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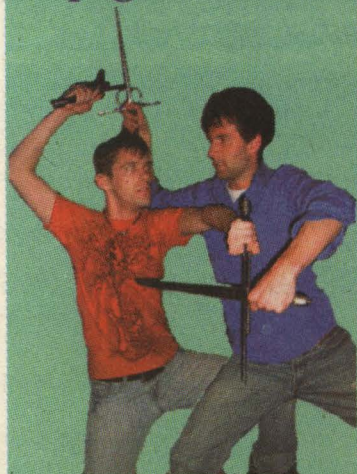
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Kloth and Wardle ready to make change for UW-SP campus

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With a shift toward the nontraditional, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have elected Katie M. Kloth as president and Erika P. Wardle as vice president of the 2008-2009 Student Government Association.

Kloth and Wardle, who describe themselves as "not the traditional student leadership," defeated Matt Guidry and Jenn Boyd by a vote of 704-618, with an additional 34 votes as write-ins. This year's election had just over a three percent vote increase over last year's election, with 17 percent of the student body voting.

Both campaigns were active in reaching the voters through participation in two debates and one-on-one meetings, but in the end Kloth and Wardle came out on top. The key, according to Kloth, is reaching out to as many students as possible.

"I think it's about how many people you talked to and how many people you get educated on what's happening. And how many people you get excited about the campaign," said Kloth. "Me and

put into it," said Kloth. "I don't think there should be animosity. Yes, you're running against each other, but at the end of the day, you're both working toward similar goals so why fight each other."



Photo by Katie Leb

Next year's SGA vice president and president: Wardle and Kloth

Erika really campaigned until the last minute you could."

After it was all over, both campaigns came out with a positive message for each other.

"I was thinking about how much time and energy you put into it and how much heart and soul both groups

The other campaign had well wishes for the president and vice president-elect.

"Katie [Kloth] and Erika [Wardle] have a lot of really exciting ideas, and I'm sure they will do great things for SGA," said Boyd. "They ran a great campaign, and I know they will be dedicated to

working for the students as president and vice president next year. I think they're both great people and it was a fun campaign."

With the election over, Kloth and Wardle are already very busy preparing for next year, meeting with department heads and members of the administration. Both Kloth and Wardle have been involved in SGA and active in other organizations, along with being organizers themselves.

"We have extensive experience organizing outside of a 'legitimate forum,'" said Wardle. "We are organizers for social justice issues, environmental issues, human rights issues. These are things we have experience with."

Kloth and Wardle campaigned on the two main issues of increasing sustainability and building community. Wardle reiterated the dedication to achieving these goals.

"Those will continue to

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Research symposium to showcase student research

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The College of Letters and Science will host the ninth Annual College of Letters and Science Research Symposium on April 26, starting at 8:45 a.m. The symposium is a chance for students within the college to showcase their work and research for their peers, colleagues and professors.

Students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have given presentations on everything from "Aggressive Behavior in Northern Grasshopper Mice" to "British Caricature and Satire During the American Revolution" to "Crossing the Line Between Entertainment and Reality: A Sociological Analysis of Professional Wrestling."

Students work with a faculty mentor throughout the research project who guide them as they prepare their projects for presentation.

Timelines are set by the individual faculty mentor and the student, but the students must submit an abstract by a deadline set well in advance.

In the past, symposium presentations were dominated by students in the sciences, but as the event has grown, it has featured many more students in the humanities and social sciences.

"We might see even more balance this year; I know we're getting seven or eight submissions from one English faculty mentor...my hope is that we continue to see a shift [towards the humanities]," said Professor Charles Clark, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Students who participate in the symposium gain valuable and very marketable experience in producing research on a very high level which in turn can help prepare them for careers or further education in their field.

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April Fool's election to be held in Wisconsin

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Butler

Gableman

April Fool's Day this year will be a great day for at least one of the candidates running for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. The statewide election to be held April 1 will be the second time voting took place in The Encore this year for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

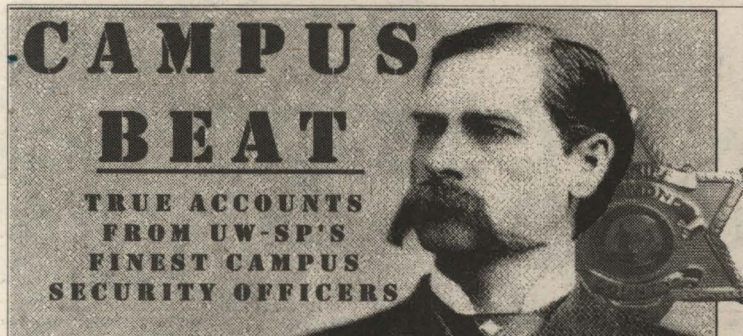
Since voting in February for the presidential primary election, changes have been made to hopefully improve the way voting is done. According to Student Government Association Legislative Issues Director

Holly Ehrhardt, changes include displaying more information signs to prevent confusion, having a registration booth responsible for determining if students were preregistered and clearly defined lines with ropes to separate the lines. Other changes include having better lighting for poll workers and voters and making the voting area more formal to attract more voters.

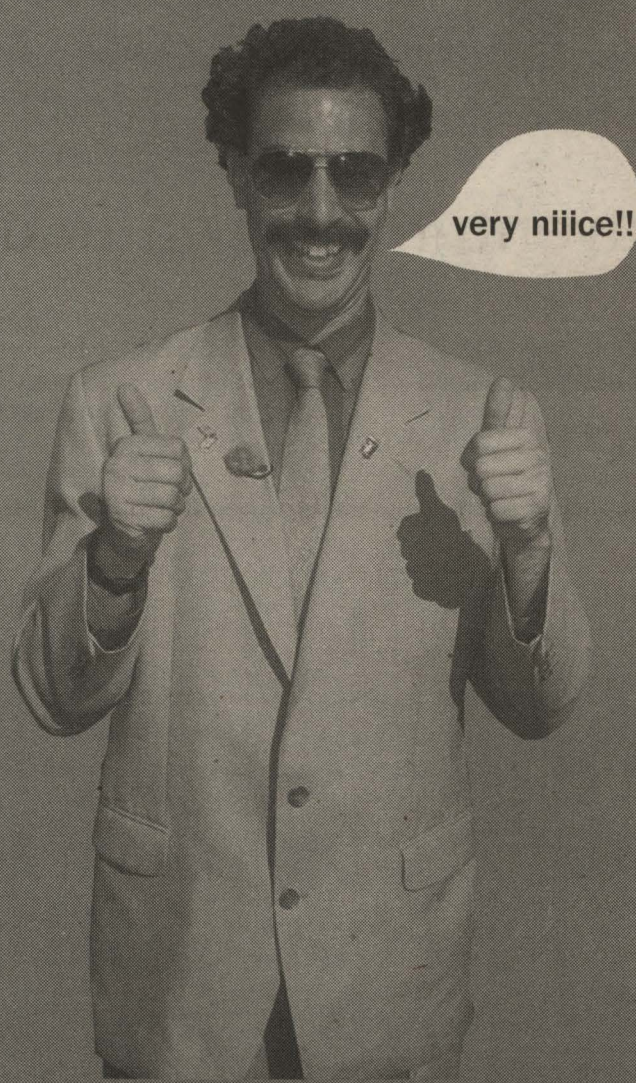
The reasoning behind these changes came from ideas expressed by students and other district voters. After lengthy discussions, the changes were decided by Ehrhardt, Centers Head Administration Laura Ketchum-Cifti, Third District Councilman George Hanson, Third District Chief Inspector Joyce Waite and City Clerk John Moe said Ehrhardt.

"Due to the DUC and Encore room holding its first election ever, there

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Students did not misbehave last week...on campus at least!



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the two biggest things that we are working on," said Wardle. "So that is staying true to the university's mission statement that we're a sustainable university and that's either doing more or something different. With building community, the goal is building to a point where everybody who works on this campus and every building is an established safe space against any kind of discrimination."

Ultimately, both officers-elect are working for the students.

"Everyone has a vested interest in what happens in the elections and all the other [things] that happen on campus. That is helping people become aware that whether they want to be or not, they are participating and that's either passive or active," said Wardle. "Hopefully we can show them that it's not hard to change...things, because if they're not what you want, you pay for it, and you should get what you want."

Additional Results

While much focus was put on the president and vice president elections, two questions on referendum and senators were also voted upon. The student body approved of

remaining a campus member to United Council, an organization originally created in Stevens Point.

"We [SGA] are glad to see that the students value this opportunity and SGA looks forward to working with United Council in pushing for lowered tuition, renewable energy [and] student rights at universities across the state and especially at UW-SP," said current SGA President Justin Glodowski. "They were very influential in getting the legislature to pass the budget this past fall, which would have severely maimed the UW System if not passed in time."

The Late Night Bus program was also approved, after almost a decade's worth of work being put into it.

"This will be an amazing program for promoting better relations with the city and neighborhood as well as providing safe transportation for students at night time," said Glodowski. "It is such a low cost in reality, and I think that is what made students agree that it is the right thing to vote for."

Senators from the four colleges at the UW-SP were also elected.

The official oaths will be taken on May 7 during the final Senate meeting of the school year.

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"Participating in research... is a wonderful experience for the students, not only in their undergraduate education, but also as part of their training for grad school," said Professor Craig Wendorf, associate professor of psychology.

Since its conception by former Associate Dean Jin Wang nine years ago, the symposium has been substantially funded by the College of Letters and Science which provides money for lab and travel expenses, among other things for the student's projects.

"We put quite a lot of emphasis on student research

both in the classroom and in the lab as well as independently working with faculty members and we don't just talk about it. We put a substantial amount of money behind it to make it possible for the students," said Clark.

This year's symposium will take place on Sunday, April 26, in the Science Building and open at 8:45 a.m. with a dean's welcome in room 121A. The posters featuring student work will be on display throughout the symposium and oral presentations will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the College of Letters and Science.

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were contingencies that could have not have been foreseen," said Ehrhardt. "The only way to figure out how to run an even more successful election is to go back and analyze everything that happened. There was a need to change a few logistics because we want to be able to be prepared for the November election, which we're all expecting a record turnout due to the successful turnout of the Primary Election."

As for the election itself, the candidates in the running are incumbent Justice

Louis B. Butler, Jr. and Judge Mike Gableman. Unlike the federal Supreme Court, the Wisconsin justices must be elected every 10 years. Butler was appointed by Governor Doyle in August 2004 to fill the vacancy Justice Sykes left when she was appointed to the federal bench.

Along with the race for State Supreme Court Justice, all ballots also include a referendum question regarding allowing partial veto by the state governor and school board positions. Municipal positions and county positions may be on the ballot depending on the district.

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Students plan to paint empty bowls for hunger

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Student Involvement and Employment Office is hosting a bowl painting event on March 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the Dreyfus University Center.

The painted bowls will be donated to the Empty Bowls campaign, "the annual community event that raises money to alleviate hunger in Portage County," said Shannon Chronister, a SIEO coordinator for the event.

"Over 1,000 bowls are needed to make the Empty Bowls event in October possible," said Chronister. "Our painting event... is one way

that [the] goal is reached."

Anyone is invited to attend. Students, faculty and staff as well as their families are encouraged to come and paint. The event is also open to community members.

UW-SP has been contributing to the Empty Bowls project for several years. "The art department donates hundreds of bowls," said Chronister. "There are also many student organizations who volunteer at the event every year."

There will also be additional bowl painting events throughout the community. These dates can be found on the Empty Bowls Web site.

The main Empty Bowls event is scheduled to take place on Oct. 18, 2008, at SPASH.

For more information, contact Chronister at Shannon.Chronister@uwsp.edu or visit <http://www.emptybowl-sportageco.com>.



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Local artists donate decorated ceramic bowls for the annual Empty Bowls fundraising event.

Study abroad students experience adventures down under

**Lisa Clemens and
Stephanie Nys**
POINTLIFE REPORTERS

Australia is a land of amazing and varied landscapes and our study abroad semester here has been a fun experience. It includes a 10 day entry tour in Fiji, three months studying in Sydney, Australia and a 10 day exit tour

in New Zealand. We arrived in Fiji on January 2, missing New Year's Day because of the dateline. Fiji is hot, humid and filled with people that love Americans. I am sure it is one of the few countries in the world that is so inclined. We experienced our first kava ceremony, a sacred ceremony in Fiji involving a narcotic drink flavored like dirt that alarmingly numbs your mouth, lips and tongue.

We stayed with a Suva homestay family and visited Nadi. The most unique experience would be Naboutini village. We stayed with a family for two days and participated in four kava dance ceremonies and got to be involved with village life, eating the root crop taro to feeding the village pigs. Leaving behind the people in Fiji who generously gave away what little they had was a sobering moment.

We arrived in Australia on January 13, seeing the Sydney Opera house and the harbour bridge as we rode the bus to our housing. Our group made trips to Canberra, the capital of Australia, the beau-

tiful Blue Mountains just west of Sydney and the prehistoric northeastern coast of Australia including Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef.

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Left: The group poses for a shot during their tour of Australia.

Right: Girls jump for joy on the steps of the Art Gallery in Sydney.

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We are currently staying at Dunmore Lang apartments, studying at Macquarie University. We bonded as a group playing American kickball for Aussie onlookers, while Rory, our group leader, donned a handsome pink wig.

There are the largest numbers of venomous animals here in Australia, from the deadliest taipan snake to the tiny blue-ringed octopus. But the biggest threat to overseas students would be forgetting to look the right way when crossing the road. My piece of advice would be to look down. There is always a sign that will show the direction of traffic to foreigners like us (in case you can't figure out which left side the traffic comes from).

Over the past two months, we have changed from typical tourists into understanding students aware of the history and current issues that sur-

round this amazing country.

On February 13, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd gave an address in Parliament finally apologizing to the tens of thousands of Aboriginal children taken from their families to be educated and sent away for labor, most of whom never saw home again. Seeing Australian history in action that morning on the television was a great experience.

We are having a great time down under in the land of marsupials (koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, echidna, wombats and platypus), Timtams, a delicious, addictive chocolate biscuit and vegemite (just say no). We have found that all the people of Australia do not run about the bush in khakis and ranger hats. We are finally not giving a blank stare when Australians ask, 'How you going?' and might even say an occasional 'cheers' instead of 'thanks.' But most of all, we are living by the Australian motto: No worries!



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Students enjoy the scenery in Canberra.



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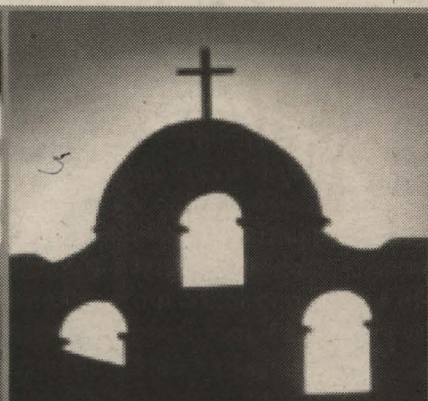
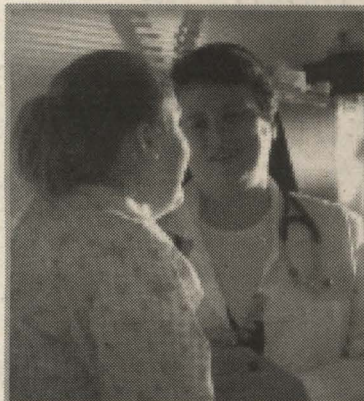


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Outdoors

Grey Squirrel Project looks for reason of squirrel decline

Gregg Jennings
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The Grey Squirrel Project of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Wildlife Society returned to Sandhill Wildlife Refuge to continue its study about why grey squirrel numbers are declining. The Grey Squirrel Project has been comparing populations in the north of Sandhill, where hunting is not allowed except for white-tailed deer, and in the south of Sandhill, where hunting for squirrels and other animals has been allowed since 2002.

A trapping grid consisting of 36 traps are set up in the north and the south. The traps are opened and baited at 7:00 a.m. with a peanut butter, oatmeal and molasses mixture. They are checked at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and again at 4:00 p.m. after which the traps are closed.

Squirrels get, well, squirrely, so a handling cone is used to contain the squirrel while it is being processed. The handling cone is an apparatus that is about a foot long, and made of thick stainless steel wire poked through three thick rubber bands. One end consists of more thick wires, and the other end is an open-ended bag made of heavy cloth. The cloth bag is placed over the end of the trap and tightly secured. The trap door is opened and when the squirrel sees the light, it takes a run for it and runs into the cone. The cloth bag is secured behind the squirrel and the rubber-banded wires are squeezed slightly to straight-jacket the squirrel.

The squirrel is then aged, sexed and one of its hind feet is measured. Current weather conditions and temperature are also recorded. To age the squirrel, the hair is blown on to get a look at the coloring. Juvenile hair will have a gold-

colored band about midway down. An adult has a second gold band near the tip of the hair. If the squirrel has

not been captured before, it is given a metal ear tag with a number that is recorded.

The squirrel is then

weighed using a scale such as those fishermen use. Then the squirrel is released. Some squirrels may never be seen again; those are known as "trap shy." The squirrel I saw released did not bother to stop at any tree, it just kept running. I suspect that one will be a "trap shy" squirrel. However, some will be found in traps time and time again and those are

known as "trap happy."

A few have been caught three years in a row and were juveniles when first caught. That means they are four years old. Most squirrels in the wild live only about two years, but can live to 15 in captivity. Birds are sometimes caught in the traps, too.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has been keeping harvest records for grey squirrels since 1964. It appears grey squirrels have a five to seven year cycle. The Grey Squirrel Project study from 2002 to 2007 has found, so far, that grey squirrel numbers are declining inside Sandhill. It does not seem to be related to hunting, because numbers are declining in both the north, where hunting is not allowed, and the south, where hunting is allowed.

The conclusion at this time is that the squirrels may be on the downswing of their five to seven year cycle, so it is suggested the study be continued in order to be certain. Captures this year have been good, with one morning producing up to 11 grey squirrels. This may be tied to the good mast crop and acorns from last summer, which may indicate the grey squirrel population is starting an upswing.

For more information you may contact Lacy Hill, one of the Grey Squirrel Project Co-leaders at lhill478@uwsp.edu.

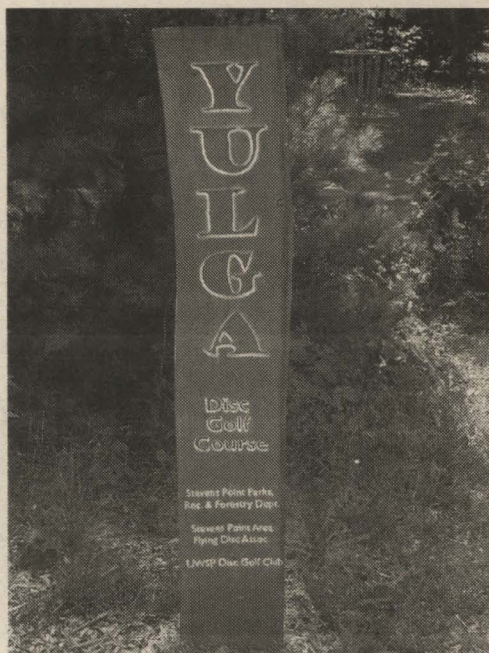


Top: Tomahawk traps are set, waiting for a grey squirrel.

Right: Volunteer students tag the ear of a grey squirrel captured in a handling cone.

Bottom: The Grey Squirrel Project crew hams it up for a group photo after their day of trapping and measuring.

Photos by Gregg Jennings



Yulga temporarily closed

Randy Schukar, Yulga Course Pro and owner of Platypus Discworks, has closed Yulga Disc Golf Course temporarily to allow saturated muddy conditions to improve.

"It should only take a couple of weeks for the snow to melt and soak in," explained Schukar in a recent e-mail. "In the meantime, stay off any and all courses since traffic at this time is damaging to the turf. Close to 80 percent of the courses around the state close for the winter mainly to avoid traffic and damage at this time of year."

Prepare now for fun later: a rundown so you're ready for action in May

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Well, there's still a foot of dirty snow on the ground and probably just as much ice coating the lakes. But in all reality, it all has to melt sooner

or later, and with the opening to fishing season beginning in a little over a month, now would be a good time to maintain your gear as opposed to doing it in the boat that first weekend in May.

If you were a smart angler, you kept your gear in a safe, warm and dry place over the winter. Garage storage is

safe from the snow, but the extreme, harsh and cold temperatures that we experienced time and time again this winter could have had a serious effect on your line and performance of your reels. Make sure everything is lubed properly and purring like a kitten.

Besides storage, it's important to tend to the line on your

reels. Typically, professionals say that anglers should replace their line every season, as kinks from seasons past can deteriorate further and potentially cost you quite a large fish. Since we're college students and only have fixed time and budgets to devote to fishing, I recommend changing every other season, or at

the very least cutting off the last 15 to 20 feet of line from last season. Once you hook a large fish, the last thing you want on your mind is whether your line is going to snap because it was stretched out from a snag you encountered last October.

Now would also be an ideal time to take stock of what your tackle box looks like. Many retailers are having huge spring fishing sales right now to get us all excited and riled up for the new season. (It's funny how these sales always coincide with tax refund time. Hmm.) You know you'll need a good assortment of regular hooks, perhaps some sinkers, a few zany-colored bobbers and my favorite: jig-heads. Also, throw out and replace old hooks that have paint chipped away, are dull or bent.

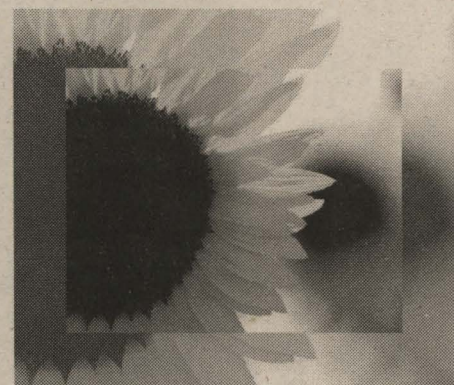
Don't forget about bait storage and fish capturing devices as well. Inspect all fishing nets for holes and either mend them or get a new one. (Two years ago I was the unfortunate victim of a walleye slipping through a net because there were four holes cut in it.) Rinse and clean out all your coolers and minnow buckets - isn't it gross when you find an old, dried-up minnow from last year in that bait bucket at the back of the shed?

For those lucky enough to own boats and motors, inspect the hull for any damage from the winter if it was stored outside and patch any leaks. Likewise, start up the motor and give it a little TLC tune-up.

OK, so this stuff isn't by any means glamorous, and sometimes it seems like more of a chore than a hobby. But, if we all had it our way, it'd be 70 degrees and May right now. But it's not, so the next best thing you can do as an avid angler is prepare yourself as much as possible.

And spend as much money as possible at Cabelas.

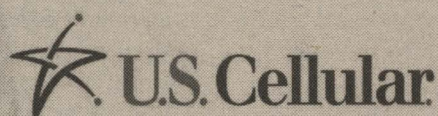
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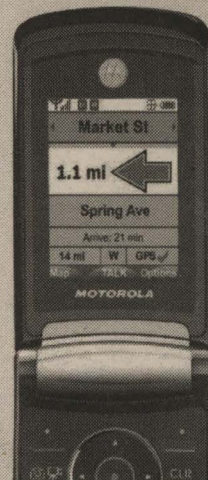
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Arts & Culture

"Food Fights" takes the stage to battle hunger

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With a variety of weaponry and many theatrical genres, "Food Fights" will provide the audience with an exciting night of stage combat. The event is sponsored by the Players organization and is designed to assist the Stevens Point Food Pantry. The show lasts about 45 minutes and showcases eight famous theatrical fights.

"I picked the more classic and famous fight scenes from plays that are well-known," said H. Russ Brown, the faculty advisor for both the choreographers and the Players organization.

Two of the most popular scenes come from Robin Hood and Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The performances were cho-

reographed by University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point theater students, all of whom have been trained in stage combat by Brown.

James Freer, one of the choreographers, enjoys the art of stage violence. "From an acting standpoint, it's the highest stakes. It's life or death," explained Freer.

In addition to the stage combat, Brown said, the works explore "different themes that push humans to violence. We've got love, jealousy, egos and clashing of personalities and ideals."

The Players are pleased to offer their talents in service of the community. The Stevens Point Food Pantry distributes food to those who face financial difficulties and receive inadequate government aid.

"It goes to a really good cause," said Corey Wiesner,

vice president of Players and a performer in "Food Fights."

Students and non-students can see the show for \$1 if they bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Stevens Point food pantry. Without a food item, the cost is \$4 for students and \$6 for non-students. All money will go to the Players organization to fund future shows.

"Food Fights" opens on Thursday, March 27. "It's going to be a lot of fun. It's cheap entertainment, so come on down and see people get the crap kicked out of them," said Freer. Wiesner also urges students to support the theater and the Stevens Point community.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and will run from March 27 to 30 in the Jenkins Theater at the Noel Fine Arts Center.

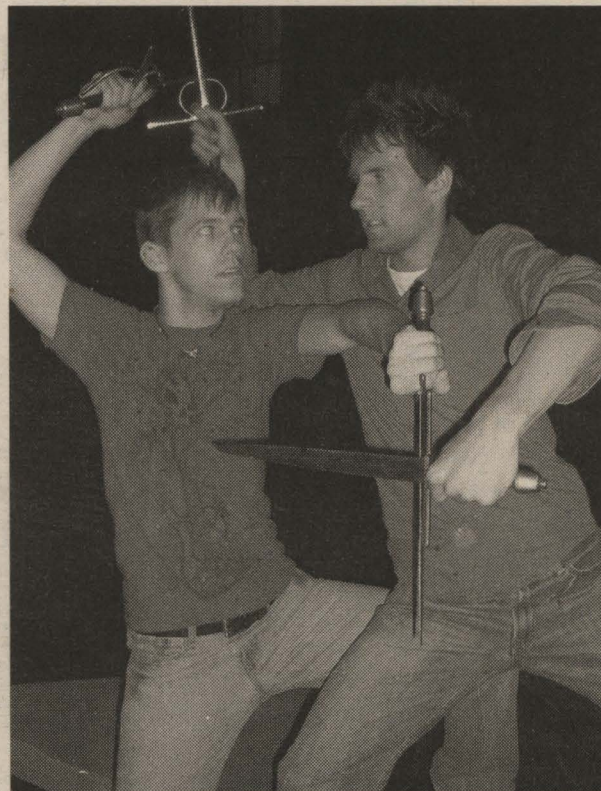


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Jesse Cyr and Corey Weisner rehearse a battle from Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Comic book bonanza hits central Wisconsin

Andrew Dallman
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Does the name Steve Rogers put a lump in your throat? Does thinking of Jack Kirby make you beam with nostalgic pride? Does mention of Wally West make you want to run laps? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you'll find many friends at the second Annual Wausau Area Science Fiction Enthusiasts Convention.

Billed as "WASFEn Con 2," the science fiction and comic book gaming convention was originally started last year by

Wausau residents Evan Cass and Keith Draheim. Last year's convention was their first attempt at putting a full-blown comic book convention together. The resulting convention received much fanfare and positive feedback.

"It's a small con, but a fun con. We even got a round of applause last year as we wrapped up the convention," said Cass.

The convention will be held at the Plaza Hotel in Wausau, as it was last year. It will feature more dealers and extra rooms for gaming, thanks to a larger budget. Some of the main events include a charity auction to benefit the Women's

Community of Wausau, comic book jeopardy, a costume contest and more.

"When you look at it from a purely demographic level, there will be panel discussions for the adults, card gaming tournaments and gaming for the teens and creative drawing and a writing workshop for the kids," said Cass.

Like most science fiction and comic conventions, WASFEn Con 2 will offer an assortment of dealers with comic book, science fiction, fantasy and horror offerings of all types. The convention has also scheduled a list of well-known industry professionals to give presentations.

Among these presenters is the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's award-winning fantasy novelist, Patrick Rothfuss. Also attending will be comic book artist Tim Seely, creator of the series "Hack/Slash," which is currently in production as a live action movie from Rogue Pictures.

The convention will be held at the Plaza Hotel, 201 N. 17th Ave. in Wausau, on Saturday, March 29. The event will run from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Admission costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5 and under. For more information, or to secure a dealer table, call Evan Cass at 715-571-1873.

Pianist Read Gainsford to perform in Stevens Point

Press Release
University Relations and Communication

Award-winning pianist Read Gainsford will perform in Michelsen Hall in the Noel Fine Arts Center on Monday, March 31. This concert concludes the 2007-08 Performing Arts Series at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

An associate professor of piano at Florida State University, Gainsford has earned public and critical acclaim worldwide for his music, which ranges from Mozart to Messiaen. He has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in venues in the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Known for engaging his audiences, Gainsford mixes history, insight and anecdotes with his performances of chosen works at each concert.

A native of New Zealand, he won the top prize in the Television New Zealand Young Musician of the Year competition. He went on to study in London, where he graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He also earned a doctoral degree at Indiana University. Gainsford taught at Ithaca College and won the college-wide Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004 before joining the FSU faculty in 2005.



GREENVILLE APRIL 5 - 8PM BASEMENT BREWHAUS

Kento Anime Society hosts fashion and culture fundraising event

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On April 4, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students will have the opportunity to experience pop culture from the other side of the globe. The Kento Anime Society will host an Anime Runway Party to raise funds for their organization. The event will showcase Japanese fashion and trends and includes a runway show, performances and skits.

The show will begin with a collection of handmade Kento Anime Society T-shirts. The rest of the show will reflect current fads in Japanese pop culture. It will include a cosplay portion where students will show off ensembles they have designed based on anime characters. Cosplayers strive to emulate their chosen character as closely as possible. Other trends include Lolita and Gothic inspired clothing.

Following these activities, the club will host a DJ dance. Refreshments will be provided.

The party begins at 6:00 p.m. on April 4 and will be held in the Laird Room at the Dreyfus University Center. Doors will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., but the event will last until 11:00 p.m. Admission



Photo courtesy of Roger Vang

The Anime Runway Show will showcase Japanese pop culture.

costs \$5.

The Kento Anime Society is still looking for volunteers, performers and models. To vol-

unteer or learn more about the event, contact Roger Vang at rvang186@uwsp.edu or Maiko Lor at mlor749@uwsp.edu.

Coming soon from Centertainment

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Wednesday, April 2, 2008:

Basic guitar lessons: guitar mini-course

7:00 p.m.

DUC Rm. 374

Free for all

Thursday, April 3, 2008:

Trampled by Turtles, opened by Sloppy Joe

Bluegrass Concert

8:00 p.m.

The DUC Encore

Free with UW-SP ID

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Friday, April 4, 2008:

Movie: "I Am Legend"

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Friday, April 4, 2008:

Sorry About Your Couch, opened by Henry Robinson

Punk/Ska Concert

8:00 p.m.

The DUC Encore

Free with UW-SP ID

\$4 without

Saturday, April 5, 2008:

Thaddeus Rex: "Read like a Rock Star"

1:00 p.m.

The DUC Encore

Free for all

Wednesday, April 9, 2008:

Learn how to brew your own beer: a mini-course

7:00 p.m.

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Free for all; Sign up at the

Information and Ticket Desk

Must be 21 or older to attend

Thursday, April 10, 2008:

Jeff Havens, comedian

8:00 p.m.

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Friday, April 11, 2008:

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8:00 p.m.

The DUC Encore

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Wednesday, April 16, 2008:

Learn how to make your own wine: a mini-course

7:00 p.m.

DUC Rm. 374

Free for all; Sign up at the

Information and Ticket Desk

Must be 21 or older to attend

Mice and Men: Little Band, Big Dreams

Steve Apfel
ARTS AND CULTURE REPORTER

Mice and Men are on the fast track to becoming one of Stevens Point's most reputable and entertaining musical acts. Formed in 2007 while guitarist

and vocalist Eric Glaze, bassist Jackson Butler and drummer John Olson were attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the group came together with a common love for music.

"John and I had played together in a previous band," says Glaze, "when that band

broke up we wanted to keep playing together, so we found someone else to play with." They chose Butler, who plays bass, provides backup vocals and performs accompaniment on cell phones.

When asked to describe the style of music the band plays,

Glaze replied, "I'd call us Indie rock, but that doesn't mean we suck or we play badly on purpose. We're a rock and roll band!"

The band will perform at Stonecrop Organics Cafe & Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Enticing visuals: Minneapolis art museums offer the art enthusiast a plethora of collections

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Minneapolis has become a popular destination for student artists. Two University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student organizations included trips to the Twin Cities in their yearly itineraries. The Student Art League visited Minneapolis over spring break and the Arts Alliance will travel there on March 29. Minneapolis is home to the Minneapolis Institute of Art and The Walker Art Center, two galleries that feature a wide spectrum of styles and artistic movements.

Students who have taken professor Larry Ball's or Courtney Chaffin's art history classes will find works by many familiar artists at the MIA. The museum houses a collection of ancient art includes a Roman copy of the Doryphoros by Polykleitos. This sculpture defined the Greek idea of perfect form for many years. Also displayed are Claude Monet's haystacks, paintings by Artemisia Gentileschi, a noteworthy Baroque female artist and works by Piet Mondrian.

The museum is also home to an extensive collection of Asian art that spans 17 cultures. The assembled works include a large number of Buddhist

works from China, Japan and India, Chinese ceramics ranging from ancient to modern, and historically accurate Japanese and Chinese rooms.

Additionally, the museum is currently offering a special exhibit from Dr. John C. Weber's collection of Japanese Art. "The Arts of Japan" covers 900 years of Japanese art. It showcases painted screens, negoro (lacquer) ware, objects decorated with cut gold and sprinkle painting techniques and many scrolls and paintings. The MIA is the exhibition's last stop, and is open through May 25.

Other permanent collections include photography,

paintings and modern sculpture, architecture and design and works by cultures worldwide. Museum admission is free, although visitors must purchase a \$6 ticket to view "The Arts of Japan."

Where the MIA's galleries feature a vast collection of art spanning nearly 5,000 years, the Walker Art Center focuses on modern art. In addition to images and sculpture, the Walker features music, theater, performance art and video art. Fans of the UW-SP's "Truth and Lies: Video as New Narrative" will find an extensive collection of video art, including installations by Nam June Paik, one of the founders of the Genre.

Visitors who enter the museum's Minimalist exhibition are greeted by a singer who proclaims, "This is propaganda, you know, you know."

The Walker features its permanent collections in a rotating series. Notable works include "16 Jackies" by Andy Warhol and the photography of JoAnn Verburg. The museum's current feature exhibition is "Worlds Away: New Suburban Landscapes." The Walker's sculpture garden is home to the museum's iconic "Spoon Bridge" and a number of other sculptures, including work by Alexander Calder. Admission to the Walker is \$6 with a student ID.

Science, Health & Tech

Women's health speakers coming to campus

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There are a multitude of health issues facing women today, many of which are often confusing and overlooked. To help better educate women about some of these issues, two women will speak about their experiences and knowledge on several of them.

On Tuesday, April 1, Joann Jones Holden and Jane Frantz will hold a discussion with students about issues such as abortion, the Human Papillomavirus and sexually transmitted diseases.

The program, "Redefining Feminism: Her Divine Design," will begin with a quiz to test students knowledge about the issues discussed throughout the evening, a short documentary about Norma McCorvey, the woman known as "Roe" in the famous Roe v. Wade court

case which legalized abortion. Other topics for the evening include an honest discussion about the HPV vaccine, STDs, as well as Post Abortion Syndrome.

HPV is a virus which infects the skin and mucus membranes. It is linked with various other STDs, including genital warts. There are 30 to 40 different strains of HPV, each one associated with varying effects on the body. HPV is contracted through sexual contact.

Over the past several years, more and more doctors have been insisting that young women get vaccinated for HPV. HPV can affect both men and women; of the 30 varieties out there, four of them are the main contributors to cervical cancer as well as genital warts. By getting the vaccine, most commonly Gardasil, a woman can protect herself and her sexual partner from contracting these or any

of the other STDs linked with HPV.

HPV, like many STDs, has become more and more prevalent over the last several years. It has been reported that as many as six million new cases of genital HPV develop each year, with 74 percent of them occurring in 15 to 24 year olds. Other statistics have estimated that up to 20 million people in the United States alone currently have HPV.

Since the landmark Roe v. Wade case, women in the United States have had an easier time, at least legally, receiving abortions. Current statistics show there are 126,000 abortions each day world wide, about 3,700 of them in the United States.

Post Abortion Syndrome is somewhat similar to, and can also be known as, Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome. It's when a woman feels depressed, even guilty, over her decision to have an abor-

tion. Many women deny ever having an abortion because of these feelings. This often makes it difficult for researchers to document cases of Post Abortion Syndrome.

Symptoms can include depression and suicidal thoughts as well as be linked with eating disorders, drug or alcohol abuse and self punishment. Men can also suffer from Post Abortion Syndrome as they too have to deal with the consequences of the act.

Both speakers have been active in pro-life organizations and activities for several years after dealing with the consequences of having abortions themselves. Holden, at the moment, is the Waushara County Chapter Chair and Region 3 Chair for Wisconsin Right To Life as well as a member of the organization Silent No More. Frantz is a volunteer regional coordinator for Silent No More and founded Ru4Life. Ru4Life is

a grassroots initiative which focuses helping Americans understand the impact abortion is making on the souls of the country's citizens.

The speakers' goal is not necessarily to sway students one way or another on the issue of abortion. Their goal is simply to help get information out there, all of the information, on issues like abortion as well as sexually transmitted diseases. By being better informed, both men and women can make better decisions about their lives and sexual health.

The event will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 1 in the Dreyfus University Center Laird Room. It is being hosted by Pointers for Life. If you have any questions or want more information, you can contact Pointers for Life president Jackie Krzykowski.

Did you know...

the average white cloud in the sky weighs twice as much as a blue whale?



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TECH IDBIT

How big are your buttons?

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For those who might be slightly visually impaired, i.e. they think the buttons on cell phones are much too difficult to read, worry no more. There is now an easier-to-read cell phone for you: the HandleEasy 326GSM by Doro.

This model has all the standard features of a "normal" cell phone like storing phone numbers (up to 50) displaying caller ID, as well as the ability to scroll through any recent phone calls. What sets the HandleEasy apart from other cell phones is it's slightly larger size, one and a half times the size of a credit card, to accommodate larger, easy-to-read buttons.

Other features of the phone include ring tones, vibrating alert and a built-in speakerphone. However, there are none of the fancier features so many phones come equipped with today like a camera or Internet capabilities. And with a price tag of \$170, one has to wonder if it's really worth it. I guess that depends on how sure you are that you're dialing the correct number.



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What's happening at the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs...

Get away for a day or maybe the weekend in April with Outdoor EdVentures. On Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. spelunk and explore the dark places of a natural limestone cave at Popp's Cave. The experienced staff of Outdoor EdVentures will teach you about cave formations while crawling through underground holes, caverns and corridors. No experience is necessary. Some equipment will be provided and your transportation needs will be taken care of!

If you're interested in a weekend getaway, sign up for the Flambeau Whitewater Action Introduction from Friday, April 25 until Monday, April 28. During the Flambeau trip you will stay in a state protected wilderness area full of wildlife. Here you will canoe the flowage and camp. Sign up today at Outdoor EdVentures in the basement level of the Allen Center, Monday through Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Fridays noon to 4:00 p.m. The next four to sign up will receive a free sling back bag!

To see more upcoming events check out go2allen.com.

Ring awarded title of Fellow

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Gerry Ring, chair of the Department of Paper Science and Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been named a Fellow of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

TAPPI is the leading association for the worldwide pulp, paper and converting industries. According to the TAPPI Web site, they help to advance the paper industry through information exchange, trusted content and networking opportunities.

Ring has been a member of TAPPI since 1982; active in the Lake States Local Section and part of the executive committee since 1987. The honorary title of Fellow is given to individuals who have made

extraordinary technical or service contributions to the industry or the association.

In 2007 Ring received the WiSyS Technical Innovation Scholar award for his paper pulp pre-processor. He developed the machine to measure and control the mixing of pulp in order to produce a more uniform paper. According to Ring, "Providing a more uniform paper composition will ultimately ensure a more perfect piece of paper. Keeping the right ratio of the different fiber lengths is important for virtually all paper properties. In papermaking, we're beginning to understand that fitting fiber material together is an important thing."

The system allows multiple pulp streams to be mixed together while keeping the final distribution at a constant fiber-length for the first time. Ring believes papermakers

will now be able to minimize the use of expensive virgin pulps and maximize the use of variable recycled pulp.

At UW-SP Ring oversees a program that utilizes the only paper machine designed specifically for teaching purposes in the United States. He has also authored an award-winning video series titled "Paper Quest," and has been awarded three patents on super absorbent technology.

In addition to being a board member of TAPPI, Ring is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Paper Industry Management Association.

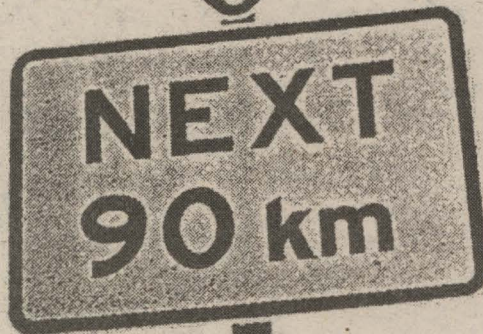
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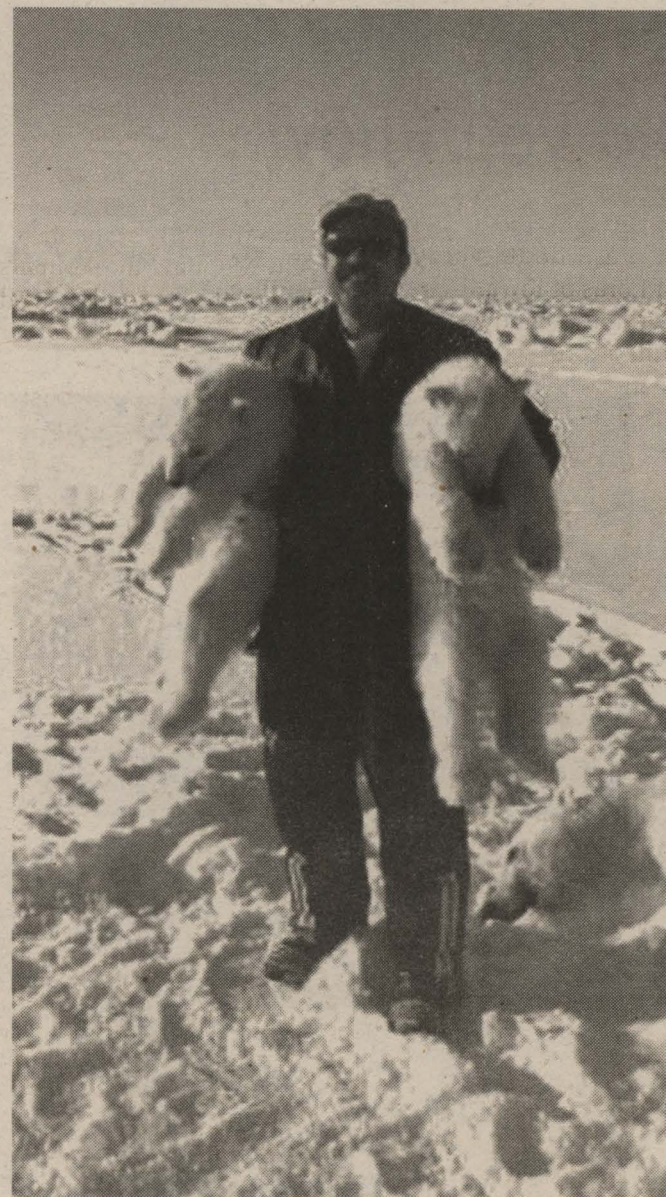
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Change Your Life



A recent study has found that instead of carrying a gun while in bear territory, bear spray is a much better alternative. After studying 20 years of research, Thomas S. Smith, a respected expert in the field of bear biology, and his team discovered that bear pepper spray was able to stop bear attacks in 92 percent of incidents. Previous research by Smith found that guns only worked in 67 percent of bear attack cases. Smith believes the spray is a better alternative because it allows people to keep their stance. Bears, though bigger than humans, are still fearful of us, and by keeping still, instead of running away, you will have a better chance for safety. Smith also believes that when the spray is applied to things like tents, it will deter curious bears from rummaging through your campsite.

Sports

Pointers finish 5-4 in Florida trip

BASEBALL

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team traveled down to Port Charlotte, Fla. over spring break where they ended the week 5-4 against some stiff competition.

The Pointers faced Ohio Wesleyan in their first game at South Charlotte Regional Park.

The Pointers jumped on top 2-0, before surrendering seven unanswered runs. After pushing a run in the fifth to make it 7-3, Wesleyan responded with four runs in the top of the sixth to extend their lead to 11-3. The Pointers battled back with three runs in the seventh and one in the ninth, but it was not enough as Wesleyan held on to win the game 11-7.

Pitcher Garrett Nix was tagged with the loss in the game. Sam Spurney led the way offensively with a 3-for-5 performance at the plate.

On Sunday, the Pointers played a double-header against Loras of Iowa.

They fell behind in game one with a 2-0 score in the second after a couple of defensive miscues. They came back firing in the bottom half of the inning with a couple of runs to tie the game at two. The

Pointers put up three runs in the fifth and added an insurance run in the sixth to win by a final score of 6-2.

Travis Kempf pitched the entire game for the Pointers, scattering seven hits and earning the win. Brad Frank finished the game 2-for-3 with two home runs and three RBIs.

In the second game of the double, the Pointers took advantage of some timely hits and mistakes by the defense to jump out to a 4-0 lead. The Pointers tacked on another run in the second, and then tore the game open with another four spot in the third to make it 9-0. Loras put up three runs in the bottom of the third to cut the lead to 9-3. The Pointers scored two runs in the fifth, to extend to lead to 11-3. The Pointers added on three more runs in the sixth to make it 14-3. Loras scored three runs back in the bottom of the sixth, but the Pointers capped off the scoring with three of their own in the seventh on their way to a 17-6 victory.

Joel Delorit got the win in his first collegiate start, going five strong innings. Brad Archambeau was the top hitter, going 3-for-5 with a home run and five RBIs at the dish.

On Monday, the Pointers took on the second-ranked College of Wooster in another double header.

In the first game, Wooster jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first. The Pointers put up two in the first, one in the second, four in

the third and one in the fourth to take an 8-4 lead. Wooster tied the game at eight with a four-run rally in the fifth. The game went to extra innings as each team scored one in the ninth, but Wooster finally scored the decisive runs in the 10th, and the Pointers were unable to answer in the bottom half, resulting in a 11-9 defeat.

Mitch Kouba got the loss, and Archambeau led the way at the plate going 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

Unfortunately, the second game was just as tough for the Pointers. After a back and forth start, UW-SP took a 7-4 lead into the bottom of the seventh. Wooster rallied for four runs in the frame and went on to win 8-4.

Scott Williams took the loss on the mound. Brandon Scheidler went 3-for-4 with two RBIs to lead the Pointers offensively.

In their next match-up, UW-SP played Washington & Jefferson of Pennsylvania.

The Pointers scored multiple runs in six of their eight plate appearance en route to a 16-7 victory. The Pointers finished the game with 18 hits, including nine extra-base hits and three home runs.

Lucas Hoeschele earned the win for the Pointers. Doug Coe was the top offensive performer, he went 3-for-3 and reached base in all five plate appearances.

The Pointers then took on Worcester State in their next game at North Point High

School.

The Pointer bats came out hot as they put up seven runs in the top of first. After a few scoreless innings, the Pointers added three more in the sixth and two in the seventh to take a 12-0 lead. Worcester State scored two in the seventh, and two in the ninth as the Pointers went on to win 12-4.

Nix struck out eight in eight innings of work to get the victory. Tim Schlosser was 3-for-4 with three RBIs at the plate.

In their final match-up, UW-SP played a double header against Otterbein College.

The first game was a pitcher's duel, as neither team was able to score in the first eight innings. Otterbein finally broke through with two runs in the ninth. Point was unable to get on the board as they were shut out 2-0.

Jeff Zielke was tagged with the loss after relieving Kempf. The Pointers struggled offensively, as they were only able to muster four hits in the contest.

Game two was a back and forth battle where a run was scored every inning. The game saw four lead changes as the Pointers were up against a 5-3 deficit heading into the seventh. The Pointers rallied for four runs in the frame and came away with a 7-5 victory.

Williams got the win and Zielke recorded the save for UW-SP. At the plate, Archambeau led the way. He went 4-for-4.

The Pointers are now 6-5 overall and were ranked 17th in the latest D3baseball.com poll. They open play with two double-headers against UW-Lacrosse March 29 and 30, weather permitting.

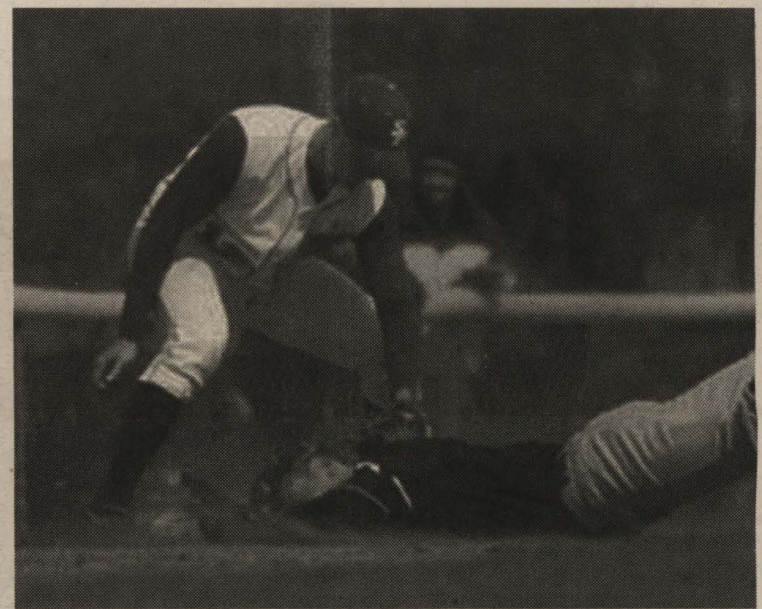


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Swimming and diving look to next season

SWIMMING & DIVING

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The swimming and diving season ended on a strong note for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's and women's teams.

Head coach Al Boelk said the teams came together and worked harder than he ever thought possible. "I was very pleased with how everyone stepped up and finished strong. No one expected these kids to swim as fast as they did," said Boelk.

The Pointer men ended the season with their 12th conference championship and in the process, earned Boelk Coach of the Year honors. The women's team saw their two-year run as champions come to an end in a hard fought battle with the University

of Wisconsin-La Crosse and finished second in the conference championships.

"I was extremely proud of both teams," said Boelk. "We spend more contact time together in this sport than any other sport. We start in fall with morning practice, weight training, evening practice, then add meets and championships... there is just a lot of face time. We live a lot of life together," said Boelk.

In a sport where the team is together as much as they are leadership ends up playing a big role according to Boelk, who was quick to praise his underclassmen as well.

"We have a lot of good leaders on this team. To single anyone out would be a slap in the face to all of them. It takes a whole team. I was happy with how our underclassmen bought into our philosophy and really contributed to the team as well," said Boelk. "It makes my job easy when you have teams like this."

The men went on to finish

18 out of 54 teams in the NCAA Division II Championship in Wooster, Ohio but the goals for next year will be much higher.

Only losing one NCAA Championship swimmer to graduation, Boelk expects the men's team to push through the conference title on the way to a top 10 finish in next year's competition. He expects the women to come out just as hungry.

"They really have the drive and desire to get their conference title back," said Boelk. "I think they will come out with the same fire they finished with."

That fire is what made for Boelk's most memorable moment of this season.

"The longer I coach, it isn't so much about winning and losing as it is about desire, fight and laying it all on the line. We had some injuries this year and in past years that made this season hard. It was really good to see the girls come out like they did and post some great times and really make a run at the title," said Boelk.

Both men and women will return to the pool next fall. For results and records visit <http://athletics.uwsp.edu/index.asp> for more information on your Pointer swim teams.

Big problems in pool

Steve Apfel
SPORTS REPORTER

I know what you are thinking, readers. You all want to know why I'm not writing about football. While there is plenty to write about in the world of the NFL; I must break from my usual beat to report on a growing problem in sports: doping. Namely, unnecessary doping, such as in the use of banned substances in the world of professional billiards.

The world of pool was rocked last week when male German champion Axel Buescher tested positive for banned blood masking agent EPO. Now EPO has been a problem in endurance sports such as cycling and long distance running for years. However, I can't for the life of me figure out what the point of doping in billiards would be. The last time I checked, billiards success had to do more with finesse and an understanding of inverse angles than pure brute strength.

This may not be the most pressing issue in this scandal however. In doing my research, I kept coming across one disturbing item

when looking up Axel Buescher. Do a Google image search on the name. Go ahead. I'll wait. Look at the first picture that comes up. See the problem? Doping has clearly turned Axel Buescher into an attractive Asian woman!

Several sources have shown pictures of this woman, yet I can find no pictures anywhere of a man named Axel Buescher. The logical conclusion is that this Asian woman is Axel Buescher. This opens up a whole new issue in the world of sports doping! No longer must we just worry about chemically enhanced strength and endurance in our athletes, but now we must also fear they will undergo a sudden and extreme sex change!

So, my fellow men, next time you are at the bar and you meet an attractive young woman with an unnatural affinity for pool, before you ask for her phone number, remind yourself that you may actually be playing against a chemically enhanced German man! It's a crazy world we live in, my friends, and it's just getting crazier. Next week, I'll return to more pleasant, less unsettling topics; namely, football.

Softball team fares well at Tucson Invitational Games

SOFTBALL

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team played in the Tucson Invitational Games in Tucson, Ariz. over spring break and finished with an 8-2 record at the games.

The Pointers started strong in the tournament with five straight wins against Nazareth, Eastern Connecticut State, Amherst College, Lakeland College and North Central College. The Pointers had a combined 31 runs on 51 hits. Pitchers Hope Krause and Kayla Kastenmeier came through with a combined 40 strikeouts and only seven walks.

But on the fourth day of the tournament, the Pointers were defeated by California Lutheran for their first loss of

the season. Despite Samantha Bizeau's home run and 2-for-3 record and Korryn Brooks also going 2-for-3, the Pointers managed only six hits and four runs which were not enough to overtake California Lutheran's six runs on 10 hits.

The team battled back the next day, scoring two wins against Manchester and defeated Buena Vista University in only five innings. Pitcher Allison Dorn gave up only seven hits and had three strikeouts against Buena Vista University. Leading at the plate were Niki Schomer and Melissa Wenig. Schomer was 2-for-2 with one RBI and Wenig went 2-for-3 with one RBI.

On the last day of play, the Pointers suffered a 5-3 loss to Babson College, but later added a 6-5 win against Luther College.

"The week was a definite learning experience for us," said Coach Ann Munzenmaier. "We played relatively well against North Central and Luther-two quality teams-and we played not-so-well against

some of the more average teams. We learned that we really need to play at a high level all the time; focused and intense no matter who we're playing."

Munzenmaier was happy with the 8-2 record at the games, but noticed that the team still has a lot of work ahead of them to pose a threat against the upcoming teams in their conference schedule.

"It was our first time outdoors, and the field was pretty hard, but we made several defensive mistakes that allowed other teams to stay in the game, or beat us. We were also a little inconsistent with our hitting. Overall, we need to brush up our defense and come out focused and confident on offense, and our level of play will be much improved," Munzenmaier said.

The Pointers now have an overall record of 11-2. Their next game is a doubleheader at Northland College on April 1. The first game is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m.



Women's hockey awards

Though the Pointers did not get the chance to travel to the NCAA tournament this season, a pair of players landed spots on the RBK Hockey Division III All-American first team.

Senior Jamie Lewandowski ended her season with the honor and was named first team All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association. She scored five goals and 10 assists this season.

The other award winner was junior Nicole Grossmann, who also scored a hat trick after earning her third NCHA first team spot. She led the team with 10 power-play goals this season.

It was the first time in the program's history that two players from the team were named on the national team at the same time. In the past, other Pointer winners were Jackie Schmitt in 2003 and 2005, and Head Coach Ann Ninnemann in 2002.

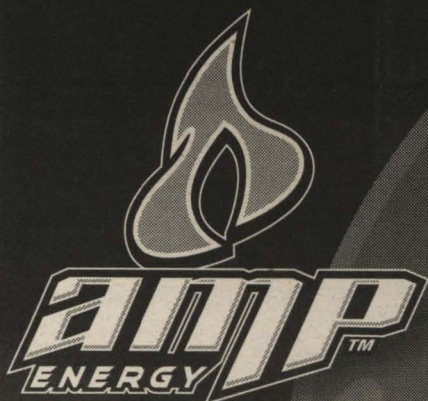
Basketball post-season awards

Women's basketball player Haley Houghton was named Women's Basketball Coaches Association and State Farm NCAA Division III honorable mention All-American.

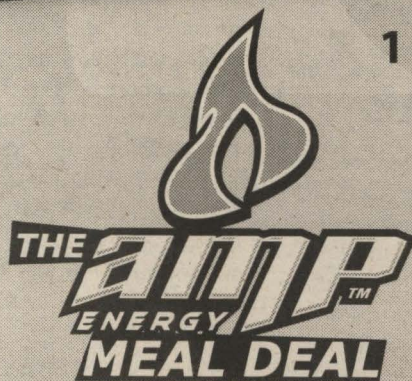
Houghton is a senior here at UW-SP. She led the Pointers with 12.5 points per game and earned first team All-Conference Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference accolades.

Senior Steve Hicklin earned a spot on the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III All-West Region Second Team for the second year in a row. He led the men's basketball team with 12.4 points per game this season and accumulated 1,172 points in his career at UW-SP.

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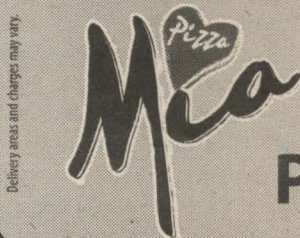


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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide: Ars Ancho holding on to your man

By Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM THE AFTERDARK COFFEE HOUSE.

Doctor of love,

I have been a loyal reader of your column for three years and I love your advice, Almighty One. Last week, they ran that breakup article of yours. I would like to know how you get-and keep-someone loving you. I've tried the "show up naked and bring food" tactic but it didn't work. Any other suggestions, oh Wise One?

Lonely for lovin' in Point

I tell you, if there's one thing I hate, it's the waste of a perfectly good naked girl. Strangely enough though, there's very little that I love more than the waist of a perfectly good naked girl. Go figure.

Well Lonely, I wish I could give you an easy answer, but in many ways, you've hit on the hardest question of all. Keeping someone in love with you, (or winning them back if they've already left) is harder than getting together in the first place, or just getting on with your life once they've gone.

What makes this even harder is that it doesn't seem like any small measures are going to work here. I mean, naked with food seems like a real double-barreled winner to me. I have trouble thinking of anything that could improve that, unless it was the inclusion of another naked girl with a cake.

Woah, I just gave myself a great warm-fuzzy of a happy thought. Give me a moment....

OK.

Still, since ordinary get-them-back measures don't seem to be working. You're probably going to have to change your tactics. Here's two traditional ways of coming at the problem:

The Occult Path

The simple way: Keep three caraway seeds under your tongue at all times. This should bring you the love of a good man. However, someone unswayed by food and nakedness may not qualify, technically, as a "man."

The harder way: Get some of his blood. No, wait. I can't think of any way for you to do that that wouldn't make things worse. Get some of his hair instead. Burn it and mix the ashes with ink. Then write "deliciae [his name] adamo sinus [your name]" three times on a piece of paper. Fold the paper over twice, seal it with wax, and carry it next to your skin for seven days.

This should make him love you. I think. My Latin is pretty shaky. He'll either end up loving you, or something corrosive will happen to his crotch. Either way you have to admit that this is pretty high-class magic.

Play Hard to Get

Plan # 1: Leave him completely alone. Most guys, (especially young, insecure guys) get uncomfortable when women are assertive. So, if you back off and ignore him, it gives him the chance to be the big strong hunter in the relationship. This is also known as playing hard to get.

The problem with this is that it puts the ball entirely in his court. That means you have to wait for him to make the first move. This can be really, really hard, and quite often, it's healthier and more time efficient to go find a different guy who appreciates an active female.

That way, when you want dinner and a good rousing carpet-romp, and show up naked with food he thinks "Yum!" instead of "Aaahh!" or "Oh no! My personal space bubble has been invaded!" or "Help! A sexually aggressive woman! My masculinity is all hurty! Somebody help me defend my tiny, shriveled-up nutsack."

This leads us right into plan #2: Find some other guy and have some really incredible sex with him.

Or, if you're up for a change, find a girl and have really incredible sex with her. This is a time-honored way of trying to get your boy or girlfriend back. The theory is, when they see how happy you are with someone else, they'll be jealous and NEED to have you back.

The up-side: Even if it doesn't work, you get to have incredible sex. So it's pretty much a win-win plan. Also, it's a great way to meet exciting new people.

The down-side: It's a great way to meet exciting new diseases if you're not careful. Also, incredible sex isn't as easy to come by (ahem) as it was when I was going to school here. Here's a hint, great sex usually doesn't come from big hunky guys who spend all their time lifting weights and wondering about the best way to work their lats. Great sex usually comes from quiet, shy guys, who have read the "Kama Sutra" twice. Guys who spend most of their time wondering about where your clitoris is, and what they're going to do when they find it.

Also, if this plan works, all you'll really know is that your boyfriend is a selfish bastard who can't stand the thought of you being happy with someone else. That's not a good thing to base your relationship on.

But here's my last, best and most serious piece of advice, Lonely. I know from personal experience that nothing sucks more than having a bad love-on for somebody that doesn't want you any more. However, I also know that despite all the lies we get from Hollywood and Harlequin, when it's over, it's over, and there's usually not a goddamned thing you can do to change the other person's mind.

So here's what I'd really do. I'd have captial-T Talk with your guy. Ask him to be completely honest with you. If it's clear he doesn't want the relationship, just let it go. Cut your losses. Don't waste your time and make yourself sick over the whole thing. Throw yourself into your schoolwork for the next two weeks. Maybe have a rebound relationship, maybe not. Maybe get some shitty warehouse job over the summer. Maybe spend your time laying on the beach.

However, if you've got it bad for this person, no matter what you decide, things will suck, suck suck. You'll be sick to your stomach. You'll cry yourself to sleep and wake up from nightmares. You'll be sure that your one true chance at happiness is gone forever. You'll have trouble sleeping, eating, concentrating.

And then, eventually,



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Pointer Poll

What is the best April Fool's Day joke you have ever witnessed?



Sara Krohn - Freshman

"Putting tape on the bottom of a teacher's computer mouse."

"The best one I pulled [was] on my mom; we taped the handle of the sink sprayer. She was so mad because she was already late."

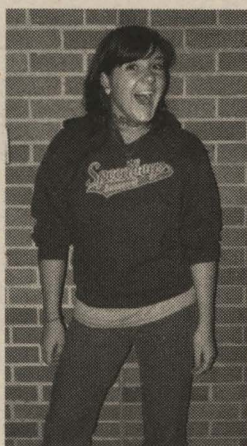


Melissa Peter - Senior

"We turned everything in my college roommate's room upside down. Everything from his bed, desk and posters. The clock, clothes, t.v."



Ed Richmond - UW-SP Campus Activities and Recreation Staff



Laura Polkus - Senior

"Make a layer cake and put your friend's cell phone wrapped in plastic under it. Call the phone as you are serving it."

A Woman's Intuition: good intentions and hookahs

Sara Suchy
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officially a better person than the rest of us.

But now that I think about it, there is probably nothing that I need more in the middle of March than a week of sleep and general putzing around.

This year, my free time was spent in a lovely haze of flavored tobacco smoke. My roommate, bless her, came home with a brand new blue hookah. Speaking as someone who does not smoke at all and is generally disgusted by the practice, I spent a considerable amount of time perfecting my wicked smoke ring skills, which are amazing at this point.

After living through my fourth spring break, I have come to the conclusion that no matter how good your intentions or how much you may need it, you will not get anything done during spring break. I'm sure there are people who are reading this thinking to themselves, "I did all sorts of things over spring break! I finished my term paper, caught up on my reading and invented a new way to power microwaves which renders them portable so we can now make easy mac everywhere we go." Bravo, you are

Anyway, I can honestly say that in four years of spring breaks, I think I could count on one (maybe two) hands how many productive things I did and, you know what? I'm not sorry. And you shouldn't be sorry either. Sure, the first week back could have been a lot easier, sure you probably won't be sleeping at all for the next six weeks, but as my youngest brother always says, "If you put things off until the last minute, they only take a minute to do."

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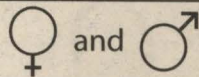
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From **MAN** on pg. 14

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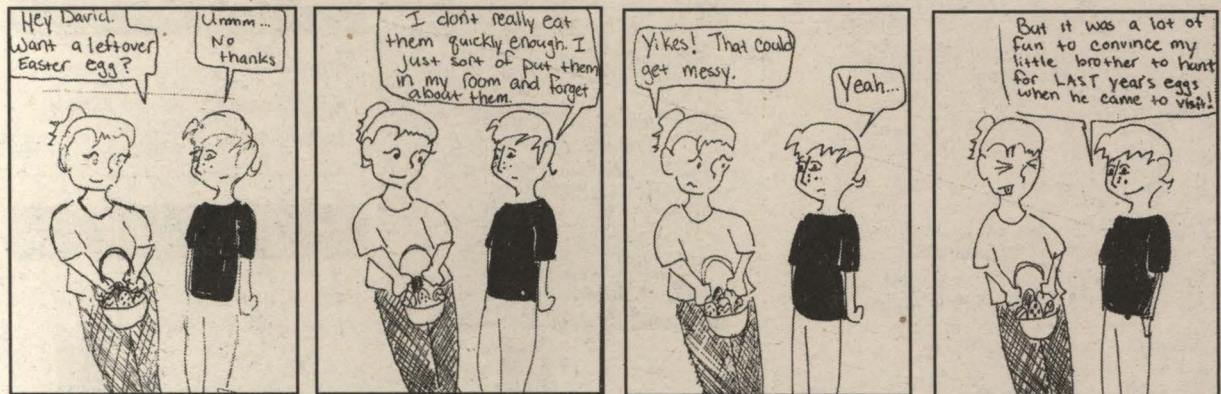


Joy Ratchman FIRE@WILL

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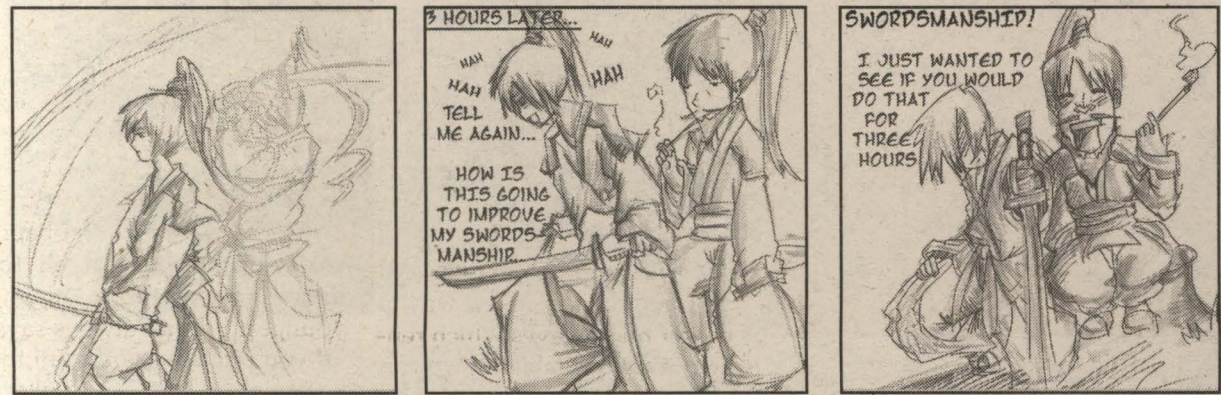
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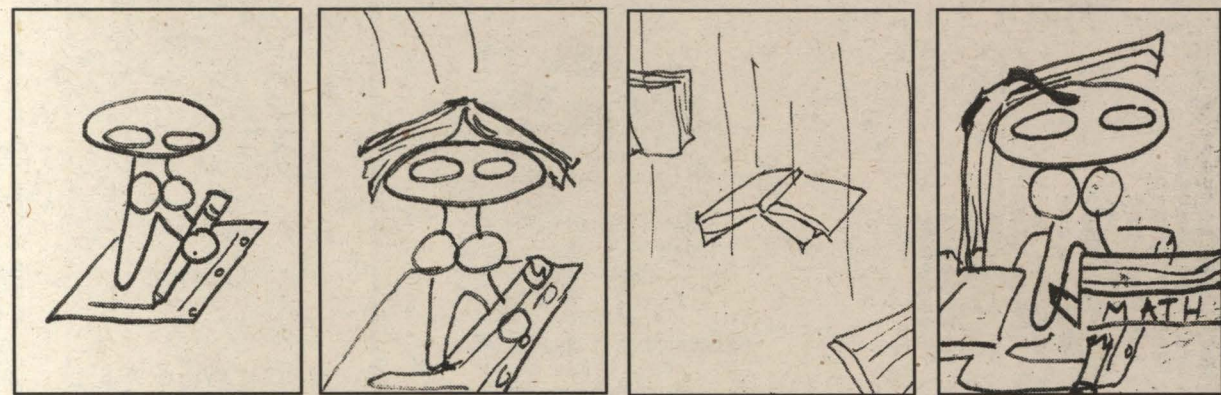
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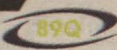
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