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EDITORIAL

Sudden reality

Gabrielle Wyant-Perillo

Editor-in-Chief

Time after time the questions on the abortion issue remain the same. "Which is the greater evil... to end a pregnancy or bring an unwanted child into a hostile, over-populated world?"

Fifteen years ago the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution protects a woman's right to have an abortion. Since this ruling there is a never ending debate between pro-choice activists and anti-abortion activists. This debate obviously exists on our own campus. And with good reason. The abortion issue seems to reach our innermost conscious and confronts us with painful questions.

There is the all-important question of at what point is the beginning of human life. This is on what a great percentage of the debate is based. At this point no one knows the answer. However, is this the real issue? Moral issues aside, it seems that the majority of women having abortions struggle more with the decision of their own convenience rather than the murderous implications of the abortion issue.

The intent of this editorial was to be the view point of a pro-choice activist. At one point in my life I would have condoned an individual who had an abortion. I may have been somewhat of a liberal in that I would not personally choose an abortion, but I could not support a law that would take away the right for others who disagree. I felt that the people involved in an unwanted pregnancy needed to decide for themselves how they were to deal with the situation and how they would handle their decision. I didn't put in the time or effort to learn the facts about abortion and the common entities of those having a pregnancy termination.

In the past years I have come to realize that pro-life is not a choice of whether a couple has the means to care for a child, for there is always the alternative of putting a child up for adoption, but rather a choice of whether a couple wants to deal with the pregnancy. They are faced with the choice of whether they can deal with the situation in which they put themselves. Prochoice is an ill-disguised synonym for pro 1. The word pro-choice actually means one has the right to decide what is to their convenience. Women who have abortions do not want to be inconvenienced by something which may not happen to fit into their current plans. Why do most unwanted pregnancies occur? Because it wasn't (here's that word again) convenient for one or both of those involved to use some form of birth control. The exception being that of rape or medical situations.

Abortion has become a routine, easy, safe way out of a personal problem that might deserve deeper thought. The United States has a frightening annual abortion rate of 28 for every 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 44. Sweden for example has an abortion rate of 18 for every 1,000 women. Why is the abortion rate so high?

The answer to all the questions on this issue leads to the fact that people are "looking out for 1." It is easier to avoid confronting the true issue straight-on. "I made a mistake, I was irresponsible, I can't take care of this child, I have my whole life ahead of me. If those involved were concerned about something other than themselves they, simply, would seek alternatives.

Recent studies reveal there have been an average of 1.6 million abortions per year. Eighty percent of these women are unmarried and the majority are under the age of 25. Nearly 2 out of 5 women have had previous abortions.

These statistics further prove my point...it would be too difficult and inconvenient to raise a child as a single parent...at age 25 a person's life is just beginning...one has to live before they take on such an inconvenient responsibility.

It seems there are too many women for whom abortion is a method of birth control. I view the situation of women having repeat abortions as quite alarming.

As technology advances we may become more empathetic and emotionally identify with the unborn. The future depends on the return of empathy. There must be a change in the conditions which lead women to have abortions. As the nation begins to re-evaluate its values and becomes more empathetic with what is happening in the world around them a new view on abortion will resurface. A new valuing of life will come about and in turn create a new sense of belonging. The "Nelson family" attitude will resurface leading more people to cling to what I consider the mainstay of life - the family.

There has been much progress in the past years, the aspects of the sexual revolution are making us rethink our permissive approach to sexuality, the increase in surrogate mothering, and the funding of Operation Rescue centers. I still view the pro-choice arguments with some sympathy. I do so only in the case of extremely serious situations. People must admit their true hesitations and doubts about having an abortion. They must cease the selfishness and endure the "burden" which you have placed upon yourself.

I admit we don't live in a society very congenial to help deal with these misgivings. No matter how well reasoned the argument on abortion may be people need to speak honestly and openly on the subject and not merely attack each other.

Die Baby - Part II

To the Editor,

In the Dec. 1 issue of the Pointer, Christopher Thoms wrote an editorial opposing my anti-abortion piece, "Die Baby." It is Thoms' editorial that I would like to address.

I'd like to thank Chris for taking the time to write in because I respect a "pro-choice" advocate that takes a stand more than I do a pro-lifer who is silent.

The best place to start is probably the beginning. You said that it was misleading to say abortion is on the same level as Nazi torture methods, Chris? Maybe you should check up on the abortion procedures; burning with saline solution, getting sucked out of the womb with a vacuum tube and being cut into pieces for easy removal. And as for your statement that fetuses feel no pain, you might like to debate that with some nurses at St. Michael's.

Perhaps you'd say I was playing on the emotions to make a point. Yes, but if I did those things to you, mister, you would probably get emotional too.

As for arguing that overcrowding is slowed through abortion, get real. Our problem is greed and selfishness, Chris. There's plenty of food and such with equal distribution. Interestingly, greed and selfishness are usually the underlying motives for abortion. America has blown it with the "Me First" mindset.

When you say the embryo isn't "human," I have to wonder if you're being honest with yourself, Chris. It breathes, takes in food and it has its own separate genetic code. What is it then?

You call the fetus "parasitic," which is a deceptive term.

There are parasites that harm the host, help the host and those that just take up residence. This "parasite" (sorry, Mom) doesn't harm the woman and its only goal is to make it out of the womb alive.

But, since you're so hip on the word parasite, do you have someone lined up to pull the trigger on the elderly, Chris? Certainly, you would categorize them as parasitic to communities. What about other "special needs" folks? Welfare recipients, the handicapped, etc.? For that matter you and I are parasitic to the planet.

You've been suckered. Don't think you can play "life boat" or some other values clarification game with just one section of society, Chris. That's jive. You'd better go all the way with your nihilistic style, but you're no hero in my eyes, man, if you do.

Chris, I do not agree with your "justifiable reasons" for abortion. You're biggest argument is that children become economic burdens? Who implanted that lie from hell in your head? The idea that men and women are expendable or that we're just numbers on a tally sheet makes me sick. We're not here without a purpose. God has me here for a purpose and until I fulfill that I'll never be satisfied and neither will you.

Where rape is concerned, the situation is so traumatic that pregnancy hardly ever occurs. But, what if it does? Two wrongs don't make a right, Chris. And, the life of a woman is endangered less than five percent of the time in pregnancy and with a Caesarean section that number decreases.

Chris, I'll tell you the connection between the whale incident in Alaska and abortion. The fact is that our priorities are screwed up. What's the fine for stealing or destroying an eagle's egg? We're more protective of an egg than a human fetus!

And from the agricultural side, Chris, cattle breeders are required by law to keep a record of costs on each cow, starting at conception. Strange that we would recognize a cow as a cow at conception but deny the right for a human to be considered human.

One magazine suggested that we tax fetuses to get around this infanticide. Priorities.

Lastly, it's interesting that you would put clergymen on the undesirable list. Perhaps there's more to your article than is on the surface and that pushed me to my last point.

Like I said, God put us here for a purpose and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save our hides (John 3:16-21). I've never been more satisfied and His promises and love have never failed me.

I praise God that Christ made it into the world on the first Christmas and offered his plan of salvation to the world.

Where do we get off playing God with a fetus? Abortion is not our only option and I say that to you Chris and I say that to the anonymous woman who wrote in.

But, I also realize people make mistakes and for that there is forgiveness from a loving God. A solution for our guilt.

Thanks for writing, Chris.

Merry Christmas.
Kyle L. White

Is This For Real?

To the Editor,

I am responding to a letter that was from a "Frustrated Student" in your December 1 edition. In it she displayed a very negative opinion of the Student Senate and the business which it has thus far completed. I am not going to list off all the "great" things that Senate has done this year, because it would take up too much space in your letters section.

However, I would say that the student is either misinformed or has some grudge to settle. She would not even sign her name to the letter and the odds are she didn't even vote in last spring's SGA elections. I challenge this student to come forth and speak her mind and then give me the opportunity to show and explain what Senate has done this year. I wonder if this student has contacted his elected representatives (senators, vice president and president) to express his disgust? I have not been contacted by anyone with this complaint.

I wish more students would come forth with their criticisms of the Senate, but at least speak with your elected senators instead of writing a letter just to attack those who are giving of themselves to serve the student community.

I am always available to any student who would like to speak with me on any matter. As well, the rest of the senate is available to answer your inquiries. Please feel free to call the SGA office to leave a message for me or any senator.

Thank you.
Mike Mikalsen
Speaker of the UWSP Senate

Editors Note: In the Dec. 1 issue the line stating "Frustrated Student" was to read "I am a frustrated student." The author of the letter is listed. We apologize for this misunderstanding.

LETTERS

An issue which obviously bears repeating

To the Editor,

Although Christopher Thoms' editorial on abortion in the Dec. 1 issue was intended to refute the idea that abortion is the same as Hitler's Holocaust, his reasoning only proves that the analogy is, indeed, absolutely true.

To begin with, he stated that since abortion is intended to eliminate the embryo it is not the same as the maiming the Nazis inflicted on their victims. He also adds that a baby in a womb is an entity that cannot feel pain. Obviously, Mr. Thoms has not seen the film "Silent Scream" which graphically portrays a baby in the womb reacting quite strongly and reacting to the pain it experiences when aborted. Moreover, the Nazis not only maimed people, they murdered about 12 million others in concentration camps. Their reasoning for these murders is quite simplistic: They justified it by using the concept of "life unworthy of life." It began with coercive sterilizations, was followed by the killing of "impaired" children and adults in hospitals and culminated in the mass extermination of the "impaired" Jews.

The Holocaust began with the acceptance of the attitude that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived. Today, biomedical "ethicists," such as Peter Singer, claim that a "defective human infant" is infer-

ior to a dog or a pig. Euthanasia and eugenics, another two practices of the Nazis, are gradually being accepted by the American medical community. The justification of abortion and other medical killings is today the same as that of the Nazis "life unworthy of life." Mr. Thoms' himself uses this reasoning: his justification for abortion includes overpopulation, economic burdens of supporting children, and the psychological burden of an unwanted child. In other words, the aborted child is not worthy of life.

In fact, Mr. Thoms claims that the human baby in the womb is not human life at all. His reasoning in this area is also flawed. Human life begins at the moment of conception; the embryo is distinctively human and its genetic code is uniquely human, all it needs to survive is nourishment. Thoms dismisses this as irrelevant and claims that the embryo is foreign tissue, a parasite and definitely not human life. But how can the embryo be foreign tissue when it was formed from the egg produced by and in the mother's own body? And if it is not human life, then what kind of life is it? It is certainly alive. If it were not alive it would not need nourishment. His argument that the embryo is a parasite - because it is not self-maintaining and is dependent upon the mother for nourish-

ment - is a very dangerous and dubious one.

First of all, the baby's dependence upon the mother is a part of Nature's Laws, and God's design. This in no way diminishes the fact that the embryo is truly human life, instead, it reflects and accentuates the dependence of one human life upon another for the survival of both. Secondly, even after birth the human baby is still attached to the mother by its umbilical cord. Using Thoms' reasoning the baby is still a parasite and can be justifiably killed even after birth. Yet even after the umbilical cord is severed the baby is still not self-maintaining, it is completely dependent upon the parents for nourishment. Thoms reasoning would lead us to conclude that even then the human baby is not truly human and can be justifiably killed. In fact, using Thoms' definition, the baby is still a parasite for its first several years of life when it is completely dependent upon the parents for nourishment, thus, it can still be justifiably killed even then.

Thoms' reasoning justifies the killing of the human infant while in the womb, while out of the womb, and for the first several years of its "parasitic" life. To where does this reasoning lead? Welcome to the Holocaust.

Eric Pearson

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to the pro-abortion article by Christopher Thoms in the Dec. 1 issue. I have some problems, as a human being, accepting Mr. Thoms' reasons for supporting abortion.

My Christian beliefs are that an unborn fetus is a living person and that it possesses a soul - and thus a purpose. Mr. Thoms would obviously disagree with me. I obviously disagree with Mr. Thoms' personal convictions about the humanity (or "non-humanity") of a fetus but I find Mr. Thoms' reasoning for supporting abortion absolutely appalling and very dangerous.

I find Mr. Thoms' belief that abortion is justifiable, on the grounds that he believes the world is over-populated, to be very cold and lacking in respect for the value of individual human existence. His reasoning that an aborted individual would be a burden on the society economically is equally heartless. This type of reasoning insinuates to me that Mr. Thoms views human beings as nothing more than statistics or thinking particles of matter.

Mr. Thoms' reason that an unwanted child, that could not be aborted, would create psychological burdens on the parents (that could in turn result in negative behavior toward the child) has some merit. But in light of the fact that there are many competent and loving parents waiting for years to adopt children, the weight of this argument had no firm foundation. Also, there are no guarantees that parents who wanted to have children will not neglect or abuse them after they are born.

I find Mr. Thoms' reasoning very dangerous also. He advocates the extermination of potential life - although I believe the fetus is already a life - as a means of helping to pre-

vent the population and economic consequences that an aborted fetus might further impose. I suggest that instead of using extermination as one means of dealing with these problems we look for positive alternatives - like better family planning or allowing more productive allocations of resources.

What I really fear is that abortion used for the reasons Mr. Thoms stated could lead to gruesome means of handling population and economic problems. Although he believes that abortion is the killing of a potential life, I believe that his line of reasoning for supporting abortion could easily evolve into a social mandate for accepting euthanasia and arbitrary genocide as a means for handling population and economic problems. After all, why not kill our old and feeble and possibly sickly grandparents; they are only crowding out the rest of us and are sucking up government funds. Survival of the fittest, right Mr. Thoms?

Mr. Thoms' phrase "I tend to think that those particular whales are more valuable than any average person picked randomly off the street" seems to sum up the bias of his entire article; lack of respect for the value of the individual human. Whether you are aware of it or not Mr. Thoms, it is exactly this type of philosophy that the creators of the Jewish Holocaust held. Once the positive rights of the individual are impeded for the goals of society, then we are in a form of totalitarianism and individual rights no longer exist. I believe that abortion is most definitely murder and the right to life of all of the unborn is in jeopardy. I hope and pray that legal abortion does not lead to further degradation of the value of the individual human being.

Bryan Lundquist

The real Garden of Eden - UWSP

The following quotes are taken from a November 23 AP news release. These quotes will clarify the letter to the editor which follows.

To the Editor,

"... should help students make students make up their own minds about what is pornographic and what isn't."

"It is part of a university program on pornography, asking students to decide 'How Much Is Too Much?'"

"... what were trying to do is challenge students' values and have them decide on their own."

"... the use of student funds to bring the dancers to campus was tabled."

"... the educational aspect we're trying to raise." Rev. John Parr, director of Newman U. Parish, declined further comment.

"... No tax dollars..."

Perhaps this is what "really" hed at the Garden-of-Eden-Stevens Point. If history repeated itself, this is an indication.

Eve was out for an innocent stroll around campus when the serpent suddenly appeared from behind the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

"Hi," he said. "I'm from the Campus Activities Office and we are proposing a program to study the question 'How Much Is Too Much?' theology?" "You know what I mean," the serpent said.

And Eve said, "I don't know."

"Well look at it this way," said Satan, "Isn't it true that you as a student have no way of making up your own mind about the left side and the right side of this issue until you actually look at both sides of it?" "You know what I mean?"

And Eve said, "I don't know."

"EXACTLY my point," said Lucifer of Stevens Point. "Now, I'm not promoting the issue one way or the other, but if you'll just try the fruit, we'll split up into discussion groups afterward to debate the 'merits' of the issue. I'd even invite the state attorney general if there were such a thing." "You know what I mean?"

And Lucifer said, "Look here's the clincher: You don't have to decide it all by yourself. If you'll just try a bite, and your husband tries a bite, I'll set up a voting booth on campus and we'll take a simple one-man, one-serpent, one-woman vote on it. What more could be fair?" "You know what I mean?"

And Eve said, "Yum!"

And the campus chaplain said, "I don't see what's the Big Deal." Other than that, he declined further comment. "You know what I mean?"

I mean: "What is truth? and how much is 'Too much truth?' And how do you feel about that?"

To top it all off, Lucifer-of-Eden probably told Eve that this was an equal-opportunity-tree and that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was both a male and female tree. You know what I mean?

C.D.

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NEWS

English class becomes publishing company

by Amy Lardinois

News Editor

Cornerstone Publishers may not be a large, prestigious company. But it does currently have two titles under its belt. English 254 (editing and publishing) students chose this name for their publishing firm to appear on the books they put out.

Taught by Dan Dieterich, the class focuses on honing skills in editing, writing for publication, and following manuscripts through the entire publishing process—from query letter through marketing, fulfillment, and payment of royalties.

Members of the class established their company by first electing officials to represent each department within a publishing house, ranging from president to subsidiary rights manager. Few of the students realized that publishing is so faceted; areas include editing, production, marketing, and business management.

Cornerstone Publishers then solicited manuscripts and, after careful consideration, chose two of the manuscripts to publish within the course of the semester.

Fortunately, one of the authors happens to be a student on campus—Kyle White. His book, entitled *Pordnorski (...and that's about it)*, is a collection of hilarious cartoons about the most recognizable student at UWSP, Jim Pordnorski. The cartoons depict the many misadventures of this odd-looking character who never seems to quite grasp exactly what is going on around him. The book deals with such zany questions as: What do you do after a Certs Encounter? Who is University Ninja? What is the monumental difference that a college education makes?

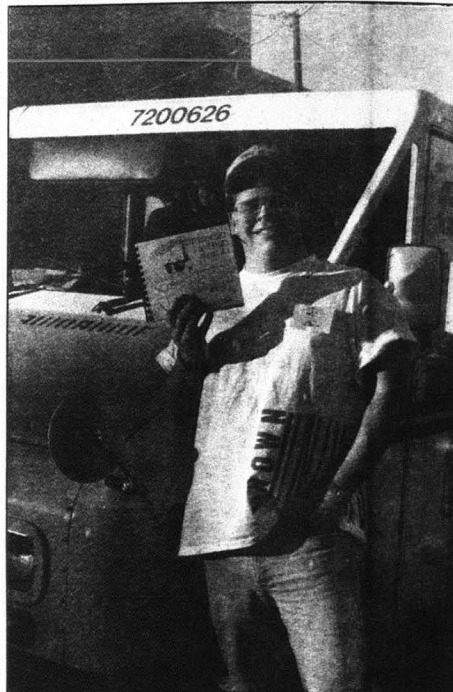
Kyle, a native of Stevens Point, is a former resident assistant of UWSP's Hyer Hall and a volunteer staff member for the Campus Life ministry. He is pursuing a future in communication and art, and plans to continue cartooning.

In addition to Kyle's cartoon book, class members also chose to publish an autobiography by Margit Anday. *Flight to Freedom* is a gripping account of her escape from the Nazis and then the Russians in Eastern Europe. She and her family escaped from many seemingly

hopeless situations, one of those being her flight from the fall of Budapest. During another period, she spent three months underground with her son. But this woman faced her toughest trial in a final parting from her husband, who was still in Communist Hungary when she was preparing to take her children to freedom in the United States from Austria.

Margit now lives a peaceful life in Wausau. Although still occasionally plagued by memories of her earlier life, Margit has come to feel a sense of fulfillment as a United States citizen. And she enjoys watching the successes of her greatest accomplishment—her children.

Both books will be available in the Concourse of the University Center, sold by Professor Dieterich and the English 254 students. *Pordnorski (...and that's about it)* sells for \$2.95 and *Flight to Freedom* for \$2.50. As with any publishing company, success depends upon the number of books sold. Stop by and help out by buying one or both books. Proceeds go to future editing and publishing classes to offset the cost of their publications.



Kyle White's book "*Pordnorski (... and that's about it)*" is now on the market, courtesy of Cornerstone Publishers.

Exotic dancers-- were they too much?

by Amy Lardinois

News Editor

"Yeah, yeah, yeah Stevens Point!" Those words began the performance of the "All American Men," a group of male exotic dancers who appeared in the Encore on Tuesday, November 30. This was the first in a series of programs designed to spur student discussion on the issue of pornography.

According to Maurie Kim of the Campus Activities Office staff, "We're challenging students to attend the programs, become educated on pornography, and then decide for themselves how much is too much for them personally."

The show began with individual "get-acquainted" appearances from each of the dancers. Each danced a second time, often intermingling with the audience, and then ending with a finale in which all performed together. The predominantly female audience responded to the performances with enthusiasm.

A large majority of the crowd remained for a panel discussion immediately following the show. People in the audience were encouraged to ask questions and state their opinions on the issue of pornography. Members of the panel included: Lee Burress, emeritus professor of English; Douglas Henderson, psychology professor; Greg Sinner, SGA member; and Linda Martin Moore, member of the theater arts faculty. The dancers also

participated in the panel discussion.

One of the questions posed was, "Does this type of show have a place in an academic university setting?" Most panel members seemed to agree that it had as much place here as anything else. Burress contended that the university spends more on sports than on the library, quipping, "And it's interesting to know how football contributes to western culture." Moore suggested that the show was a good idea because it sparked interest on a controversial issue. Sinner addressed the question strictly from a financial standpoint, emphasizing the point that we should not be allocating such large sums of money for entertainment, when the chief goal of the university is to promote academic progress.

Another question directed at the panel was, "Where do we draw the line on censorship?" The majority of the audience and panel expressed the opinion that censorship is wrong, because we have been given the freedom to make choices. As one of the dancers brought up, the show itself was edited previous to the performance—they were allowed to strip down to bikinis but not T-straps. In a sense, Moore emphasized, "we had been censored and weren't even aware of it."

But the main issue in the debate was "how much is too much? Can you ever go too far?" Henderson believes there is a way to determine how much is too much—as long as it does not hurt anyone else, it is not too much. The panelists

seemed to agree that we are all consenting adults, and we make the decision to attend performances such as these. They did, however, contend that censorship is frequently appropriate in the case of children, who do not possess enough knowledge to make discriminating choices.

Was this show too much? The audience and panelists seemed to think not. All of the dancers emphasized that they were merely entertainers, out to have a good time, not promoters of pornography. And they certainly seemed to have done their job well, evident by the excited screams which permeated the audience throughout the entire show.

Thiesfeld appointed

Virgil Thiesfeld, who has completed 20 years as chairman of the biology department at UWSP, has been re-appointed to his administrative post for a three-year term.

He has been on the university faculty since 1965. In addition to being a teacher and chairman, he also is the school's athletic representative to the WSUC Conference and NAIA District 14.

Justus Paul, dean of the College of Letters and Science, said he made the re-appointment on the basis of the "extremely positive support" from the biology faculty, and in recognition of a "fine record of service to the department, college and university."

Johnson takes on a new position

Johnson takes on a new position of associate dean of the College of Letters and Science at UWSP.

He has served the institution for 22 years, most of the time as an assistant in the dean's office.

Dean Justus Paul said Johnson has assumed major duties in the budget area for a unit of the university that includes 13 academic departments and more than 200 faculty and staff members. The associate dean also has been given responsibilities to administer the UWSP Weekend College program.

His additional duties are overseeing the planning, usage and remodeling/repair of the college's buildings and capital outlay and serving as a consultant to department chairs and faculty on general policy and operational matters.

Johnson has been a staff assistant to every dean the college has had, beginning with the late Warren Jenkins in 1968.

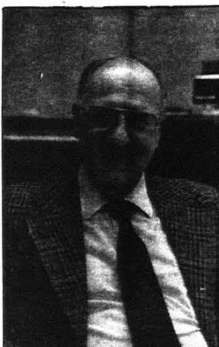
After arriving at the university, he spent the first two years coordinating the admissions program when that function was under the direction of the registrar.

Johnson, whose hometown is DeForest, holds degrees from St. Olaf College and UW-Madison. He served from 1952 to 1953 in the U.S. Air Force, including

overseas duty. Before coming to UWSP, he taught history and served as a guidance counselor at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids for six years.

Active in community affairs, he has served as president of the Stevens Point Area School Board and has been a member of the council and several committees at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

He and his wife Joanne and their family reside at 508 Minnesota Avenue.



William Johnson—new associate dean of College of Letters and Science.

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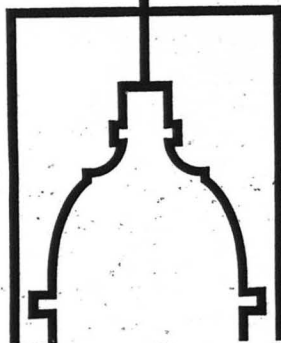
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Let's do what we can

Distribution of federal surplus foods will take place at four locations in Portage County on Tuesday, December 20, 1988.

The distribution is limited to county residents.

Sites include the warehouse behind Hall's Food Store, 2124 Rice Street, Stevens Point, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.; the Amherst Jensen Center, Gary's Restaurant in Bancroft, and Village Hall, Junction City from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only one person per household is eligible to receive the commodities but the income of all persons in the household must be included in the monthly gross income. To qualify, applicants must file a self-declaration of income at the distribution site. At least one form of identification listing one's current address is required.

Commodities available this month include butter, flour and cornmeal. Commodities must be applied for in person, with the exception that a homebound person may send a representative. The representative must have identification showing the address of the homebound and a letter of authorization from the homebound person is advised.

The current gross monthly income limits are \$722 for one person; \$967 for two persons; \$1,212 for three; \$1,457 for four; and an additional \$245 for each extra person.

Students claimed as an exemption by their parents do not qualify. More information is available from the Portage County Community Human Services Department.

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Tekes

throw a party for local youth

by Mike Higgins

News Contributor

This Sunday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., three to five year old children will gather in the Muir Schuriz room of the University Center, for videos, food and games for the kids to play.

Through the Head Start program, the Tekes have gathered a group of 15 kids to come and enjoy the day with their parents.

Both the videos and food were donated from local businesses.

FEATURES

Don't forget to register!

by Beth Hurd
Contributor

Registration has been held in the Quandt Gymnasium for years. This will soon come to an end due to the age of computers and telecommunications. By the time students register for Fall 1989 courses, on-line computers will be used in the registration process. The new system will involve several changes in the registration procedure.

The Student Services Building will be used as the location for registration. Computer terminals will be set up with a computer operator at each one. During their designated time, approximately 30-40 students will present their schedules to the computer operator, who will then enter the tentative schedule into the computer system. Also at this time any changes in the schedule will be adjusted. After the final course schedule is compiled, the operator will lock the schedule into the system. The new procedure will take four to six weeks to completely register all students.

UWSP Registrar David Eckholm feels that the new system will enable the university to better manage enrollment and to create a less hectic registration environment for students. The possible disadvantages to the use of on-line computers is the cost of the computers and also the fact that it would take four to six weeks to completely register all students. Using the Quandt for registration is cost effective and efficient because it enables 7,000-8,000 students to complete registration in one day.

Another procedure for registration is the use of touch-tone technology. This procedure enables a student to register for courses from home by using a touch-tone telephone. The phone is actually turned into a data entry device. In order for a student to use this method, he/she needs to gain information regarding the courses prior to using the touch-tone method. Each course is assigned a five

digit number, and each number on the phone represents a certain action (eg. Number two represents the process of adding a course). After the student completes the entry for the digits, a recording will let him/her know whether the course was added, whether the class was filled, or if there was a need for more information to be entered.

At this time, Madison and Oshkosh are the only two universities in the system which are using the touch-tone method for registration. Madison began last fall with registering seniors and graduate students. They hope to use the system to register all students by next fall. Other branches, including River Falls and Whitewater, are considering investing in the touch-tone technology. Stevens Point, however, is going to first initiate the use of on-line computers. There is a possibility that UWSP may decide to use touch-tone registration sometime in the future.



...Or Something Like That

By J.S. Morrison
Features Writer

As a public service to readers who will soon be struggling to complete a schedule for second semester that won't send them into fits of frustrated insanity within the first two weeks, ...Or Something Like That will this week turn its analytical eyes to the wild and woolly world of REGISTRATION.

That's right, the euphoric land of registration. The place where a person can take in a perfect class schedule with hundreds of brilliant alternatives and still find that every one of their classes is closed. It is for those of you who will not be registering until late afternoon that I now provide a list of the classes that will be left for you to choose from:

Music 106. Song Identification. 3 cr. The student is expected to correctly identify songs after hearing only their first note. Song selection will include songs by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Bing Crosby, Madonna and 50,000 others.

Forestry 140. Primitive Lumberjacking. 4 cr. The student learns techniques for chopping down trees using only prehistoric tools. The final exam will in-

volve clearing out a forest with only a rock.

Communication 182. Analysis of Fabricated Deception Languages. 3 cr. In this course, the professor will create a language and teach a predetermined topic using the created language exclusively. The student is expected to use logic and other methods to figure out that language and translate it in time for the final in which the student will be tested on the predetermined topic. This semester, the topic will be Advanced Russian.

Physics 212. Scientific Laws and Their Creation. 4 cr. The student must create a scientific theory, continually test it, prove it and have it accepted by the global scientific community as a scientific law before the end of the semester.

Psychology 270. Shock Therapy. 3 cr. The student will undergo shock therapy and other forms of pain and torture and then report on the way it affected them psychologically. Prereq: The signing of release forms that exempt the university from any liability.

Mathematics 282. Advanced Story Problem Solving. 3 cr.

Students will use the text *Story Problems That Stumped Nobel Prize Winning Mathematicians*, which include the infamous *Story Problem That Only Satan Himself Could Have Created*, a 50-page problem which deals with Jane's trip to the store, two trains rushing toward each other, the height of the Statue of Liberty and the diameter of the Earth if its size were increased by a factor of 10 every time Ronald Reagan said "well" during his presidency.

English 320. The Longest Novels Ever Written. 3 cr. The student will read and report on the longest novels ever to appear on the printed page. The student will be required to read one novel per week.

Paper Science 391. The Impossible Dream. 5 cr. The Guinness Book of World Records has called this *The Hardest College Course Ever Created*. The subject matter is so terrifyingly difficult that we don't even want to write about it. Suffice it to say, if you're lucky enough to get a D-, the world will be impressed. Prereq: Nerves of steel, an I.Q. in the genius level and a tendency toward masochism.

Registration Blues

by Kelly Berg
Contributor

After relentless hours of waiting in line, listening to the weirdo with the headphones sing as loudly as possible, the girl behind the desk says, card please. You slide your treasured green card to her with fingers toes, and eyes crossed. It has been a long wait; if you don't get the classes you want, you'll jump over the table and ...

I'm sorry, those are all closed. She points at a sign behind her listing the cancellations and closings.

This is typical of pre-registration. For those freshmen who have yet to experience the frustrations of this torture (which was obviously designed by a sadistic administrative official who enjoys watching students pull out their hair, one by one), it gets worse.

Registration day finally arrives. Despite the fact that you have the latest possible registration time, you are up at 8 o'clock a.m. Your radio is tuned to 90 FM (for the first, and probably only, time this year).

At 10 o'clock, three of the five classes you've spent four days trying to work into your schedule are closed. You furiously rework classes, only to have the announcer tell you that everything is closed on that schedule, too.

Finally, you are inside the gym. There are still approximately 100 people milling about and sitting down at tables to

figure out which useless classes to add to their schedules.

After scanning the classes yet available, you decide to sit down and pick out some good ones. The person next to you is in tears because her packet has just been lost (or taken). She gets up and wanders the gym, looking like a forlorn puppy. You merely stare in disbelief.

It occurs to you to help her, but the advice of your junior friend comes to mind: Rudeness is the norm. Be pushy. It's survival of the quickest.

You return to your schedule. Finally, you decide on Comm. 101 (there are only 3,000 sections to choose from), English 391—*Frankenstein Revisited*, Food Service—*Beverage Management*, and Phy. Ed. 168—*Wallyball*. Yes, these are real classes.

On the intercom, you hear, Shelly Case, your packet has been found. You can pick it up at ...

An hour later, you leave the gym. Everyone is complaining about their classes. Few people are happy with theirs, but they know they will drop/add until they get the classes they want anyway.

Then there are those who walked into the gym and were out five minutes later, with all of the classes they wanted. They were smiling.

These are the same people who, when asked why they are skipping all of their afternoon classes, will reply, "Oh, 'cause I hate 'em."

The Mystery of Barney Street

Look for Barney Street on the street signs in Stevens Point. You're not going to find it. But more than a quarter of a century ago—if you were around then—you might have.

You would have found Barney Street between Franklin Street and Fourth Avenue. And you might also have found the Harry Zdroik family living there.

Harry Zdroik was the son-in-law of the man the street was named after, land donor Barney Kostuchowski.

Barney Street had been around since 1947. By July of 1962, however, something called a Resolution of Discontinuance was issued and Barney Street was no more.

No more, that is, except as the name of the annual literary magazine created by the UWSP University Writers in 1978.

Barney Street, now entering its 11th year of publication, is a collection of poems, essays and short stories by university students, alumni and local residents.

It has been described by Michael Tarachow of the Pentagram Press as a "mix of writing ... readable, variable—as different and pleasing as Wisconsin in all its moods and seasons."

Submissions are welcomed for next year's edition of Barney Street. The deadline is February 1, 1989.

Manuscripts should be typewritten, but dot-matrix printouts will also be accepted. Remember: neatness counts.

The Stress Factor

We hear it all the time, "I'm under a lot of stress!" But what is the origin of this stress? And what will be the results? The Bible can give us some helpful answers.

Jesus said, "Be on guard, that your heart may not be weighted down with...the worries of life" (Luke 21:34) Now the human heart involves the mind and emotions as well as the physical being. And Jesus knew that we could put all sorts of stress on our minds and emotions and bodies! And we can do it with worry or anxiety! Worry about tomorrow! Worry over children! Anxiety about bills! Worry, worry, worry! This is self-inflicted stress. And it is sin! Listen again to Jesus, "Do not be anxious for tomorrow will take care of itself" (Matthew 6:34). And why does Jesus exhort us to avoid this self-imposed stress? Simple! It can break us!

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Cover of first edition of Barney Street (1978).

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Barney Street is only one of the projects of the University Writers.

Informal workshops are held every other Thursday evening in the Academic Achievement Center where different writers meet and discuss their work which can be anything from poetry to fiction.

So if there is a poet or storyteller in you just dying to come out, this is the place to emerge.

One thing the University Writers need to do is explain how they got the name for their magazine.

Why "Barney Street"?

"Frankly," says Tanja Westfall, a senior and current president of the UWSP University Writers, "I don't know."

"It's just the name the University Writers decided on all those years ago and have used ever since. No one really knows the reason why they chose 'Barney Street.'"

Maybe you know. If so, the University Writers will be happy to hear from you.

But until then, the mystery of Barney Street remains unsolved

Rock... and more

By Molly Rae

Features Writer

"Are you Shakespeared?" Intriguing album title to a definitely intriguing album. Trip Shakespeare is a quartet from Minneapolis which will be performing this Saturday night from 8 - 11 in the Encore Room.

The album is unique. It was recorded all at once, live in the studio, and is worth experiencing. It follows the group's debut LP, "Applehead Man," which garnered them the 1987 Minnesota Music Award for best new band and heavy media attention.

Their music is commonly described as early Talking Heads, but they are unique. They have a reputation for elaborate costuming. The band has appeared wearing huge angel wings as well as devil costumes and huge

dorsal fins. Drummer, Elaine Harris, plays a seldom seen standing drum kit.

Trip Shakespeare is currently on their second national tour. Their new album requires the adjectives inventive, jazzy and definitely off-beat, a touch of classical a cappella with a mixture of funk.

Other upcoming area concert events include: Cheap Trick in Green Bay December 16 and 17. Prisoner at the 19th Hole in Wisconsin Rapids on December 10. Unit One is performing December 16 at Rumours in Rapids. And December 17 will bring Paris to the 19th Hole in Rapids.



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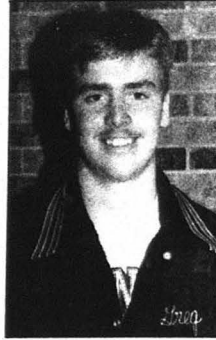
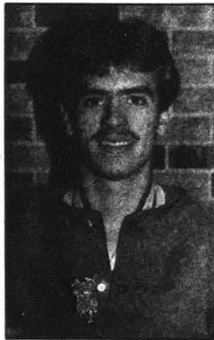
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GRUNT'S- EYE VIEW

By Jeff See
Features Writer

When we last left our hero Bob, he had been successful in securing a date with the famed Jenny Lawrence. But now he is set with a terrible task...deciding where to take her for the date. After several terrible ideas, he decides to ask her what she wants to do. Why should he have to do everything? After all, wasn't it he who got up the courage to ask her out in the first place?

Hello, Jenny? This is Bob. I was wondering if there was anything special you'd like to do on Friday.

No. Not really. Whatever you want.

Well, I'm a little short on ideas and thought maybe you could help.

It really doesn't matter. I'm sure you'll think of something. Gotta go. Bye.

Could you... Click. (Gee, thanks. Now if we have a terrible time I'll be the only one to blame.)

After much deliberation you decide on dinner at Michele's and dancing at Bruiser's. Picking up the phone you make reservations for 7 p.m.

Friday finally comes and you wake up early, excited about the night's events. Getting into the shower you entertain the entire floor with your rendition of several Julio Iglesias ballads. Drying off you go to the mirror and see...The Zit That Ate Stevens Point. (Why me. Last night, nothing. And now, just because I have a date with the best looking girl I'll ever meet, I get The Largest Zit on Scientific Record.) You smother the foul creature in Clearasil and go back to bed, hoping it will be gone when you wake up.

At 6:00, with the zit still very visible, but much improved over the morning, you stop at the Tyme machine to get money for the evening. The only problem is that you happen to find the only machine in town with an appetite for cards today. No problem. Just go back and get the trusty check book.

As 6:45 rolls around you pull up to the dorm to pick her up. And of course she's not even out of the shower yet. Finally, after a 45-minute wait, she's ready to step out. (The only problem is that she looks so good you forget to be angry.)

It's 7:45 before you get to the restaurant and they naturally gave your reservation away. They'll fit you in as soon as possible. As soon as possible turns out to be 8:30, which isn't so bad, but by the time you get served, you've eaten everything but the tablecloth. And to make matters worse, Jenny's at the other end of the scale. Here you are ready to shell out some big bucks and all she wants is (Come on guys, you probably have it memorized by now) a chef salad and a glass of water.

at you. Feeling mighty small about now, aren't you pal.

But I don't know what happened. I've never bounced a check before. Do I look like someone who would write a bad check?

I don't know about that, but you are a despicable little slug right now.

You are brought back to the real world by the gentle squeezing of Jenny's hand. If you don't have the money I can cover it. You can just pay me back later. (You have now entered yourself into Life's Most Embarrassing Moments). The check finally settled, you take her home with head hung low.

Promising to pay her back (not with a check), you walk her to the door expecting the worst. (You should have known when you saw the zit.) But then something wonderful happens. She leans over and plants a big wet one on your lips, whispering in your ear, Call me tomorrow. Maybe it'll work out better tomorrow. You still owe me a dance.

Going home you realize you've experienced one of those moments that make life worth living and dealing with women worth loving. Nahh!...Just a fluke.

Minority Music Extravaganza

Christy Bouchette
Contributor

The Minority Music Extravaganza was a part of the Minority Awareness Conference held at UWSP this past weekend. The Musical Extravaganza featured gospel choirs from UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater, along with Asian, Chicano and Native American Dance Troupes. Also featured was a special solo performance by Joelyn (Jazzy) Ward-Beckly, UWSP's own student, singing "He Looked Beyond My Thoughts and Fulfilled My Needs."

The Musical Extravaganza was a potpourri of entertainment. The UW-Oshkosh Choir, a newly formed four women, one male choir, sang songs such as "If You Don't Know Jesus," "Do Not Pass Me By" and "Joy Cometh in the Morning."

The Asian American Dance Troupe created an atmosphere of beautiful native costumes, as

they danced to songs about the coming of the New Year, lovers being separated by their parents and an old Chinese dance.

The Chicano-American dance troupe danced to some catchy Latin-American jazz rhythms from the Big Band Era. The dance troupe consisted of four couples.

The Native American Dance Troupe pow-wow'd a grand entry to a Native American dance which included a flag song and a veteran's song. One of the dances that the group sang and performed involved group participation, which the audience members enjoyed.

The UW-Whitewater Gospel Choir sang a variety of songs that received a grand applause from the audience. The audience feedback was so great that the choir return for an unexpected encore, which was also outstanding.

The Minority Music Extravaganza was a very interesting variety show and well worth the time to see.

Not another parking problem. . ?

The opening of the Center Point Mall in 1985 brought about a parking problem for the downtown Stevens Point area.

After a Common Council meeting it was decided that a time restriction of three hours must be made in order to alleviate the parking congestion.

Frequent customers of the downtown shops seem to be frustrated with the new restrictions. Many shop owners feel that the parking restriction will discourage shoppers from attending many holiday sales.

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EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM, 6:30PM (Nic.-Marquette Rm.-UC)

MADRIGAL DINNER, 7PM (UC)

Faculty Jazz Quintet Concert, 8PM (MH-FAB)

UAB Concerts Presents: RUBY STAR, 8PM (Encore-UC)

FRI., DEC. 9

RHA Movies: DRAGNET, 6PM & THE LOST BOYS, 8PM (AC Main Lounge)

MADRIGAL DINNER, 7PM (UC)

Basketball, LaCrosse, 7:30PM (H)

Hockey, River Falls, 7:30PM (T)

Campus Activities Presents: FRIENDLY FLOYD'S CASINO NIGHT, 8PM (Wis. Rm.-UC)

Soc. of Amer. Foresters Christmas Party (Elizabeth Inn, Plover)

SAT., DEC. 10

REGISTRATION, 8AM-4PM (QG)

Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)

RHA Movies: DRAGNET, 6PM & THE LOST BOYS, 8PM (DC Main Lounge)

MADRIGAL DINNER, 7PM (UC)

UAB Leisure Time/Travel SLEIGH RIDE, Leave from In Front of the UC at 7PM

Basketball, Eau Claire, 7:30PM (H)

Hockey, River Falls, 7:30PM (T)

Central Wis. Symphony Orchestra, 8PM (Sentry)

UAB Alt. Sounds Dance w/TRIP SHAKESPEARE, 8PM (Encore-UC)

Smith Hall Christmas Formal Dinner/Dance w/NIGHT MOVES, 9PM (Wis. River Country Club)

SUN., DEC. 11

Planetarium Series: THE CHRISTMAS STAR, 1:30 & 3PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

Suzuki Solo Recital, 2 & 3:30PM (MH-FAB)

MADRIGAL DINNER, 7PM (UC)

Central Wis. Symphony Orchestra, 7:30PM (Sentry)

MON., DEC. 12

Wind Ensemble & Central Wis. Youth Wind Ensemble Concert, 8:15PM (MH-FAB)

TUES., DEC. 13

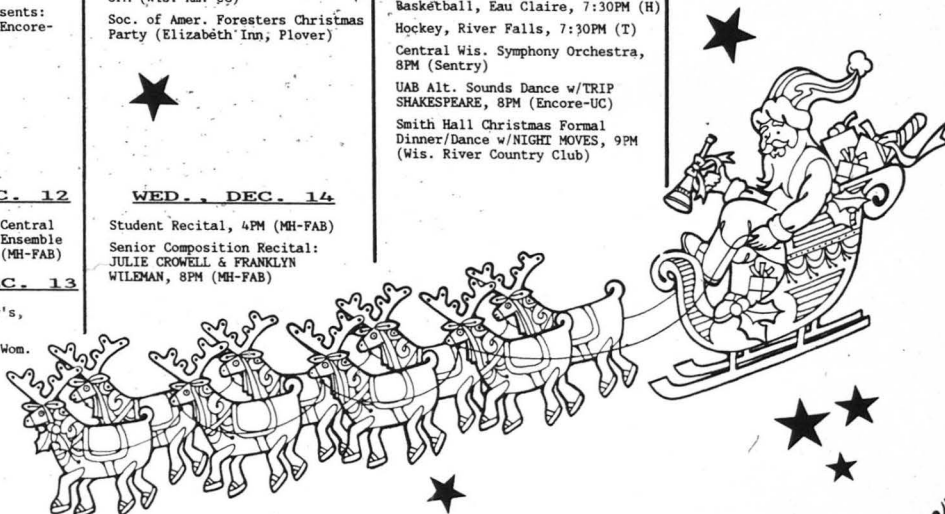
Hockey, St. Mary's, 7:30PM (H)

Pointer Men's & Wom. Choruses, 8PM (MH-FAB)

WED., DEC. 14

Student Recital, 4PM (MH-FAB)

Senior Composition Recital: JULIE CROWELL & FRANKLYN WILHELM, 8PM (MH-FAB)



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SPORTS

Pointer's streak continues... River Falls next

by Brian Posick

Contributor

The UW-Stevens Point hockey team was looking for its 10th and 11th straight wins of the season this past weekend. Standing in the way was the College of St. Scholastica Saints. The Saints entered the weekend series with one win in eight games. But on a positive note for the Saints, they're riding a modest win streak—of 1. They beat Mankato State 4-2 November 26. So, easy weekend for the Pointers, right? Not necessarily.

Friday night the Pointers needed a strong 3rd period to beat CSS 5-3. Point led by a goal twice in the 1st on goals by left-winger Mike Racz (7 goals, 8 assists, 15 points) and senior Rick Fleming (4-6-10). But Scholastica tied the score twice in the frame, the final goal coming at the horn by forward Lance Palmer.

The Saints didn't exactly come marching into the 2nd period, but they did march off with a 3-2 lead. Steve Savoyitz's power play goal at the 7:08 mark gave CSS its first lead of the game.

The score remained 3-2 half-way through the 3rd and the 849 fans at the K.B. Willett Arena began to get a bit nervous. Then on to the ice stepped the line of center Joe Butcher (4-4-8) and wingers Mike Stahley (7-5-12) and Tim Hale (2-4-6).

Butcher, a junior from Sun Prairie, returned to the Pointers a couple of weekends ago following a fractured jaw. In his first game back November 26 versus Bemidji State, Butcher scored the game-winning overtime goal on an assist from Hale. Friday night's play was much similar. Hale imposed a strong forecheck on a Scholasti-

ca defenseman, got the puck to Stahley who fed Butcher for the tying goal at 9:47. Just one minute 37 seconds later Butcher assisted Stahley on the game-winner.

Senior Pat McPartlin (6-8-14), the only Pointer in school history to record a short-handed goal (he had four going into the weekend), tallied his fifth with a half minute left to seal the victory. On that play, center Ralph Barahona was officially credited with an assist, extending his consecutive point scoring streak to 31 games.

Goaltender Pat Watson saved 24 of 27 shots on goal to improve his record to 8-0. Rick Royal, CSS's netminder, stumbled off the ice after saving 42 of 47 shots.

Pointer coach Mark Mazzoleni before the weekend had informed his squad not to take the Saints lightly. Although it seemed they may not have taken his advice at first, the Dawgs did Saturday night.

The Pointers outshot Scholastica 46-25 and scored three goals in both the 2nd and 3rd periods to beat the Saints 7-2. Racz and winger Shawn Wheeler (7-6-13) both recorded their 6th and 7th goals of the year and each added an assist to lead the Pointers to their 11th straight win. Again Royal took a beating from the Pointer offense as he stopped 39 shots. Sophomore goalie Kevin Marion went the distance for Point and saved 23 shots. Fleming, Scott Krueger (2-2-4) and Pat Moran (1-0-1), who returned from a three week layoff with a leg injury, also scored for Point.

Barahona again kept his streak intact. Although his UW-SP record breaking goal scoring streak of 11 games was halted the previous night, he did re-

cord 4 assists and extended his point scoring streak to 32 games.

Stevens Point improves to 10-0 (11-0) in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, 12 points in front of Eau Claire. St. Scholastica drops to 1-9 in the conference. Next for the Pointers; they travel to River Falls to play the defending NCAA-Division III National Champions.

River Falls was the NCHA champion last season finishing 18-6 (31-6-1), 1 point ahead of Bemidji and 4 over Point. However, this season the Falcons are 3-5-1 and are ineligible to win the conference title. The NCHA released sanctions on River Falls in October because the school was in violation of the NCHA's 30 games per season limitation.

More importantly now is that these games this weekend mean a lot to both schools. The Falcons need to beat favored Stevens Point at least 3 of the 4 games the teams will play this season for a good chance to win an at large birth to the NCAA playoffs in March.

For Stevens Point, its an important series psychologically. The Pointers have lost 10 games in a row to the Falcons, including twice last season in the NCAA Quarterfinals at Falls. Point has not beaten the Falcons since February 13, 1986 when they won 3-2.

Of all the matchups in Pointer Athletics: Pointer basketball versus Eau Claire, Cross Country and track versus LaCrosse, the rivalry between the Falcons and the Pointers may be the best.

The games will be played in the W.H. Hunt Arena in River Falls Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30. You can listen to both games live on WWSP, 89.9FM, beginning at 7:20 with the Mark Mazzoleni pregame show.

Womens Basketball year to date

Stevens Point, down by eight (21-13) with 6:30 left in the first half, relied on a strong defense, resulting in many Parkside turnovers to tie the score at 26, just seconds before intermission.

Picture the coach who is off to an 0-4 start. What do you see? Depression, frustration, and probably a frown—right?

Now take a look at the coach whose team is off to an 0-4 start—she's not anything like you would expect.

Head Coach Ruth Anne Kaiser and her UWSP Women's Basketball team suffered their fourth loss (all non-conference) in as many games, when they played host to UW-Parkside 64-55 Saturday in Berg Gym. So why does Coach Kaiser seem so enthusiastic, excited and continue to smile—because she's got so much to look forward to.

Kaiser, who believes everything happens for a reason, looks at the stroke of bad luck as an opportunity rather than a no-win situation.

"It's tough right now because our three captains (Cheryle Gross, Deb Shane, and Renee Bourget) are out, but this gives our other players a chance to show what they're capable of doing," notes Kaiser.

Gross and Shane were limited to four and six minutes of playing time because of injuries, while Bourget was not in attendance because of an illness, forcing Kaiser to put a younger, less experienced team on the floor, and they showed what they were capable of doing—playing tough when they need to.

It was Parkside's quick outlet passes and running offense which resulted in the early lead. "We knew they were going to do it, it was just a matter of seeing it and making the adjustment that got us back in the ballgame," Kaiser explained.

But, in the second half it was the adjustment of Parkside's offense that allowed Sue Maas, Parkside's six-foot junior center, to build a lead that, this time, would never be broken.

"We were relying on the weak-side help to stop the lob pass underneath. It's when we were late that they got it (the basket). It was a good adjustment of their part," said Kaiser.

Maas led all scorers with 19 points. Susie Brugini chipped in 16 for Parkside.

The Lady Pointers were led by Katie Peterson with 13 points, followed by Abby Panosh, Amy Felauer, and Deb Metzger, with 11, 10, and 9 points respectively.

Metzger and Panosh finished with 10 rebounds each.

The Lady Pointers will begin conference play on Friday, December 9, when UW-Stout comes to town.

Now that's something for Coach Kaiser to get excited about.

Men's Basketball year to date

by Jimmy Cullen

Sports Contributor

The primarily young but dedicated Pointer men's basketball team will enter WSUC play against UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire this weekend with a 4-2 record. Although the Pointers are not expected to have a very successful year in conference play, head coach Bob Parker and his assistants are looking for enthusiasm and an all-out effort from their team in a tough conference.

The Pointers opened the 1988-89 season by hosting the fifth annual Tip-Off Tournament. The Pointers advanced to the championship game of its own tournament for the fifth year, after defeating Mount Senario (Ladysmith, WI) 72-70 in a tightly played ball game. In the championship game, the Pointers shot a respectable 61 percent from the floor, as they

were led by five players scoring in double figures. Junior Scott Anderson (Auburndale, WI) shot over 70 percent from the floor and totaled 25 points, Jon Julius, a freshman from Lena, Ill., scored 15 points, and 10 points each were scored by senior Michael Lehmann (New Berlin), Mike Hatch a freshman from Hartford and freshman Jim Glanzer from Onalaska. Although the Pointers had a two-point lead at the half and out-rebounded Kearney State (Kearney, Nebraska), the Pointers committed 31 personal fouls to Kearney State's 19. Because of this, Kearney State won the game on the free throw line as they made 34 of 41 attempts and the Pointers made 13 of only 20 attempts. The final score was 104-95.

The Pointers improved their record to 2-1 with a 69-56 easy victory over the Green Knights of St. Norbert College November 22. The Pointers led 36-28 at

the half and by shooting over 70 percent from the line in the second half were able to thwart any challenge by the Green Knights. Scott Anderson led the Pointers with 23 points and Mike Lehmann tossed in another 13 points. Jon Julius led all players in rebounds with 10. The Pointers now lead the series between these two schools 41-25.

The Pointers first trip on-the-road was a successful one as they defeated Cardinal Stritch 89-83. Jon Julius had an outstanding performance as he not only blocked five Cardinal shots but grabbed 10 rebounds and was the Pointers' leading scorer with 17 points. The Pointers continued their winning ways on the road as they traveled to Madison to play Edgewood College, where they promptly disposed of their competition by a final score of 92-79. Stevens Point shot only 52 percent from the floor, but put the game out

of reach by shooting 80 percent from the free throw line (28 out of 35 attempts). Scott Anderson was the first of four Pointers to score in double figures as he pumped in 21 points. Jon Julius who led the Pointers in rebounds with 11 had 18 points and Chad Pronschinske (Independence, WI) and Darin Brown, Madison West, scored 15 and 11 points respectively in the Pointers' fourth win in five games.

On December 3, the Pointers traveled to La Crosse for a game against the 4-2 V-Hawks of Viterbo. The V-Hawks, who were returning four starters from last year's team, compared to only two returnees for Stevens Point, trailed the Pointers 22-21 at the half, but shot a sizzling 60 percent in the second half, and also made six three-point field goals in the game to beat the Pointers 42-33. The Pointers turned ice cold in shooting from the line in the second half as they shot less than 30 percent (nine of 31 attempts). The V-Hawks shut down the Pointers' main scoring threats in the form of Julius

and Anderson and only one Pointer, Mike Hatch, scored in double figures (12 points). The Pointers out-rebounded their opponent 44-27 but could not turn those rebounds into the points needed for a victory.

The Pointers thus far are shooting 52 percent from the floor and 67 percent from the free throw line. Meanwhile, Pointer opponents have made 45 percent of their field goals and 74 percent of their free throws. The Pointers are out-rebounding their opponents by an average of 39 to 29 rebounds a game.

Leading scorers for the Pointers early in the season are Hatch (14 points per game), Julius (13), Anderson (12) and Pronschinske (10). Julius leads the Pointers in rebounds with approximately nine per game. Julius and Hatch, who have each made over 20 free throws so far this season, are the most accurate from the charity stripe with making over 80 percent of their attempts. Jim Glanzer has the hot hand beyond the three-point line as he has made over 70 percent of his attempts (five of seven).

13 recipients of the mini-grants are ...

Mini-grants have been awarded to 13 faculty members and four members of the classified staff at UWSP for research or development projects.

David Staszak, dean of graduate studies and coordinator of research and a 16-member University Personnel Development Committee headed by Coralie Dietrich, a professor of psychology, selected the recipients. They are mainly new faculty members or those who have not received this type of funding in the past.

"These grants in the amount of \$1,000 or less are for small projects or seed projects that may lead to further activities," Staszak says. The committee studies the proposals and recommends which ones should have priority for funding.

The recipients of the mini-grants are:

—Catherine Angel, assistant professor of art, \$985, to develop five photographic works of art;

—Dennis Angel, assistant professor of art, \$492, to exhibit his works at The Contemporary Art Workshop in Chicago;

—James E. Cook, assistant professor of Natural Resources, \$515, to study the effects of heat and light intensity on seedling development in Northern Red Oak;

—James Gingles, associate professor of home economics, and Kathleen Buss, assistant professor of home economics, \$403, to study temperament and reading achievement in second grade children;

—Renee Gouaux, director, Edna Carsten Gallery, \$705, to upgrade the gallery's design;

—Carol Huettig, associate professor of HPERA, \$642, to expand the UWSP/Stevens Point Area Public Schools adapted physical education program;

—Sarah Kent, assistant professor of history, \$950, to study parliamentary history of Croatia;

—Dorothy Olson, assistant professor of communicative disorders, \$734, to examine the efficacy computer assisted analysis of free speech samples;

—Judith Rusciollell, assistant professor of foreign languages,

\$1,000, to create a Spanish/English glossary of international resource management terms;

—Chris Sadler, assistant professor of communication, \$360, to compare past and current definitions of success and failure;

—David P. Smith, lecturer in art, \$702, to investigate ceramic mason stains;

—Mary Witte, senior lecturer in fashion and interior design, \$843, to design exploration series on a full-color laser copier.

Also, four classified staffers were awarded funding for development projects. Diane Smith of the School of Education and Chris Zinda of the School of Communicative Disorders received \$445 to attend a seminar for lead workers; Greg Galecki of the physical plant received \$855 to attend a course on the operation of direct digital control automation equipment; and Jeff Vollmar of the Science Center received \$850 to attend a scientific instrument service course.

New director, new director

Sharon Lee Cramer of South Bend, Ind., is the new director of residential facilities at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The position was created this fall during a restructuring of responsibilities of several members of the administrative staff in the housing area.

Cramer will oversee about 38 employees who serve as custodians and repair workers in UWSP's 12 residence halls (dormitories).

A native of Indiana, she holds

a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University.

For the past five years, she has held administrative positions for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. For the Sisters, Cramer served as head of housekeeping at St. Mary's College, where she was in charge of 46 employees who maintained 17 buildings, and was director of environmental services for the St. Joseph Residential Facility in which 240 patients lived within six housing units.

She is affiliated with the National Executive Housekeepers Association.

Angel's work exhibited at Orbi et Orbi Gallery

A new faculty member at UWSP has been selected, through national competition, to show her work in one-person exhibitions in Little Rock, Ark., and Pittsburgh, Penn.

Catherine Angel, who joined UWSP's department of art and design this fall, was invited to exhibit her large-scale photographs at Little Rock's Orbi et Orbi Gallery in a current show which runs through Dec. 15. From Jan. 11 through Feb. 11, the works will be displayed at Blatent Image-Silver Eye in Pittsburgh.

Orbi et Orbi is a contemporary gallery, which represents more than 60 artists and specializes in nontraditional art in many different mediums. Blatent Image is dedicated to the exhibition and study of photography, the encouragement of its creation and the understanding of photography as a Fine Art. It offers exhibitions of regional, national and international photographic artists, complemented with lectures, public forums, workshops, portfolio review sessions and other community services.

Most recently, Angel has been working with the triptych format, "exploring the potential of using three images that function independently, but when com-

bined, serve the realization of a more complete and multi-faceted visual statement."

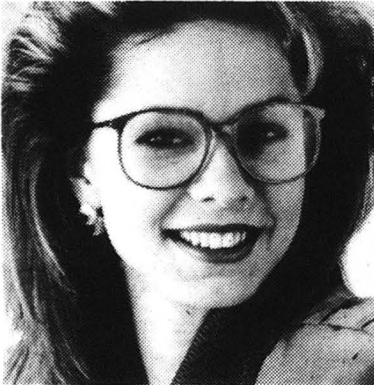
She says she uses the soft focus inherent to the Dianna camera in service of her intention as an artist. The soft, blurring images refer to the mystery and abstractness of thoughts and memories.

Through her image making, Angel calls into question the finality of death and proposes a more cyclic view of nature. She says she strongly believes in the power and endurance of the human spirit and places great value in life experiences.

A Florida native, Angel received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, and was awarded a fellowship to pursue graduate studies at Indiana University, where she received an M.F.A. in photography earlier this year. Her work has been represented nationally in several one and two-person exhibitions, as well as in more than 30 group shows throughout the country. She recently was awarded a grant from UWSP to pursue the development of a group of large-scale collaged images on canvas.

She and her husband, Dennis, a painter who also is a UWSP faculty member, live in Stevens Point.

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OUTDOORS

Eco Briefs

By Cindy Byers
Outdoors Writer

The Wisconsin Green Party is growing. The idea of Green political parties began in Europe and Greens there now have some influence on decision-making. A Door County group is organizing and hopes to work with the Wisconsin association of Green community activists. The Greens are interested in recycling, bioregion exploration and involvement in county environmental issues and projects. A basic philosophy of the Greens is that the relationship between humans and the earth must be altered and a view of harmony with nature must be adopted. Social responsibility in the form of involvement with local government is also Green policy.

The most devastating predator in Wisconsin may not be a wild animal. A study is going on now that points to the house cat (*Felis domesticus*) as a serious threat to wild populations of small animals and birds. It's thought that as many as 1.2 million cats may run loose in Wisconsin. The prey house cats kill has a deeper effect than the first death. Other predatory animals such as owls or foxes are then out of a meal. Declines of species such as the barn owl may be linked to house cats.

There has been a lot of concern lately over the safety of United States nuclear facilities that produce weapons materials. The Department of Energy is now looking for designs for a new series of plants that wouldn't be as dangerous. Current reactors for the Energy Department are nearing the end of their design lives and will have to be replaced if the production of nuclear weapons is to continue. Idaho and South Carolina are two states jockeying for position to get two new plants built in their areas.

The Savannah River Plant is one of the places mentioned above that was closed because of safety problems. It was planned to have a December 31 restart for the reactors there, but snags have developed. Added safety procedures should delay the reopening. Savannah River is the only operational facility that can produce plutonium and tritium for United States nuclear weapons. Officials say there is plenty of plutonium, but supplies of tritium could run short by next summer. The reactors at Savannah River were built in 1950 by E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

Four hundred million tons of waste per year is the current estimate for world industrial production. Projections say that 60 percent of that comes from the United States. Where does it go? Increasingly it is shipped to Third World countries which are in need of the revenue that can be gained by disposal. Glamor waste such as radioactive byproducts get much of the publicity, but everyday household and industrial waste poses a huge problem in bulk and potential human dangers. Recycling and conservation may be two

THE OUTSIDER

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It happens every year about this time. It occurs just after the first snows of the year have covered the ground.

As the sun comes up, they begin to gather. The desire is visible in each pair of eyes. Their target is near, but will they be able to get it before it gets away in the hands of another? Then, as the hour of eight a.m. approaches, there is a stir among the crowd. It is almost time.

Suddenly, the time arrives. The first are let into the competition. As the first clear out, however, more appear on the scene. Like a pack of hungry wolves, they join the throng.

Inside, the carnage has begun. Masses move from one place to another, in search of that elusive goal. Any sense of order is lost almost immediately, with confusion the rule.

This may sound like the feeding frenzy of a group of wild animals, or maybe even something more uncontrolled, like the start of hunting season.

Actually, it is something which appears similar to these, and other natural phenomenon. But, its not.

Every year, around the first or second week of December, it is time for registration spring semester classes here at UWSP. If there is anything which emulates nature with out really ever coming close to the real thing, it is registration.

To the unknowing eye, the events have the appearances as something wild and uncontrolled, like the mating rituals of many wild creatures. But, as the flight of many waterfowl southward in the fall, mass confusion is actually an organized and, most of the time, well orchestrated event.

Take, for example, the throngs waiting outside Quandt Fieldhouse prior to their turn to register. Is this a group of normal, mostly well-adjusted human beings of above average intellect waiting for a chance to get some good classes, or is it a group of lemmings massing and making its move across land only to jump into the sea and drown.

Periodically, the masses begin to shift, as the next group moves inside to meet its doom. Like cattle in the slaughter house, however, they mindlessly move in.

Like a wild wolf who hasn't eaten in weeks, the desire for that class card is evident in the eyes of each person in the lines inside. At the front of the line, like an eagle diving on its prey, the lucky person demands: "Comm 101, section six."

The next moment is one of anticipation; will they get that coveted class card and dance like Snoopy for his supper, or will they hear those dreaded words "I am sorry, that class is closed," and collapse in defeat like a deer shot through the heart in mid-leap.

If that desired class card is received, that person moves on to their next line to get their next card, but, if the class was filled, that person then moves to the center of the fieldhouse, where, like birds preparing for that first flight, he and others in the same situation nervously page through their timetables trying to find that perfect class.

As the registration process draws to a close, it is apparent who got the courses and schedule they wanted, and who was left out in the cold.

The victors, those with no classes before 11 a.m. and Fridays off, strut around showing their schedules off like male prairie chickens looking for a



mate, while those with 8 a.m. classes five days a week and nothing which means anything to their major try to stick their heads in the floor like scared ostriches.

This bizarre registration behavior is not limited to the actual registration day activities, but actually starts with advising.

For example, in the weeks preceding registration, students begin to search out their advisors like puppies looking for their mothers. And those who want to change their major run around like chickens with their heads cut off looking for a new advisor.

Student mass advising resem-

bles a flock of penguins sitting on an iceberg, while those who participate in peer advising appear like a bunch of ants following in a column, one following and doing the same as the leader.

Lastly is the student who tries to break the registration rules in an attempt to get that ideal schedule, much like the fox who breaks into the henhouse. While this sly creature may get away with his infringement, the consequences of getting caught are extremely, and necessarily tough. The student may not get shot, but can you think of anything worse than registering in January?

Wisconsin deer hunters bag 254,687

MADISON—Preliminary figures on the 1988 Wisconsin gun deer hunting season show hunters bagged 254,687 whitetails, the Department of Natural Resources announced recently.

Overall, the preliminary total shows a two percent increase over 1987, when 250,530 deer were taken.

"The numbers in our preliminary total are based on actual registration figures in some districts and estimated totals using deer populations and past deer registration figures in others," Frank Haberland, DNR wildlife biologist said. "The final deer season total will be made after all the registration stubs have been counted by hand. If our preliminary figure changes, it will more than likely increase."

Northern Wisconsin hunters enjoyed the results of the past two mild winters, which allowed

for an increased deer herd and liberal Hunter's Choice permit numbers. All three of the DNR's northern management districts reported increased deer registrations.

The Northwest District reports a 21 percent increase, estimation on a registration total of 47,500 deer this season compared with 39,410 in 1987.

The Lake Michigan District has the highest 1988 registration with 58,791 deer harvested, a 10 percent increase over 1987's total of 53,508. Lake Michigan District wildlife specialist Jim Raber reported that the harvest increase was due to a larger deer herd, increased Hunter's Choice permits and heavy mid-week hunting.

"Registrations during the week at many of our stations were almost double that of previous seasons," Raber said. "District law enforcement per-

sonnel reported heavy hunting activity during the week and observed many more hunting camps in several areas."

The North Central District reports a nine percent increase this year, up to 52,781 compared with 48,384 in 1987. The Woodruff area, including Forest, Oneida and Vilas counties, registered 16,000 deer.

"Almost all counties north of Highway 64 showed increased deer registrations because of the large herd size following the past mild winters," Haberland noted. "In the southern part of the state, hunters had good success, but the harvest totals there were lower by management design this year when compared with totals in previous hunting seasons."

The Southern District shows an estimated 1988 total of 35,200 deer harvested this year com-

pared with 44,342 in 1987. The harvest this year represents a 21 percent decrease.

Last season's DNR district deer registration leader, the Western District, is down seven percent for 1988 with an estimated total of 57,000. It was number one in 1987 with 61,651. The reduction was anticipated because of fewer Hunter's Choice permits made available based on a slightly reduced deer herd.

The Southeast District is down 10 percent to 2,915 compared with 3,251 in 1987.

The 1988 deer hunting season will rank as one of the safest gun deer hunting seasons in the past four decades, with 20 reported shooting accidents including two fatalities. The same total of accidents was reported in 1940, but that also included seven fatalities.

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ways to reduce the volume, but the problem is not going to go away quickly.

High Lake Michigan water levels from 1986-87 have receded, but they may be back and even higher. Farsighted communities along the lake are looking at long-term lake levels and beginning to devise plans to cope in the future. Some recommendations are: stricter regulations and zoning in shoreline areas, requiring floodproofing for new structures, and relocation of utilities out of the danger zone. Hundreds of millions of dollars in damages could be avoided with good planning.

The decrease in water levels may mean good news for waterfowl. As ponds and shallows are created by the lowering of water levels more food and loafing areas are created for birds such as geese and ducks. These areas were largely underwater the last two years but are now being seen again. Birds such as Bonaparte's Gulls have been seen later in the year along the Lake Michigan shore than they have been recently. Nature is quick to fill in a vacuum.

New home sales may require radon testing and disclosure as part of the terms of sale. There is renewed concern over the odorless, colorless radon gas that is produced naturally in soils. The health hazard of radon is similar to smoking cigarettes. Wisconsin areas affected are mostly in the northeast and

east central parts of the state. About one-half of new home buyers are requesting radon tests before they buy which may drive up the price of homes slightly. Banks are beginning to take notice as well in their consideration of properties for mortgages.

Existing homes that have radon problems can be retrofitted with protective devices. One of the best ways seems to be with venting. Houses have become more energy-efficient as homeowners have reacted to high energy prices. The tighter a house is, the more toxins can build up inside. Development of heat exchangers and high-efficiency furnaces that use outside air for firing can help. Another good way to dissipate radon and other harmful airborne pollutants is to design and build an efficient venting system for the home.

Taking Trees a Crime



MADISON, WI—Deer hunters and other outdoors lovers who take to the woods this season planning to leave with a freshly cut Christmas tree had better be ready to provide a receipt or other proof of purchase for the tree.

Survey examines Wisconsin's campers

MADISON— Family groups comprise only two-thirds of today's campers, according to a 1987 Wisconsin campers survey conducted by the Department of Natural Resources.

"The number of non-family groups is rising, and now comprises one-third of all campers," said Linda Penaloza, sociologist for the DNR's Bureau of Research. "There has been a national shift from traditional to non-traditional families such as those with single parents. And more college-aged and unmarried adults are camping."

Penaloza surveyed 2,304 public and 2,089 private campground users. The survey found that compared to 1980, the average size of today's private

campground party is smaller, dropping from 4.9 to 3.7 people. The average camping party at public campgrounds remained at 4.1 people.

The economic impact of campers, as revealed by the survey, is substantial, according to Penaloza. In 1980, parties staying at private campgrounds spent an average of \$166; those staying at public campgrounds spent \$147. The 1987 survey found those averages had risen to \$211 for private and \$170 for public campground users.

"The amount of money camping parties spent was greater than what industry experts anticipated," said Penaloza. "Having campsites nearby is

good for local businesses."

The survey also found most campers, 68 percent of state campground campers and 58 percent of private campers, were satisfied with the quality of their camping experience in Wisconsin parks.

"Campers as a group know what they want," said Penaloza. "They are satisfied with the camping experience and this shows Wisconsin has high quality campgrounds."

Successful campgrounds enjoy a high degree of repeat business. According to the survey, 84 percent of public and 68 percent of private campers said they camped often and visited the same campgrounds repeatedly.

State parks' admission good stocking stuffers

MADISON—What better gift for the outdoors lover on your holiday shopping list than Wisconsin's state parks, forests and trails.

By giving a Wisconsin State Park annual admission sticker, you're giving the recipient access to more than 50 state parks, forests and recreational areas that contain miles of sandy beaches, thousands of campsites and picnic areas, and a myriad of outdoor activities in some of the state's most scenic areas.

An annual trail pass given to your hiker or biker will allow them access throughout the year to the state's 11 hiking and biking trails, such as the nationally renowned Elroy-Sparta Bicycle Trail.

And so your outdoorsman or outdoorswoman knows what is going on at the parks, give them a 1989 Wisconsin State Parks calendar. The calendar features photographs from Wisconsin parks, forests and recreational areas taken by DNR personnel.

According to Linda Nehls of the DNR Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the annual parks

admission sticker has long been a popular gift idea. But, she adds, it can become an even nicer gift when given with a State Park calendar.

"The calendar highlights what is going on in state parks during the different seasons of the year," Nehls explains.

Besides listing opening and closing dates for parks, the calendar also notes special events occurring in individual parks. And it gives park-goers an idea of what to look for during the different seasons, such as wildlife activity and which wildflowers are in bloom.

For the hunter or angler on your gift list, the calendar notes such important dates as when to apply for permits and the opening and closing of different hunting and fishing seasons.

The department also publishes several publications on the state's recreational resources.

"Biking Wisconsin State Park Trails" is a guide to state trails that includes maps of all the trails and information on camping, picnicking and other trail facilities. More in-depth trail guides, detailing history, natural environment and other features, are available for the Military Ridge, Sugar River and Bearskin trails.

Nehls said one of the most popular publications ever offered by the department was the Wisconsin State Parks Guide. The guide was first printed four years ago and has since gone out of print.

A new updated park guide that will include more information about state parks is nearly completed and will be available in 1989.

Annual admission stickers and most publications are available at state park offices, regional DNR offices or by mail. Annual park admission stickers are \$14 for residents and \$30 non-residents; annual trail passes are \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents; calendars are \$5; the bike trail guide is \$3; and individual trail guides are \$1 each.

All materials may be ordered by mailing a check or money order made out to the Department of Natural Resources to: Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Add five percent sales tax and \$1 for postage and handling when ordering the calendar and trail guides.

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Late season duck hunting on the mighty Mississippi

John P. Gagliano
Contributor

A cold November wind clawed at the corners of the little cabin, and rain that was almost snow drummed and slushed on the roof and windows.

Inside, though, there was merriment that comes from good company and the certain knowledge that tomorrow's hunt will be just as successful as today's. As we patiently waited around the dinner table sipping our favorite drinks and conversing about our memorable days of duck hunting, sweet smells came from the sizzling pots on the stove.

And there were smells too, from the food and from the waders drying in a corner and from socks hung overhead and from the guns glistening with fresh coats of oil.

And there was the dog, the spunky black Labrador named Tasha, tugging herself clean on a dry floor, aching muscles soaking up the welcome heat.

She, like the hunters, had had a good day. And soon she and her partner named Gunner, a big brawny Chesapeake, would share in the bounty of it.

And what of the hunters who were there that stormy night? They sat around the table, dry now and comfortable in fresh clothing after a day of being wet and cold.

Coming from Stevens Point, we all share similar interests and value the strong friendship shared between us which has kept us together ever since we met in college.

Ricky Hatten, for example, a senior here in college, contributed his Dodge Power Wagon to pull the "barge" (a 18-foot Jon boat) along with his dog Gunner and as well as his gun to the venture.

Mark Henry, a native from Marinette, brought his dog Tasha and enough decoys to stretch across the Great Lakes.

Mike Merchinski, nicknamed "Merch" lived up to our expecta-

tations of him by describing his humorous and sometimes serious anecdotes, which kept us amused throughout the night. And, to boot, he was the chef for all our meals in the cabin.

Lonny Techel, who is believed to have been born with a duck call in his mouth and a pocket full of shells, is the person responsible for bringing us together and making such a trip possible. This warm personality and zeal to hunt wakes excitement in all of us.

Rick Techel, Lonnie's uncle, had driven across the state from his home in Appleton to spend the weekend in the muck and the mud of the Mississippi River. Always cheerful and funny, Rick lives up the cabin with his witty humor and zany gestures—a quality that is delightful after a long day of hunting.

And I, the recorder, who feels compelled to write this story, relishes the camaraderie that is contained in the small cabin, and eagerly anticipates the next hunt.

The early opening of duck hunting season in October is fine for some but the real duck hunting, the best of it, takes place in November, when the swamps are cold and the edges of the potholes are ringed with ice.

The mighty Mississippi River, whose mysterious waters contains a rich food supply of aquatic vegetation, is a resting point for thousands of migratory ducks. Often ducks can be heard at night migrating, and that Friday evening we stood momentarily outside our cabin listening intently to the exhilarating cries and quacks of wild ducks, as they nestled on the water.

Getting up at 4:30 Saturday morning is not something to be

desired, but we all know that today it would be well worth it. With two boats neatly stacked with diver decoys and hunting gear, the devoted hunters were on the water by 5:30.

The cold, wintery north wind whipped our exposed faces as we headed out on the large expanse of open water. But in a way it was as refreshing as a hot cup of coffee in the morning that perks you up with fervor.

We selected a spot on the river that was partially protected by a long narrow island that consisted of dead trees and grasses. Even that didn't slow much of the cold blast from the north, but it would provide enough of a barrier to stop crosswinds and allow ducks to drop in.

Decoy placement is an art to our group and since we had about two hundred to put out before the start of the morning hunt, we quickly created a life-like scene of rafting ducks that stretched over a hundred yards. In the vicinity large muskrat houses propped out of the water and would be our sites to shoot from.

And then we waited in the half-light of the morning, then in the grey of the November day that was to bring fog and wind and snow.

We did not need a professional forecaster to tell us that something was happening in the

world of weather. The ducks told us all we need to know. They moved. Some high but many stayed low maneuvering skillfully above the crest of the waves. To some the enticement of the bobbing blocks was too much as they rocketed through our spread at warp speeds.

And we did get birds. Shooting selectively, we picked out divers; ringbills, scaup and an occasional bufflehead-ducks that are relished by those who hunt late in the season.

They were beautiful birds, the ones we dropped, fully feathered and heavy breasted with distinctive black and white markings.

The hunters shot well and when it was all over we each had our bag limit of 3 birds. And the dogs retrieved beautifully.

We left the river then, after the decoys were picked up and bagged. The snow was heavier and the wind was gathering strength.

We cleaned ducks and guns and chucked wet clothing.

And that is how it came to pass that six hunters and two dogs enjoyed the fruits of a day on the Mississippi River, while a cold November wind clawed

at the corners of the cabin.

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It was, for certain, what real duck hunting is all about.

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The final conflict

By Jeff Miller
Contributor

As the final weeks of the semester come to an end, students begin to contract a case of the red eye, become nervous and edgy and have sleeping disorders (due to caffeine overdose). What is the cause of this sickness plaguing the students? It's the dreaded disease of finals phobia.

Final exams are the monsters that come back to haunt the students at the end of each semester. These dreadful tests strike fear in the hearts of every mortal college student. What can they do to protect themselves from its evil clutches? What can the average, unarmed, procrastinating students do when they are trying to read 20 chapters the night before a final?

The so-called comprehensive finals are the nails in the coffin. They are composed of material studied throughout the entire course of the semester. These terrifying examinations force poor students into a skimpy diet of No Doze and Mountain Dew.

So why then do professors continue to pass out these ulcer inducers during exam week with smug looks on their faces. Don't they realize that 99.9 percent of the material is forgotten five minutes after students have been tested on it earlier in the semester.

The library during this period is more hectic than Grand Central Station during rush hour. You have to pick a number just to get to a photo copy machine to run off notes because you haven't been to class in three weeks.

You have to realize that students are not to blame for these problems that burden them. At the beginning of each new semester, students promise to reform and vow to be the most diligent they can. They are simply victims of circumstance who, when at exam time, are placed in an undesirable setting. Next time you professors are about to give a cumulative final, stop and think about your wonderful students, for procrastination knows no boundaries.

Choruses to perform

The Pointer Men's and Women's Choruses will perform in a joint concert at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center.

The concert is open to the public without charge.

The men's group, led by David Saladino, director of choral activities at UWSP, will sing works by Lassus, Purcell, Thompson, Brahms, Starer, Applin, Hayes, Walker, Bartholomew and Loewe.

The women's choir, conducted by faculty member Jean Saladi-

no, will perform pieces by Casals, Schein, Bach, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Praetorius, and Schuman. Soloists will include Carla Aldrich of Rothschild, Karen Schoenike of Green Bay, Toni Sherry of Cornell and Lisa Seefeldt of Appleton, who will also conduct one of the works.

The ensembles will be accompanied by Lora Bray of Mosinee, Laurie Wiss of Wisconsin Rapids, Josephine Sim of Singapore, and Jodi Olson of Greenwood.

How to cope with stress and finals

by Kathy Beadle
Contributor

Finals are approaching and also the stress that accompanies them. Many people don't realize that this stress has a direct effect on whether you get a cold or the flu.

How does this happen? Stress has been shown to cause a chemical release within the body. The effect of this release is to suppress the immune system. When the immune system is suppressed, viruses can attack the body and the body is unable to fight back.

What can you do to prevent this? Unfortunately, stress cannot be eliminated, but you can lessen its effects on your

immune system by observing the following points:

1. Take control of the situation. Plan out your study time and also plan relaxation time. Perceived control of a situation has been shown to increase immune system strength.
2. Find social support. Talk about your stress. Even in such stressful situations as death of a family member, people who had social support or someone to talk with fared better than people who had no one.
3. Watch your diet. Eat a diet high in unsaturated oils. The oils found in nuts and seeds have the ability to regulate the

activity of white blood cells and thus strengthen your ability to fight off a virus.

4. Get plenty of sleep. The white blood cell count is higher during sleep. Your body is at work building antibodies that strengthen your immune system.

5. Exercise. Exercise enhances the immune system, except in the case of the marathon runner where the exercise is a stressor of the body.

With these tips in mind you can make it through the stressful period of finals and still be healthy during the holidays.

Ruby: a lady, a legend

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by Molly Rae
Features Writer

Ruby Star has been entertaining, mesmerizing and educating audiences in the art of rock and roll for many years.

Three weeks ago, Ruby again claimed the title of female vocalist of the year at the Wisconsin Area Music Industry Awards (WAMIs). She has a gold record from, "Jim Dandy to the Rescue," which was recorded with Black Oak Arkansas.

Ruby takes the stage and grabs the crowd immediately with her professionalism and showmanship. The band combines danceable and tight originals with contemporary cover songs from Lita Ford to classics by Janis Joplin and Led Zeppelin.

The Ruby Star band has toured with Greg Allman, Cheap Trick, the Producers, and opened for the Who and Van Halen. Just released is Ruby's single, "Secrets of the Heart," a very catchy rock song, with some intense vocals and a great production sound quality. The record is climbing the charts like a bullet in the Milwaukee area.

Ruby is backed by a high quality group of professional musicians: Mudslide on drums, Fred Hodnik on guitar and vocals, Steve Marino on keyboards, and Rude Dude on bass. One highlight of their show is a fierce instrumental duet on bass and drums.

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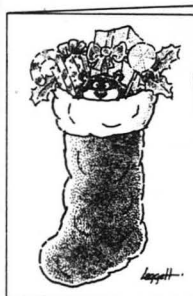
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Friendly Floyd Moves to Point

By Brenda Thompson

Contributor



Alleged Chicago gangster Friendly Floyd, owner of several Chicago boardinghouses, announced this week that he is leaving Chicago for good. "I'm tired of this town. I'm closing up shop and moving on to bigger and better things in Wisconsin," Floyd told reporters.

Floyd's boardinghouses also contain a casino and a non-alcoholic nightclub. To get in, patrons need to use the telephone booth outside the boardinghouse to call and ask for the secret password to get in. Once inside, the patron would be able to gamble as he wished with the pretend money he would re-

ceive. On occasion, however, the establishment has been visited by the police. They stopped the gambling and auctioned off prizes donated to Floyd by area merchants.

How did Floyd ever decide to visit Stevens Point you might ask? Well, according to Floyd, "I just closed my eyes and pointed at a map and my finger just happened to land on Stevens Point."

Friendly Floyd's Boarding House and Casino Club will have its Grand Opening Friday, December 9, in the Wisconsin Room of the UC from 8-10:30 p.m.

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She finally won big money!

When Jean Sindorf purchased a birthday gift for a co-worker, she gambled on how well it would be received.

No problem.

She bought 10 lottery tickets during the weekend for Pat Erdman, secretary to the chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and presented them to Erdman at her office in Old Main on Monday morning.

Erdman, who commutes to

Stevens Point from 4508 North Mountain Rd., Wausau, won \$4 on one, \$2 on another and \$1 on a third. Then came the jackpot—\$500.

Interested in the lottery since it began, Erdman has been a regular purchaser of tickets, but lost some of her zest for the game after spending \$50 on tickets and winning back only about \$15. She says Sindorf's gift has rejuvenated her interest in the game.

MINORITY AFFAIRS ALL THAT IS DIFFERENT

Twelve years old stood at the microphone,

As a panel of professors shuffled papers, preparing to listen,

And the audience stared up—two hundred adult eyes focused

On twelve years old; whose head would not lift up to look out,

But whose mouth struggled to tell of being an Indian girl in school,

Who murmured quietly of loneliness and derision.

Twelve years old,

Only the top of her head showed, covered with thick black hair,

Shining in the glare of spotlights, bobbing

As she spoke, the silky mop A convenient curtain for shy eyes.

Friends could not be friends, she said, because Moms and Dads

Warned of being with an Indian, an Indian

Girl, who cannot understand what evil lurks beneath her skin,

Or why she has been shut out with jeers,

Why school halls become guantlets of taunts

Mouthed from puppet peers, Reciting words flung from supper tables or flaunted over beers...

Mini-mimicks, small torturers, building bars in elementary years,

Constructing traps for the innocent made from ignorance and fear...

"Because I am an Indian," she said again, never looking up,

Black hair still hiding the child face.

Briefly she went on, groping for words to tell of these things; And then, she was done.

All eyes dropped, as twelve years old left the podium.

My blue eyes, time-rimmed with lines now, have seen

Only small crosses dimly, it seems.

I fear that, were that my daughter there, tears

Would freeze into diamond-hard hate difficult to break.

This poem was written by Sue Erickson, Ashland, an observer of the public hearings of the Ad Hoc Commission on Racism in Wisconsin.

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LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE

She could have been a beauty queen. He could have been a long underwear model in the Sear's catalog. Together, they were the most beautiful couple since the beginning of time.

Her friends called her Dory, short for Donna. Although her earliest class did not meet until 10 in the morning, every day she was up bright and early—at 6 a.m. Dory began every day with a shower: shampoo, rinse, lotion for extra body, mousse, curlers, blow dryer, and then the handmade comb her daddy had bought for her while on safari in Africa. Yes, her hair, once finished, was truly a work of art. And it only took six ounces of hairspray to keep her masterpiece looking "just so."

Once her hair was ready, she then began the arduous process of applying the makeup to her face. It was quite a frustrating experience for her, since she had grown accustomed to having her own dressing room with a professional makeup mirror. So she just sat up on the sink, with her 389 bottles of makeup lined up along the counter (a different shade to be used depending on the cloud cover and time of year). Then, a little mascara, eyeliner, lotion on her arms and legs, and she was

ready to put on one of her designer outfits and face the day.

His legal name was Edward Anthony Johnson. But his buddies at the polo club called him Biff. His hobbies included skydiving, rock climbing, whitewater kayaking and sailing. Biff was living proof that being rich is not as easy as some people think. Having survived the trauma of looking like a Ken doll his whole life, he had managed to grow into quite a refined young man of 20 years.

Biff and Dory met for the first time at a party, following a hockey game. It did not take long for the two to discover how much they had in common: "You wash your hair five times a day, too?" "Your favorite actor is Michael J. Fox?" "I haven't ever been in a K-Mart either!" "I loove Twinkies!"

After a while, Biff and Dory could be seen all over town together. The two spent every spare minute with each other. But, as they became the best of friends, destined to someday become husband and wife, vote Republican every four years, belong to a country club, have 3.2 children and live happily ever after, there was no way that they could have anticipated their tragic demise.

Biff met Dory at the door of Thompson Hall at 10:45 a.m. She turned her face and he kissed her on the cheek. The plan was to go to oreamast at DeBot and then walk to class together. Earlier that morning, as Biff had been gently combing

his hair, he had overheard the weather forecast for the December day: high temperature of 20 below zero, wind holding steady at 45 mph with gusts to 75. As the two lovebirds stepped out of the building, the R.A. working at the desk turned to the two and said, "It's pretty cold out—you folks really ought to wear hats and scarves." They laughed as they walked out the door, "And mess up our hair—you've got to be kidding."

According to the coroner's examination and police reports, after having walked roughly 250 feet, the two lovebirds began to crawl. Apparently, after crawling for a distance of about 20 feet, only five feet from the entrance to the center, the two met their maker. Witnesses reported that the two were in pretty rough shape: fingers had fallen off, they had turned somewhat blue, but apparently, despite the gale-force winds, neither of them had suffered the embarrassment of having a hair out of place.

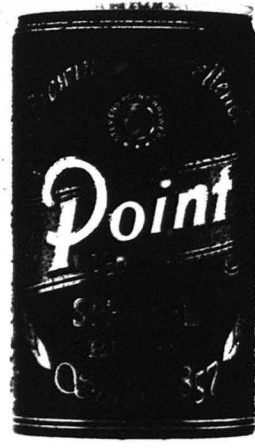
Although Biff and Dory are gone, brothers and sisters, hopefully we will all learn from their example. We all need to ask ourselves what we value most dearly. Given the choice, would you choose freezing to death over risking the possible embarrassment of having a minor case of "hathead?" I think not. Let us not let the happy couple die in vain.

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Striking Out

The two teams with the best records in the league both took it on the chin in week 14, with Buffalo getting upset by Tampa Bay, 10-5 (no, that wasn't a baseball score), while the Bears were shut down by the Los Angeles Rams Monday night.

That Chicago loss sets up a dramatic finish for the National Football Conference Central Division. If the Bears and the Minnesota Vikings both win on Sunday, it will set up a divisional championship matchup for the last game of the regular season. Chicago would enter the game one game ahead, but if the Vikes win that game on Monday, December 19, then they would also win the division by virtue of two wins over the Bears during the regular season.

Regardless of the results of the regular season, however, expect to see the Bears and the Vikings clash again before it is all over. The second place team in the division would go into the playoffs as a wild card team, and since they are arguably the best teams in the league, they will probably meet in the NFC championship game on January 8.

Deja Vu

by Peter Teska
Contributor

President Reagan stated recently that he would not release papers being sought by the lawyers of Ollie North. North's lawyers are seeking 350 documents, which total about 4,000 pages. Reagan stated that it was his duty to block the release of the papers.

Marlin Fitzwater, of the White House, said that the President's statement should be interpreted to mean that it would be up to the judge as to whether or not to declassify the documents.

Not long ago, a similar scenario was being played out—only then it was President Nixon who was refusing to release any of the audio tapes that had been made. At that time, it was

The Pointer hockey team is still just about the hottest small college team on ice. After last weekend's sweep, the Pointer skaters are now 11-0 and lead the Northern Collegiate Hockey Conference and the Wisconsin State University Conference and are looking like a contender for an NAIA national championship next March.

UW-Madison is also having problems with its athletic department. Their difficulties, which stem from financial shortages, have prompted athletic department officials to ask the Board of Regents to charge all students a \$20 athletic fee. In return, students would be allowed free admission to all athletic events except football, basketball and hockey.

The problem is that the events they will get free attendance to are not the ones the students want to go to. That is why they are having the problems in the first place. No one goes to these events, so they are running at a loss and the athletic department as a whole cannot support them.

Perhaps the best solution is to cut the budgets of, or eliminate completely, the teams which cannot operate within the budget constraints of the athletic department as a whole.

Time Reassignment Incentive Program

Eight faculty members at UWSP are developing projects under a program which rewards departments for providing release time for teachers.

Mark Plonsky of psychology, Barbara Dixon of English, Paul Mertz of history, Leslie Midkiff DeBauche of communication, David Ozsvath and Thomas Detwyler of geography/geology, and Earl Spangenberg and Christine Thomas of natural resources have each received one quarter release time from their teaching duties. Under the program's auspices, each department receives \$1,000 and each faculty member may get up to \$500 to use for supplies, travel or small equipment purchases.

The program was developed by the University Personnel De-

partment Committee which makes local decisions regarding grants for retraining, renewal, development, research, teaching improvement and sabbatical projects.

The Time Reassignment Incentive Program was created by the committee because its members recognized a need for faculty to have the time to write grant proposals and pursue scholarly activities. While the \$1,000 given to the recipients' departments doesn't provide replacement money for a faculty member, it does give university departments incentive to allow release time for faculty.

This fall, Plonsky, as assistant professor of psychology, is studying the effects of uncontrollable stress on alcohol reac-

tivity in rats; and Ozsvath, an assistant professor of geology, is developing a laboratory manual for a hydrogeology course.

In the spring, Detwyler, a professor of geography, will implement interactive videodisc lessons; Dixon, as assistant professor of English, will complete a novel; Mertz, a professor of history, will continue research on the civil rights movement; DeBauche, as assistant professor of communication, will study the history of film distribution; Spangenberg, a professor of natural resources, will revise and update textbooks and laboratory manuals; and Thomas, a lecturer in natural resources, will develop and promote the environmental communication minor.

Professors total services equal 100 years

Student scholarships have been established in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Foundation to honor three art professors whose total service to UWSP is about 100 years.

Three separate funds have been set up by anonymous donors with the foundation in the names of Henry Runke, who spent 34 years at UWSP including 23 years as a department chairman; Herbert Sandmann, who taught for 27½ years; and Richard Schneider, who spent 26 years leading art classes at UWSP. The donations of about \$1,000 each will generate interest to be used to support annual and semiannual awards to deserving students.

The Henry Runke EOP Scholarship will be given annually to a minority student in any academic discipline with financial need who carries at least a 12-credit load. The winner will be selected by the Educational Opportunity Program director or awards committee. Runke is a specialist in art metals who

designed the ceremonial mace, the Albertson and Hansen Medallions, and the chain and medallion worn by the UWSP chancellor at formal ceremonies.

The Herbert H. Sandmann Art Award will be given to the student with the best handmade paper piece selected by the juror from works included in the semiannual juried student art show. Sandmann is well known for his work in making paper of varying textures and colors.

The Richard C. Schneider Award will go to the student with the best ceramic piece included in the semiannual student exhibition. A ceramist, Schneider is the creator of the mosaic tile mural on the facade of UWSP's Natural Resources Building. Most recently, his work has included commemorative ceramic breastplates.

People wishing to add to the scholarship funds may do so through the UW-SP Foundation Office, 212 Old Main, (715) 346-3812.

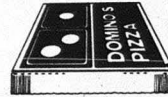
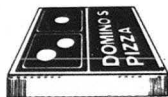
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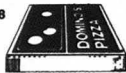
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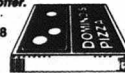
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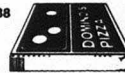
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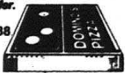
2 Small \$5⁴⁹

Two 10" Cheese Pizzas for \$5.49.
Additional Toppings \$1.09 for both pizzas.

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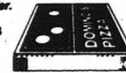
2 Large \$8⁸⁸

Two 14" Cheese Pizzas for \$8.88.
Additional Toppings \$1.29 for both pizzas.

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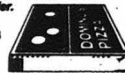
2 Medium \$7⁴⁹

Two 12" Cheese Pizzas for \$7.49.
Additional Toppings \$1.19 for both pizzas.

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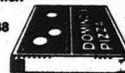
PARTY PACK

Two 14" pepperoni or sausage pizza & 4 cups of Coke for **ONLY \$10⁹⁵**

One coupon per order

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Special Deals

LATE NIGHT SPECIAL

14" pepperoni or sausage pizza & 4 cups of Coke for **ONLY \$6⁹⁹**

8:00 p.m. to close.

One coupon per pizza.

This coupon not good with Doubles offer.

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THICK & DELICIOUS FREE THICK CRUST

Use this coupon to receive FREE thick crust on any pizza order, Doubles or Single.

One coupon per pizza.

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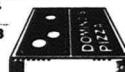
2 FREE COKES

With this coupon receive 2 FREE cups of Coke with any pizza purchase.

One coupon per pizza.

Not good with any other coupon or offer.

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