The Guns of Stevens Point
Forlorn gays

To the Pointer,

I am writing in response to the request of a fellow student, whom I heard over the campus radio station last Tuesday morning, who was asking whether or not there was any campus organization for homosexuals. Speaking as a homosexual, I can report that this campus did have such an organization, a branch of the GPU (Gay People’s Union), which exists on the campus. Annual meetings were held on campus but then moved off campus due to the fact that the atmosphere created by outgoing students did not conduce future meetings on campus and later meetings were consequently moved.

Unfortunately, the lack of enthusiasm of our fellow sisters was another cause for disbarding the Stevens Point chapter of the GPU. The last meeting was held in private homes and became solely social functions. Although these meetings were well publicized on campus, only a small number of homosexuals took part in these meetings regularly which is highly indicative of the suppressive character of this community as one of social backwardness and gross intolerance, which would account for any homosexual’s anxiety at being exposed in a community already prejudiced.

I am personally acquainted with over 100 homosexuals in this community and feel I can speak with some authority on the general consensus of their experiences, which is, that we, as a badly mishandled, misunderstood minority, wish to preserve our humanness as something private and personal and not to flaunt it flamboyantly all over the world to see and spit on. We do not wish to expose ourselves to further intolerance or be patronized with tolerance that we have to tolerate.

In answer to that student’s question about any present campus organization, I can say that a group of us are wanting to start one up not in the same manner as the GPU, but surreptitiously to preserve our privacy. This organization is based in Eau Claire and has branches in other cities in Wisconsin and Minnesota. We hope to start something up soon, so hold on; we have not had the courage yet.

A Homosexual

Name withheld

To the Pointer,

I appreciate the articles presented in your newspaper on artists and performance art. However, I do not wish to come to the UWSP. I do, however, feel that some recognition of the sponsoring organization should be given in any article. The article ignores the fact that the GPU was the inspiration for the article. It is important for an organization to have its name "known" on and off campus. The good relations we acquire are essential for the success of any future event we would program. To the point: When I publish a call for a campus activity, and you folks write an article on this activity, I would appreciate the name of our organization mentioned in the article. I am sure you can see the reason behind this, but if you do have any questions, feel free to call us at 346-3121.

James Eagan
Chairman Public Relations
Student Activities Board

Yours for a beer

To the Pointer,

A few Pointer sags. George Lescher submitted a letter in regards to the traps that occurred on campus this semester. He told of how the incident made him re-examine his social activities. I too, though not knowing David Hoffman personally, was affected. I made me more conscious of my own social life and the ways I spent a lot of my free time.

Together, we are a lot of things around me concerning alcohol use. For instance, when looking up a number in the yellow pages, I noticed an advertisement of one local bar. "Serving Delicious and Nutritious Alcohol". Too, on a poster board on campus was a sign to the effect that if a person joined the History Club, and came to the first meeting, he or she would receive free pitchers of beer. The Psychology Club also had a similar organizational meeting. I am not criticizing the History Club or the Psychology Club. It’s just hard to believe that we cannot get ourselves to become actively involved in an organization without alcohol involved, or sometimes led us to that effect, to show up.

Because of the lack of enthusiasm or interest on the students part at our campus, positions were unfilled in the Student Government, elections were held and those who apply will receive ten free pitchers of beer at the Grid, and a 6-pack each Student Government meeting they attend.

Paulette White

Who cares

To the Pointer,

This letter on apathy is long overdue. Apathy exists not only on the UWSP campus, but on college campuses throughout the U.S. It feels like a direct result of repression.

In the late ’60s through 1971, the American youth underwent a number of social and political transitions. Those who had never questioned the moral aspects of the war in Vietnam found themselves feeling it was wrong and unnecessary. They began to recognize various hypocrisy in the democratic system. The youth began to identify with the oppression experienced by blacks.

Reactions to political issues were made known through various demonstrations and protests. Students wanted reform. University administrations, towns and city legislatures, local government responded with cries of "REPRESSION!" Students were denied such rights as that of assembly and curfews were common on a large number of campuses. Campus unrest did not cease. Youth took more drastic measures to be heard, and peaceful protests, rallies and demonstrations developed into violent riots when police and National Guard units appeared on campuses as symbols of repressions.

In 1970, campus unrest reached its peak. Tragedies like those which occurred at Kent and Kent State universities resulted. In both cases, both the students and the government of repression (National Guard and police) made crucial mistakes. Yet, at Kent State, the campus was closed down, a number of students and a faculty member indicted for inciting a riot, while no National guardsmen was indicted or held at fault under the law. Some policemen involved in the shootings at Jackson State were promoted. As Dick Gregory says, "America has found a new nigger name you, the youth of the country. Adults love you at a time, but hate you on a group."

Repression of youth has now gone far beyond the point of being dangerous or even threatening. It has tranquilized the alert minds that sought after America, to the point where we feel any attempt at reform will be met and only result in further repression. We are repressed to the point where we cannot advertise constructive measures in a student newspaper without being accused of being a university. Does being aware of a problem and seeing its solution make us immoral? Does denying them or what certain situations exist improve them?

If the youth and their problems of concern degrade and demoralize our universities and our country, then they are truly more repressed and asathetic than we realize.

Sue Malzahn

Worth looking into
We'll talk about the "Superpickers" issue all wrong. People are comparing it to the poor coverage of UWSP sports teams. The "Superpickers" column is not really a sports column at all, but more a special interest article as opposed to a sports column which should be enlightening and informative. While agreeing wholeheartedly that UWSP sports coverage is poor at best, I don't see any connection between this and the other various articles in the Pointer. Perhaps available space is the problem, but of all the articles in the Pointer, I don't see why in particular is so pick on. I don't see the connection.

Terry Druse

High on Pickers

To the Pointer,

There are two reasons why I think you should continue to print the Superpicker column. First of all, I don't think that everything printed in a paper has to be "hard" news. I for one actually look forward to the lighter side of the news that the Pointer occasionally publishes. I think a reader has the right to be entertained as well as informed, and the three columns that entertain me the most are the pro football pickers, Mark Vollrath's articles, and Dennis Jensen's work. In all honesty, I search for those three columns to read before getting around to seeing what your other reporters have to write about.

As for the Superpicker column itself, I don't think a pro football fan could ask for anything better. Your "Pickers" are surprising accurate and very funny. In fact, I recently read prediction columns by Hal Beck of the Stevens Point Daily Journal and I don't believe there is any comparison. Your Pickers have the edge by a mile.

Hang in there, Superpickers! You're doing good and I think you should know it. I'm not the only one who thinks so either. My girl friend doesn't know a darn thing about pro football, but she still likes your column just as much as I do.

Fred Miller
Rt. 1, Stevens Point

Down on Pickers

To the Pointer,

I'm writing in regards to a missing portion of your paper. Even though there may be more to the newspaper than the sports section, it has been noticed by a number of guys that the intramural run-down is missing. I've never been managed to find a number of interestingarticles in the Pointer but my favorite is now missing. What happened? There must be something important about intramurals if it is allocated such a large portion of our activity fees. There must also be some sort of recognition for the guys that are involved in these events. Looking back, I always remember the "sports shorts" of the weekly happenings in intramurals. I know that a summary would be that difficult to obtain with a little research. I've been an intramural referee for the past three years and it's always been our policy to write down the names of those guys who scored touchdowns. It's also a duty used to act as an extra incentive until this year.

Please give us back our old column. We'd enjoy it alot more than the wasted lobbing to the Superpickers, Randy Smith and the men of 1st floor Sims.

...more next page

On the cover

Wisconsin's deer hunting season begins tomorrow and this week our center section features three different views of the controversy surrounding 'the hunt'. Included are Pointer staff writer Dennis Breitenbach, UWSP Philosophy professor Dair Callicott, and College of Natural Resources Dean Daniel Trainer. Regular columnist Robert Borski gives his views on the subject also in this week's "Chautauqua"! The cover photo is by photo editor Ron Thums.

Under the cover

On the news pages you'll find a report on the prosecution of the individual charged with deliberately driving into a UWSP resident assistant, a story on the upcoming student government elections, and a feature on the new Women Helping Women center.

"Campus Characters" is continued along with "Intro Please" in the arts section. And of course, Jill Unverzagt gives us another installment of the Student fees story.

In the environmental section Kim Erway presents an in-depth look at the Eau Pleine watershed study.

John Rendy presents a look at the upcoming basketball season on the sports pages.

Sunny Narag gives us a history of the University Center and Greg Marr goes shopping for apartments.

This is the last Pointer before Thanksgiving. We'll return with issues on December 5 and 12. Take a vacation.

The Pointer is a student supported publication of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Community.
New loops?

To the Pointer readers,

During the last academic year several regularly featured cartoon strips appeared on the Pointer. These cartoons were created by the members of an independent study drawing class, usually, but not always, approved by the class as a whole before publication.

This year, plans are being made by the Pointer graphics department to present those four cartoon strips on a regular or semi-regular basis once again. However, because of the demise of the independent study class, the cartoonists are no longer able to meet for regularly scheduled critiques. This means several of the less practiced cartoonists will be working without the aid of structured criticism.

For this reason, input from the Pointer readers would be greatly appreciated. Constructive comments concerning subject matter, plotlines, drawing techniques, or other matters of importance will help the authors and illustrators create cartoons of higher quality for the Pointer readership in general.

Denis Jensen
a.k.a. "The Pointer"
Editor, Pointer Graphics

Dead to rites

To the Pointer,

With the opening of the new Boston Funeral Home located at Division & Bright St. there is the many funeral processions originating at St. Stanislaus Church and passing through our campus, perhaps we should reflect somewhat on the courtesy and respect we should afford such a procession. It has been noted in the past weeks that on several occasions bicyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles have been observed darting through and around the processions. We are confident that the few extra seconds or minutes it takes to allow a procession to pass without interruption would cause little or no disruption in our daily activities.

The Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Laws, Section 244.10 Right of Way of Funeral Processions and Military Convoys reads as follows:

(1) Funeral processions and military convoys have the right of way at intersections when vehicles comprising such procession have their bright headlights lighted.

(2) The operator of a vehicle not in a funeral procession shall not drive his vehicle between the vehicles of the funeral procession, except when authorized to do so by a police officer.

(3) When such vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle giving audible signal by siren.

The Protective Services Department

To the Pointer,

In the Oct. 24, 1975 issue of the Pointer, there was an article entitled "The Housing Problem". In it you described the problems students living in off-campus housing were having with their landlords, etc.

I am a part of a committee that has become interested in this problem and has taken some action with it. We surveyed one hundred off-campus students and a few landlords. The majority of those surveyed believed that there is definitely a housing problem. Students living off-campus are subject to:

1. paying unreasonable prices for their homes;
2. problems concerning the upkeep of the house by the landlord; and
3. primitive and uncomfortable conditions.

Our survey revealed that the average rented house had six rooms with four occupants. Perhaps a little uncomfortable? I should think so. A majority also declared that there was a lack of sufficient facilities in their houses.

Our committee revealed that over half of the off-campus student housing is unapproved and most others don't know the type they have. The building inspector doesn't seem to be doing his job as the majority of the landlords are not registered. It's a problem we didn't know when their houses were last inspected and most of the Basic understands it was two years ago.

Our committee hopes to stimulate interest in this housing problem. We want to aim our campaigns at the Housing Advisory Committee, who, we feel, should be more active in increasing and very important problem in Students Right to Live Committee.

Communication Class 101 Representative

More ducky rubbers

To the Pointer,

A small ad for condoms in the Pointer has stirred up a disproportionate amount of criticism. Most notably, it evoked from our chancellor, a charge of a "disreverce to this university."

I find this attitude surprising in terms of our chancellor. He has traveled widely and given the impression of being on top of it. Any reference to U.W. Stevens Point is usually in regard to what the chancellor is doing. Does he believe that the absence of this type of ad will stop, or even lessen, the sexual activity on or off this campus? Or is it a matter of not "soiling" the university's reputation?

Removing the ad will not stop sexual activity. Mail order houses are not the only source of condoms. They are readily available at the university Health Center or any drugstore. Further, not having condoms will not stop the activity. It may slow it down a little. Most likely, however, it might cause an unwanted pregnancy or an abortion. Perhaps even a hurried wedding. The condom ad might prevent some "unwanted" lives before there is need for a "wanted" abortion.

But even more important, if running an ad for condoms is going to send this university on the rocks then there certainly isn't much foundation to it! If we are placing value on reputations, how come there was no concern of the initiation that resulted in an "unwanted, death?"

Thus, I find the misplaced excitement about this ad ridiculous in view of the most pressing problems. "Let's get our energies back where they are really needed!"

Name withheld

Recipe #456.78cR

\[ \text{STACO FIZZ: 3} \]

\begin{itemize}
  \item 2 oz. Jose Cuervo Tequila
  \item Juice from one lime (or 2 tbsp.)
  \item 1 tsp. sugar
  \item 2 dashes orange bitters
  \item White of one egg
  \item A glass is quite helpful, too.
\end{itemize}

NOTICIAS DE CUERVO
Madison man charged in incident

A Madison man has been charged with endangering safety by conduct regardless of life in connection with an October 18 incident on the UWSP campus.

David A. Koster appeared in Portage County Court Tuesday morning. He is alleged to have been the driver of a vehicle that rammed into Baldwin Hall RA Charles Yakich in a Homecoming weekend incident.

A preliminary hearing for Koster has been set for November 26 at 2:30 pm. Portage County Judge Robert Jenkins set bond at $1,000.

Accolations

Koster reportedly drove his vehicle up the sidewalk parallel to Baldwin Hall's northwest entrance, pinning Yakich between the vehicle and the door, after Yakich had evicted him from the residence hall. The incident occurred around 3 am. RA Yakich told a reporter that he heard loud noises coming from an upstairs wing. When he went to investigate he found four men and asked them to leave. According to Yakich one of the men did leave at that point but the other three started heading for the women's wing. After identifying himself as an RA he persuaded the others to leave and escorted them down to the front door.

"I closed and locked the front door and then went to the side doors to see if they were shut," he told the reporter. "I was outside the door (northwest) to see if the east door was open when the driver revved his engine, jumped the curb, and headed straight at me." Yakich was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where he was treated for a swollen left leg. He was released a few days later.

Search

City police and campus security officers obtained a description of the vehicle and a composite drawing of the driver was put together utilizing the university's Identi-kit. The drawing and the initial story of the incident appeared in the October 24 edition of Pointer.

Koster was identified as the driver of the vehicle by a Baldwin Hall resident, police officials said. In addition, Montana, Charles Koster's father, told authorities that his parked car was struck by the Koster vehicle after it backed out of the doorway. Knight followed the Koster vehicle after the incident according to police reports.

Rape update

"Battery" is the completed act of striking someone to harm them, against their will or false imprisonment. According to Detective M. Reeves of the Stevens Point Police Department, the above quote clearly describes those crimes which have recently occurred here in Point.

In the last three weeks, five women have been assaulted in Stevens Point. Apparently all the crimes were committed by the same individual.

It is important to mention that none of the women were raped. While the person who assaulted these women may have intended rape, all of the victims managed to escape.

The Police Department is conducting a thorough investigation, and have already questioned several suspects. Detective Reeves, as well as other officers, is patrolling those areas where the assaults have taken place, in an effort to apprehend the assailant.

The police urge any woman who has been assaulted to contact them. You will not be hassled, and can give your story to a woman officer. It is not required that you press charges or appear in court. The importance of informing the police is to give them a description of the individual, and hopefully speed up the arrest.

There have been several other crimes that have occurred in the last few weeks which may be connected to the assaults. Several articles of women's clothing have been stolen from clotheslines and the reported incidents of "peeping tom" has increased. According to Reeves, the crimes may have been committed by the same individual, but there is no concrete evidence supporting that theory.

Another interesting fact is that, according to Detective Reeves, the same sort of crimes took place around the same time, two years ago. There was no arrest.

If anyone on campus has any information concerning the identity of the assailant contact the Point Police. It could prevent another assault.

Police news

At least three people identifiable as students have forfeited $10 on charges of shoplifting this week. The shoplifting charge carries a minimum fine of $100 and $10 in court costs in Portage County.

Robert A. Guter, 425 Pray Hall was charged with stealing four apples worth 75 cents from Bob's Food King. John Beckman, 438 Knutzen Hall, was charged with stealing 56 cents worth of books from Hal's Red Owl and Paul L. Singer, 441 Baldwin Hall, was charged with taking an album worth $5.44 from K-mart.

Another student, Ward L. Hilleslag, 203 Knutzen Hall, was charged with taking a parking sign from 2000 block of College Avenue. Hilleslag was fined $110 for the incident.

Three stop signs were recently stolen in the Village of Whiting resulting in a call to Chancellor Dreyfus' office by the chairman of the village's public safety committee. The chairman said that they are not accusing college students of the act but feel that the university community should be made aware of the serious consequences of such actions.

The theft of traffic signs have resulted in accidents in the recent past. A poster visible around campus points to an Edgerton, Wisconsin ease in which a death occurred because of the removal of a stop sign. The poster was prepared by the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Council for distribution on high school and college campuses.

Student gov't. and UCPB elections coming

On registration day, (Dec. 8, Mon) students will be voting for Senators and a new political unit, the University Center Policy Board (UCPB) representative.

The redefined roles of the chancellor, faculty, administrators and students under merger implementation has allowed students for the first time in UWSP history to vote for representatives (according to their senate districts) to a policy board which will be deciding the operating procedures of the University Centers.

A summary of the purpose of UCPB according to the newly written and student government approved constitution reads: "The UCPB is the primary student organization in the formulation, implementation and review of Allen, Debot and the University centers policy. This policy includes student usage of facilities, UC programming, budget consideration and general operation of the University Centers. It seeks to promote a forum of livelihood apart yet in consideration of the academic atmosphere of the university."

Ron Hacket, Director of the University Centers and an ex officio (non-voting) member of the UCPB explained that the policy board would be working closely with UAB "experts" in deciding what type of movies and future events would be held in the UC's.

Mr. Hacket explained that at present the UC has a $200,000 operating reserve, which is generating $18,000 yearly interest to the university. He noted other UW systems schools are operating on less fiscally solvent footings, and are looking with a bit of envy towards the successful UWSP
Where your dollars go

The student activity fee

by Jill Unverzagt

"I am convinced we not only have the best theatre in Wisconsin, but also suspect we have the best theatre in the midwest," says Dr. Seldon Faulkner, Chairman of Theatre Arts.

University Theatre is one of the areas in the Fine Arts program covered by Student Activity Fees. Each of us pays $2.61 for University Theatre. Its income and allotment are the same, $17,875, and the total budget is $35,750.

Dr. Faulkner says University Theatre is an educational opportunity for students wanting to gain experience in the field. The students design the sets, props, and costumes, as well as handle the promotion, production and practices. Faculty members serve as directors.

Dr. Faulkner said the university produces eight-nine productions a year, including summer sessions. The 12 per cent support that comes from student government pays for the production costs. Some shows cost more than others, depending on the complexity of the props and costumes, Dr. Faulkner said. He also mentioned that the theatre's basic element, wood, went up 65 per cent in cost in one year.

The University Theatre has toured overseas to Europe and Iceland and Greenland to perform for military posts. Faulkner said. They tour for four to six weeks and it is good experience to travel, set up a show, perform it, then pack up and move on to the next stop. Dr. Faulkner also added that these trips cost next to nothing for the University. The show has already served its purpose here and no props are added. The expenses of the trips are paid for by the parties contracting the theatre group.

Dr. Faulkner said that he has had to make some unusual requests to the purchasing department, such as a stuffed cat, a Roman spear, and a special gelatin for colored lights. "We try not to keep from doing a production because it costs too much," he said. "We will buy carefully and reuse props," he added.

This year, UWSP will be host to the American College Theatre Festival regional contests, Dr. Faulkner said. Top colleges from Wisconsin and Illinois will be competing to see which university will be able to go on to the National Contest in the Kennedy Performing Arts Center in Washington. Dr. Faulkner says this will be a tremendous enrichment program. There will be a lot of activities—five or six major productions—and they will be open to the public. The dates for this event are January 29, 30, 31, 1976.

Dr. Faulkner also mentioned that UWSP has hosted the Wisconsin High School Drama Festival for the last 10 years. Dr. Faulkner said the University Theatre tries to have a varied program, because it is the only live theatre facility with regular productions within 100 miles.

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News Notes

LRC Thanksgiving Vacation Hours

Wednesday, November 26---7:45 am-4 pm
Thursday, November 27---Closed Friday, November 28---8 am-4 pm Saturday, November 29---Closed Sunday, November 30---6 pm-10 pm

After Hours—10 pm-Midnight

LRC Circulation Material Due

All circulating materials from LRC are due Monday, December 15.

Polisci Internships

The Department of Political Science has announced that it is now accepting applications for the department’s internship program for the next semester (January-May, 1976). Interns work with a governmental agency for a semester, participate in seminars, and prepare an analysis on a political or administrative topic associated with the internship. Internships are available in several areas including planning, administration, law, etc. Students must be juniors or seniors.

Applications may be picked up in the department’s office, 472 CCC and must be submitted by Monday, December 1. Further information is available only from either Professor Miller or Professor Hassam in the Department of Political Science.

Elections

Student Senate and University Center Policy Board (UCPB) Elections will be held Mon. Dec. 8 at registration. 13 Senate seats are now open, and 10 UCPB representatives will be elected for the first time at UWSP.

Nomination papers are available in the Student Government Office.

Attention Psychology Majors and Minors

Pre-Registration for Second Semester, 1975-76 for Psychology Majors and Minors will be held Monday, December 1 through Friday, December 5 in Room D240 Science Building. Pre-Registration hours are as follows:

Monday, December 1 - 9-12 and 3-4 Tuesday, December 2 - 10-12 and 3-4 Wednesday, Dec. 3 - 9-12 and 3-4 Thursday, Dec. 4 - 10-12 and 3-4 Friday, Dec. 5 - 10-12 and 3-4

Psychology Time Tables for Semester II 1975-76 will be available for pick up at the Psychology Office, D241 Science. When you pre-register, please bring a prepared list. Psychology courses you wish to pre-register for; it’ll save everyone’s time.

Mini Course

The Mini course offerings that will be available during the interim period between semesters area as follows:

Forestry 428:

Forest Products — Source, characteristic and methods of manufacture of natural and derived forest products — 2 credits. Classes will meet from 8 am to 4 pm on January 6, 8 and January 13, 14, and 15 in Room 316 of the College of Natural Resources Building.

Home Ec Ed 290:

Directed Study — Individually planned course work and participation to assist the student gain a better understanding of the role of the home economists in the classroom, role of the teacher, learner characteristics and instructional materials — 1 credit — January 5-9 or January 12-16. Specific arrangements need to be made with Dr. Fern Horn.

Environmental Law Enforcement — Environmental law enforcement practices including some subject areas as search, seizure, bailiff, criminal codes, evidence collection and presentation. Classes will meet from 8 am to 4 pm in Room 117 of the College of Natural Resources Building. Phase I - January 12-17 - 1 credit, Phase II - March 15-20 - 1 credit, and Phase III - May 17-22 - 1 credit.

Special Studies 301:

Travel Study to Mexico-Central American American Study Tour — 1 to 3 credits — Application of cultural and linguistic information obtained from Spanish courses taken at various levels through travel and study in Mexico and Central America. Details and further information can be obtained from Dr. Mel Bloom, Foreign Language Department.

Student Senate Course:

Phil 221:

Elementary Logic — Fundamental principles of correct reasoning, the study of logic as a formal science, the uses and misuses of logic and language, and the relationships among thought, language, and the world — 3 credits.

Registration:

Registration will be done in the Office of Extended Services, Room 117 Old Main from December 1-16.

Fees:

The course cost for resident students will be $24.50 per credit payable on or before December 16, 1975.
Comparative shopping - albums

by Gregory Marr

I feel a bit ashamed to have to admit it like this... but I had better just make a clean breast of things at the start. You see, I'm a junkie. Not your ordinary dope junkie folks. It's not that, but the symptoms are pretty much the same. I've got to feed my habit once every couple of days or I break out in a cold sweat, my hands tremble, my head aches. I've tried to go cold turkey but I've never made it. I always break down at the last minute and go screaming for my connection. It's debasing. It's humiliating. I'm a record junkie.

Every few days I'm drawn to the record store like a Lemming to the seacoast. I've tried to rely on the radio for new music that my system craves, but it never satisfies. I must have the music available when I want to hear it. New music. Good, bad or indifferent. I buy it all. I've sat for hours, lost in the ecstatic oblivion of the industry and lack of concern for the consumer. It's not only the vinyl used in pressing the record that is of poor quality, the music coming off that vinyl is also of questionable quality.

The intent of this article is to show fellow addicts how they can spend their money most wisely. Sort of a primer for prospective record junkies.

Stevens Point is not the best place for the record junkie to live. A good deal on a record purchase is about as rare as a three syllable word in a Gerald Ford speech. It is possible to get an occasional bargain so this should serve as a guide on where to start looking.

All right then, lets get on with it. We'll follow this chart at the end of this article shows the line-up from best to worst. I'll start at the end of the list and explain why each place ranked as it did.

Graham Lane. This place does have a few things going for it. They have a wide variety of albums with a good selection of specials for $3.69. They also boast the best selection of 45's in town, if that's what you're into. It was their $5.75 price on general stock (and a limited stock of the more popular LP's) that put them on the bottom.

Tempo holds down second last. Tempo has average stock items at $5.99 and the top selling sixteen sell for $5.44. It was their $8.99 price on general stock (and a limited stock of the more popular LP's) that put them on the bottom.

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Common House is a handy chart of the results:

- Common House has a reasonable price of $3.44 for their overall stock, but a lousy selection. They did sell a lot more records with an expanded selection.
- Now we're getting to the top three. The University Bookstore rates high for two reasons. They offer the top twenty-five selling albums for $4.96 and they usually have good album specials for around $2.00. The general stock is poor and expensive at $5.99, but that $.96 is a mightily attractive price.
- Numerone--Common House Records on Second street. Common House ranked high for a number of reasons. The general stock is the best in town as far as depth of selection. They have the best choice of jazz recordings in this part of the state. Many records are available here that just aren't offered elsewhere in town. Almost all new releases are $5.99 but they usually have a $5.75 price and if you catch the proprietor in the right mood it's sometimes possible to negotiate a price. Common House also offers plastic covers to protect the album jackets.

I hope this little guide makes the record junkies live in Stevens Point a little easier. It was long ago they had a great selection of specials but that stock has since deteriorated.

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A center for women's problems

by Bee Ling Chua

"Women Helping Women, Inc." has come to stay, according to Maggi Cage, its coordinator.

Operating out of 802 Franklin St., Women Helping Women is a private non-profit organization whose main goal is to help women achieve what they consider to be their full potential.

In addition to providing such community services as free pregnancy testing, they also offer birth control information and counseling for women.

Ms. Cage became associated with Women Helping Women (WHW) in Milwaukee this past summer. A graduate of the UWSP, she had worked with Problem Pregnancy Counseling and the Love Shop in Stevens Point for three years before it folded last year.

Cage said that until now, there has been no such center available for the community and students, an overwhelming need in central and northern Wisconsin for a concept that WHW espoused.

Cage explained that she is fundamentally concerned with 2 areas: unplanned pregnancy and birth control. "When it comes to unplanned pregnancy, there are three positions—pro-life, pro-choice and pro-abortion," said Cage.

"The philosophy of the organization offers the pro-choice counseling. This supports a stand which believes in all alternatives from abortion to full-term pregnancy ought to be made accessible to women," she added.

Cage continued to say that in her encounters with unplanned pregnancy cases, she cannot make the decision for the client, but as a pro-choice agency, it can ensure that what is offered are good alternatives.

When a woman decides on abortion, the center makes the referral. This means that it recommends the client go to a particular expert. Involved in making a referral, the agency has to know the medical credentials of this professional. For example, Cage cites that based on what she has seen her six years of working in abortion clinics and Maternity homes, a doctor in Milwaukee and a maternity home in Brookfield, Wis., offer the best services.

"The approach taken in counseling the client is like this: in addition to being made more aware of her right in a pro-choice position, she is also brought to understand the sequence of events in either full-term or termination. In both circumstances, the biological process must be well-covered as well as the social and psychological impacts; the client is also told of the cost of an abortion and the amount a single woman must be prepared to incur," explained Cage.

"The backbone of WHW consists of 7 volunteers now; all but one are professionals, "This is unusual for a voluntary staff," commented Cage.

"It is a solid staff in terms of background and capability. It is a commitment and dedication that must other positions do not demand," said Cage. "It is a constant struggle, but it must be done," she added. Cage feels that the rest of the support must come from the community. "If the community wants us here, they'll support us," she said.

WHW has been asked to initiate satellite centers in Madison, Evan Claire, Green Bay and Superior.

Cage said that she would especially like to have centers in Native American reservations where the issue of women's status must be worked out.

At this point, the organization is working towards a medical fund. Cage feels that while there are ample facilities for abortion, the cost is outrageous. "A decrease in rates will allow all poor women in the society a chance to choose what they want to do with their bodies," she said. A medical fund will assist those women with little financial resources to carry out the decision, whether it be full-term or abortion. This fund will also help women who cannot afford that annual $20 to $40 PAP or gonorrhea tests that she said are necessary.

What Cage would like to see in this area within the next year is a Master's living home for women over 18 years of age. While a maternity home is fine for those under 18 years, an unmarried woman over that age cannot look to the assistance of her immediate family.

In view of the university's needs, Cage hopes to go into all the dormitories to initiate and perpetuate forums where students can talk openly about a topic that harbors a lot of anxiety and frustration—sexuality. The topic of rape also needs to be explored. While the Health Center has already covered birth control, these forums will reinforce its implications.

"The response to the center has been phenomenal," Cage continued. "It is a struggle. Usually, it takes two to three months for an organization to attain full acceptance by the community," said Cage. But, since the center opened on October 1st, it has already given numerous pregnancy tests, is presently counseling three rape victims and will conduct a series of workshops starting on the 7th of November. The workshops will deal with predicaments experienced by women from menopause, divorce, rape, relationship difficulties, as well as such topics as nutrition, how to succeed in business as women, and of course, birth control—particularly with teens and their parents.

For me, for me, I have a tape recorder along in the obnubilating setting of a kitchen-table interview and as I listened I could not avoid noticing Ms. Cage's natural sincerity as she speaks on the liberation of women in this pro-choice context. She appears to carry with her a drive to make the organization work.

"Forty years from now, we'll call ourselves 'People Helping People'," said Cage. "An area it is not quite ready for yet," she added. If one examines the effects that WHW hopes to bring about, one will find that the betterment of all people is kept in mind throughout its infrastructure.
What's in it for you?

by Sunny Narag

It is people—people everywhere: in the Grid, the Games room, the lounges, the telly room, or the main concourse. They can be found anytime—a little before seven or high noon or about midnight. It seems the crowds, large or small, never leave this building known as the University Center.

The Union, as it is known today, was born in England. Its early history is shrouded in the dark backrooms of the tavern where several undergraduates met to discuss university concerns. Eventually, it gained acceptance from the university administration and became a debating union where students regularly congregated to argue and analyze their views. By the time this concept migrated across the Atlantic it had evolved into an independent and necessary component of a college campus.

Today, in Stevens Point, the arms of the University Center stretch out to the ends of the campus where Allen and Debut Centers stand to meet the immediate needs of the students residing in the vicinity, providing both diversity and convenience.

The University Center is not only the congregating junction of the students but it also provides many important services which students often take for granted. A motley staff of students and professionals work and experiment in a variety of ways to meet the needs of students collectively and individually. This is reflected in the information provided by the Information Desk, the duplicating and publicity services, by the functions organized by UAB (which is housed in the union) by the book-store, publicity services, and the Arts and Crafts room.

At one time the academic authorities felt threatened enough not to allow a student Union on the Cambridge Campus. Today the academic dons flock to this mansion to elucidate their views on a variety of subjects. Others recommend their students to visit it for various classroom assignments and others still substitute the surroundings of the union for the dreary classroom. Full rein is given to the development of the student's interests. The union teaches what each student wishes to learn at his or her leisure.

How does the union accomplish this seemingly impossible task? Mainly, by offering a diversity of events every day and evening. You may choose a movie, a coffeehouse, a meditation lecture or watch with detached amusement the suffering of a fraternity pledge. Or "heavier" still, you can partake in a conversation on the reds in China or the future prospects of Ford.

Then again, one may relax on the comfortable couches or just sit in silence sipping coffee. Hopefully, the union has something for everybody. The choice is yours in the "Peoples' Center"
by Marc Vollrath

Harold "Hal" Hefti had just finished playing his last game for the now-defunct Gym Mill basketball team. Age and assorted maladies had taken their toll. Hefti's body was no longer lithe and supple, and when he stepped out of the shower, it was obvious that a massive physical breakdown had occurred.

"I'm through playing. Next year I'm going to concentrate on coaching," said Hefti as he slowly finished playing his last game basketball team. Age and assorted studies after he claimed studies. He still is. Hefti eventually to be making a mint," said sure beats getting a job", said Hefti wearing a tacky-looking suit, doing.

"Ever since my wife found it in the glove compartment," said Hefti. "She thinks that it's a back brace," he added with a chuckle, being careful not to divulge who the former owner had been.

The above conversation had occurred two years ago. At the time, Hefti had been a senior at UWSP majoring in religious studies. He still is. Hefti eventually hopes to become a minister. "If sure beats getting a job", said Hefti while paging through a girlie magazine.

Hefti decided to take up religious studies after he claimed to hear "voices in the night". He later realized that the "voices" were actually the result of drinking too much beer at Thursday night Vets' meetings. "By the time I realized that the voices weren't really calling me into the ministry, it was too late," said Hefti. "I was already three semesters into the major and figured, 'What the Hefti, I might as well finish it.'" he added.

Hefti said that he got the idea about becoming a minister after watching Billy Graham. "He's got to be making a mint," said Hefti, adding, "You never see him wearing a tacky-looking suit, do you?"

Originally, Hefti wanted to be an Evangelist just like Graham. He changed his mind, however, when he saw that Graham was a good friend of Richard Nixon. "That's enough to give the entire religious profession a bad name", Hefti noted.

Hal's future plans for the ministry don't include run-of-the-mill sermons. Right now he is considering the possibility of becoming a faith healer.

"Look at Oral Roberts", snorted Hefti. "He started out in auditoriums as a faith-healer. A blind person would come up to the stage and would whisper that they wanted to regain their sight. Oral would scream, 'WALK!', and the dejected blind man would feel his way back to his seat to the cheers of thousands who thought that he had been a cripple. At any rate, he made a killing doing that gig", exclaimed Hefti. "Now Oral Roberts even owns a University!" he added.

Hefti himself has had practical experience in presenting sermons. Last summer he assisted a minister in Montana. "It was great!" Hal noted, saying. "It was the first time I ever got my hands into a collection plate." Hal also said that he came back to Stevens Point "refreshed" after the Montana parishioners unknowingly financed a side trip to Las Vegas. "Even though I lost a tidy sum in Vegas, I still got back to Point with a suitcase full of poker change," Hefti laughed.

When Hal isn't studying his religious lessons, drinking, or leering at unsuspecting coeds in the Gridiron, he's busy coaching the Big Moon Saloon basketball team. Last season he guided those cagers to the city league title.

"It wasn't easy," confessed Hefti. "It's tough when guys like Chris Barcel and Pat O'Donnell want to play a run-and-shoot type of game, and Woodduck Lubenow wants to play a slow, deliberate contest." Hefti noted.

When asked if coaching was worth the headaches that go with it, Hefti just sneered, saying, "I get to hand out the towels, don't I?"

In December, Hal Hefti's coaching and college career will come to an end. He claims that, after graduation, he'll be "heading West to preach."

As Hefti left this interview, held outside a church just moments after the "Poor box" had been stolen, he asked: "Do you know if they need a basketball coach at Oral Roberts University?"
To hunt or not to hunt?

by Dennis Brulman

Winter is Wisconsin, announced by the ringing changes of leaves and the more and more mouths of migration in the ground, brings with it certain inevitabilities. The saying of home and changing into the north is more and more ominous, the morning dew is more and more, and eventually, the snow falls. Wisconsin also marks that time on the calendar when the final chapter to another year's hunting season is written. Thanksgiving in Wisconsin has, in long as long people can remember, always been a time of excitement, anticipation, and often blood, sweat, and tears, of another hunting season.

For thirteen days in November, in Wisconsin, not in any other state, not even in Germany, not even in Japan or Russia, is a time to pull back and reflect on the moral, religious, and social implications of the act of hunting. This is a time to look at the issues that surround the excitement and the thrill of an animal falling to the kill, and to examine the meaning of hunting in today's society.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has outlined a series of guidelines for hunting in Wisconsin. These guidelines include requirements for obtaining a license, the proper use of firearms, and the proper disposal of game and equipment. In addition, the DNR has established a code of ethics for hunters, which includes the promotion of conservation and the responsible use of wildlife resources.

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In Germany, hunting is also considered as a way of life. The German population is proud of its hunting traditions, and hunting is an important part of the national identity. It is a way of connecting with nature and the land, and it is a way of promoting the conservation of wildlife.

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A major controversy has developed around the Big Eau Pleine Flowage in Marathon County. Local residents, concerned about winter fishkills, claim that the recreational value of the flowage far exceeds its business value as a power and paper company. They argue that its management program should be reworked to favor recreation over business.

A team of UWSP grad students under the direction of Dr. Byron Shaw, Associate Professor of Soils and Water, has been studying the flowage and surrounding area extensively in an attempt to collect enough information to set up a computer model of the reservoir and its watershed. The computer model could be programmed to predict the effects of altering any of the factors influencing water quality in the reservoir. The information gained by manipulating the model could be used toward solving the problems of the controversial body of water.

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History
The Big Eau Pleine Flowage is a storage reservoir owned and operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation (WVIC) for maintenance of flow in the Wisconsin River. The reservoir was created in 1906 by the damming of the Big Eau Pleine River by Dechau Bay. The dam was built by Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company, and was later turned over to WVIC. WVIC represents a number of major power plants and paper companies on the Wisconsin River, and controls a system of 21 storage reservoirs. The Big Eau Pleine Flowage is one of the largest of these reservoirs.

The Big Eau Pleine has a surface area of nearly 7000 acres, with an average depth of 15 feet. Its watershed encompasses 366 square miles of drainage area and includes many tributaries. The flowage is a vast recreational area and is heavily used. Locals claim that the Eau Pleine is the only major body of unpolluted water available to the people of central Wisconsin for sport fishing and other water-associated recreational uses.

The reservoir had gained a reputation as a good walleye fishery, and also supported populations of northern pike, smallmouth bass, perch and other panfish.

Fishkills
But the Eau Pleine has been plagued by a series of winter fishkills which have decimated its fish populations and made stocking by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) necessary.

The cause of these winter kills is still undetermined, but locals are placing the blame on the regulation of the water level by the WVIC. The WVIC uses the water accumulated in the Big Eau Pleine and 29 other reservoirs to augment the flow of the Wisconsin River during low flow periods. These occur typically in late summer and during the winter months.

Water is stored in the flowage in April through June, and drawn down during the dry period July and August. Water is again collected in September and October, when the fall rains are dependent on to fill the reservoir for the winter low flow period.

The winter low period begins in November, and continues through March. Water is released from the Big Eau Pleine at a rate of 200 cubic feet per second (cfs). This adds 12 to 15 per cent to the flow of the Wisconsin River, which averages 200 cfs at normal flow levels.

A maximum drawdown level in March, the Big Eau Pleine Flowage shrinks to 337 acres and an average depth of 7 1/2 feet. The remaining water flows mainly in the old bed of the Big Eau Pleine River.

Public concern
The winter fishkills, occurring to some extent nearly every year, have aroused intense public concern, and most of the complaints have been directed at the WVIC.

Dr. Shaw, head of the UWSP research team says that "the big tendency is for everyone to want to point their finger at one thing." He feels that while drawdown may contribute to the problem, there are a number of factors involved in the winter dieoff.

"It all boils down to the supply of oxygen," Shaw said. "Fish breathe oxygen that is dissolved in the water. If the amount of dissolved oxygen falls too low, the fish asphyxiate, and you have a fishkill." Shaw’s involvement with the Eau Pleine began in 1973 with student summer projects funded by the National Science Foundation. The studies made then only pointed up the need for more research.

The Environmental Task Force (ETF) took over the funding of the project and monitored the flowage throughout the winter of 1973-74. Under the ETF, the study area was expanded to include the entire watershed of the Big Eau Pleine.

In the fall of 1974, the DNR authorized $18,500 for the extended study, and this fall an additional $21,000 was granted for the UWSP research.

Three-year study
An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant of $32,000 per year for three years was received this spring. WVIC also contributed $6,000, and some University of Wisconsin funds were received.

The UWSP research team of eight graduate students has been taking samples of water and bottom materials from nearly 80 sites in and around the reservoir at least twice a month, said Shaw. Nineteen individual biological, chemical and physical tests are run on each sample.

Analysis of the samples includes tests for dissolved oxygen, temperature, turbidity, suspended solids, fecal bacteria, and chemical and biological oxygen demand.

The researchers are also examining microscopic plant and animal life in the reservoir, and studying land use patterns in the watershed.

The land is naturally fertile, said Shaw, which causes the runoff water to be high in nutrients. This problem is compounded by the application of chemical fertilizers and manure in the largely agricultural drainage basin, and by the discharge of municipal and industrial effluents.

The nutrient-laden water in the reservoir stimulates over-abundant algal growth. The algae die and decompose during the winter, and oxygen is consumed.
Environmental Council meeting - 7 pm, Nov. 26, in the Red Room of the UC.

Bicentennial
America's longest bike path, 4,200 miles, is being prepared for the Bicentennial. Officially named The Trans-American Bicycle Trail, it traverses rural and historical USA entirely on secondary paved roads. If you're not up to riding such a great distance, shorter trips from 12-82 days are being offered by the organization preparing the trail — Bicentennial '76. You can ride with a group led by a Bicentennial-trained leader, stay at the hostels which the group has helped develop (called Bike-Ins). Or, you can camp out along the way, ride your own pace.

If cycling is your thing, contact Bicentennial '76, P.O. Box 1034, Missoula, Montana 59801, for more information.

Score One for the Ozone
Adorn and Clairal hairsprays are now available in the same type of spray-pump dispensers that window cleaners, such as Windex, have been coming in for years, and several deodorant manufacturers plan to introduce their products in spray-pumps in 1976, according to the Christian Science Monitor. Reported by the Monitor, sales of the spray-pumps have increased by 50 percent since it was revealed that aerosol propellants may be hazardous to the ozone.

Losing Battle for the Ozone?
Not only deodorants and hairsprays, but bomb tests are also a threat to the ozone, according to the National Research Council (NRC). In a report prepared for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency the NRC said that multiple explosions of nuclear weapons pose a serious threat to the ozone layer of the stratosphere.

Solar Federal Buildings
The House subcommittee on public buildings and grounds is conducting hearings on bills that would require buildings financed with federal funds to use the best possible measures for conservation of energy, and to investigate the possible use of solar energy systems in federal buildings. Sam Hack, Director of the Facilities and Construction Management for the Energy Research and Development Administration, testified on October 30 that an estimated 55 million barrels of oil per year could be saved if 25 percent of all federal buildings converted to solar energy.

Bicentennial Blues
'America the Befouled'

O, cancerous for smoggy skies, for pesticided grain
Irradiated mountains rise, above an asphalt plain
America, America, thy birds have fled from theee

Thy fish lie dead by poisoned streams, from sea to feld sea
America, America, thy sins prepare thy doom
Monoxide cloud shall be thy shroud, thy cities be thy tomb
Hockey action starts

by Terry Testelin

The UWSP hockey team dropped both its season opener and follow-up game to Ohio State last weekend at the ice rink. Stevens Point. The Pointers' schedule for the weekend was marred by the scores of 7-2 Friday night, and 14-1 Saturday night.

Playing before a blistering near-capacity crowd at the Stevens Point ice rink - the Pointer hockey team opened their ambitious season Friday night surprising nearly everyone but the hot-dog vendor by playing almost 2 periods of evenly matched hockey with one of the nation's top collegiate hockey powers.

Point's tough checking, scrappy defensive play and a few performances in the nets by Joe Baldarotta, spirited on by an excited hometown crowd, put thatWPST's audio needles in the red with their thundering reply on the woodboring P-A-D.

Ohio State seemed to be taken by surprise. For the moment...

A Fleeting Upset

Seemingly obvious to the emotionally charged hoopla of partisan Pointer fans, Ohio State's veteran puckers showed by the middle of the second period that Point has a long way to go to reach their caliber of hockey.

The Pointers were outscored 5-1 in the last 20 minutes of hockey in the opener, and Ohio slipped in 14 more goals Saturday night, to Point's solo reply, a goal by Captain Pat Beyler.

Coach Sator, who is trying to put UWSP on the nation's hockey map, said the series with Ohio State was useful because, "It burst the bubble of the many young players on our team who found out how hard you have to work to play soft. We got body checked every time we touched the puck, so we found out in a hurry when you play somebody like that you've got to be moving all the time."

Referring to the Saturday night game in which an Ohio State team player was literally put "on ice" by a hard hip check from defenseman Paul Scott (which precipitated a lot of violations that you wouldn't want your mother to hear) Coach Sator said, "They're a bigger and heavier team, that just kept coming and coming. Physically we weren't strong enough to keep them away from the nets. They are a hard-nosed group that stick up for each other - the sign of a good team".

Although this hockey team was literally put "on ice" by a hard hip check from Paul Scott, who was granted a one-year leave of absence from his coaching duties.

Last year's team's record was a disappointing 6-20. However, many of the defeats came by very long scoreless watches the Packers know what kind of trouble that presents.

This season's new interim coach, Jerry Gotham, plans to employ a crowd pleasing fast-break offense and a pressure defense. He feels he has both the talent and depth needed to make this year's style successful.

The Chetek native was assigned the head cage job on an interim basis, a move long time coach Bob Krueger asked to be relieved of the post due to health reasons. Krueger was granted a one-year leave of absence from his coaching duties.

The future of the hockey program has been around for a long time - "most of Ohio State's players are in their third season," Coach Sator said. "A ninth, guard Reed Giordano, has chosen to drop the sport for this team. A tenth, guard Reed Giordano, has elected to drop the sport and concentrate on football. Rookie hockey with one of the nation's top collegiate hockey teams has been lost and will also coach the jayvees.

For the Pointer's first action of the season, freshman guard Bob Repka tossed in 31 points to lead the Blues to a 102-71 victory over the Golds in the intrasquad game played at D.C. Everest High School gym.

UWSP will officially launch a 26 game schedule on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Winona (Minn.) State. The first home game is on Dec. 1 against MacAlester College of St. Paul, Minnesota.
By Tim Sullivan, Randy Wievel, and Mike Haberman

You probably noticed that the Superpickers did not appear in last Friday's Pointer. This happened because we were on vacation. In fact, to be more specific, the Pointer put us on vacation.

We were not told to report to the editor's office to turn in our playbook. We were not placed on waivers. We didn't play out our option. The fact is, the Pointer simply had a space problem for that week and decided to stick to Superpickers on the shelf.

Therefore, none of you know how we picked for Week Nine, and maybe it's true that none of you really cared either. Nevertheless, we cared how we picked, and now we're gonna tell ya.

If the Bengals beat Buffalo on Monday night, our record was 10 wins and two losses. We missed the Packer and Dolphin games. Overall, we now have 84 wins and 24 losses. The tossup again went into sudden-death (Redsins vs. Cardinals). Wievel (6-3) took St. Louis, while Sullivan (6-3) and Haberman (4-5) got the shaft with the Skins. We hope all you anti-Pickers enjoyed our vacation.

This is the way the Superpickers see Week Ten in the NFL. Frankly, this has to be about the easiest week we've ever had the privilege of predicting.

MINNESOTA OVER CHARGERS—Originally, we had decided to take the Vikings because we thought they were playing San Francisco. Geez, were we happy when we re-read the schedule and found out they were playing San Diego instead. No sweat as it's the Vikes by 49.

BENGALS OVER BROWNS—We absolutely refuse to pick the Browns unless they get some problems for their helmets. It's bad enough that they lose all the time, but at least they could look half-way decent doing it. Cincinnati by 30.

CARDINALS OVER JETS—The Jet defense has more leaks than a Siberian battleship, and like we said before, the quickest way to sink is by putting it in the water. (That joke comes from Joe Falls, sports editor of the Detroit Free Press.) Cards by 7.

OAKLAND OVER WASHINGTON—The Raiders will keep rolling up points while the Redskins will continue rolling up injuries. The Raiders are too good, and the Skins are too old. We'll go with George Blanda and his Kiddie Korps by 9.

GERS OVER SAINTS—a key game here. We're just hoping it doesn't take up a television slot. San Francisco by 10.

BRONCOS OVER FALCONS—Another dandy. The most excitement this one offers is trying to predict how many of those Denver fans' snowballs will make it all the way to the 50-yard line. Unfortunately, we don't even get to watch that, since it's in Atlanta. Denver by 11.

DALLAS OVER PHILADELPHIA—An old Hekawi Indian ("F-Troop") proverb reads: "Sparrow not fly high after running into shotgun blast." We think the words of Roaring Chicken handled this game pretty adequately. Cowboys by 13.

MIAMI OVER BALTIMORE—The Colts have proved that they can almost score at will. However, whether they can score against Manny, Jake, Doug, and the rest of the dangerous Dolphins is entirely another matter. Look for Miami to win by 17.

LOS ANGELES OVER CHICAGO—The Bears win one once in a while, and the Rams lose one every now and then. It's teams like the Rams that keep Chicago from getting small winning streaks going. L.A. by 12.

BUFFALO OVER NEW ENGLAND-O.J. always likes to run against the Patriots. If he doesn't get too tired, maybe the Bills will sneak him in on defense. This looks like a wild one with Buffalo winning, 35 to 31.

GIANTS OVER PACKERS—the impossible to predict how the Pack will do. Maybe they'll put it together this week, and all you Packers fans at the stadium can jeer at us for not picking the Green and Gold, because we're finking out and taking the Giants by one. Let's hope we're wrong on this one.

KANSAS CITY OVER DALLAS—Good game, folks...good game. Both teams are racked up but still come to play. If Dawson gets time to hit Emo Wright and Fred Arbanas, KC should win. (Shows what we know about the Chiefs.) Seriously, the Chiefs will take it by 3.

PITTSBURGH AGAINST HOUSTON—The weekly tossup on Monday Night. It seems like these two just got done playing each other. Anyways, Sullivan (6-3) and Haberman (4-4) are taking the Steelers figuring Bradshaw should be able to flip a game-winning strike to Mel. Wievel (5-2) disagrees, surmising that Billy White Shoes and Ken Burroughs want another go at that Steeler secondary.

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Theatre in North Adams, Mass. directed, produced, and starred in wet cement.) The group wrote, by Ade Anast associate professor of communication at this institution. Under the guise of professor, Dr. Goldberg teamed up with her colleague, Roger Bullis, to write The Rosebud Gang, a full length movie, that is a sure bet for an academy award...if they could only convince a Hollywood producer to buy it. Along with the writing, Dr. Goldberg does for various scholarly publications and magazines, it is refreshing to find a professor who takes one step further—the step that takes them into their own mind. A good example of Dr. Goldberg's creativity lies within the pages of a script she wrote for the Man from U.N.C.L.E. a story about booby-trapped dolls carrying a deadly poison and sent to America by THRUSH. It has all the necessary elements of a dramatic story. Fresh and innovative, perhaps that best expresses Dr. Goldberg's writing. Dr. Goldberg's creative writing has become a part of her everyday life. She sees human events, ideas, and topics for scripts. She admits to dreaming plots and waking up all set to write. Her eye, like a zoom lens, can zero in on an event or a word, and derive a plot from it. Dr. Goldberg uses her creativity into her students also. She teaches a movie writing course where students spend the whole semester writing a script. When asked what her plans for the future are, she answered, "...being able to use the speech I wrote many years ago, upon the occasion of winning an Academy Award. It's very brief, but has a certain poignancy. That is one I would like to thank for this award...Myself, I deserve it. I worked hard writing this script, and it's just great." We certainly wish Dr. Goldberg good luck, and at Stevens Point, the night she receives her Oscar.

UAB will present Super Fly on Fri., Nov. 21 at 7:30 pm in the Program Banquet Room of the University Center. Super Fly stars Ron O'Neal as a big-time dope dealer who invests all his money in 30 kilograms of cocaine. He hopes to turn the 30 keys into a million bucks, and escape the ghetto for good. Each presentation will feature some of the top names in video manipulation. An annual exhibit, which was established in 1966, is sponsored by the Racine Art Association, the Edna Carlsten Gallery in Wausau, and Nicolet College in Pelican. The show will be touring the state through next April. Paintings for the exhibition were selected by a three part jury from more than 300 watercolors submitted by artists who live in Wisconsin. A Stevens Point student, June Leary, is among the artists whose work appears in the show. She is one of five exhibitors who received cash awards for their paintings. The public is invited to view the exhibition in the Fine Arts Center gallery Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, and evenings from 7-9 pm, Monday-Thursday.
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There will be a meeting Wed, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm for the Radio Amatuer Club at the "Ham Shack" in the George Stein Bldg. Any ques call 346-2485 or 341-3197

The last day stdts. will be able to purchase their textbooks at discounted prices is Fri, Nov 21.

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"Give Thanks For the Gift of Life" is the theme of the University Christian Ministry service at the Peace Campus Center - Lutheran this Sun Nov 23 7 pm. The service includes a couple of media presentations, an interpretive dance by Susan Hughes as well as singing & sharing. Everyone welcome.

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Con - Pro
Consumer protection news
from the college press service

San Francisco, CA.A group of about 150 students met here last month for the second annual National Student Legal Rights Conference. For many, only one thing was missing: their legal rights.

For while workshops abounded on how to set up campus legal services programs, how to get information under the new student file law, how to get into campus governance committees and how to wine and dine state legislators, little was made of the fact that students at private institutions have few legal rights and none under the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.

Even if you're attending a public institution, you should brace yourself if your post-graduate study or, more likely with the current liberal arts job outlook, your vocational training days take you into the private sector.

The scenario may be familiar: imagine yourself sitting in a seminar on American government as your professor intones the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Outside you hear chanting as a group of students rally to protest American foreign policy or a local tuition increase. You're not surprised, or disconcerted. This is the normal way to protest. Though you are now living in a society where freedom of speech is protected, you have learned to expect such actions.

That all changed legally—or at least for public school students—when in 1969 a group of Iowa high school students were black arm bands to class to protest the Vietnam war and were expelled. Later the editors of the campus newspaper write an editorial critical of the protests, and the student was expelled.

That is the Supreme Court, which formalized more limited prior rulings of the Tinker vs. Des Moines case. Their case (Tinker vs. Des Moines Independent Community School District) went all the way to the Supreme Court, which formalized more limited prior rulings by saying: "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the school house gate.

Private school students were left standing in the door, however. The 14th amendment prohibits states from passing any laws that would infringe upon your constitutional rights. Public schools were judged to be arms of the state and so liable to the same restriction. Lowered voting ages have just about done away with the "in loco parentis" argument and, in a turnabout from the old days, the Supreme Court recently ruled that public school officials can be sued for many damages if they violate students' rights.

But despite several attempts to extend the "state action" concept to private schools that accept state and federal money, the courts have allowed them to retain their private club status.

There are some exceptions. The legal tradition these courts were following goes back more than 150 years, when the Supreme Court prohibited the state of New Hampshire from legislatively changing Dartmouth College. Drawing a broad line between public and private schools, Chief Justice John Marshall ruled that private colleges and universities "do not fill the place which would otherwise be occupied by government, but that which would otherwise remain is alive." In other words, higher education was a private activity which was occasionally supplemented by the state.

The wild card in all this may be the developing concept of the student as a consumer of education, noted Dr. William Van Alstyne, president of the American Association of University Professors and keynote speaker at the legal rights conference in San Francisco. If the college catalog is regarded as a contract between student and school, it is certainly a legally shaky one. The courts have frowned on such so-called "contracts of adhesion" in which the customer must either take it or leave it, but can't negotiate the terms.

All 50 states, noted Van Alstyne, have contract laws that void "unconscionable" clauses. It might not be too rash to say that giving up your Bill of Rights protection is a contract clause not guided by conscience.

Another trend which may affect the public-private split is the tendency to see higher education as the right of all. At least one bill in Congress would aim toward making two years of higher education available to all students and would put up federal money to assure students access to whatever school they choose—public, private, degree-granting or vocational. If this did become the sense of Congress, a strong legal case could be made for viewing private colleges as administrators of a public trust and not unbridled private preserves.

In addition, the distinction between tax-exempt and tax-consuming institutions may start to break down under the scrutiny of a Congress which has viewed a tax loophole (no tax paid) the same as an outlay of public funds.

The philosophical implications of both trends—student as consumer and student as public trust—have broad consequences for the future of higher education. But one thing remains clear. Private institutions will be forced out of their "club" status into the 20th century. Either they must make a fair contract with students or they must acknowledge that they're acting in the public interest and grant basic human rights. Hopefully they'll do both and allow more student control over what should essentially be a cooperative enterprise.

Ironically, while many private schools have tried to stem declining enrollments with liberalized dorm visits and lighter curricula, a few have tried a dose of free speech, press, assembly and religion, an appropriate enough PH gimmick for the bicentennial. Right is that the Master's Charge sticker they could display a small emblem of the Liberty Bell with the inscription: "Bill of Rights Granted Here."

A weekly from student government

by Bob Badzinski

There's a problem I've been having between a concept of who are students and the reality of who they are. The concept goes something like this.

Most students by this time are 18 or older. By definition, state law declares those student legal adults with all the rights and responsibilities of adults. As adults they should be active participants in this institution and its operations.

In my efforts this year, I've actively represented this concept to the many adults with liberalized dorm visits surprising to me, many people that I have presented this concept to have generally accepted it. This has been one of the encouraging aspects of this institution. The sad part is that there is a large group of people who benefit from this concept—students—have not accepted this concept. That's where the conflict arises between the concept and reality. Let me outline just a few examples.

With the College of Natural Resources at this University we are recognized as one of the major areas of environmental action. Students have been actively involved in many environmental issues - witness the Environmental Defense Fund that bicycle rides all over, the Michigan Avenue extension, etc. Then you look at our campus with it's beaten down, mud paths designed to save some students those precious few steps. Or the paper that litters the campus. Or the cigarette butts discarded as if the whole world were an ashtray. I'm a firm believer in the old adage—"practice what you preach."

Another area of concern is the University Center. I'm not sure whether you know this but students are paying for this entire building. You pay for its operations, upkeep, and mortgage. Yet, most everyone seems to assume this is someone else's property, so who cares if newspapers are discarded anywhere, bathrooms are left stagnant with toilets stuffed up with paper towels, glasses, cups, cans, and the like are strewn around and those ever present cigarette butts are even ground out in the carpet! In any case, list of careless acts just grows, but even more disturbing are the malicious acts of destruction. As part-owner of this building, I resent anyone purposely creating damage in this building or its contents. You have no rights to do so!

These are just a few points to consider. As adults there is really no reason for even the careless acts which we commit. As adults and students it is asking too much to just think once in a while about someone else's property. Not surprising to me we can broaden our scope to include other people and their belongings. All I ask is that you just think a little about what you do. If there's a conflict in you between that of a student and your reality see if you can change it. Start bringing the reality closer to the concept.
by Robert Borski

Hunting has always struck me as a very poor excuse for a sport, largely because I have so much trouble thinking of it as a game, like football or tennis or golf.

Obviously, semantics has a good deal to do with the problem and may invalidate my argument. On the other hand, I was reared to believe a sport implied a contest between two or more willing adversaries, and operated within certain guidelines. It had rules and officials, for example, to encourage fair play and equalize cheating. A score was often kept to measure achievement. Factors involving time, man's ethic, etc., were seldom able to go their own way.

Above all, no matter how strenuous the contest, no one was meant to be seriously hurt. Sports were designed for recreational purposes, to exercise our minds as well as our bodies, and help build character by stressing the sporting ethic. In other words, there was nothing so terribly wrong with the game as played. That brings me back to hunting. As I've already intimated, it operates somewhat differently from the other activities we generally think of as "sports", involving only a subversion of the criteria listed above. With me for a few paragraphs and maybe you'll see what I mean.

To begin with, I think you have to examine the contest-and-will-ing-adversary aspect of hunting. It simply doesn't hold. There is no way you can sell me an animal enjoying being hunted, or would choose to be so if offered the choice. As for the contest involved, granted, it takes a certain amount of woodsmanship and skill with firearms to flush and bring your game animal down, mere flesh and a natural inclination to run are no match for high velocity bullets. I don't care how you want to argue.

I also have my doubts about the guidelines aspect. It seems what little regulations there are in hunting were designed not so much to encourage fair play or equalize anything, but rather to insure the safety of the hunter and the perpetuation of the sport itself. Thus, hunting is restricted to daylight hours, as well as to certain times of the year. Kill ratios are also restricted, and like the latter, allow for a depleted game species to breed back during the off-season. That may sound somewhat noble on the surface, perhaps, but it's also incredibly self-serving and therefore questionable.

That brings me, finally, to my main objection with hunting, as well as my last point: It is the only "sport" involved with the wholesale destruction of life, clearly a violation of the game ethic, that, after it's over, the two parties involved are seldom able to go their own way. That may not particularly strike you as any sort of tragedy; I'm not even sure of my feelings on the matter, come to think of it.

But I would like to say this, in closing: I may only be a bushleaguer as a sportsman, but I'm sure a hell of a lot closer to attaining professional status than those of you who'd rather be gods and play your games for keeps.

In turn

by John Rondy

So far this year our big issues have dealt with the Sentry invasion north of campus, problems in campus TV, and the 24-hour visitation squash (not to mention the condom ad). Well now, I think I'll throw some fuel on the fire by commenting on the marijuana issue.

The marijuana "problem" has been discussed and debated probably too much over the past eight or nine years. Usually, the "discussions," take the form of disagreements between concerned parents and their recalcitrant children. More often than not, the conflict remains unresolved and the discussion ends with negative feelings on both sides. And frequently, the exasperated young rebel will then feel disposed to go out and smoke all the more.

Forgive me if this sounds high-schoolish. I guess I'm just trying to refresh some memories.

Pot definitely has become an American phenomenon among the young. Millions of parents will testify that the pot phase their child went through (or is going through) was a traumatic experience for them (unless their kid was an expert cover-up artist). This in day and age, it's a losing cause for parents of pot smoking teenagers. How can they possibly realize what is happening unless they've been through the drug experience themselves, or unless they and their child have very open communications?

Consider why adults have paranoid reactions when they discover their kids are "on dope". It's a crude realization for most. Using drugs is obviously a way of "coping out" from society (unless your name is Timothy Leary).

Much has been said about the affects of "grass". Dr. Harvey Powelson, of Berkeley was quoted in 1967 as saying, "Marijuana is harmless. There is no evidence that it does anything except make people feel good. It has never made anyone into a criminal or a narcotics addict. It should be legalized."

Since then Dr. Powelson has totally changed his mind after observing 200 students in counseling over a five year period. In an article published in the Dec. 1974 edition of Reader's Digest, he reported that many of the heavier users he observed were under 'the marijuana illusion' "The patients who used pot told us that it heightened their 'awareness' of particular experiences and made them feel mellow and peaceful, with real insights about the world. These self-observations were simply not true. They were part of what we have come to realize as the marijuana illusion."

Powelson stated further that fairly heavy smokers have a tendency to speak in cliches and generalities (don't we all), exhibited a temporary loss of memory and a growing paranoia, as well as an inability to think logically.

I tend to agree with Dr. Powelson. Furthermore, I think the pot user unconsciously adapts his lifestyle to the hip culture. Pot, to some, becomes the center of the universe. People who don't "turn on" aren't cool. Slowly, the all-american turns into Joe Freak. He shuns his "nice" clothes for faded jeans and flannel shirts. (This is a dangerous generalization to make, I realize-for the faded bluejeans and flannel look has become the standard costume on most young americans.)

Many of the current radical philosophies and outlooks on life can be attributed to the pot culture. The same can be said of favorite cliches, and the aforementioned modes of dress. And rock-'n'-roll music, of course, has been greatly influenced by the drug revolution.

I give the pot user, or the pot smoker, some slack. Pot usually does lead to harder drugs one way or another. Nine times out of ten, a pot user will eventually experiment with other drugs simply through associations and dealings (pun intended) with drug users. Pot in itself does not lead to harmful drugs, it's the environment of the drug scene that does. This point has been a common misconception in drug prevention literature.

Notice I've stayed away from the term "drug abuse". The effects of drugs vary with different individuals. It's hard to define exactly what drug abuse is. People have varying levels of tolerance.

Nuff said, except for one final point. If you use marijuana rather heavily, take a look at yourself before you started, then look at yourself now. Have you deteriorated or degenerated in any way, or are you really in tune with the cosmos?
The Chinese Acrobats

Reviewed by Pat Houlihan

For nearly two and a half hours Wednesday night the Chinese Acrobats of Taiwan kept a full-house audience at the Quandt gymnasium spellbound. The program outline warns the spectator: “Don’t even try to explain this to someone who cannot see it for himself!” And it would be difficult to describe any one of the hundreds of spectacular feats performed in this fast-paced, awesome, and thrilling show.

As a whole, the combined acts of juggling, dancing, tumbling, Chinese Kung, cycling, balancing, and acrobatics were a visual presentation of life energy at its artistic height. Devotion, skill and strength were clearly shown in one of nature’s most beautiful forms—the human body.

The musical accompaniment too, was interesting and exciting. A small ensemble, consisting mainly of oriental stringed instruments with native drums and percussion, complimented the action by adding suspense to daring flights and gaiety to festive dancing and tumbling.

The evening was colorful and every performance had a personal touch of enthusiasm. It was like “Mommy, look what I can do!” only “Mommy” was mankind and Man, what they could do! Even those who think of life as meaningless might sense a purpose in these people using mind and matter in perfect harmony to create such a joyful experience.

Credit should be given to the Arts and Lecture Series for bringing this once-in-a-lifetime evening to an audience that was polite, appreciative, and delighted. This is the kind of entertainment that brings people together and plants in our memories a life-supporting feel. More, More!

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Jethro Tull
Minstrel in the gallery

by Robert Kralapp

Beginning formally with "Aqualung", Jethro Tull has produced a series of remarkable "concept" albums (yes, even "War Child") that describe a progression of startling magnitude in the philosophy of Ian Anderson's poetry. "Minstrel in the Gallery" is a culmination of what has gone before it as well as a transcendence of the previous recordings. Taken together, the songs described here are truly meditative; they do not excite nor do they relax, but take an impeccably mellow middle way to explain the inexplicable.

Structurally, the album is a performance for unspecified "lords and ladies..." and the minstrel is Anderson himself. It is Anderson admitting his role and observing the reaction of the audience. "He titillated men-of-action—belly warming, hands still rubbing on the parts they never men-
tioned. Sunday paper backgammon players—famly scared and women-haters!" Then, in the chorus, he tells us the unthinkable: "The Minstrel in the Gallery looked down upon the rabbit run. He threw away his looking glass—saw his face in everyone!" (And you say "What?!").

"A Cold Wind to Valhalla" seems to me a difficult song though it deals exclusively with the Norse Valhalla mythology. It is laughingly cynical and comic, "Midnight lonely whisper cries, We're getting a bit low on heroes lately"); and bleak with frozen Teutonic imagery. There seems to be a connection between "Valhalla" and the next song, "Black Satin Dancer", which comes down to being a most erotic metaphysical love song. The connection is questionable and is probably there because I've chosen to see one. So, anyway, this album does not reveal itself on demand and, if you are at all impatient, listen to something else.

The lyrics of "Requiem", perhaps the finest song on the album, could have been written by William Blake. It is a song of purity and madness. "Well, I saw a bird today—flying from a bush and the wind blew it away. And the black-eyed mother sun scorched the butterfly at play—velvet veined. I saw it burn!" Here, the totally ordinary and the utterly profound meet and the details you might never have thought important become jewel like. The effect it has is magical.

"One White Duck - 0 10 equals Nothing All At All" is a mystery song. It could be thought of as a continuation of "Skating Away..." from "War Child" without doing it any damage. It's all there: travel imagery, the catch-line "Isn't it just too damn real?", but the main consideration is no longer uncertainty and the problems of fleeing. Replacing it is a live freedom of the spirit, "I'm the Black-Ace dog handler: I'm a waiter go skates—so don't you jump to your foreskin conclusion!" To label him would be only self-deception though, in "Balser Street Muse", Anderson tells us exactly what he is and what he is thinking. "Muse" is a collection of songs and an instrumental that at times borders on the too personal. While listening to it you might hear yourself say, "Why is he telling me these things?" Why indeed? He speaks of a perfectly lucid and aware schizophrenia in the lines, "Walking down the gutter thinking, 'How the Hell am I today?' Well, I didn't really ask you but thanks just the same." And again, "Talking to the gutter-stinking, winking in the same old way. I tried to catch my eye, but I looked the other way."

Then you say, "What was that?"

"Grace", the final song, is inexplicable outside of saying that it describes a state of mind transcending despair. It is simply, "Hello sun. Hello Bird. Hello my lady. Hello breakfast. May I buy you again tomorrow?"

Before your very ears, Anderson unexactly explains and reviews the errors of the world; not without compassion, yet he keeps everything in a perspective that will amaze you. Being aware of his situation in all it's myriad detail (not even ruling out deception as a working element), he is free. "So I drift down through the Baker Street valley, in my steep-sided un-reality. And when all's said and done—I couldn't wish for a better one. It's a real-liferipe dead-certainty—That I'm just a Baker Street Muse!"

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