Division III world series.



Photo by P. Larson

Randy Reed drops a bunt down earlier this season for Point.

Once again, Pointer sports is the class of the conference



Photo by L. Zancanaro

National player of the year finalist Kari Groshek shoots a lay-up as the national champion women's basketball team warms up for a play-off match-up with the Webster Gorlocks.

Point has highest ever Sears Cup finish for the second consecutive season

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP placed 6 out of 413 Division III schools in the Sears Directors Cup standings. UWSP totalled 656.5 points which was over 100 more than last year which was the previous high at 538.

The standings measure the top overall athletic programs in the NCAA Division III. UWSP was the highest placing school from the WIAC conference and also the top rated non-East Coast school.

Points for the cup are awarded based on finishes in NCAA

tournament competition.

UWSP had a banner year as they qualified for tournament play in 13 of it's 20 sports. The year's highlight came from the basketball court where a senior led women's squad took home the national title. Other sports that helped UWSP was outdoor track where the men took fourth. UWSP also fell just a game short of national quarterfinals in football, soccer and baseball.

Williams (Mass.) won its fourth straight cup title as they totalled an amazing 989 points.

UWSP also took home their fifth WIAC men's All-Sports Award in six years. The Pointers were amazing as they had a top three finish in every single men's sport, including four conference championships.

The conference titles were

won in football, basketball, swimming and baseball, respectively.

In the combined All-Sports Award, UWSP finished just a point and a half behind UW-La Crosse to take second place.

On the women's side, UWSP finished fourth as UW-Oshkosh was the champion.

The awards capped an amazing year in UWSP athletics that saw 17 of 20 sports finish in the top half of the conference standings. Also 16 teams were nationally ranked at the end of the season.

UWSP's combined record for the season was 196-76-2, to give a robust winning percentage of .719.

View from a Pointer: Leave it to Milwaukee to end the All-Star game in a tie

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Maybe it is just me, but you had a sense that something was going to go wrong at the mid-summer classic. It was kind of like watching a movie when you know there is no way a plan can work out.

It just seems like baseball is digging itself a deeper and deeper hole and right now, nobody can figure out how to get out. Tuesday's all-star game was an opportunity to showcase why people love the sport in the first place. Instead they got a reason to tune out the sport even more, when the game, one of the best All-Star games in recent memories, was called a tie after 11 innings.

Of course one simply needs to remember that this is Milwaukee, the baseball version of Death Valley. Sure, I cheer for the Brew Crew, but in the back of your mind you know they're gonna choke.

Let's recall last year when they were in the thick of the pennant race at the break. They promptly followed up the break by going on a ridiculous losing streak to put them out of contention.

However, hope springs eternal and we were all sure that a healthy Brewer squad could compete for a possible pennant if there was consistency on the mound and the injuries held off.

Unfortunately, the Brewers

had other plans as they got off to one of their worst starts in recent memory, and hold claim to the worst record in the national league.

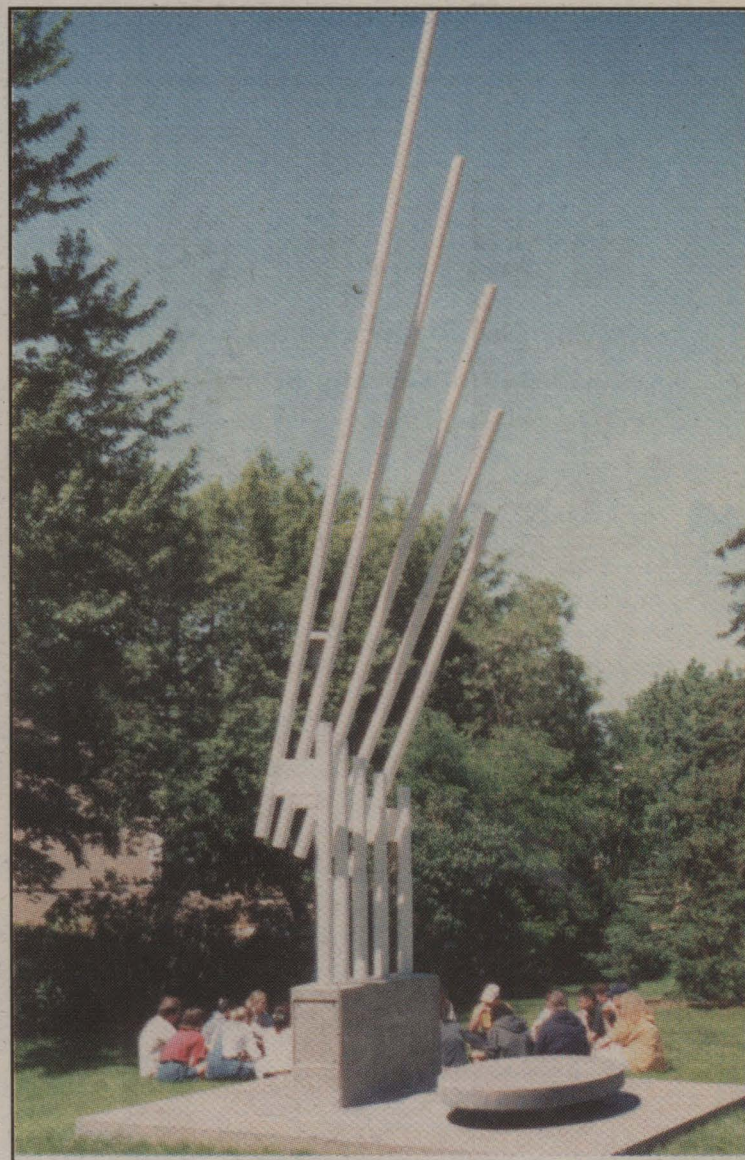
This completely explains the All-Star game. It was a microcosm for the Brewers. Everything looked like it was going all right, and just as things were looking up, worst ending ever.

A tie? C'mon, thats like kissing your sister. One of the great things about sports is that there is a winner and a loser. I just tip my hat to the fans that no post-game destruction occurred in a town known for drinking.

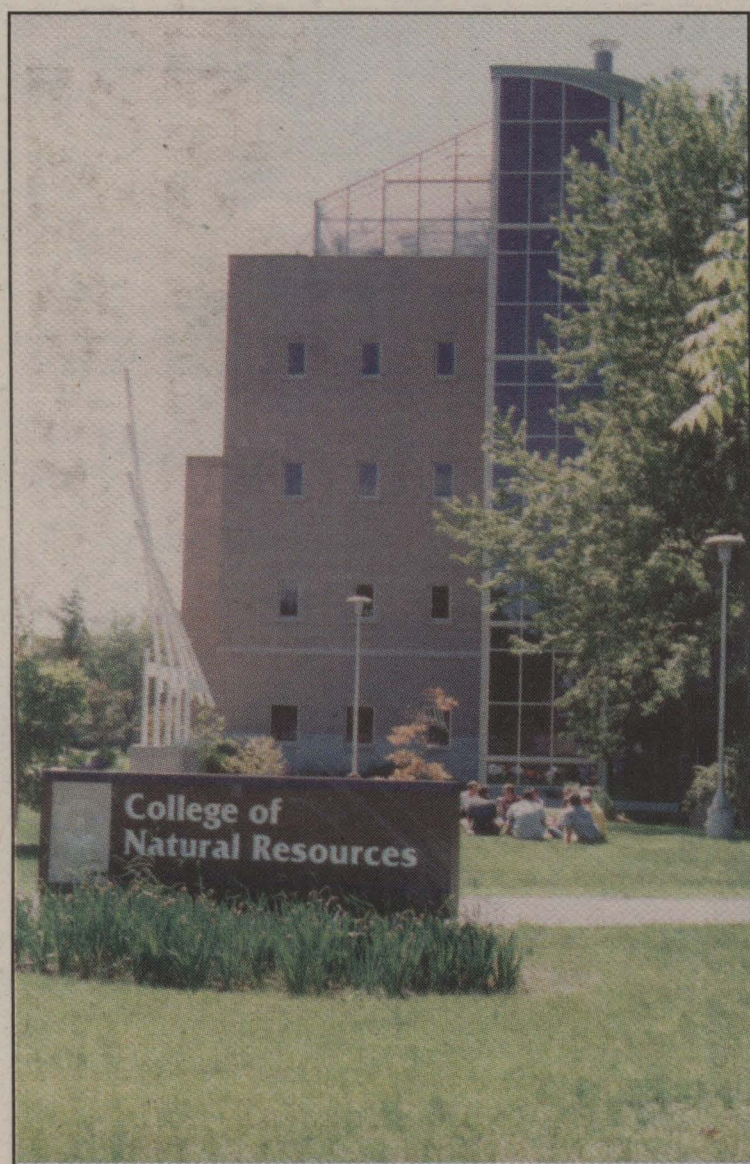
I'm sure the Milwaukee fans will shrug it off, just chalk it up as more disappointment in what has been a tough season to swallow. Not only have the Brewers embarrassed themselves, but the Bucks have had their share as well.

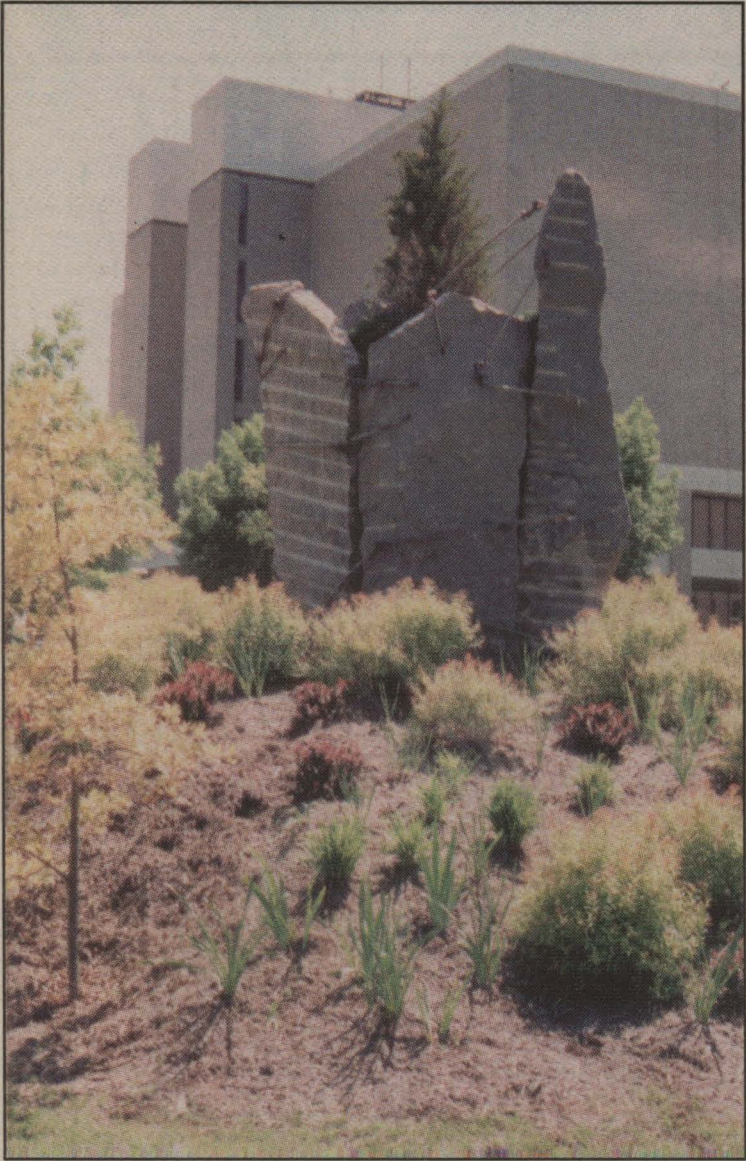
Remember when they were supposed to be the best team in the Eastern Conference, only to miss the playoffs completely. Between the two Milwaukee pro teams, an All-Star game almost had to be expected by Wisconsin fans.

But don't count out Wisconsin sports just yet. Remember football season is just around the corner and the Packers seem to be able to make everyone forget about those other sports.



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Deer feeding and baiting prohibited to help control CWD

Effective July 3, 2002, it will be illegal to feed or bait deer in Wisconsin. The prohibition on feeding and baiting are a part of the efforts to control Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and reduce the chance that CWD will become established in new areas of Wisconsin, state wildlife officials say.

"This restriction is viewed by CWD experts to be critical to controlling this fatal, contagious disease of deer," said Bill Vander Zouwen, chief of Department of Natural Resources wildlife and landscape ecology section.

"Any practice that concentrates deer - including baiting and feeding -- is likely to increase the spread of CWD."

An abnormal protein called a prion causes the disease, which has been found in deer in western Dane and eastern Iowa counties. This disease can spread from deer to deer directly and through a contaminated environment created by concentrating diseased deer.

Under the rule, bear hunters and dog trainers can continue to use bait, but the bait must be placed in a hole in the ground, a stump, or a hollow log and covered by a rock or logs so that deer cannot access the bait. Bait placed for this purpose can only be used between April 15 and the end of the bear harvest season.

People can continue to feed birds and small mammals as long as they place the food within 50 yards of homes or work places in feeding devices or structures that make the feed unavailable to deer either by design or height above the ground. Mechanical feeders that distribute feed to the ground are prohibited, as are supplements such as mineral or salt blocks or protein or similar supplements placed solely for purposes of feeding deer. Farmers can continue to care for their animals in the same manner and with the same practices they've always used.

"A study in Michigan found that 5 gallons of bait actually had more nose-to-nose contacts among deer than larger piles of bait," Vander Zouwen said. "And even a small amount of feed can attract many deer. For example, one Wisconsin resident recently reported observing 35 different

deer coming regularly to a 2 gallon feeding site near his house."

Vander Zouwen said officials decided to ban feeding and baiting statewide, instead of just in the infected area because the risk factors that could contribute to the introduction of CWD into the deer herd maybe present statewide. Those include: depositing of deer carcasses taken from CWD areas in and outside of Wisconsin in fields and woods; deer and elk game farms (over 900 in Wisconsin); and illegal stocking of imported deer into wild populations.

The Wisconsin legislature granted the state Department of Natural Resources the authority to ban feeding and baiting in a special bill earlier this year. The state Natural Resources Board adopted an emergency order at its June meeting that will last for 150 days. The board would need to adopt a permanent rule in late winter or early spring if these rules are to continue. However, legislative authority given to DNR for regulating feeding ends in June 2004. The legislature will then have to decide whether to extend this authority.

Violation of these rules results could result in civil forfeitures of up to \$288 plus loss of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for up to three years for deer feeding and up to \$2,079 plus loss of privileges for deer baiting. Baiting is the practice of putting out food that will attract deer for the purpose of shooting the deer during legal hunting seasons. Up to now it has not been illegal in Wisconsin to hunt deer over bait.

Michigan prohibits baiting and feed in counties where bovine tuberculosis has been found. Baiting and feeding is limited to 2 gallons or less in all other areas of the state; and they adopted a rule that would prohibit all baiting and feeding statewide if CWD is found in the state. Colorado, where CWD has also been found, does not allow baiting or feeding. Minnesota banned baiting a few years back.

DNR research has found that about 40 percent of bowhunters and 17 percent of gun hunters use bait, respectively.

"The difference in success rates among gun hunters with and without bait is negligible," Vander Zouwen said. "The difference in success rates for archers is

greater, but the overall impact of hunting without bait is expected to be minor. Some people even argue that eliminating bait and feed will make deer more vulnerable to hunting by changing the distribution, movement distances, and daytime activity of deer."

Vander Zouwen noted the baiting and feeding ban was supported by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Council, Whitetails Unlimited, Wisconsin Bowhunters Association, Wisconsin Deer Hunters Coalition, Wisconsin Deer Hunters Association, and the Quality Deer Management

Association.

In addition to the feeding and baiting ban, officials are taking other steps to control the spread of CWD. Through a series of special hunts and special hunting regulations, officials hope to reduce the deer herd in the infected area to as close to zero as possible in an attempt to eliminate the disease. Deer population goals in an area outside the zero population zone and up to approximately 40 miles from the center of that zone are 10 per square mile of deer range to reduce the chance of disease transmission to these areas.

Sustainable Living Fair

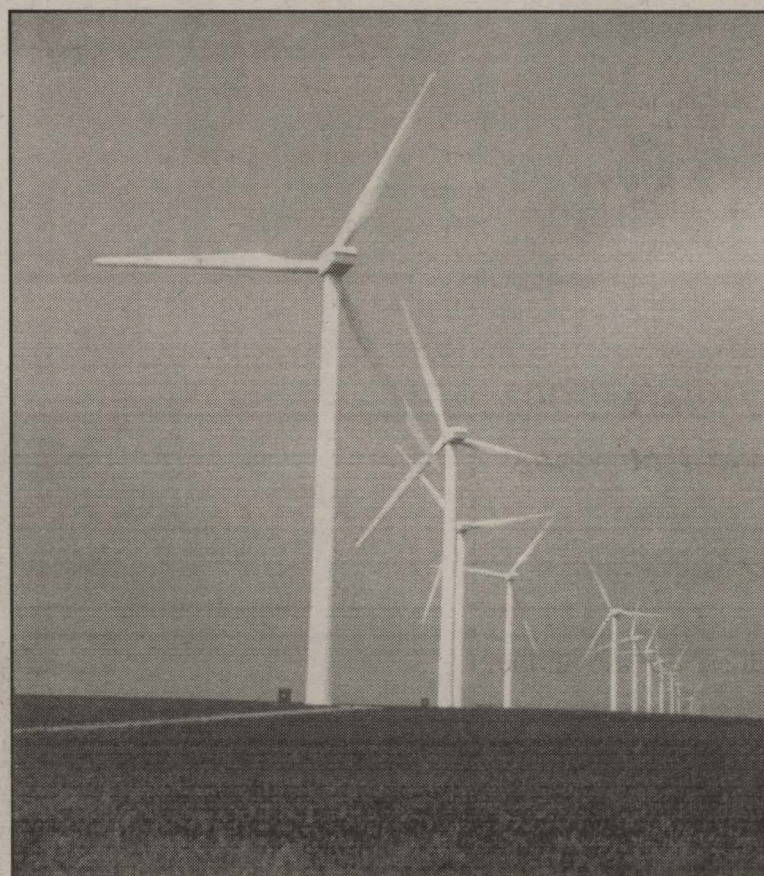


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On the weekend of June 21-23, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) hosted a Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair at the ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer. The MREA is a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting a sustainable future through renewable energy and earth-friendly products, and the group's annual Fair hails as the world's largest event of its kind. Alternative energy sources like solar and wind power are a major focus of the festival.

New Natural Areas proposed on existing state lands

Wisconsin will have an additional 50 State Natural Areas this year under proposed modifications to the master plans of numerous state-owned properties.

The state Department of Natural Resources is proposing the master plan modifications in order to create the 50 new State Natural Areas as part of the 50th Anniversary of the State Natural Areas Program. The public has an opportunity to comment on the master plan modifications through July 20.

The State Natural Areas Program is coordinated by the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources to provide protection and management guidelines for outstanding examples of Wisconsin's landscape and natu-

ral resources.

"Wisconsin's landscape has experienced dramatic changes in the 150 years since intensive settlement began," explained Randy Hoffman, DNR conservation biologist. "Little remains of the natural plant and animal communities which occupied our lands for centuries. State Natural Areas protect remnants that have escaped intensive development. These exceptional sites are often the last refuges for rare plants and animals."

State Natural Areas are formally designated under state law to be devoted to scientific research, the teaching of conservation biology and preservation of their natural values and genetic diversity for future generations.

Tough love from the shorelines

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Admittedly, I haven't seen too many fish being pulled out of Stevens Point area rivers and lakes. Perhaps I've just been fishing in the wrong spots, or maybe with the wrong people, but I've never been a huge fan of shore fishing.

I've tried to work the Wisconsin River in numerous spots with an array of lures and live bait only to see more fish jumping in the bays and eddies instead of at the end of my line. One of the most frustrating things about fishing is when you know the fish are where your bait is, but instead of indulging in that nightcrawler or leech, they seem to jump about 10 feet away from your hook, flashing their tailfins in your general direction.

On the flipside, I've taken a few fishing trips via boat and have had ultimate success. That has proven to me that it's not my lack of skill, just bad luck with shore fishing.

Sure, I've pulled a crappie or two out of some cover along the river, and even a huge catfish that snapped my line right at the shore. But I'm looking for something a little more consistent than one fish per outing.

One disadvantage with shore fishing is that you don't have the luxury of moving when you grow tired of your spot. The fish do. With a boat, you have access to any given spot on a lake. With shore fishing, you usually have 30 feet of space to work with, usually obstructed by a strategically placed branch right in the way of your cast.

While fishing from a boat isn't always a walk in the park, it

offers far more ease and comfort as opposed to shore fishing. Once you master the techniques of operating a motor, positioning your vessel and manning the anchors, you should be well on your way to catching more fish.

Of course, the biggest disadvantage to boat fishing is the cost of the boat itself and accessories like a motor, trolling motor, anchors, ropes and maybe even a trailer if you hop from lake to lake.

Whatever your forte may be, it's helpful to know the area you're fishing. Depth, habitat, wood cover and water movement all play a big part in where the fish are holding. Being in a boat won't help you out unless you know what you're doing, as I've been shut out many times while out on the water.

Spend your summer with Bikini Bandits, courtesy of AtomFilms

How to use the internet to dive into the underworld of independent films

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

In today's profit-based film industry, major motion picture blockbusters dominate the movie scene. With nearly everyone in America rushing out to see the same handful of films that grace almost every commercial theater in the nation, independent filmmakers suffer the long, arduous process of getting the public to view their pictures. Occasionally an independent filmmaker will get his or her film into a major independent film festival and strike it big when Hollywood studios notice their talent. However,

the fact remains that few people see the majority of films produced in America.

In today's society it becomes even more difficult for a director to get a short film into the mainstream. Once a staple of early moviemaking, the short film has almost become a lost art in the industry for the simple fact that there's rarely a substantial profit. However, with the inception of the Internet, filmmakers were given a new medium through which to distribute their creations.

AtomFilms, a branch of shockwave.com, is one of the many short film sources to turn to in search of quality film shorts. With a wide range of genres, from animation to thrillers, AtomFilms provides the public with access to short films of vary-

ing lengths. While some films run under two minutes, others span over a half hour in length. Not everything at AtomFilms is quality filmmaking (some doesn't even try to be) but it all boils down to a film viewing experience that can be different than anything seen before.

Sometimes an AtomFilms virgin needs a bit of guidance in order to discover quality films on the web site. AtomFilms includes user reviews and rankings to ease this process as well as an intrasite search engine to allow users the ability to search for topics that interest them. I've stumbled across many a fine film through this process but am going to make it even easier for those interested by reviewing several films I enjoyed.

The Date, an Australian

short film, revolves around the premise of a young man running all over town in search of a specific condom to replace one his girlfriend snatched from her parents' room while they were out of the country. It may seem like a pretty basic plot, but this six minute dark comedy takes a momentous turn in the closing seconds that makes it a great short film.

In Reflexus, an eight-minute thriller, a murder witness suddenly becomes swept into the heart of the crime. Filmed with very little dialogue, Reflexus challenges the viewer's perception of reality as well as raises questions similar to Back to the Future's time-space continuum. This is one of the most interesting short films I've discovered at AtomFilms.

For those who enjoy crude comedy, the Bikini Bandits series provides an opportunity to indulge. With nearly a dozen episodes to choose from, this series is what its title says and centers around a foursome of attractive bikini-clad criminals. It may not be for the easily offended, but Bikini Bandits can provide some hearty laughs to the select audience who appreciates its wacky brand of humor.

All in all, AtomFilms gives the short film fan the chance to view free films that are unlike anything produced in Hollywood these days. They may not all be gems, but digging through this website in search of the good films is half the fun.

Fall/Winter 2002 Movie Releases

Jumanji 2: Fall

James Bond 20: November

Star Trek: Nemesis:
December 13

Lord of the Rings: The Two
Towers: December 18

Harry Potter & the
Chamber of Secrets:
December 19

Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy
Nights: Holidays, 2002

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The Matrix Reloaded: May

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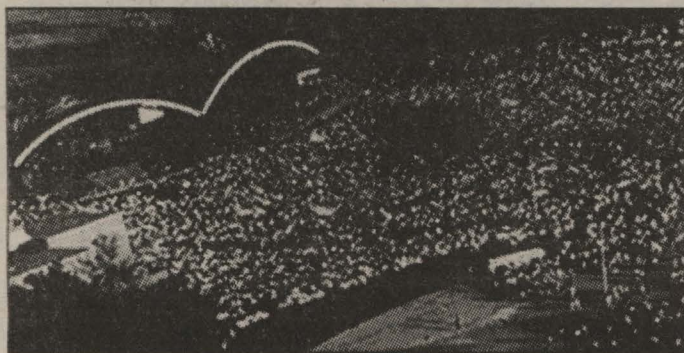
Alpine's Terrapin Station nearly Dead on arrival

Grateful Dead reunion shows sold out, then cancelled, now back on. Is the drama over?

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

What do you get when you combine two already sold-out Grateful Dead reunion shows, Walworth County and a busload of upset Deadheads? We found out earlier this summer; a big horrible mess.

In early June, all four remaining Dead members, Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, Phil Lesh and Bob Weir announced their first-ever onstage reunion entitled "Terrapin Station". The shows are scheduled to take place at Alpine Valley on August 3-4. The shows would have been the first time that the four remaining Dead members have taken the stage together since the Dead's last show with Jerry Garcia on July 9, 1995 at Soldier Field in Chicago. All of the members' side projects will be performing (Mickey Hart and Bembe Orisha, Phil Lesh and Friends, Ratdog and Bill Kreutzmann's TriChromes) in addition to many other opening bands, including The Disco Biscuits, Donna the Buffalo, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Robert Hunter and Robert Randolph and the Family Band.



An aerial view of Alpine Valley filled to capacity.

As expected, tickets sold out for both shows in less than one hour. Anticipations for the event were already through the roof until the Walworth County Highway Committee denied Clear Channel Entertainment, the shows' promoter, a license to hold the shows at Alpine Valley. It is being reported that Clear Channel sold tickets to the event before they even secured a license to hold what will undoubtedly be one of the biggest concert

events of the year.

Walworth County, however, has the right to show a little concern. The Dead's last performance at Alpine, a 3-night run in July of 1989, resulted in many upset East Troy residents because of unauthorized camping and loitering, which ultimately led to the band being banned from Alpine Valley.

In a statement issued on June 11, committee chair Odell R. Gigante clarified, "You can imagine the amount of humanity that's going to converge on little old East Troy ... we only have 80 some sheriff deputies. Short of bringing in the National Guard, we just couldn't handle it."

Gigante continued by saying that as many as 200,000 people are expected to arrive for the two shows, even though only 40,000 tickets were available for each show.

Ticketless fans cruising around the parking lots has always been a problem in the jamband scene. Bands frequently ask fans to stay away from the show if they don't have tickets, but people still come either in hopes of finding an extra for sale or just to enjoy the mass-tailgating that takes place before and after the shows.

Of course, there is one easy way to solve the problem; don't let people without tickets or will-call confirmations anywhere near Alpine Valley. It's not that difficult to have someone standing at the entrance of the parking lot checking tickets versus the number of bodies in the vehicle.

Another concern of Walworth County officials is the presence of drugs at the shows. However, truth be told, there is rampant drug use at many concerts that Alpine Valley welcomes every year.

Last summer, Walworth County Sheriffs tagged hundreds of people with underage drinking tickets and drug-related arrests at both OzzFest and Aerosmith. However, officials don't seem to mind welcoming back either of those acts; both are playing at Alpine Valley again this summer.

Likewise, Jimmy Buffet and Dave Matthews Band will be performing separate gigs towards the end of August. "Parrotheads" at Buffet shows are notorious for drinking heavily. (Come on, Margaritaville, anyone?) Dave Matthews Band will take the stage twice over Labor

Day Weekend and have had their share of problems with venues as well, ranging from ticketless fans to rampant underage drinking and even riots in the lots caused by ticketless fans after two shows in Hartford, CT in August of 2000 and 2001.

Michael Cotter, assistant corporation counsel for the city of East Troy, explained in an interview with jambase.com why tickets were onsale before a license was granted. "Clear Channel has done it before and it's kind of their risk. They've been operating this way for 10 years or so. It's never been a big deal to get this license, but the big deal

arose with the whole Grateful Dead reunion show, which is bigger than a sold out Dave Matthews show in the view of the committee. The thing was being billed as the only time they're getting together this year and possibly ever. It's the show to be at, so I think that's where the concern came from."

The shows were recently reconsidered by the Walworth County Board after Clear Channel and its lawyers showed up threatening with lawsuits. Add to the fact that local businesses will see a boom in revenue that weekend, and officials were eager to reconsider.

The band has issued a statement requesting that any ticketless fans not come to Alpine Valley for the shows, which should be the first step taken by the band to ensure that these shows run smoothly. The band and Alpine Valley have both issued statements regarding the shows, like what to bring and what not to bring. Already, security is saying that no backpacks will be allowed inside Alpine Valley. For more information on the event guidelines, check out <http://www.dead.net> or <http://www.alpinevalleymusic.com/>.

The parking lots will open at 8 a.m. both mornings, so the shows surely promise to be all-day events. Showtime is 11 a.m. on both days.

Petty croons the 'Fest with 25,000 backup singers

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In the realm of modern-day amphitheaters, the Marcus Amphitheater in Milwaukee isn't the greatest of venues. Sure, the breeze off of bordering Lake Michigan is fantastic, as is the scenery from the top of the grass seating. However, after that, it's the same type of outdoor shed that somehow gets packed time and time again when Summerfest rolls around. It features overpriced everything; food, drinks and especially tickets. However, when Tom Petty surfaced for the Big Gig on June 30, none of that seemed to matter.

Petty appeared in top form, and without saying as much as a single word to the audience, he abruptly began the show with "Running Down a Dream". From

that point on, the sold-out audience was mere putty in Petty's hands.

Of course, it's not difficult for Petty to captivate his crowd. Nearly the entire setlist was comprised of "the hits" that everyone came to hear. He ran through the list that made him who he is today.

As if he were delivering a one-two punch, he went for the jugular immediately when he tackled "Mary Jane's Last Dance" early in the show, which also featured one of the few times Petty and his Heartbreakers went free-form, extending the ending solo into a long and winding jam. Extended improv jamming is definitely not their specialty; however, it was a welcome change from hearing otherwise unaltered studio cuts.

Petty delved into some

newer material in the middle of the show which was admittedly much slower and seemingly less heartfelt than his classics, but a few of the newer selections did offer a bit of promise for the future. During one of the only extended stage bickerings of Petty, he informed everyone that he will have a new album out soon.

Even if Petty didn't have the hits to ease his way through a show of classic after classic, he is quite the showman, utilizing Pete Townshend-esque windmill ticks and energetic sprints across the stage.

Perhaps the highlight of the show was the monster improv jam that came in the middle of "It's Good to be King". Although most of the crowd lost interest after the lyrics ended, Petty showed some true grit by guiding

the Heartbreakers through a 10-minute off-road session, ultimately ending in a powerful climax returning to the last verse of the tune.

The encore proved to be the perfect capper to a solid show by covering more of the classics. "Free Falling" was probably the loudest sing-a-long I've ever heard in my life.

Opening act Brian Setzer Trio played to a subdued crowd before Petty appeared. Setzer crawled his way through the fads that he's created over the years. The end product consisted of a generic and repetitive rockabilly sound that made Setzer famous. He delved into some of his hits; Stray Cat Strut and Jump, Jive and Wail, most notably. Unfortunately, the energy that they carried in their prime has faded away through the years.

Upcoming Concerts

8/3: Jimmy Eat World, The Rave, Milwaukee

8/17: De La Soul, The Rave, Milwaukee

8/17: JamGrass, Alpine Valley

8/20: Goldfinger, The Rave, Milwaukee

8/31 & 9/1: DMB, Alpine Valley

9/14: Aerosmith, Alpine Valley

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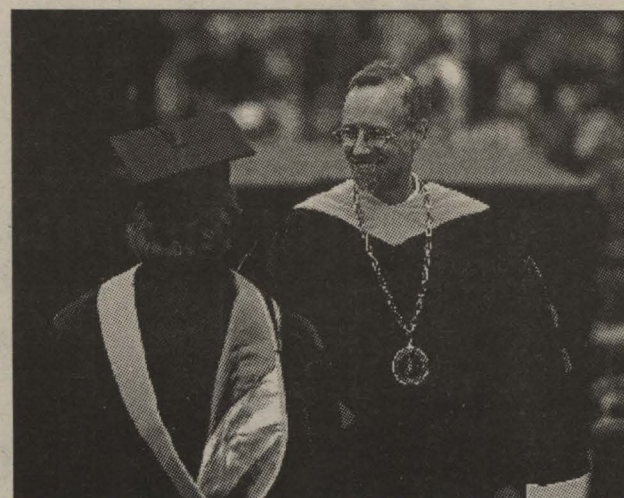
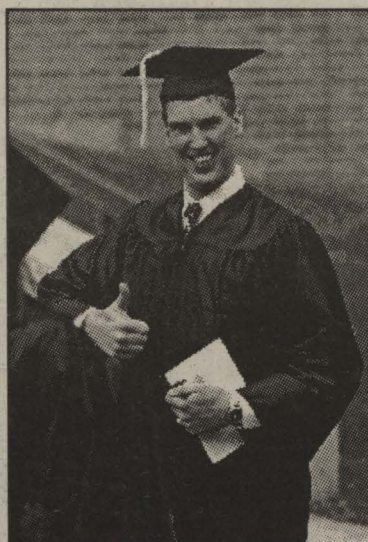
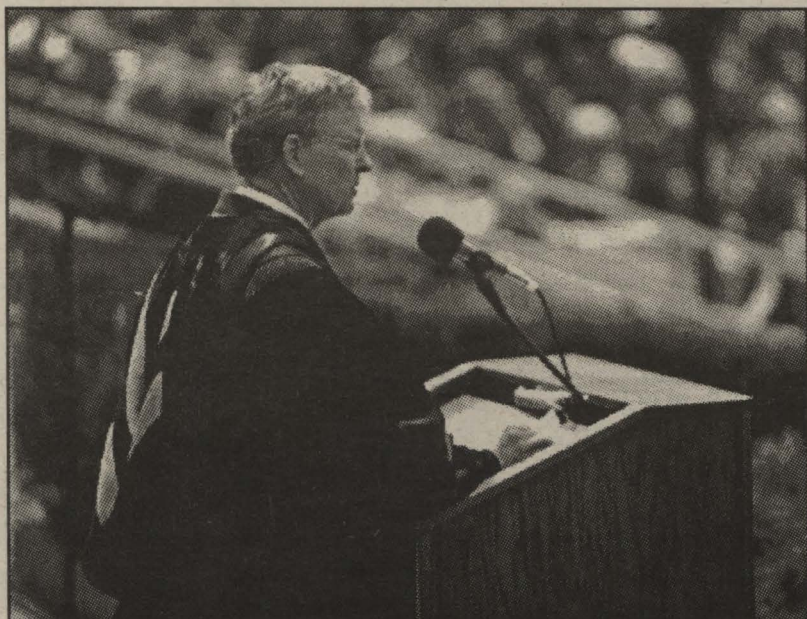
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Graduation 2002

Hooliganism and hijinx was out in full force at this year's graduation ceremonies as a live chicken was released early in the procession. The chicken was captured, humanely, and taken into custody. Despite the antics of the chicken, all went well and students, staff, family and friends were treated to a memorable graduation ceremony. Good luck to UWSP's class of 2002!

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