Hide Your Children...

It's Uncle Bob's Christmas Fun Page!!
On Environmental Council and the student image in the press

The Environmental Council sponsored a rally against the Shah of Iran last Friday. It featured about 12 demonstrators protesting the policies of the Shah of Iran before he was ousted, as well as the tactics used by the U.S. in Iran. By doing so, the council hoped to educate the public on why the Iranians were holding the American hostages, as well as give its reasons against an invasion of the country by the U.S. After reports of the rally came out, however, it became apparent that the council's protest had backfired. Mistakes made by the group in organizing the rally may impair student interests in the future.

Environmental Council pulled off something of a coup by attracting the media coverage it did. At least it seemed so on the surface. About four television stations, three newspapers, and at least two radio stations were in attendance. It seemed like the group's message to the people was going to get out, at least in this area of Wisconsin.

A message did emerge, but not the one that the council had hoped for. Reporters for the various media had been attracted by high estimates of the number of participants the rally was expecting. The fact was, that only a handful of demonstrators showed up, and just a small crowd of curious spectators was in attendance.

The result of the meager turnout was coverage contrary to what the council would have liked. Reports on the anti-shah rally centered on the fact that media people outnumbered demonstrators by a two-to-one margin. The council's argument against the shah and the U.S. government figured less prominently. And I believe the council's argument was worthwhile.

More important than Environmental Council's failure to get its message across is the fact that the protest may have bearing on the coverage of future demonstrations. Many members of the media seemed disappointed with the demonstration, which they had been led to believe would be massive. A few felt betrayed, and this showed up in their reports, particularly on one story aired by a Green Bay television station. The campus may never again see such a large contingent of media because of this.

Before another rally is undertaken by Environmental Council, or another group, a few changes should be made, so that the media will make their reports more favorable and student views on this campus will continue to be heard.

Realistic estimates should be made as to the number of participants expected at the rally. When news reporters travel a number of miles expecting to find 200 participants in the event, only to find "a couple," as one reporter said he did, unkind coverage is a certainty. The reporters may have passed up another story in favor of one here on campus, and picking the wrong story is marked as a big mistake in the journalism business.

Greater publicity is also necessary. One student turned to me during the rally and asked, "Are the television reporters the only people who knew that this protest was going to take place?" This seemed unfortunately close to the truth. If posters and the Environmental Council paper, Ad Rem, had been circulated earlier, the council may have won more followers for its cause. It might also have attracted more spectators, and the student voice could have sung out with greater clarity.

The Environmental Council had a lot to say Friday morning, things that I believe are true and needed to be said. I cannot, however, fault the media for their coverage, which often did not center on the council's main contentions. The blame for this lies with Environmental Council itself. After Friday's rally, it was hard to take the council seriously. I just hope that other student organizations will have the chance to be taken seriously in light of what happened.

Bill Reinhard
To The Pointer,
Once again the time has rolled around to setting budgets for the next school year and once again SGA, under the guidance of SPBAC, has allotted the Music Department $4000 funding with the statement that we should generate our own money.

We have one of the finest music departments in the UW system. It has earned an excellent reputation for UWSP, along with the Colleges of Natural Resources and Home Economics — yet we can’t get sufficient funding to operate well.

Apparently the members of SPBAC and SGA don’t realize how much it costs to buy music, repair instruments and equipment, and fund tours (our basic tool for recruiting and advertising this university).

They say we should generate our own money. This is impossible. To ask us to charge admission for concerts is ludicrous. We’d have to pay sky-high royalties on music and we’d never break even through admission charges alone. To ask us to go out and make money in some other way is too time consuming. The average music major takes 18-20 credits a semester. We spend about 30 hours per week in classes. Along with six hours in classes we are expected to practice a minimum of three hours each day. We’re also expected to attend (and perform in) many hours of concerts and recitals. When these requirements are fulfilled, we can study for our academic courses, or perhaps find time for a social life.

Tell me, members of SPBAC and SGA, where am I supposed to find the time to go out fund raising? If you have an answer, you can find me at the Fine Arts Building.

To The Pointer,
Rebecca Lewis
729 Division St. No. 27
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To The Pointer,
Is $4,000 enough money to fund a music department, especially one with as fine a reputation as UWSP? My response is no!

First, let’s look into where this $4,000 would go. This money would go toward ensemble tours. These tours are both a cultural experience and a recruitment device. Tours provide the impetus for prospective music majors to look into UWSP, just as a good football team brings in quality high school players. These quality music students then go on tour and the cycle continues.

Now, let’s see just how far $4,000 will take us in our goal to constantly better our department. UWSP has two major touring groups, the Wind Ensemble and the University Choir. Each takes a three-day state tour which costs a good deal of money. How much money? For starters, approximately $3,200 for buses. Now include programs, hotel rooms for the conductor and faculty guest artist etc., and there goes $4,000, all on one three-day state tour. This leaves one major ensemble out in the cold along with numerous small ensembles, such as jazz band, brass and clarinet choirs, Mid-Americans, and quartets.

Other colleges in the state, notably UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Whitewater, get larger budget allocations than Point. The discrepancy lies not only in the dollars (UW-EC gets $32,000, UW-L gets $16,000, and UW-W gets $15,000) but in the size of the departments. Eau Claire’s department is about the same size as Point’s, while both La Crosse and Whitewater are considerably smaller. This difference is also apparent in their quality as compared to UWSP’s. None of those schools can boast about having their choir tour Europe last year, or about their band being selected as one of the nation’s best, and being invited to play at the National Music Convention in Miami Beach.

“A healthy mind” may be “buttressed by a healthy body,” Mr. Ward, but without music your mind isn’t expanded to its fullest capacity, and without more money our department can’t be expanded to its fullest capacity.

Sincerely,
Marta Palen
Student Advisory Council

Ah, the good ol’ days when the UWSP women’s basketball team finished its season well over the 50 percent mark. How could that happen season after season, just a few short years ago, when year after year since then has been regarded as a “rebuilding year”? It’s

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not because there are so many graduating seniors who cannot return to play; nor is it because the majority of the letter-winners transfer to another school. Rather, the reason that the team must rebuild almost every year is because many veterans choose not to report. And why do they choose not to report? It's not because they don't absolutely love playing the game or because they dislike the schedule or dedication required. It is, in fact, because they would rather not put up with being downgraded and belittled by the person(s) at the helm of the team.

Coaching not only requires a knowledge of the sport involved, but also the ability to relate to the players as human beings! And let's not forget the importance of being present to coach your own team at a home game. If the Point women are ever to be a top contender in the conference again, there must be a strong nucleus of returning letterwinners who play together year after year. Obviously, they must want to return to play basketball, unlike the way it is now for so many talented athletes. Name withheld

To the Pointer.

Dearest UAB and those who attended the recent Kenny Loggins-Sweet Bottom concert:

Bravo! The event was a total success, which would not have been possible without the combination of such stimulating entertainment and exuberant audience response. The exorbitant high energy created and shared by the performers and patrons was incredible.

Loggins was clearly a maximum turn-on. This is an understatement. The rapport immediately fell between all members of the event was extremely positive. The evening's experience brought to mind similarities common to women performers. These similarities stem from the simple expression of human sensitivity through the universal medium of music.

So where are these female entertainers who share this purely beautiful, articulate skill? When will this campus be exposed to such artists as Minnie Riperton, Bonnie Rait, Nicolette Larson, Joan Armatrading, Janis Ian, Wendy Waldman, Chris Williamson, Joni Mitchell, Bebe Midler, Phoebe Snow, Melanie, Carole King, Karla Bonoff, Carly Simon, Stevie Nicks, Melissa Manchester and Ricky Lee Jones — to name a commercial few.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Muska

P.S. Or would having to interview Linda Ronstadt be too much for our preppe WWSP radio production manager and station manager to handle? They sometimes make you reevaluate the definition of finesse.

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The Arts & Crafts Center
(lower level University Center)
Abrahamson discusses court ethics

By Bill Krier
Justice Shirley Abrahamson, the first woman to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, spoke at a Thursday forum on the Wisconsin court system.

Her speech, entitled "Ethics on the Bench," dealt with a hypothetical example of what happens during a case as it moves through the three courts in Wisconsin.

Abrahamson got her audience into the act by dividing the crowd into three courts: circuit, appellate, and state supreme.

The audience which had gathered in room 125 of the Collins Classroom Center was then sworn in as judges.

Abrahamson gave her fellow judges a good laugh when she announced their first case — a landlord legally enters a tenant's apartment and finds "two glasses on a living room coffee table, each glass filled with lukewarm water and a goldfish."

The landlord decides to sue the tenant, who refuses to give up the fish, which the landlord claims are in violation of a statute barring pets from multiple family housing units.

Abrahamson then asked the left one-third of the audience — the circuit court — to make a decision. The raising of reluctant hands resulted in a split-decision.

"What can the loser do," asked Abrahamson. "Well, he can become the appellant, or sore loser."

Abrahamson also asked the audience whether the defendant in a court case requires a lawyer.

"No," was one reply.

The Justice agreed, adding however, that while "you don't need a lawyer constitutionally, you do need a lawyer like you need a doctor, plumber, etc."

Moving the case on to the court of appeals, the vast majority of the audience were in favor of allowing the tenant to keep the fish.

Abrahamson described the appellate court as being composed of three judges who do not listen to any further outside testimony, basing their decision on evidence already presented and any further argumentation.

In a side note, Abrahamson said the appellate and the supreme courts have just recently caught up with a two-year backlog of cases.

Before moving this case on to the supreme court, Abrahamson examined the process a judge may go through in deciding this hypothetical case. The judge must first find an appropriate definition of "pet," according to dictionaries and state statutes.

Next, does a small fish fit the definition? And finally, the judge must have an insight into why the legislature passed the law concerned here.

The last step mentioned sparked questioning by the audience concerning legislation's intent, and interpretation by the judge.

Abrahamson replied by stressing that a judge interpreting laws, and does not make new ones.

She also explained the judge's duty not to be swayed by personal traits when deciding a case. But a judge must also be able to drop a case when he or she is too personally involved with it.

Abrahamson doubted if such an issue could ever get to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. "Are goldfish an issue of state significance?"

Perhaps, but not likely.

Finally, seeing that any case going to the U.S. Supreme Court would have to involve U.S. constitutional issues, it would seem that the landlord had come to his final defeat. "But has he really lost?" asked Abrahamson.

"Not really," she said. "He can go to the legislature and ask them to change the law."

The speech was sponsored by the Public Administration Student Organization and Student Legal Society.

UWSP Students to visit Taiwan

By Jeanne Pehoski
Sixteen people, accompanied by Prof. Myrvind Christopherson, will leave for a semester in Taiwan on January 1. The group will stay in London for three days and then visit Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong before arriving at Taipei, Taiwan.

The students will study at the University of Soochow, which has about 9,000 students. The courses, which will be taught in English, include Chinese Brush painting, Art History, Language, Literature and Civilization.

The group is also looking forward to a different diet. The Taiwan diet consists of rice and vegetables as the mainstays. Meat is used primarily as an accent for the other dishes.

The group will leave Taipei on April 23. They will visit Borneo and return to Chicago via London and Amsterdam on April 28.

"Teacher burnout" opens job market

By Tom Woodside
"Teacher burnout" is a phrase describing a syndrome developing among many teachers in the United States, which emotional pressures and strains are prompting instructors to quit their profession, according to Leroy Heiser, administrator of operations and personnel for Stevens Point Public Schools.

Heiser said that "burnout" among teachers has increased because of greater...
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“Burnout” cont’d

pressure from parents, lack
of respect from students and
inadequate salaries.

According to Heiser, some
teachers in the Stevens Point
area have experienced
“burnout” or are
experiencing it now. Heiser
said that one teacher was so
emotionally sapped, he quit
teaching and went into
another profession.

Heiser said the “burnout
syndrome” usually affects
people with weak emotional
personalities rather than a
stronger person who can
adapt to the pressures.

It was pointed out by
Heiser that teachers who
become affected by
“burnout” often take a
vacation or go into other
areas of education. He said
special education teachers
seem plagued by “burnout
more than teachers in other
areas of instruction.

On a national basis,
teacher “burnout” has
created more openings in the
teaching field. Ten years ago
the teaching field was tight,
but Heiser said that’s
changing due to “burnout”
and the lack of interest in
teaching.

William H. McGuire,
president of the National
Education Association, said
that a recent teacher poll
revealed that one-third of
those teaching now wouldn’t
go into teaching if they could
go back to college and start
again.

SGA supports
Nestle boycott

By Jeanne Pehoski

A resolution was passed
which supports the Nestle
boycott at Sunday night’s
Student Government
meeting. A copy of the
resolution will be sent to
SGA Foods, Canteen
Services and the University
Store to encourage them
not to use Nestle products.

A letter will be written to the
Nestle Corporation informing
it of the SGA’s action.

The Senate also approved
two resolutions which deal
with senators’ absences at
meetings. If a senator misses
one-third of the regularly
scheduled meetings without
good cause, he will be
expelled from the Senate.

Upon missing one-third of the
regularly scheduled
meetings, the executive
director will write the
senator a letter reminding
him that he will be expelled
from the Senate if he misses
another meeting.

A resolution that would
have required each senator to
present two resolutions per
semester was defeated.

The next SGA meeting will
be held on January 27 at 7
p.m. in the Wright Lounge of
the University Center.

Wisconsin’s yule tree
shipped to White House

A giant 59-foot Christmas
tree grown in the heart of
Wisconsin forest lands was
recently shipped from
Wisconsin to Washington
D.C. for the annual White
House tree lighting
ceremony on Dec. 13.

Senator Clifford Krueger
(Al-Merri) said northern
Wisconsin residents should
be proud to know that the
center of attention for the
annual White House tree
ceremonies will be a tree that
was grown in Forest County,
near Laona, Wisconsin.

Senator Krueger recently
inspected the tree with
Governor Lee Sherman
Dreyfus, State Senator Dan
Theno (R-Ashland) and
Douglas Jackson, landscape
architect for the Nicolet
National Forest.

The tree was planted in
1936, and its branches span 33
feet.
A aviation ground school will be conducted next semester here at UWSP.

The Office of Extended Services has contracted Larry Zurawski, chief flight instructor for Sentry Aviation Services, to teach the classes next semester. The classes will be held weekly on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. between Jan. 9 and May 7, in Room 104 of the Collins Classroom Center. Zurawski said the course is designed to prepare prospective students for the Federal Aviation Administration’s private pilot written examination, which is a prerequisite for a private pilot’s license.

The course will cover topics such as plane controls and instruments, aerodynamics, how to determine aircraft performance, how aviation weather is used in cross-country planning, flight computers, navigation plotter and navigation charts.

Registrations will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Extended Services Office, Room 313 Dallas Hall. Fees for the course will be payable Jan. 22.

In an attempt to aid in the development and promotion of American Ethnic Studies programs and curricula, the UW System American Ethnic Studies Coordinating Committee is making grants of up to $1,000 available to faculty, students and student organizations interested in pursuing a project that would add to the quality of American Ethnic Studies.

Proposals for projects must be sent to the Committee by Feb. 1, 1988. Students interested in the project should include the name of the representative for the AESC on their campus.

The AESC representative at UWSP is Dr. David Wone, history professor. Interested students should contact Dr. Wone at his office, Room 423, College of Professional Studies building, 346-2294.

Wisconsin.

Babitch, the Senate Majority Leader, proposes that every 55 mile per hour speeding violation be subject to an additional charge of $5, which would be paid to a special “Wisconsin Energy Conservation Fund,” to help pay the costs of energy conservation programs.

“If the speeders continue to insist on wasting our limited energy supplies,” said Babitch, “then they ought to begin paying the costs of conserving energy.”

Babitch said he expects that $6 to $7 million would be collected annually in the speed crackdown. He asked the Senate Select Committee on Energy to consider his proposal for inclusion in the Special Session on Energy that will be called by the Legislature in January.

As of last spring, 27 of the states in the U.S. had mandatory hunter safety training laws. Midwestern states such as Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio are among the states which have imposed restrictions on hunters, requiring safety courses and restrictions on age before making licenses available to the hunters.

Interestingly enough, Wisconsin is not among those 27 states which require some type of hunter safety training. Only one state in the far west, Idaho, does not make hunter safety training mandatory.

Most of the states that do require hunter safety training also require that hunters carry some type of certification that shows proof of the training.

UWSP has introduced a modular format into its curricula for next semester, making it possible for students to enroll for credit in either one, two or three phases of select, semester-long courses.

Starting Jan. 21, the new system will be available in courses such as Medieval History, Radical and Utopian Politics, and Introduction to American Politics. A student may sign up for one, two or three credits worth of time during the semester. This modular scheduling is being done on an experimental basis in most instances.

Registrar David Eckholm said non-traditional students probably will like the group most interested in the modular system.
Unwanted pregnancy... The best surprise is no surprise

By John Stain

A sign in the waiting room at the Health Center reads: "A negative pregnancy test this month means you have been given another chance to stop taking chances next month." It's here that many worried and disheartened young women sit each semester, contemplating the future as they wait to have a pregnancy test done.

Pregnancy for a young unwed woman in college raises a number of painful and sometimes unanswerable questions. She must decide whether to stay in school or drop out, how to explain the pregnancy to her parents, and what to do with her child.

The choice is never an easy one. Few women want to suffer the trauma of giving their baby up for adoption. As one woman put it, "If I carried a baby around for nine months, I don't think I'd be able to part with it."

So far this semester, there have been 37 unplanned pregnancies on campus. While UWSP Health Service personnel generally agree that this number is too high, they have reason to be optimistic. The pregnancy rate has shown a yearly decline since 1975. During the 1977-78 school year, there were 105 pregnancies. Last year there were 80, and this year's total is expected to be well below that. The number of second semester pregnancies will probably come nowhere close to exceeding first semester pregnancies, according to Dr. Hetler of the Health Center. He attributes this to the annual drop in spring semester enrollment.

Nationally, the number of unwanted pregnancies is increasing, along with an increase in knowledge of contraception. The decrease in pregnancies at UWSP can be attributed, at least in part, to a better awareness of human sexuality and methods of contraception. The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) has been combating unwanted pregnancies for several years, and has had success in promoting sexual awareness.

The Health Center pharmacy offers low-cost prescription and non-prescription contraceptives, including condoms, "the pill," diaphragms, and contraceptive foam. Condoms are 10 cents each, a month's supply of pills is $1, diaphragms are $2 (plus 90 cents for spermicidal jelly), and foam is $1.15 a bottle, including applicator.

Why then, with contraceptives so readily available, is there still an abundance of unwanted pregnancies? Dr. Hetler sees the inability of sexual partners to communicate candidly about contraceptives as part of the problem. This he attributes to parental conditioning. "Most students," he says, "never had parents who openly discussed sex or contraceptives."

Although most sexually active students have the physical and mechanical know-how necessary to practice contraception, few realize that there's a lot more to it than mere mechanics. Research has shown that many students lack the all-important behavioral skills needed for effective contraception. This involves adapting to social norms and expectations associated with sexuality. Dr. Hetler agrees, generalizing that "people just learning about sexuality are the most likely to get pregnant." Hetler believes that the incidence of pregnancy at UWSP is highest among younger, more sexually inexperienced women.

Another problem linked to pregnancy is the impairment of rational judgment by alcohol. Dr. Hetler estimates that at least half the pregnancies on campus are alcohol-related. "People don't have a caring relationship, only a sexual one," he said. He added that this was all the more reason for women to become more contraceptive-conscious.

Alcohol-accompanied sexual activity is often associated with women getting "picked up" in bars. In this situation, circumstances and surroundings do not always lend themselves to taking pregnancy precautions, even if the woman is normally well-equipped to do so. One woman interviewed for instance, often had intercourse without any form of contraception. The woman owned a diaphragm, but she never carried it unless she was expecting to have sex. "When the situation came along," she said, "I wasn't about to run home and get my diaphragm."

All too often, contraception is unthinkingly brushed aside for the sake of convenience and sexual spontaneity. For this reason, many women have turned to oral contraceptives (the pill). Constant protection is provided, regardless of the situation or altered state of mind the woman may be in. Research has shown the pill to be 99 percent effective.

Unfortunately, oral contraceptives can result in unpleasant side effects. A woman who has been to the Health Center on three separate occasions for a pregnancy test stated that she refuses to go on the pill because of its possible side effects.

Although there are side effects common to the pill, including weight gain, irregular menstrual flow, and spotty darkening of the skin, it has become the most popular method of contraception. Most women would rather bear the discomfort than risk an unwanted pregnancy.

For the young college woman, unwanted pregnancy can be a dreadful experience. The Health Center and Counseling Center can reduce the trauma and help plan the best possible courses of action for the future. But in the end, the decisions lie with the young woman, unwed and mother-to-be, who, in all probability, never thought it would happen to her.

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a board with holes
too small

the others collapse
like butterflies
breaking from cocoons
but i bend
bones scrape
joints scratch

i'll never

patty plowman

AS LOVERS DO

A candle burns
in the corner.
Wax gently drips
into a china bowl.
Yellow light upon the wall
possesses the room.
The way you possess me.

Cheryl Counard

NOVEMBER MORNING FROM MY WINDOW

dull
drab
dead geranium's
bare, bending branches, stretching skyward
pieces of paper and dead leaves blow by
this November morning

people bundled up in coats
small bits of green grass reticulate amongst
the dead, brown grass
fallen leaves piled against walls where they
have blown to a dead-end for the year
exhaust tailing behind alone jogger
this November morning

the frigid looking cement walkways, barren
streets seem deserted
the sky, a silver-numb color
store lights glow in the day
a feather floats effortlessly through the
frosty, thin air
a lightpole shivers in the breeze
this November morning

Mike Bagley

DUST TO DUST

She waits by the river...

no one sees her.
Trees gnarl and twist around her ankles,
then push down into the soil.

Moss fills her nostrils and mouth, and

Early winter leaves drift down to cover her body,
softening the already smooth skin.

A doe lowers her muzzle to the fading flesh,
and nibles on a grass-shoot there.

Squirrels bury nuts near neck and thigh,
and soon the forest floor absorbs

its child.

Paula Nemes

SPIDER'S WEB

The frailest thread glints
in brilliant empty air
catching sun needles
sewing dry leaves
to broken twigs

and embroidering

impotent fingers

around awakening buds

Cathy A. Whitman

TWO VIEWS FROM MY THIRD FLOOR WINDOW

Fog steams morning windows,
beads of sweat roll down.

Musty smell fills the room.
The world is invisible
from this prison with velvet curtains.

In the afternoon
sky and window clear.

Friends small as ants
scamper on the walkway.
The prison door opens.

Cheryl Counard

SPELUNKING

Standing on the edge of her ear,
I look into the dark opening,
and lay down my rope,
and blow out my light.

Removing my clothing,
I grasp a hair
and swing in

Philip Venzke

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Dear Customer,
This is to inform
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1 (one) lover, partner and friend
has bounced
due to a former debit.
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commitment
to cover both payments.
We do hope, however,
that you will continue to
fall in love
but save yourself disappointment
by checking your involvement balance
more thoroughly.

Holiday Wishes
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Paula Nemes

OLD INDIAN WAR STORY

This being
away from

A constant gouging
From the inside out.

The pointed ends
Of parted minutes
Have made me feel
Like an old dugout
full

Of dead warrior.

David Swartz
Hi kids, welcome to Uncle Bob's Christmas Fun Page. That's right, a whole gosh darn page of holiday fun—it's Uncle Bob's Christmas present to you. (Ha— I bet you thought you were getting a bike, didn't you?) Don't wait until Christmas to get started—there's plenty of puzzles and games and things to do, plus lots of handy holiday tips for Mom and Dad. Merry Christmas, and don't forget to send Uncle Bob a Christmas card at the Home.

Picture-Clue Christmas Crossword Puzzle

1. [Blank]
2. [Blank]
3. [Blank]
4. [Blank]
5. [Blank]
6. [Blank]
7. [Blank]
8. [Blank]

Connect the dots to find out what Santa's Reindeer do while he's stuffing stockings.

ON RUDOLPH, ON DANCER...

NO SANTA

Look, Mom and Dad, sooner or later somebody's going to have to tell wee Julie or little Stu that there is no Santa Claus. Don’t look at Uncle Bob, he's not going to tell them. This is your own fault—if you'd made that trip to the drugstore seven years ago, you wouldn't be in this awful predicament.

Losing Santa Claus can be a traumatic experience for young children, especially those between the ages of five and 18. It's best to break it to them gently. Put a slug of Scotch in their Ovaltine, then sit them down and say something soothing, like, "Scotty, there is no Santa Claus, and if you don't stop crying, you can sleep outside and the wolves will eat you, you goddam sniveling brat!"

And remember, you're asking your child to leave babyhood behind and start acting like a grownup—so treat him like one. Get him something grownup for Christmas, like a subscription to Juicy Jugs or a .44 magnum.

Christmas Customs

ATLANTIS

Christmas in Atlantis is much different from Christmas as we know it, mostly because there's no snow, everything is underwater, and the people have all been dead for ages. Despite these drawbacks, Christmas is a happy time of year in the sopping wet kingdom. Brown and green seaweeds undulate in the sunken streets, softly glowing fish drift in and out of the mausoleum-like houses, and the slow, eerie music of the sea fills the, uh, air.

Santa visits Atlantis every year, in his custom-fit deep-sea diving suit, to see if there's any gold other loot worth.

TRANSYLVANIA

In Transylvania, Nick delivers presents in daytime. Transylvanians hang their little fireplace, will be positive in hopes that he will find a few of his own. In return, Santa a big bag of orange juice and gauze bandages.

IRAN

Children in Iran are like to surprise by taking him
Hey boys and girls, let's have lots of swell fun making our very own Christmas Star Tree Ornament for the tree!

First make sure Mom and Dad and your snoopy Big Sister aren't around, on account of we want this to be a surprise.

Then get Mom's good scissors out of that drawer where she hides them to keep you from ruining them, and cut out the Christmas Star Ornament pattern.

Next, cut out slots B, C, D, E, F, and G, then fold smoothly along lines A, B, and C.

Now tuck tab A into slot B, bringing line A flush with line G. Tuck tab B into slot C, tab C into slot D, tab D into slot E, tab E into slot F, and tab F into slot G, bringing lines H, I, J, K, and L flush with lines B, C, D, E, and F. Dump over all the ashtrays in the house.

Connect tab A with tab F and tear all the pages out of Big Sister's movie magazines. Pull a piece of string through slots C, D, and E, and tie it into a loop, being very careful to flush Dad's electric razor down the toilet. Now take all the food out of the icebox and spread it over the kitchen floor.

Hang your almost-finished ornament on the top of the tree and get some airplane glue and silver glitter. The glue is in that kitchen drawer with the old razor blades and rubber bands, and the glitter is under Mom's bed, in a paper bag with lots of other Christmas crap in it.

Spread the whole tube of glue along lines A, C, E, G, I, and anywhere else you think it needs it, then sprinkle glitter on the — oh no! You've glued your fingers together, you dumb cracker! Look out, don't touch the — Holy Christ, now you're stuck to the tree! Oops, there goes the damn glitter too!

Hey, who pumped out the ashtrays? And look, Big Sister's magazines are all ripped up — boy is she going to be upset! And this food on the kitchen floor is just about ruined, and, say — where's Dad's electric razor? Well, it's time for Uncle Bob to be moseying along now. Just wait until your Mom and Dad see this mess! Boy, are you in trouble! I sure wouldn't want to be in your shoes.

**Christmas Carols for kids from tough neighborhoods**

**SILENCER NIGHT**

Silencer Night,
Silencer Night,
Lock the door,
Kill the light!

Oops, too late, the hit man is here,
Scream real loud and hope someone's near,
Sleep with the fishes tonight,
Sleep with the fishes tonight.

Silencer Night,
Silencer Night,
Now you're shot,
What a sight!

Lay there bleeding, gasp and moan,
Never cross guys named Don Corleone,
Sleep with the fishes tonight,
Sleep with the fishes tonight.

**RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED SLEUM LORD**

Rudolph the red-nosed slumlord,
Has a bone to pick with you;
He's gonna throw you out 'cuz Your rent is several days past due.

You've been a troublemaker,
Always wanting things fixed fast;
Now see how you like sleeping,
Out there on the broken glass.
MY DAUGHTER

A seahorse she rode
sidesaddle
on threatening sea.

A sudden squall
swept
her onto shore.

Curled
in a conch
she
brushed her hair.

The storm hit again.
Blown to sea, she
swam, reached calm.

Scoured wet sand
found some shell

Bent down
picked
a piece
of driftwood,
built a stall.

Curried its scales,
braided its mane
looped seaweed reins,
mounted
and rode again.

My daughter.

ALAS

“after e.e. cummings”

Alas
Autumn when the shadows are full-
filled the stretching
chalk-streaked clouds
herald soft yet sure
and Uncle...and...Auntie come
hobbling from hunting and
knitting and it’s
autumn

when the world is deathly-fire
the ominous
obtruding clouds herald
soft yet sure
and Gramps...and...Granny come limping
from rockers and umbrellas and

it’s
autumn
and
the
harbinger
clouds herald
soft
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STUDENT POETRY CONT’D

NIGHTMARE No. 1

i am scared
beneath the leaveless sumac
in the hollow
of a snowbank
i cower
the blue sky drew purple lines
shattering window panes
of my mother’s house
hiding in the ditch
i shudder
head tucked in knees
the whole ground shakes
leaves hum
& trunks tremble
i yell to save them
but
it is all dark
except a hazy candlelight
beckons me to
paper
my eyes open

patty plowman

Marion Ruelle

Marion Ruelle

THE CRESTED BIRD

Umber branches
sculpt by rain,
divine a beauty
there again;
hidden behind
yellow leaf folds,
where they cling yet
to swamp maple flame
each lantern wick
makes ten thousand whispers
to the empty flycatcher’s nest.

Below by the sandstone wall,
the orange zinnia blooms,
while the lily sleeps;
the shadow bell
lost
in strawberry leaf.

Virginia Perzynski

IMAGE OF NEW YORK

From the tower
the eastern jewels
sparkle
spread upon
the heavy dusk.

Loops of misted
light
garland rivers.
Fireflies
hesitant ferry
dark harbors.

Blurred circles
outline
rhinestone avenues.

Closeby shadowed
dominoes
with candled dots
are
nearer yet
to pewter peaks.

i
would wrap
it
in velvet
and
childlike
bear it home.

Janet Happel

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An overview of the continuing controversy—

Portage County's aerial issue

By William George Paul

Evidence from the county's aerial pesticide problem seems to suggest that widespread use of pesticides is no longer a safe, ecological farming control method.

In her famous ecological work, Silent Spring, Rachel Carson states, "In the less than two decades of their use, the synthetic pesticides have been so thoroughly distributed throughout the animal and inanimate world that they occur virtually everywhere. They have been recovered from most of the major river systems and even from streams of groundwater flowing unseen through the earth. Residues of these chemicals linger in the soil to which they have been applied a dozen years before. They have entered and lodged in the bodies of fish, birds, reptiles, and domestic and wild animals so universally that scientists carrying on animal experiments find it almost impossible to isolate rats free from such contamination. They have been found in fish in remote mountain lakes, in earthworms burrowing in soil, in the eggs of birds—and in man himself."

The issue in Portage County pertains to the spraying of pesticides from airplanes, and has involved many hard-working people trying to solve its many ramifications.

Local people are primarily divided into three groups: the agribusiness interests (growers, canners, and the pesticide sprayers), the environmentalists (the Central Wisconsin Citizens' Pesticide Control Committee, or CWCPCC), and the county government.

To help understand all the ramifications concerning aerial spraying, a discussion of pesticide ecology is useful. Certainly, when considering the total biosphere, the toxins have much more impact than most people realize.

After the pesticide has been applied to the land from the air, the impact on the ecosystem is immediately divided into two pathways. The first one involves the direct death of the pest, the subsequent binding of the leftover toxic to other plants and animals and the unavoidable flow of the pesticide residue into the soil. The other pathway, and the one which is critical to the local issue, involves the drifting of the pesticide spray. This drift can settle on surrounding lands, buildings,

The science is quite simple: the wind blows a certain percentage of the spray off the original target. That's when plant and animal health is threatened, plus impact on the human ecology. This is what the CWCPCC is addressing these days.

A good example of what can happen when the person applying the pesticide misinterprets prevailing wind conditions occurred on August 29, 1979. A pesticide pilot working for Reabe Spraying Service, Inc. (which has recently been found guilty in the Dithane M-45 over-shot his intended target and showered it on the nearby soil, confusing the vehicle. The vehicle was carrying ten children plus the driver. Subsequent lab testing showed traces of the fungicide Dithane M-45 in the systems of two of the children. The driver at least had many recorded cases of pesticide overspray on file at the sheriff's office, and during the last two years, more complaints have been filed there than ever before.

This is the problem that various county groups are facing today. One group, the CWCPCC, has been formed to voice the concerns of the environmentalists on the drift issue. The group's spokesperson is Mary Ann Krueger, a long-time political activist in this area. She summed up her group's concern by saying: "We're not an anti-pesticides group, although some members are calling for stricter measures than the present view of the committee. Our desire is for the county to ban all aerial spraying of pesticides within a quarter mile of all schools, homes, and businesses. The drifting of the toxins is what concerns us at this time. We are in complete disagreement with local authorities over the severity of the problem, and also feel that the level of law enforcement concerned to local pesticide use is inadequate."

Folks from the agribusiness community, representing the local potato and other crop growers, the canning industry, and many related business interests constituting the business lobby, are methods of equal vigor to have their interests considered. The growers feel that since pesticides work, change is an unnecessary risk. Farmers can see a direct benefit from using toxic sprays to control pests. Natural pesticides such as insecticide are an intangible and costly commodity. Also, many farmers are contract-bound with the local canning industry to use a certain amount of pesticides on their crops each year.

A third body of people incorporates all the various environmental groups and was recently established by the county government to study cont'd pg. 14

Petzoldt advocates wilderness use ethic

By Lynda Zukaitis

Mr. Paul Petzoldt, a well-known participant in mountaineering and experimental education, visited the UWSP campus December 5, 1979. At his presentation on wilderness ethics, Petzoldt, who has over 50 years of wilderness experience behind him, said, "Education is the missing link in the whole conservation program. In order to educate people in wilderness use, he founded the National Outdoor Leadership School in 1965. This school is designed to teach people how to use the wilderness and how to become responsible group leaders in the outdoors. The key to the program is teaching the wilderness without harming it. Due to the pressure of commercialization, many wilderness areas are being damaged and some are being revealed to be totally useless by those looking for a pure wilderness experience.

A third body of people incorporates all the various environmental groups and was recently established by the county government to study cont'd pg. 14

Becker leaves UWSP after 22 years

By Donn Sponholz

These students will miss Dr. Becker for Ichthyology, Embryology or Life Histories of Fishes will only hear stories about how it used to be. Becker is retiring after 22 years at the University of Wisconsin. He is moving to coastal Roodstrop, Texas where he will winter in future years. Becker was originally attracted to the university in 1957 by a biology opening. Since then, he has taught about a dozen classes ranging from Plant Taxonomy and Comparative Anatomy to Ornithology, Embryology and Fisheries. His most enjoyed, he said, was Embryology because there he could deliver his most radical method of evolution, cont'd pg. 14
Becker bids us farewell, cont’d

Dr. Becker’s pre-doctorate degrees were in foreign languages. He first taught high school language courses in 1948, although his avocational interest was always mammals. It was a later course with Dr. Hasler at Madison that inspired him into his work with fish.

Teaching has been only one concern. He has published a few papers. He also began collecting specimens in 1958 for UWSP’s museum. He has also been involved in environmental confrontation.

Concerning the poisoning of the Waupaca-Tomorrow rivers to rid them of symptoms of a carp problem. Eight years later, only 8-12 species have returned from the original 20, the carp among them.

Another concern was a campaign to clean up the Wisconsin River. His plan had merit. Instead of releasing wastes into the river, Becker wanted to send them to a central sewage cleanup plant using the most sophisticated treatment technology. This would render the water so clean it could be piped right back to industries, and the recreational advantages of such a project would back it. Despite a speaking campaign up and down the river, and use of engineers to design models, it was later called “Becker’s Pipe Dream.”

So he turned to writing a book on Wisconsin fishes. After three years of steady writing, over 2000 pages of manuscript and seven packed file drawers of accumulated information, his work is currently at the UW Press in final editing. The book contains behavioral habits, range and characteristics for 157 species, along with Wisconsin waters—past, present and future. One thousand nine-hundred collections from 750 students were used in determining distribution.

Dr. Becker will be missed by many students. As for students in his life, they will also be missed. But new goals will fill the gap quickly. He plans to write a few more books on fish and sex, and hopes to illustrate H.D. Hoese’s Fishes of the Gulf States. Becker says you can’t have a key without pictures, and I say you can’t ever have a teacher like George Becker.

Part of the reason for lack of such action is financial. The costs surrounding natural pest control implementation are higher than using pesticides. The faster and much cheaper program had been to spray.

Concerning natural insect pest control, the following lines were taken from a book by Paul Debach, entitled Biological Control by Natural Enemies (Cambridge Press, 1974):

“Based on the many detailed studies of natural enemies of major insect pests in their native homes, it would seem that most plant-feeding insects have more than one and generally several to many natural enemies... Considering everything, I would estimate that there are probably as many insects that are entomophagous (insect feeding) as there are prey or host insect species, i.e. about one million natural enemy species.” (p. 24-5)

“The critical aspect in biological weed control is the choice... of weed-feeders which are so highly adapted to the weed species that they are unable to develop on any other plants — at least any economic ones... Thus insects in such diverse groups as the moths... scale insects... sucking bugs as well as others have been more or less successfully used in biological control of weeds; some outstandingly so...” (p. 46)

“It was Wisconsin, damage to alfalfa by the potato leaf-hopper could be reduced in past years by making the second cutting at the late-bud or very early-bloom stage. The alfalfa weevil may be controlled by early cutting of the first and second crops.” (p. 258)

What does the future of pesticide use in Portage County hold? Certainly one possibility is a weed control plan which would incorporate both natural pests and pesticides. In a recent appeal to the Common Council, the CWPCPC presented signed petitions by local residents calling for a county-wide vote on the drift issue, and its desired ban. Future issues to be considered are whether the city people should make the laws for the country people who are in the definite minority and whether this whole matter should be sent to Madison for a statewide solution. In the end, we must safeguard the fertile land which feeds us all. If the land is compromised, the life which dominates it is in peril.

County pesticide overview cont’d

Dr. George Becker

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In
The Caine Mutiny

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WWSP’s Top Album Contest
Of The 70’s Is Over.

This Saturday (Dec. 15th) at High Noon, 90 FM will count down the Top 80 Albums that you have selected. Also during this time the winners of the albums will be announced. So tune in 90 FM this Saturday and enjoy the albums you picked as the best in the 70’s!
By Tom Tryon

Playing high-intensity basketball for 40 points in a row is not an easy task. The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team faced two of the most talented units in the WSUC this past weekend. Coach Dick Bennett predicted that his squad would have to play two nights of quality basketball just to obtain a split with UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout. Bennett also hoped that his team would not suffer from overexertion after the Eau Claire contest, causing poor play against Stout.

What Bennett had feared almost came true. The Pointers took on the nation's third ranked NAIA team, Eau Claire, on Friday, and gave the Bluegold's a dogfight throughout most of the game, despite losing 71-56.

It fact, "WSP had a one point lead with 42 seconds remaining in the first half and the ball in its possession. The Pointers attempted to stall and wait for the last shot but Eau Claire's Tony Carr picked off an errant pass, dribbled downcourt and made a basket and a foul in a slam dunk, giving UWEC a one point lead.

The Pointers fared well in the first half, behind the shooting of Bill Zuiker and John Miron. Zuiker finished the half with 14 points while Miron had eight. The Pointer defense kept 6'8" Himm in check, limiting the giant of the WSUC to six points and three rebounds. The Pointers had a versatile and unstoppable Tony Carr that was doing the damage. Carr scored 23 points as UWSP only scored 32 percent from the floor and were unable to break Stout's zone defense.

The Pointers shot a meager 37.5 percent from the floor, a key statistic according to Bennett. "Our shooting percentage was not good, if a few more shots would have fallen for us the game would have been a lot closer."

Saturday night's game was a contest that the Pointers were physically and mentally tired. Carr dropped a game high 32 points, behind the shooting of Duane Weisenberg and Miron, and the Pointers' next 15 points came from free throws. Bennett stated, "We had two enormous setbacks this week, one, with a couple of second free throws, and the other in the second half, called a time-out. We held together and played the game when it was trailing by 15-5. The Pointers fell into the losers' bracket by losing to North Georgia 15-9, 15-5.

"We were realistically satisfied with the weekend. We held together and played strong when we had to against Stout," said Bennett. "This was a very important win for us."

The UWSP men's swim team finished second in the Wisconsin State University Conference Relays held at UW-La Crosse Saturday. The UWSP men's team scored 862 points while Wisconsin State University (WSUC) won the meet with 1,045 points. The Pointers fell into the losers' bracket by losing to North Georgia 15-9, 15-5.

"We didn't think we played that well the first day but the girls settled down and played better, more consistent volleyball the second day," said Schoen. Schoen said that the top four teams were from California and the competition was fierce. "The multiple offenses and extremely tough defenses were just too much, but by the end of the tournament people were saying that Wisconsin is starting to blossom in volleyball and putting some good programs together."

Schoen concluded by saying, "We had a tremendous season. I'm very happy with the way the tournament went and with the entire season."
Inspired by the spirited effort of Lynaes, the Pointers crushed Northwestern University 38-6 in their second match of the day. Dan Schmidt's decision of 190-pound Dennis Giaino, leave Munson with only two regular backups from last season, forcing him to operate with backup people.

1. "We were very sloppy against Northern, and a real good team would have beaten us," said Munson. "But it was a good win for us.

By Rick Herzog & Kurt Denissen

With the NFL season coming to a close, the Prophets have one last chance to boost their 122-88 tally. During the tailgaling festivities last week at Lambeau Field, the Prophets broke the back of the Bears and they posted a 7-7 record.

This was followed by four consecutive personal reasons. Another win came at 150 was Dan Jensen's decision of Butch Rumpel with a still good team. "Dennis Peacock and Kevin Henke."

The Pointer lead to 18-16 and Northwestern Winners for UWSP were very sloppy against festivities last week against Prophets and Lee Sherman. Lee Shermun Dreyfus. The Pointers didn't have to go through red tape to have the governor forecast in week sixteen.

NEW ENGLAND (8-7) AT OAKLAND (9-6)
New England is() against top players in the NFC Central. Governor Dreyfus thinks the Cards will pull a surprise or two as the Prophets will go up against the Snake and a possible wild-card berth.

PHILADELPHIA (10-5) AT HOUSTON (11-4)
Mr. Red Vest says, "The Eagles came on a tough loss last week against Dallas, their morale is too low to beat the Oilers."

They were beatable at home. The Prophets go along with that statement and predict Miami by 9.

GREEN BAY (4-11) AT DETROIT (2-13) Jim Irney will be practicing his long-range field goals all week so he can be effective against the Lions. Dreyfus and the Prophets will go up against the Wisconsin boys by a touchdown. Good luck Patrons.

BOSTON (4-11) AT NEW ORLEANS (7-8)

The Prophets will go along with the cards and Dreyfus. The Prophets will be going to the mobile van to the Astrodome to watch the Houston victory by 7. The taxpayers didn't like that idea.

S EATTLE (8-7) AT OAKLAND (9-6)
The governor likes Oakland as a past for a football game. The Prophets will go with the Snake and a possible wild-card berth.

WASHINGTON (10-5) AT DALLAS (10-5) "The Cowboys are back on track," proclaimed the ex-Chancellor. The Prophets go with Dallas by a touchdown. Jack Pardee has a great chance to be Coach of the Year — secret tip.

DENVER (18-5) AT SAN DIEGO (10-7) Denver has more talent for all the marbles in the AFC West on Monday night. The Prophets have faith in QB Dan Fouts to lead the Chargers to the L.A. title. San Diego by a single point.

The Prophets will have a recap of NFL's playoffs in the first issue of The Pointer next semester.

For more Pointer sports see pg. 18.
Blues in the bottle: Student alcoholics on the way back

By Jim Eagon

"I didn't think I really had a problem," said a student who said alcohol was different from anybody else. Alcoholism is a deceptive disease. Its victims often deny its existence through excuses, lies and rationalization. But on the other hand, alcoholism could not exist without the alcoholics who are or will be alcoholics. For the five students who faced their alcoholism in the sought help from the University Counseling and Law Enforcement Center, alcohol was ruining their scholastic careers as well as their lives. The students, three women and two men, have been a part of a Counseling Center group for student alcoholics since October. The group talks about many things — today's problems, relationships and classes. But the reason they came together was because they are recovering alcoholics.

Nancy, a 21-year-old, made the above statement reflecting her denial of the problem. But as alcohol progressively took control of her life away from her, Nancy started to realize what was happening to her and to her studies.

"Even if you went to a class, you were there physically, but you couldn't be there mentally. But what good was that?"

It was getting so bad that Nancy scheduled her classes around her drinking; no early morning or Friday classes. She missed many of her classes and would lie to her instructors about it. "I hated it, I hated having to lie to them. Some teachers hated me because I gave them a hard time. But I couldn't take a test on Friday because then I couldn't go out Thursday night."

For some other students in the group, alcoholism meant that they had to drop out of school before going to UWSP. Mary, an attractive 27-year-old, had attended two other UW campuses before enrolling at UWSP. Her first attempt at college ended because, as she said, "All I was interested in was finding out who I was and having a good time and where they were doing it. I either had a hangover or I was drinking or sleeping, or I was thinking about drinking. That's all that ever went on. I had no time for classes or studying. At that time I was playing with it."

Dianne, 38, didn't suffer from hangovers so she thought she couldn't be "a drunk. However, as her drinking continued, she pushed herself more and more into alcohol, his deceptive disease. Its victims physically, but you couldn't... "I was involved in a rather close personal relationship with a man who was the Pointers' great ball..."

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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS — The kind of trinks these guys do with balls should be taken to court. They'll put on a fine exhibition at 7:30 p.m. in Quandt Gym. Admission is $4 and $5 for students, and $5 and $6 for non-students. Saturday through Monday.

FINAL EXAM — The exciting climax to a semester filled with great educational opportunities, new learning experiences and exciting events is just a bunch of tests. Good luck from The Pointer. Monday, December 16

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — Point vs. UW-Oshkosh in the opening game of the Midwest Conference Tournament. The game starts at 1:30 p.m. in Quandt Gym. If you haven't seen the Pointer's great ball-handling abilities, Saturday, December 22

SEMINAR ENDS — COMMENCEMENT — Now this is really a climax for all those graduates. After many years of study, they all have one shared experience — writing a resume. Wish the graduates your best, as does The Pointer. Have a safe trip home, too. We want to see you reading us next semester.

Thursday and Friday, December 13 & 14

MAGIC — The haunting story that ain't for dummies. Magic shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the University Center Program Banquet Room. Admission is just $1.25, so see it before it disappears. Presented by the University Activities Board.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18 & 19

THE CAINE MUTINY — An all-star cast with Hamphrey Bogart, John Farrow, Van Johnson and even Frel MacMurray is the solid core of this fine film. A must for Bogey fans, it comes to port at Point at 10 and 21/2 hundred hours (7 & 11:15 p.m.) each night in the UC PBR. Presented by the University Film Society, admission is just $1.

Thursday, December 20

CABARET — A WONDERFUL LIFE — Starring Jimmy Stuart (wonderful!) and Donna Reed (wows!). 7 p.m. in Room 333 of the Communications Building. It's free from the University Film Society.

11th Hour Specials — A variety of music is featured over the week, long playing records for you to enjoy. WWSP playing the music you've requested: Thursday, December 13: Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers — "DAMN THE TORPEDOS". Friday, December 14: ZZ Top — "DEGGUELLO". Saturday, December 15: Blue Oyster Cult "AGENTS OF FORTUNE". Sunday, December 16: Dave Valentin "THE HAWK."

Monday, December 17: Vince Guaradilo Trio — "CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS". Tuesday, December 18: John Mayal: "NO MORE INTERVIEWS". Wednesday, December 19: Neil Young: "LIVE RUST" sides one and two. There you have it, the opportunity to listen to WWSP this week and all through finals and semester break. Find out music, including the top 100 albums of the 1970's. Your Station will note if you don't return to classes. Listen for the good sounds of 900 FM. Monday, December 17.

On the flip side...

Monday, January 21

CLASSES BEGIN — Sorry, but I had to tell you. Saturday through Sunday, March 15-17

SPRING BREAK — See, all the news is not bad.
members commented that not only was drinking encouraged at Stevens Point, it was expected. Getting drunk was a joke; it could easily be laughed off and forgotten. Not only students joked about it, but faculty members were heard to say, "You're all going to get drunk tonight, I suppose," and laugh. With attitudes like that supporting the abuse of alcohol it may not be surprising that alcoholism occurs in students.

But for those students who are alcoholics, it is devastating. "It had no control," I couldn't be... "Emotionally and mentally I was going down the tube." "It was stop drinking — or kill myself."

As each student began to realize and accept the fact that they were alcoholics (with help from their friends and loved ones) they felt many things. Fear, relief, hope and confusion. But they all looked forward to getting off the bottle.

With assistance, they started to deal with their alcohol problems and the many problems it caused. With help, their education could finally receive the attention it needed. Dealing with the dependency on alcohol, problems lessened. Scholastic performance improved markedly and personal problems were more rationally dealt with.

"It was stop drinking and talking about things gives the students support and the feeling that they are not alone. There are others who share the same problems and hopes. Nathan noted that the group deals with all parts of life, not just the alcohol. Said Nancy, "I'm a push head for you for the future: realizing what you can do and you can do anything."

Each group member is looking forward to living without the bottle. Most plan to go on to graduate school, two have already been accepted. Several plan to go into counseling, with attention given to working with other alcoholics. They are now excellent students, a result of stopping their drinking.

"I don't know. I'm sober today," one student said. "I hope not," answered the others. "I'm sober today," said Nick, "and I feel good about that."

EDITOR'S NOTES: This article is based on an interview with the alcoholism group at a regular meeting held in the University Counseling and Human Development Center. The names of the participants have been changed to protect their anonymity.

Director of the Counseling and Human Development Center, Dennis Elsenralh, announced to the group at its meeting that other students have requested to join the group because of their own problems with alcohol. The ability to admit your problems with alcohol is difficult, but also indicates you desire to change your life by seeking help from others. If you know of someone who might benefit from being involved in a group such as the Counseling Center's, contact Dennis Elsenralh or Stu Whipple, alcohol educator at the Center in the lower level of Nelson Hall, or call 346-3553. UWSP employees may contact Linda Snow, E.A.P. coordinator, at the same address and telephone number.

"Will you drink again?"
"I hope not."

Alcoholism is a disease that typically takes many years to develop. However, the progression of the disease is rapid, particularly among younger drinkers. The majority of students interviewed here could be considered "middle stage alcoholics." They had gone beyond occasional abusive drinking to the point that they had lost control of their drinking. Drinking which has negative effects on one's academic success, relationships, emotional and physical health may be considered "abusive." Repeated abusive drinking leading to diminished control often develops alcoholism. The only "cure" for alcoholism is to stop drinking. A test for alcoholism, though certainly not definitive, is to see if you can drink no more than two drinks per day — with no exceptions — for a one-year period. Beyond that, you may have a problem.

It was noted earlier that on this campus alone there are four to five hundred students who are or will be alcoholics. That's approximately one in twelve people. If you, or someone you know has a drinking problem, by all means take advantage of the help available.

There were many comments made by the group during the interview that were not included in the article. Here are a few:
"By the time I was 21, I had no life left. I was in the gutter. "My relationships got worse and worse." "I preferred to be anything else. I didn't want to do anything about it."
"I didn't go to classes, I couldn't."
"If you're not going to get drunk, why drink?"
"I'd go to class and later not know I went."
"It's okay to be insane, it's not okay to be a drunk."

And some other comments by the group: "Now my ambition is way up there, it feels good." "My friends suggested I get help, now I have something to look forward to." "I don't have to pretend." "I hope to do two things, stay sober and help other alcoholics through counseling." "There is trust in this group." "I'm in control now."

Women's basketball wins a pair

The UWSP women's basketball team won a pair of games last weekend, defeating UW-Milwaukee 61-55 and UW-Whitewater 78-76 in double overtime.

In last Tuesday's tilt, the Pointers outscored Milwaukee 29-13 in the first half and limited UW-M to a 17 percent field goal percentage.

The Pointers opened a 20 point lead in the final period when Annmarie Tiffe sank a pair of free throws. Fouls trouble then became UWSP's main opponent as Sue Linder, Ann Bumgarner and Becky Seever fouled out of the contest.

UW-M took advantage and outscored Pointed 17-3 in the final four minutes of the game, but the Pointers held on for the win.

Sue Linder, a junior forward, led UWSP in scoring and rebounding with 14 points and seven rebounds. Julie Hammer made her first appearance of the season, returning from injury, and contributed 12 points. Karen Schuchardt and Lisa Wasielewski led UW-M with 14 points.

Junior guard Annmarie Tiffe led the UWSP attack against UW-Whitewater in Saturday's game, scoring a game high 16 points and connecting on four free throws in the final moments, giving Point's third win against no losses.

The Pointers owned a 29-26 halftime lead through the 10-point effort of Sue Linder, but Whitewater quickly retaliated and held a 37-39 lead after four minutes in the second half.

Barb Bernhardt led the Pointer comeback with key steals and three 20-foot shots, but Whitewater was able to tie the game at 55-55 at the end of regulation time.

Point's Mary Meir had a chance to win the game with a pair of free throws first overtime. Meir hit the first free throw, missed the second, and the game went into double overtime.

Tiffe later scored consecutive buckets, stretching the Pointer lead to 72-69. Becky Seever countered a Whitewater goal before Milwaukee came within two points, setting up Tiffe's heroics.
classifieds

FOR SALE

Pentax Wide-angle lens. 3.5-28 mm. Mike 345-0138.

Double bed. Call Russ after 6 p.m. 341-7921.

B.S.R. Glenburn turntable in good shape with plenty of LP's and 45's. $35 or best offer. Call 341-2158, ask for Jim.

One brand new 407 XL direct-sound super 8 movie camera. 4:1 power zoom. (Chicago) Call Steve at 341-1371 and make offer. Also brand new Gibson Bass guitar.

Kenwood KA-770O power amp. 29 watts per channel, 1 year old. Excellent condition, excellent sale: $115. Also a pair of Sonic speakers. 3-way. 12" woofer, 5" midrange, 2" tweeter, handles 40 watts. Sounds great, 1 year old. Excellent sale: A pair, $60. Package price: $175. Contact Steve R spalding, Rm. 142 Steiner or call 346-2397.


FOR SALE


Furnished 2-bedroom mobile home, 12x60 with porch, storage shed. $160 per month plus gas and electric. Call 344-9592.

Two single rooms in the Main St. Castle (Downstairs Apts.) $90-$100 monthly. All utilities and cable t.v. paid. Contact B.G. Shelby, 1416 Main. 5-7 p.m.

SALES

Lost: Cass calculator in library on Thursday night. Call Betty 344-7872.

Wanted:

Five-string Banjo (good condition.) (For sale or trade: Martin Mandolin - Mint.) Leave message at the Pointer Office as to what you've got. Brian Thalacker.

Needed: 1 male to sublet room in upper apartment. $50 per semester plus electricity. Call Terry at 345-0771.

Need a ride to the East coast — Pennsylvania, Boston or Maryland? May leave anytime after 12 noon on Dec. 19 or on Dec. 20. Call Dora at 344-4382.

Takin' 25 people to Florida, Jan. 3-15. $60, round trip, accommodations included. For info, call Chuck or Bert, 346-3138, Rm. 346.

Female roommate needed to share small but comfortable 2-bedroom apartment 4 blocks from campus. Furnished, washing facilities and about $185 per month. Available immediately. Call 344-1097 after 5-30.

Wanted: One girl to share double room for next semester. House located one block from Union at 2040 College. Rent $325 per semester. Call 349-0291.

Wanted: Two women to live with two others, 2nd semester. Five blocks from campus. One double room. $385 includes utilities. Call 341-5429.

One female roommate needed to sublet for spring semester (I'm leaving for Spain next semester.) Nice location between downtown and campus. Large kitchen, washer and dryer in basement, a shower and plenty of storage space. Only $319, which includes everything. 344-7903, 1117 Prentice.

Wanted: one roommate for spring semester, nine rooms (upper two floors) of house, 7 blocks from campus. Rent $225. Prefer non-smoker and someone who gets along with cats. Call 341-4776.

Female housemate wanted to share nice house with one other. Five blocks from campus. $300 a month plus utilities. Contact Michelle 346-6580.

Male needs one or two roommates 2nd semester. Spacious 2 bedroom apartment close to campus. Fully carpeted, dishwasher, washer and dryer in the hall. Phone 345-0620 on weekday evenings or weekends.

Saturday-Sunday, Closed. Monday, Dec 24 & Tuesday, Dec 25, Closed.

Monday, Dec. 31 & Tuesday, Jan. 1, Closed.

Monday, January 21, Regular second semester hours.

Lost:

Black beret (at Ella's.) Label inside says "Christopher Bobbit, master weaver." No questions asked. Call Ann 341-6206.

Lost: Wool ski cap. Rust, brown, and white striped. If found call 341-4027.

Found: Ring found in laundry at Village. Call 341-2526.

Found: Two rings in men's bathroom, 3rd floor, CNR. Claim at Dr. Anderson's office, rm. 310 CNR.

SGA Senator openings for second semester. Pick up application in SGA office in Student Activities Complex.

Attention Potters: all work left in the Arts & Crafts Center after 12-29 will be recycled.

Twelve out of fourteen residence halls have earned the award for utility decrease in the Energy Contest for October. (All halls except Haver and Burroughs.) This is up from only four receiving the award in September. Student Life is pleased by the conscientious effort being exhibited by the residence hall community.

Call-Back Date for all LRC materials is December 17, 1979. The following are the hours that the Learning Resources Center will be open during the exam week.

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December 14, 17: 4-5 a.m.-Midnight.

After hours, Midnight-2 a.m.

Saturday, December 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

After hours, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m.-Midnight.

After hours, Midnight-2 a.m.

Monday, December 17 - Wednesday December 19, 7:45 a.m.-Midnight.

After hours, Midnight-2 a.m.

Thursday, December 20, 7:45 a.m.-11 p.m.

After hours, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

Friday, December 21, 7:45 a.m.-2 a.m.

The following are the hours that the Learning Resources Center will be open during the Semester break, 1979-80.

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Contact... Jim Garvey, 204 Student Services Center, 346 - 3821

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