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EDITORIAL

Death Penalty - We can't carry out the irrevocable penalty fairly

By Gabrielle Ly Wyant-Perillo

Editor-in-Chief

The death penalty seems to have made a comeback. Not many years ago such a thing would have seemed impossible in the United States. There was a moratorium on executions in the U.S., backed by the authority of the Supreme Court. The hiatus lasted roughly a decade. Coming on the heels of a gradual but persistent decline in the use of the death penalty in the Western world, it appeared to some that executions would pass from the American scene (cf. Commonwealth, January 15, 1988). This seems to be a false appearance.

In a series of opinions the Supreme Court found that the death penalty does not violate the United States Constitution. The Court declared that states may enact and carry out death-penalty laws if they followed correct procedures and standards, to the right kind of crime and to appropriate defendants.

Today, ten years since the Supreme Court's decisions, 37 states and two federal jurisdictions have death-penalty laws, and over 2,000 men and women are on the death rows.

Because of the ridiculously length appeal processes, the prisoners executed in 1987 spent an average of more than seven years waiting to walk, what society has decided, their last mile. This in itself, is cruel and unusual punishment. Yet appeals are necessary, even with reviews of death sentences, mistakes are possible. Anything is possible.

The possibility exists that we may have made a *simple* mistake in taking the life of a human being. There are still ques-

tions and substantial doubts in the execution cases of Mississippi's Edward Earl Johnson and Florida's execution Willie Jasper Darden. There were substantial doubts of their guilt or innocence and we continued to "play God" and end their lives?

A society that believes capital punishment will solve its problems is an uncivilized society.

In a nutshell, we are fallible beings trying to impose an ultimate, irrevocable penalty.

We execute juveniles in this country. We execute mental defectives. We execute primarily offenders who kill white (rather than minority) victims. We execute many more black and Hispanic offenders than any other race. We execute, let me change the word to kill, people who participated less in a crime than their co-offenders who received lesser sentences. We kill people who have declined plea bargains offered by the prosecution in which the state would have been satisfied with a medium-length prison term. We will inevitably kill innocent people again, again, and again.

Capital punishment has been imposed on these people to gain revenge, to deter those tempted to similar crimes and to restore the seriously disrupted order of justice. We rid society of the offender to better it, but society

corrupts itself. It executes even the worst of criminals for the sake of vengeance.

The threat of death doesn't deter violent crime. Evidence suggests it's no more effective than long prison terms.

True, we have made some important gains on capital punishment: We no longer execute people for crimes other than homicide (two wrongs don't make a right.) We no longer have laws that mandate the death penalty for some crimes. We no longer execute people after brief and unreviewed legal proceedings (how kind.) We no longer have juries from which blacks and other minorities are systematically excluded (how thoughtful).

In these United States we have American executioners who electrocute, asphyxiate, shoot, and inject poison, all this in a society that wants to think of itself as civilized, humane and enlightened.

Why does the United States insist upon an official and ceremonious bloodbath? Virtually every other country with whom we share relations have abolished capital punishment. The international community, moral, political and religious leaders, and human rights agencies have called for the abolition of the death penalty. With all of this a majority of Americans sincerely believe the penalty should be retained. Even our beloved President Bush continues to emphasize his support for the death penalty. Something is wrong with a society which permits such an act of vengeance. A society that believes it must kill people in order to solve its

problems is an uncivilized society. A country reduced to this is one which has neither political intelligence nor respect for life.

Through the abolition of capital punishment I by no means imply that evildoers go unpunished with retribution ignored. Justice can be better satisfied by imprisonment than by execution. Dangerous criminals who are obviously incapable of rehabilitation must be imprisoned for life. In other cases, reform is quite possible. Teach these people a trade, put these people to work for the government, behind government walls if necessary. But the death penalty, while it may move the condemned to repentance, eliminates any possibility of leading a better life.

The efforts of capital punishment have failed. We have as much crime as ever. The death penalty is no answer to crime. It is an institution that proclaims that it is acceptable to kill people in order to solve problems (without evidence that it does indeed solve problems). It violates and contradicts the very essence of the constitutional ban against cruel and unusual punishment, and remains inconsistent with the so called "fundamental values" of our democratic system. I continue to search for the definition of due process of law and the principle of equal protection of the laws. It remains a legal, social, human and moral disaster.

We must take a step toward a more humane and rational society, one that can resist violence without itself behaving violently. We must abolish capital punishment.

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LETTERS

Helping Hands

Dear Editor:
I am writing in regard to the article entitled "Helping Hands" in the January 26 issue. There are a few inconsistencies that I would like to straighten out.

I think a more accurate word in plad should be assisted. I appreciate the people mentioned in the article, who were available to give me assistance when I went to them. However, just like other adjusting freshmen, staff members are not the only people who give assistance, friends also play an important part.

When I asked Ann Perkins, my RA about the different clubs and organizations on campus,

she told me about the ones she thought I might be interested in. And as for the Homecoming dance, Ann went with her date and I went with my date, (Ann was not my date and I was not hers).

Michelle Treleven, the Hall Director, did not come to see me frequently to see if I was having any problems. She did stop by to visit as she did with everyone else and just like everyone else, I went to her if I had a problem. Michelle never took me to hall meetings. She only showed me how to get to the first one.

Michelle did not put me in contact with John Jury. I met him at a hall program. The talks I gave at the area elementary schools were about Seeing

Eye dogs, not about being blind.

If I need a book taped or a text read to me, I contact John Timcak, but I do not go to him for psychological support.

One last important thing I'd like to mention. I did not appreciate my Seeing Eye dog's name appearing in the article without my permission. It is very important that no one calls her name, talks to her or pets her while she has the harness on. Since this was not mentioned in the article, people do not realize the distraction this causes the dog and the potential danger that it puts me in.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of my friends for making these past five months a great experience.



Dan Smith's "own waterfall" and the bucket which is used to catch water which leaks from the first floor bathroom.

See "Leaky landlords..."

ATTENTION WRITERS!!

Pick up your reporting assignments on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in CAC 104.

Get with the program

Dear Cal Kuphall, I am writing in regards to an incident that last weekend at the hockey game against River Falls. I understand that capacity limitations exist due to the fire restrictions, but if you have to turn one person away I expect that you continue to turn away everyone else who follows.

My sister, brother-in-law and their two young children drove over 100 miles to come up here this weekend for the basketball

game. They never experienced a hockey game so we decided to stop in for the last period. We were turned away and understood at the time, but I was informed later on that you let four friends of mine in after you turned us away. I was very upset when I heard this, therefore I decided to bring it to your attention. I hope that in the future you will be more consistent with these type of situations.

Sincerely, Judy Staudinger

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NEWS

An open book to Keith Sanders' past



Photo by Bryant Esch

Chancellor Keith Sanders, wife Carol, and son Mark. Still at Southern Illinois University, he is expected to take his new position in April. Terri Taylor heads fund drives to benefit UWSP.

When Keith Sanders takes office June 1 as chancellor of UWSP his management style will be "collegial."

This son of a retired street superintendent in a small, southern Illinois city likens himself to his father in decision-making and interacting with others.

"I spend a lot of time listening to people trying to build their priorities as well as my own, into an inspiring, visionary agenda," he said. "I always work toward consensus."

In a phone interview with Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where he is dean of the College of Communications and Fine Arts, Sanders spoke cautiously about any goals he might have when he assumes UWSP's top administrative post.

But he offered an open book to his past, mentioning the role models he had as a boy growing up in the shadow of World War II in a community where coal was king.

There were three heroes in his early life. Jesus Christ, because Benton, Ill., was a religious community, John L. Lewis, leader of the miners' union, and Abraham Lincoln, the state's most notable son. "They were almost equally loved and admired," he remembered.

In addition, there were Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, and to this day Sanders enjoys reading about them.

The chancellor-designate was the first member of his family

to attend a university and the only member of his extended relationship to earn an advanced degree.

One of the "many wonderful things that has happened to me," he says, as the result of higher education, is the friendship he developed with Donald F. McHenry, who later became U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations during the Carter Administration.

It was an ebony and ivory combination. "Don was the first black person I ever came to know well, and for a kid coming from a town where there were no black people, it was a wonderful thing to happen to me," Sanders muses.

When McHenry was installed in his national position, Sanders and his wife, Carol, and their son Mark, were invited to the White House ceremonies. It was a long trail from the days when the ambassador was the future chancellor's professor and debate coach at Southern Illinois University.

"I have always credited Don with my great sense of commitment to minorities because he was such a sterling example," Sanders continued.

During the interview, Sanders expressed some of his greatest interest in discussing the cause of minority students and faculty members at UWSP. He conceded the work will be difficult at a campus which is located in the nation's whitest congressional district.

The challenge, however, needs prompt and aggressive action, he suggested. "This is one of the most important problems this country faces over the

next 50 years—the integration of substantial numbers of minority people into the mainstream of American life. I think we can do it, but it will take time and patience. If we fail, the United States could become seriously divided along racial and economic lines, to the great detriment of all Americans."

Sanders was part of a task force sponsored by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and State Board of Education that addressed minority student achievement. Members of the group concluded that a major effort should be made at the early identification of minority children with collegiate potential, then close ties be developed and sustained between institutions and these individuals. The interaction would begin several years before the students' arrival at a campus.

The now 49-year-old Sanders said he was appointed to the task force partly because of successes logged in minority recruitment in his college. When he became a dean in 1983, his college had four minority (no black) faculty members and 256 black students or 12 percent of the undergraduate enrollment. There are now 13 minority faculty members and an expanding minority student population.

The challenge, he continued, has been to retain the students because many of them are products of large, inner city schools "which don't equip them well for college."

Sanders has a special appreciation for the value of affirmative action. It is evident when

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Taylor organizes fund drives



cerebral palsy. And, she is a black person in an almost exclusively white community.

Color her tenacious. Taylor has been at UWSP since 1987 as a coordinator of the annual fund drive. One of her innovations to the local campaign is a phone-a-thon.

Her interpersonal experiences in Stevens Point have been positive, she says. "In fact, I've been treated royally." However, there have been what she calls discouragements in the arena of race relations, notably the recent flap over a racist remark by a member of the Stevens Point Board of Education. That incident has a stinging effect on minority people, she believes.

Despite occurrences of that kind now and then, Taylor has found that living in predominantly white communities is something with which she is comfortable. Ironically, her darkest memories are of a childhood in Chicago where, as a black, she was not in a minority. "I'm still intimidated by that city. I hated it," she says in her sharpest language.

It was there she was mocked for her physical handicaps, her slow, deliberate speech and the deficiencies in her movement. She remembers it was extremely difficult to respond affirmatively to classmates who sought her help in subjects she excelled in — such as spelling —

after these same kids had taunted her on the playground because of her awkward movement. The lack of perception by some teachers who initially viewed her as retarded was an added irritant.

This "harassment" she experienced as a youth hurt the most.

She paused during the interview and observed: "Certainly everyone is different. But there is that thread of sameness that runs through everyone. We are all human beings first. After that come the differences."

Taylor has been taught that if people dislike others, and speak ill of them, "what they're really saying is that they dislike themselves."

When she was 12, her family moved from Chicago to Madison. By then a student at Madison's West Junior High School and earning B's and C's in school, an agency social worker, who didn't take time to look into school records, reported problems in placing Taylor in a summer training program for low income and problem children. Physical and mental handicaps complicated by her minority status were cited.

Taylor was placed for a job in the Humanities Building on the UW-Madison campus. Her boss didn't question the social worker's assessment at first.

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Archbishop Weakland speaks

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee will discuss ways in which U.S. economic decisions influence the lives of people in Central America during a talk Saturday, Feb. 11 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

He will be on campus to address the seventh annual Brother James Miller Day, a commemoration of an Ellis native who was murdered in February of 1982, presumably by political assassins, while working among the poor at a school in Guatemala. Miller was a member of the Christian Brothers.

The program will be open to the public beginning at 1 p.m. in the Michelsen Concert Hall. In addition to a tribute to the fallen brother and the archbishop's talk, there will be a presentation of an annual award in Miller's name recognizing outstanding work in the area of justice and peace. A reception will follow the program.

Weakland chaired a committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops that penned the controversial pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All." In its first draft, he decried poverty in rich nations as scandalous



Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland is concerned with the Central American economy.

The 62-year-old Weakland was appointed spiritual leader of the 670,000 Catholics in the 10-county Milwaukee archdiocese in 1977 by Pope Paul VI. In that role, he has been generally viewed as forward thinking, which has evoked considerable response from supporters and

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Terri Taylor is winding up a fund-raising campaign which will net approximately \$150,000 in private donations for special projects at UWSP.

It's a personal triumph considering that as an elementary school student she was sometimes mistaken by teachers and other children as being mentally retarded.

Taylor is assistant to the executive director of university advancement and of the UWSP Foundation. She also is physically handicapped, the victim of

Black Americans recognized

"Beyond the Dream—Civil Rights Achievements," a month-long observance of contributions made by black Americans will be held during February at UWSP.

Speakers, films, television presentations, plays and a dinner have been scheduled throughout the month.

James E. Sulton Jr., special assistant to the UW System President for Minority Affairs, will speak about Martin Luther King and the UW System's "Design for Diversity" plan. His address, which is open to the public without charge, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the Program Banquet Room. Sulton is involved with implementing the new plan for increasing recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and staff on all UW campuses.

The months events will begin with a racial awareness workshop for students, faculty and staff led by William Shipton of Indiana University's Depart-

ment of Residence Life on Saturday, Jan. 28 and a soul food dinner on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Tickets for the dinner at 6 p.m. in Allen Dining Center are available at the University Center Information Desk. The cost is \$6 per person, \$10 per couple and \$20 per family.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History," will be shown via satellite from Washington, D.C. The program, which will serve as the opening of the national commemoration, will be from noon to 2 p.m. in the University Center's Program Banquet Room. It will be repeated at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20 in the Nicolet-Marquette Room. Both presentations are open to the public without charge.

Also, throughout the month, "Eye of the Storm," a film about discrimination in elementary classrooms, will be shown in campus residence halls.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m., they will portray legend-

ary actor Paul Robeson and on Thursday, Feb. 23 also at 7:30 p.m., there will be a dramatization of sports great Jackie Robinson. Admission to each of the performances at the Sentry Theater is \$5 for families, \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets are on sale at the University Center Information Desk, the public library and Cap Services Inc., 5499 Hwy. 10 East. The company also will present free performances for students at Rosholt High School, Ben Franklin Junior High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High School and Pacelli High School.

"Expanding Dreams and Changing Realities," a talk by Kirby Throckmorton of UWSP's sociology faculty, will conclude the month's events. He will discuss achievements by black Americans and the overall problem of discrimination. The free address will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Nicolet-Marquette Room.

Biology student presents paper

A student at UWSP presented one of the six best research papers at a national meeting of a biology honor society held recently in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Janine Harrison of Whitewater, a senior biology major at UWSP, received the Frank G. Brooks Award for Excellence in Student Research from Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. She was given a Hewlett-Packard statistical calculator for taking first place in the ecology section competition. Overall, at the national level, there were six sections in which students vied for the top paper awards.

In addition, the national organization recognized Kent Hall, professor of biology and advisor for the local Tri Beta chapter at UWSP, for his 10 years of service to the society.

Last spring Harrison qualified to attend the convention after she was named the top competi-

tor at a four-state district meeting. At the national level, Harrison competed against eight other students from throughout the country. She presented the results of her research on egg flotation to determine embryo age.

In the summer of 1987, Harrison worked as a research assistant for the Maryland Colonial Waterbird Project, sponsored by the University of Maryland at Frostburg. She helped to conduct ornithological field studies of the Black Skimmer, a seabird which lives in large colonies near the ocean. During her assistantship, she also designed and performed the study in which she measured the age of more than 400 eggs.

Harrison says the procedure, in which eggs are floated in water, is easier to conduct than the traditional candling process to determine embryo age. The test will allow scientists to esti-

mate when large numbers of eggs will hatch so they can determine the best times to conduct banding and other research procedures.

More than 250 students and teachers from throughout the United States attended this year's national meeting at which more than 40 scientific papers were presented. Field trips were taken to coral reefs, the tropical rain forest and botanical gardens operated by the University of Puerto Rico.

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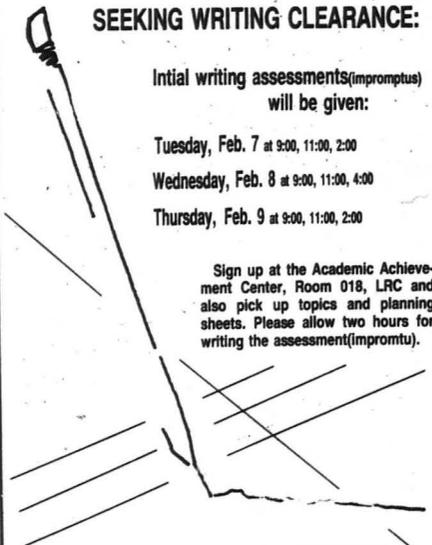
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Behind the veil of Raisa Gorbachev

by James De Cruz

"Behind every successful man is a forceful and equally successful wife" is a well known expression. What makes this "Czarina" tick with 'glasnost' and 'perestroika' seeping beyond the Berlin Wall? There are some avid observations of Raisa since becoming the Soviet's First Lady.

It is morning in Moscow, and a conspicuously important visitor, his face half hidden by a fedora, walks into one of the city's factories. He strides up to a worker and introduces himself: "I'm Mikhail Gorbachev."

"Oh!" the worker replies. "I didn't recognize you without your wife."

Not since Czar Nicholas wed Alexandra in 1894 have Russians encountered a ruler's wife with such presence, such personality, such promise as a subject of admiration and elevated eyebrows as Raisa Gorbachev.

She is the first spouse of a Soviet leader to weigh less than he does, acid tongues have it in Moscow, and the first "Czarina," as some of her fellow citizens mock her, to appear in the Kremlin since the fall of the Romanovs. She is also the first Soviet First Lady to use an American Express card and, as a member of the board of the Culture Fund, the first since Lenin's wife to hold prominent public position.

Her frosty-intellect, sharp tongue and relatively lavish habits are the talk of Moscow. Almost from the day in 1985 when her husband took over as General Secretary of the Communist Party, Raisa Gorbachev has been one of the most visible, most gossiped-about females in the country.

What a change! For decades, while Soviet leaders went about the business of state, their spouses remained virtually invisible. The wives of Stalin,

Khrushchev, Breznev, and Chernenko rarely appeared in public. It was not known for sure that Yuri Andropov even had a wife until she showed up to mourn him at his 1984 funeral.

Now, suddenly, there is Mikhail and Raisa, a pair who can hold their own in the international journalistic sweepstakes vis-a-vis president Bush and Barbara and, given the Gorbachevs' comparative youth (he is 57, she is 56), the Western press trembles with anticipation.

Even in this semi-enlightened age, prominent women leaders are somehow reduced to first names: Maggie, Cory, Nancy. Yet, despite her visibility, Raisa Gorbachev remains a riddle inside an enigma wrapped in sable. Is she the witty, cosmopolitan paradigm of glasnost, as some Westerners who have met her suggest? Or is she a hard-line ideologue, as others report? At a dinner with the Reagans during the 1985 Geneva summit,

Raisa launched into a lengthy and pedantic monologue on Soviet foreign policy. After the Gorbachevs left, Nancy Reagan may have spoken for the other guests when she fumed, within hearing of then White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, "Who does that dame think she is?"

There seem to be several Raisas. Most prominent these days is the "Joan of Arc of Nancy." The First Ladies' little cold war has been the stuff of tabloid headlines ever since Mrs. Gorbachev upstaged Mrs. Reagan by arriving unexpectedly at the 1986 Reykjavik summit (Nancy stayed home).

"I missed you in Reykjavik," Raisa said when the two met in Washington last December. Nancy replied icily, "I was told women weren't invited."

At the Washington meeting, the U.S. First Lady was taken aback by her Soviet counterpart's relentless questioning about historical and cultural minutiae during a tour of the White House. "I'm afraid I'm not much help," admitted Nancy, who was recovering from breast-cancer surgery and mourning the recent death of her mother. "Their face-off was extraordinary," said one who saw the pair in action. "They didn't seem to understand each other." As a result, Nancy decided to tour Leningrad last June only if Raisa did not come along. Instead, Mrs. Reagan's official escort was Soviet President Andrei Gromyko's wife Li-diya. Perhaps compatibility charts should have been drawn: Raisa, a Capricorn ("overreacting, rigid"), vs. Nancy, a Cancer ("touchy, unforgiving").

Nevertheless, Raisa is clearly qualified for the role. She graduated from high school with a gold medal for being top student in her class; Mikhail Gorbachev, at another school, came away with only the silver. In the 1950s, both attended Moscow State University and were neighbors in the school's cramped Stromynka Student Hostel. He pursued law. She studied Marxist-Leninist philosophy. He was a country boy, though self-possessed and con-

fidant. She was popular, witty and cultured. They met at a ballroom-dancing class, and he quickly set about whittling down her small army of suitors. Mikhail and Raisa were wed in 1954.

On her initial trip abroad as First Lady, Raisa jokingly said to Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French President, "Give me some advice. I'm a beginner at this job." She learned fast, and quickly became a hit in the West. In Washington, accompanied by Van Cliburn on the piano, she and her husband made White House guests smile by leading the Soviet delegation in a rendition of sentimental Russian favorite, Moscow Nights.

As a message to the world, Raisa feels that, "The more we learn about the life of the peoples of our countries today, their concerns and their aspirations, the sooner we will have a better understanding of one another."

Odden appointed

E. Stephen Odden has been appointed to serve a third three-year term as chair of the Department of English at UWSP.

Justus Paul, dean of the College of Letters and Science, made the appointment based on a vote of the English faculty but added, "Your fine record of service was the primary factor considered."

The department is one of the largest on campus with more than 40 faculty. Odden has been at UW-SP since 1970. He is a native of Moravia, N.Y.

Weakland

critics. He also has established himself as a defender of dissent in Roman Catholicism.

A priest in the Milwaukee archdiocese once charged that Weakland was "setting up the foundation for an American Catholic Church — he is saying he doesn't want much to do with the Roman Catholic Church." Another priest countered by defending the archbishop for simply following principles of the Second Vatican Council. A guiding principle of that council was that the hierarchy serve rather than dominate the faithful.

Weakland entered religious life as a Benedictine novice in his native Pennsylvania and was ordained a priest in Italy in 1951. He later studied music in Italy, France and Germany as well as at Juilliard School of Music and Columbia University in this country. He was a music professor for six years before being elected coadjutor archbishop of St. Vincent Archabbey in 1963. In 1967, he was elected abbot primate of the International Benedictine Confederation and chancellor of the International Benedictine College in Rome.

Other major roles in the church have been as consultant to the Commission for Implementing the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council and as member of the Vatican Liturgical Commission.

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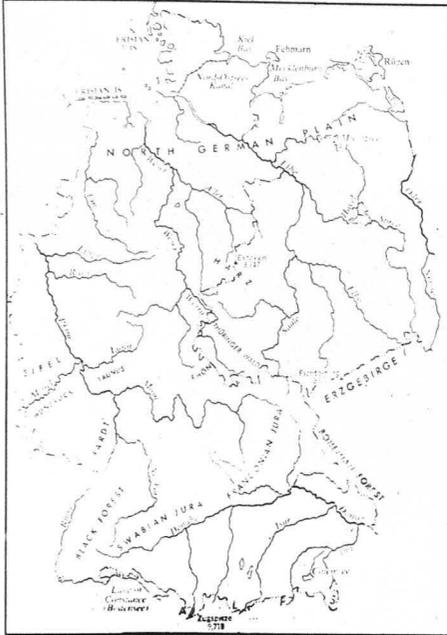
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FEATURES

A semester in Germany



by Gail Bassier
Contributor

It was the spring semester of 1988 and, as usual, my concentration slowly began to drift away from the professor to various posters and pictures around the room.

One particular poster always seemed to capture my attention: it was the display for UWSP's Semester Abroad Program. I began to think about how great an experience it would be to actually travel to Europe. But, as you know, it was always the sort of thing that you thought about, yet you never took too seriously. Well, eventually I took it seriously.

During college is the most ideal time to go abroad. So many times people are afraid to actually commit themselves to something so drastic in comparison to the secure, sheltered routine of the average campus life. However, as I see it, it is the last chance you'll get to travel somewhere in which your accommodations, your travel arrangements, your tours and tour guides, etc. are all arranged for you for so cheap.

Well, as the story goes, I committed myself to Point's semester to Germany.

At first it was all a sort of dream, but as meetings got more and more intense and when the first payment was sent, the whole deal became more serious and more real.

The entire summer of '88 I spent planning for the semester as well as working three jobs to make the money for it. By mid-August, I began to get "stressed-out" about the whole deal and nearly convinced myself that I should just go back to Stevens Point like I'd been every year for the past three years. Luckily, I talked myself

out of that.

On August the 30th, I met, for the first time, all of the 17 other students from all over the U.S. who were to become my 2nd family. The program took us through Czechoslovakia, communist East and West Berlin, Austria, and West Germany. And, for those who later decided to stay longer and travel on their own, the rest of Europe was only a train ride away.

As students of the 1988 Program, we were the first U.S. group to ever acquire a visa to study for so long (three weeks) in communist East Germany. In fact, an East German newspaper printed an article on the group's presence in their country.

The experience of living in a communist country is one you never forget. People waiting three hours in lines outside grocery stores to get four bananas per family, since fresh fruits are so rare there, 16-year waiting lists to get a car, 12-year waiting lists for phones, fear of being listened to when you're in your own home. The list is endless.

The stay there was nearly a month; enough time to make us all appreciate what we have in the U.S. and have us all aching to get back into Western culture and civilization. Unfortunately, we had to leave behind many dear friends that we'd met there.

October brought us to Munich, West Germany, where we spent the bulk of our trip. Of course, October means Oktoberfest and Oktoberfest means beer and beer means... well, something was telling us that we were really going to like West Germany!

For the first two weeks in Germany, the group was separated and accommodated by various families throughout Munich. Many of these families were to become very close friends.

Following the family-stay, students who didn't stay the rest of the semester with their families came to live at the Hotel Umland for the final two months.

The last two months we had classes with English-speaking professors at a nearby school. Classes were relatively mild, allowing us plenty of time for traveling, sight-seeing, and of course savoring some of the world's best beer.

Most weekends we were able to travel throughout Germany or take quick trips down to Austria for some very incredible skiing.

Every day was a new experience. Although knowing the language wasn't necessary, many of us found our comprehension of German improving with every conversation. Simple tasks such as riding the bus or buying clothes opened your eyes to how other cultures operate. Enormous 600 year old cathedrals and castles were merely a walk away. I can't remember a time where there wasn't something to do and see.

The experience of seeing Europe is something which changes your life forever. I could go on to write a novel on all the things I saw and experienced but to really understand yourself, you have to see it first-hand. You come to realize that America is but a fraction of this entire complex world; that there are hundreds of other cultures out there with entirely different ways of living. You also make some of the best permanent relationships you'll ever know. But most of all, you'll become a better, wiser, and more worldly person. So don't let the opportunity pass you by.

Color blindness caused by racism

by Tricia Deering
Staff reporter

You who have brown eyes: you are incompetent; drop out of school. You who have blue eyes: you shall conquer the world; you are omnipotent.

Stop. This is beyond ridiculous, right?! Yes, but these morals are what kept blacks out of public restaurants. These morals are what cause a person to categorize football players as "dumb niggers." These morals are what cause a person to laugh at ethnic jokes.

Any of you anti-racists may be thinking "This doesn't include me. Racism went out before Greg Brady's bell-bottoms did. There's no difference between a caucasian and an oriental person; we're all the same."

Bill Shipton, Department of Residence Life at Indiana University, disagrees, "There are some real differences, for example, between white and black culture."

We must open our eyes and stop this, our color blindness. A culture other than our own is neither better nor worse. But neither is it the same. It is a different way of life, one we should accept, understand, and celebrate.

"Celebrating a culture is spending some time learning about it," says Shipton, "and this doesn't mean just reading about it. This means totally immersing yourself in it."

When is the last time you learned a few words in Chinese? Attended a Reggae concert? Tried tofu?

On Sat., Jan. 28, Shipton led a "Racial Awareness Workshop" designed for the most influential people of our student body: SGA members, hall Council members, RA's and Hall Directors.

The 4-hour workshop consisted of discussions and several learning activities. One exercise had Shipton asking participants two questions: "What does it mean to be red, black, or yellow?"; "What does it mean to be white?" The latter was more difficult to answer by most (interestingly enough, of the 120 participants, 117 were white.)

"Being white," one student said, "means you never really have to think about it."

Caucasians outnumber any other race by far on this campus. In fact, we have a minority population of less than 4%.

"Here at Point, people have never really been exposed to minorities," says Darrell Morse, Thomson Hall Director. Because of this, "we miss out on a lot of learning."

Remember the Melting Pot Theory? The theory that stated all people of different ethnic backgrounds should come to America and melt together to form one giant lump of a race? Shipton blatantly objects to this theory. He says America should be seen as a "giant tossed salad." To be a success (as all UWSP students who experience the Debot Center quickly learn), any salad needs a great variety of ingredients.

But sometimes ingredients clash.

Issues of racism still exist. In dealing with these issues, people fall into three categories: the "Archie Bunker" active racists who shout to the world their feelings about minorities; the Bill Shipton anti-racists who make an honest effort to better understand a culture different from their own; the passive anti-racists (majority of today's society) who are afraid to deal with their feelings, so they partake in the "color blindness

Brother, can you spare a quarter?

by SM Ong
Staff Reporter

"Oh no, not another homeless speech!"

...was my reaction every time someone in my Com 101 class began to articulate on a subject that was only second to hunting in terms of popularity as a choice for a speech topic last semester.

Numbed by the overkill on the homeless problem by the media recently, I regarded it with the same urgent concern as I did other burning issues such as the growing AIDS epidemic and the depleting ozone layer, i.e., I couldn't care less.

That changed over Christmas break when I went to California by bus as a way of seeing some of the great United States outside wintry Wisconsin. I trav-



eled alone carrying the bare necessities which included a toothbrush, fresh underwear and two hundred dollars in cash.

Racist as they may be, these are my general impressions of

the places I visited by courtesy of Greyhound Lines, Inc.: Chicago is full of blacks (or if you prefer the current chic term, African Americans), Denver

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Semester abroad

More than 100 students from throughout the country are members of four groups which have departed for overseas travel/study sponsored by UWSP's Office of International Programs.

The students and their leaders left campus recently bound for Great Britain, Australia, Spain and Taiwan. They will return in late spring.

Retired English Professor Lee Burrell, his wife, Maxine and Susan Rush of the theatre arts faculty are leading the 33 students to Great Britain. They will be headquartered for three months at the French Centre in London, followed by a three-week tour of the continent during April.

The group traveling to Australia will spend a week in New Zealand under the auspices of Waikato University. During a three-month stay at Dunmore Lang College in North Ryde, New South Wales, they will

have a nine-day break to visit places such as Tasmania or the Great Barrier Reef. Nancy Moore of the English faculty and John Moore of sociology/anthropology are leading the 40 students.

The 21 visitors to Spain will stay with families in Madrid from January until mid-May when they spend a week in France and the Netherlands. The group also will travel to Portugal for two weeks during March and will return on May 20. Several UW-SP faculty and staff members, including Scott West, Philip George and his wife, Karen, John Zach and Dennis Tierney will take turns leading the students.

Lois HuiZar of Learning Resources Center staff and her daughter, Krista, are accompanying the students to Taiwan, where they will be hosted by Soochow University. The 10-member group will visit South Korea and Hong Kong for several weeks before returning home in late April.

Poetry contest

Poets can now enter a new poetry contest with \$11,000.00 in prizes. The Grand Prize is \$1,000 and the First Prize is \$500.00. In all, 152 poets will win awards and national publication. The contest, sponsored by the American Poetry Association, is open to the public and entry is free.

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-22, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, Ca 95061-1803. The contest remains open until June 30, to allow students ample time to enter during spring or summer break. Poets who enter early will be invited to another contest with another \$1,000.00 Grand Prize.

Each poem is also considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

UAB sponsors film series

A series of films, including five matinees, will be shown throughout the spring semester at UWSP.

The movies are sponsored by the University Activities Board's Visual Arts Programs.

Admission to the films at 1:15 on Sundays in Room D102 Science Building, is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. The schedule is:

— Feb. 5: Somewhere in Time, a romance about a modern playwright, Christopher Reeve, who travels back in time to find an actress who lived in the early 1900s, played by Jane Seymour;

— March 12: Club Paradise, a comedy about an ex-Chicago fireman who tries to rejuvenate a rundown Caribbean island resort, starring Robin Williams, Peter O'Toole and Rick Moranis;

— April 30: Dark Crystal, a live motion animation film created by Muppet masters Jim Henson and Frank Oz;

— May 7: An American Tail, an animated movie about the adventures of Fievel the mouse, produced by Steven Spielberg.

Also, UAB will sponsor two "Blockbuster" films on Saturday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m. in the University Center's Program Banquet Room. Admission is \$2.50 for the public and \$1.75 for students.

On Feb. 4, the feature is Moonstruck, Norman Jewison's romantic comedy about the lives and loves of an extended Italian-American family in Brooklyn, starring Cher and Nicolas Cage. The film on Feb. 11 is Bull Durham, a love story about minor-league baseball with Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon.

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RACISM from Pg. 7

theory," pretending that different colors of skin are non-existent.

Racism is a touchy subject, but is one that must be dealt with. We are brought up with a set of beliefs about our own race. Too often, this race is seen as the only "right" race. The only way we can be open to ethnic diversity is by dropping judgments of other races and

though I did enjoy the warmth of the hotel lobbies for as long as I could before security guards politely requested that I vacated the premises since I wasn't a paying guest.

While wandering the city streets, I met others who were also cold and hungry with nowhere to go, but on a more permanent basis, and whose situation I was beginning to appreciate.

In Los Angeles, I met an

Like the time I spent the night at a topless bar in Vegas for the price of a Singapore Sling which I nursed for five hours...

The time I spent the night in a 24-hour porno movie theatre in L.A. for three dollars. There was no heat inside but at least I had a roof over my head and some entertainment. Most of the other patrons only wanted to be indoors and weren't particularly interested in what was on the screen.

I realized how easy it is to slip into a position like that of my new Nigerian acquaintance or, for that matter, any of the characters I have described. Any one of us might get mugged, lose all his money, his job and/or his home. The full meaning of the word "brother" became clear to me.

The homeless problem was no longer just an issue. It was very real.

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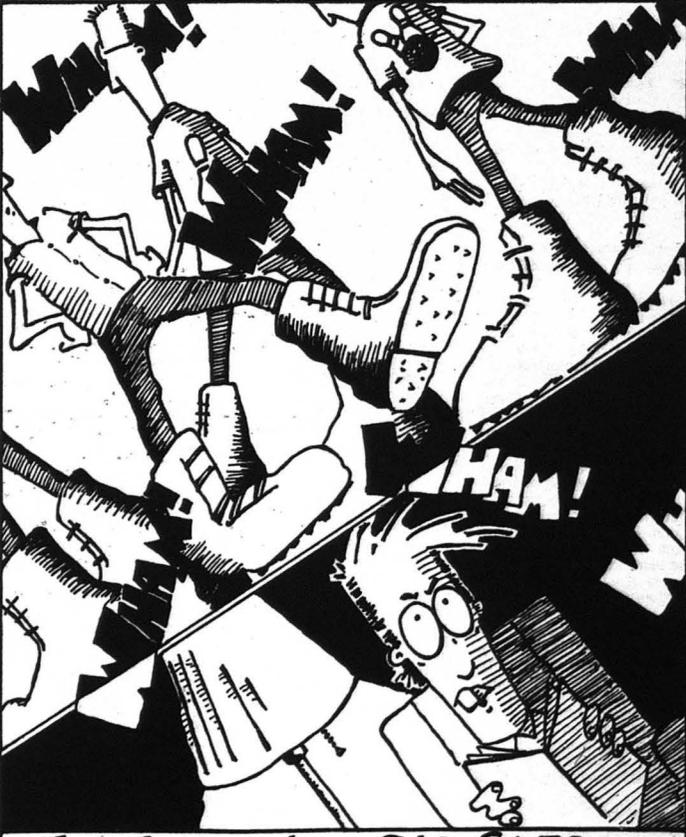
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SPORTS



Tim Hale takes a shot on goal in Saturday's game against River Falls. Photo by Bryant Esch

Pointers sweep defending national champs

Pointers rank number one in nation!

by Brian Posick

Sports Reporter

In one corner in purple and gold, the favored, 21-0, number one ranked team in the United States-UW-Stevens Point. Trainer, fourth year coach Mark Mazzoleni.

In the other corner, in black and red, the challenger, 9-8-2, sixth ranked team in the nation-UW-River Falls. Trainer, Rick Kozubach in his third season.

When the horn sounds, let's come out fighting.

Friday night's game consisted of 34 penalties, 18 alone in the third period, all of which overshadowed a strong showing by the Pointers as they handed the Falcons only their second loss in eight games, a 6-4 UWSP triumph in front of a packed house of 1200 at the K.B. Willett Arena.

The only thing not overshadowed by the fighting and pre-third period maylay was the performance of centerman Ralph Barahona, the junior from Lakewood, CA. He astounded the sold out crowd by scoring three straight goals to start out the first period. Barahona's second trick of the season, more amazingly, came within a span of 10 minutes, 12 seconds. He nearly had a fourth goal at 10:32, but was tripped as he broke toward the net by the Falcon defenseman Mark Ulvin; as Barahona couldn't get off a strong shot. The Ulvin penalty did result in a Craig Porazinski power play goal at 11:06.

Stevens Point was in charge from the beginning faceoff and never looked back. They did, however, have to bob and weave.

Point still controlled after two periods, 6-2. On River Falls

power play of the game Freshman Tim Hale blew past Falcon Joe LaGoo at center ice with the puck, and netted a short-handed goal past netminder Bob Montrose and senior Pat McPartlin scored his 14th goal on a nifty feed from freshman Paul Caulfield to the left of the cage later in the frame. The Dawgs led 6-2 after two, and the fans had already witnessed one of Stevens Point's best efforts of the year.

Second intermission saw people flush to the concession stand for rink dogs and soda. And then wait excitedly for the third period, or make that the third round.

Before the third period faceoff, McPartlin made his final lap around the ice. He skated around Falls goaltender Montrose and was attacked by a host of stick spearing Falcons. McPartlin received two minors; one for unsportsmanlike conduct, while only two Falcons were given penalties, both were minor. That was just the beginning. Eighteen penalties in all in the third period. 2, 5 minute major penalties for fighting, 2, 10 minute game misconducts, and one Falcon player waving smugly good-bye to the not so adoring Pointer crowd as he received a game disqualification for instigating a fight with Pointer Shawn Wheeler. Just :41 seconds of the period consisted of 5 on 5 hockey.

Falls scored two goals in a span of under one minute 53 seconds late in the frame, but their Kozuback antics didn't prevail.

Were we expecting the same type of game Saturday night? Not even close.

Although Point struggled at times in the first period, they led 2-1 after 20 minutes. Bara-

hona, who exceeded his point scoring output of last season with his second goal the night before, tallied his league-leading 22nd on a powerplay for a 1-0 Pointer lead. Defenseman Tim Coghlin, playing in only his 12th game due to a shoulder injury, also scored in the first.

Two goals in the second period for Stevens Point, one by senior Tim Comeau, who was playing in his fourth game of the year, and Barahona's second of the game and eventual game-winner, gave UWSP a 4-1 second intermission advantage.

Point controlled the third period, despite being outscored by Falls 2-1, and swept the four game regular season history with its 5-3 win.

McPartlin assisted on the first four goals of the game while sophomore Kevin Marion recorded a game-high 25 saves.

For River Falls, two tough losses. Before the season, Falls was ruled ineligible for the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association 88-89 season. Therefore, they need an at large bid to be able to defend their NCAA National Championship.

Stevens Point remains undefeated and sets its sights on Bemidji State and this weekend's series at the Willett Arena.

Stevens Point is 23-0. Bemidji, 5 years ago, under head coach Bob Peters, won the DIVISION II-III National Title with a record of 31-0.

General admission tickets are available and will go on sale at the arena beginning at 7:00.

Both games will be broadcast live on University Radio-WWSP-30FM Friday and Saturday at 7:15

(Oh yes, if you missed the final :09 seconds of the game, you missed Point's version of the San Diego Chicken. It was unbelievable.)

Basketball team struggles

The UWSP men's basketball team continued to struggle its way through the season, dropping its fifth Wisconsin State University Conference game of the season, 92-76, to UW-Platteville Saturday night at Quandt Fieldhouse.

The loss drops the Pointers to 9-8 overall and 2-5 in the WSUC.

The Pointers held Platteville close throughout most of the first half and a lay-in by Pointer Mike Hatch with 2:51 left in the first half tied the score. After that, however, Platteville went on an 11-2 run during the final minutes of the half to take a 46-37 advantage into the locker room.

The second half of the game was all Platteville with the Pioneers holding a double figure lead for almost the entire 20 minutes. The closest UWSP could get in the second half was to within seven points with 17 minutes left in the game. In fact, the Pointers trailed by as much as 21 points three times

in the half and never got within 15 in the final four minutes.

Scott Anderson led the Pointers with 14 points, while teammate Chas Pronschinske added 10 points and seven rebounds. Michael Lehrman also scored 10 points for the Pointers.

The Pointers hit only 26 of 63 shots from the floor (.413) including only three of 16 three-point attempts, but managed 21 of 26 from the free throw line (.808).

Platteville made 32 of 58 from the floor (.552), including five of six three-pointers, and the Pioneers made 23 of 27 charity shots (.852).

The loss puts the Pointers on the edge of the NAIA District 14 playoff picture. UWSP ranked seventh in the Dunkel Ratings last week, but the loss to the Pioneers (who were ranked second) may push UWSP out of the top eight.

The Pointers are scheduled to host UW-Whitewater Saturday night at the Quandt Fieldhouse. Gametime is set for 7:30 p.m.

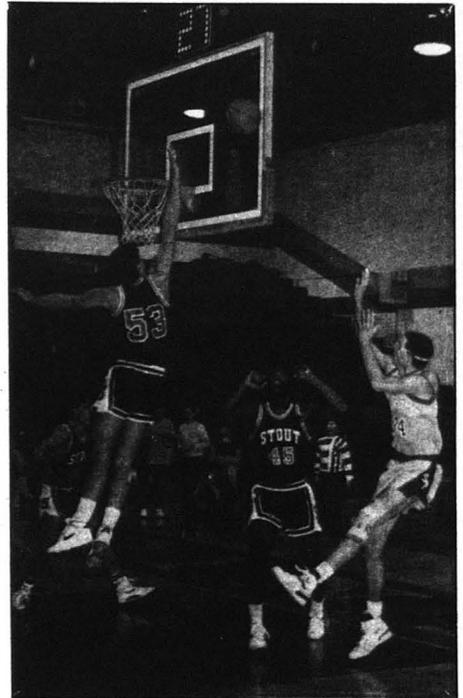


Photo by Bryant Esch

Mike Hatch attempts two in Saturdays game against Platte-

Meet the Pointers

On Sunday February 5th, the UWSP Pointer Hockey Team along with the Blue Line club will be sponsoring "Meet the Pointers." You can skate with

the Pointers absolutely free from 5-6 Sunday evening at the K.B. Willett indoor ice arena. All the varsity players will be present.

Attention volleyball players

It's time to get your ear muffs out and your volleyball team together to join the Third Annual March of Dimes Arctic Volleyball Tournament!

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This is a co-ed tournament. The entry fee is \$45.00 per team. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and there will be prize drawings throughout the day.

The tournament will be held at R&J's Thunderbird at 4411 Stewart Avenue, Wausau. If you played last year, you can remember the fun! If you didn't play last year — don't miss out this year! Tournament date is Saturday, February 18, 1989.

If you have any questions, please call Kris Porter at 359-3151.

Pointers swim strong

strong field which included six other teams. The women finished third among seven other teams. National qualifiers for the women were Jan Gelwicks, Teri Calchera, Tricia Wentworth, Deby Hadler and Anne Watson. For the men, Kevin Parham, Jamie Weigel and Dave Martorano qualified for the upcoming national meet. This weekend the men swim Madison J.V.'s on Friday, with the men and women competing against Stout Saturday.

It was a long weekend for both the men's and women's team at the Coe College Invitational held Jan. 27-28. With this being the championship part of the season Coach Blair has intensified the workouts, making it difficult for the swimmers to swim extremely fast. In spite of this most salient fact, both teams managed to swim well against scholarship schools such as UW-Mil., Creighton University, and UW-Green Bay. The men finished fourth against a

Karate Club resumes classes

by R. Teska

On Feb. 2nd, the Karate Club will resume its classes. The club meets in Berg Gym from 6:00 to 7:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Since its formation in the early 70's, the club has established itself in the campus and community.

Although teaching the style of Shotokan, the club's instructor and president, David Bruener,

welcomes people from other disciplines as well.

Dave Bruener studied under the club's founder, Tony DeSardi, for several years and took over the teaching duties a year after DeSardi moved to Chicago. Bruener has also studied under Hirokazu Kanazawa. Kanazawa is an eighth degree black belt from Japan and is

one of the leading experts in the world.

Karate offers the advantages of increasing strength and flexibility while giving the body a good aerobic workout. The club also emphasizes the special concern of women's self defense.

The cost for the club is \$25.00 for the semester, which is about \$1.00 per lesson.

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STRIKING OUT

The only problem with this new sports channel is that the viewer has no way of finding out what is going to be on Sports Channel (or other channels in the local system) as TV Guide and other magazines do not list these channels. The only way a subscriber can automatically get a listing for these channels is to subscribe to the Jones Intercable magazine (a \$12 annual cost in addition to the regular cable rate which has increased several times in the last few years).

By Tim "Dweeb" Bishop

Staff Dweeb

Well, it is now officially over. The 1988 football season is dead and gone.

It is only a memory.

In the finale, the Pro Bowl, the team made up of National Football Conference All-Stars made easy work of their AFC counterparts.

Philadelphia Eagle quarterback and game MVP Randall Cunningham picked apart the AFC defense all night. After the opening drive, when the AFC drove down the field and kicked a field goal, the contest was just plain boring.

Well, while we were away on break, the local cable company gave ice hockey fans a Christmas present. Now, Jones Intercable is giving fans the new Sports Channel America, who holds exclusive rights to the National Hockey League games.

SCA, which is a collection of events which originates from Sports Vision local affiliates in larger cities such as Chicago and New York, as well as some original events, such as next week's NHL All-Star game from Edmonton, Ontario.

If the format of Sports Channel America looks familiar, it is. About 12 years ago, ESPN began its sports-only broadcasts, featuring many NHL games as well as other events lack either the national appeal or commercial format to make network television.

In more recent years, however, ESPN has changed its format, moving to more popular, commercial sports (such as football and basketball) and gone to a 24-hour programming schedule.

Locally, the Pointer ice hockey team continues to dog its opponents sweeping last year's Northern Collegiate Hockey Association champion River Falls. UWSP, who remains undefeated in 23 games, puts its undefeated record and number one ranking in NCAA Division III on the line this weekend, hosting Bemidji State for a weekend season. The games on Friday and Saturday nights begin at 7:30 at the K.B. Willett Arena.

Next week, Striking Out will feature the Pointer hockey team.

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OUTDOORS



By Timothy Byers
Outdoors Writer

The environmental group Greenpeace is at it again. They have used the tactics of intervention in their efforts to preserve life on earth. Their latest adventure is with Japanese whalers in the northern Ross Sea near Antarctica. Greenpeace activists in rubber boats sped ahead of the whalers to protect a pod of whales. The Japanese claim they kill whales for research these days. Neither Greenpeace nor the International Whaling Commission believes the research story.

The Iran/Iraq war has been going on for years and there has been evidence of the use of chemical weapons on the battlefield. Now U.S. officials say the Iranians are stockpiling chemical weapons to match the greater chemical capabilities of the Iraqis. This new alarm comes on the heels of U.S. claims that Libya has the largest poison gas plant in the Middle East in operation. The officials say that

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Falcon efforts focused in Milwaukee

MADISON — Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet. A pair of peregrine falcons atop the First Wisconsin Bank.

As love affairs go, successful courtship last summer of two peregrine may not make great drama, but it was none the less a historic encounter.

"This was the first time that we know of that one-year-old peregrine falcons successfully nested and produced young," says Charlene Gieck, a non-game biologist with the department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Endangered Resources (BER). Peregrines don't normally nest until two or three years old, explains Gieck, who heads up the Wisconsin peregrine recovery program for BER.

Unfortunately, the young male falcon didn't adjust to fatherhood. When the peregrine chicks began to fly, explains Gieck, the father "exhibited aggressive protective behavior." Although this is natural behavior for peregrines, who are very territorial, it is not normal behavior for a father toward his chicks.

"If he nests again in 1989, we expect his behavior to improve," Gieck says. But, she adds, there are no assurances that they will return. The falcons that nested in Milwaukee were captive-raised birds released from buildings in Minneapolis and Chicago, as part of

peregrine reintroduction programs in those states.

Although falcons were never abundant in Wisconsin, there was a stable population in the state through the 1960s. Peregrines nest only on remote cliffs. Their natural range in Wisconsin is limited to three areas: along the Mississippi River, along a portion of the lower Wisconsin River, and in Door County.

Peregrines last nested on their own in Wisconsin in 1964. Then, primarily due to reproductive failure caused by exposure to pesticides like DDT, peregrines disappeared from the state.

Peregrines returned to nest in Wisconsin in 1986, when two pairs which had been released in Minnesota flew across the Mississippi River to nest. They returned again in 1987 and 1988. Those pairs have successfully hatched young, but in every instance, the young were lost to predators such as the great horned owls and raccoons.

The department initiated its recovery program in 1987, purchasing 10 chicks from captive breeders throughout the nation with money from the Endan-

gered Resources Fund. Each chick cost about \$1,600.

Gieck says the DNR chose the 41st floor of the First Wisconsin Building as release site because experiments in other locations have shown tall buildings provide similar habitat to cliffs. And, in cities, the young falcons don't face any predators.

Peregrines often return to the area they were born after they migrate south for the winter. But, Gieck says, because of their territorial nature, if there is competition for nesting sites, falcons may travel as far as 100 miles looking for other suitable sites. Biologists hope that city released falcons will seek natural nest sites.

Because none of the falcons released in 1987 were expected to return to nest in Milwaukee for two to three years, the department was going to release more falcons from the building in 1988 — until the history making pair unexpectedly set up a nest there.

To avoid conflict with those falcons, the department released six peregrine chicks from the top of the 19-story Van Hise Hall on the UW-Madison

campus. Gieck believes all six of those falcons survived and have since migrated south for the winter.

The DNR plans to continue releasing peregrines through 1991 and then evaluate the program. The program has the goal of establishing 10 breeding pairs in Wisconsin by the year 2000. The ultimate goal is 20 breeding pairs in the state.

Gieck says the number of peregrines released each year depends on the amount of money in the Endangered Resources Fund. It is likely the price of captive raised chicks will go up in the future, she says.

The program receives some direct funding from First Wisconsin Bank and from other sponsors through a "Foster a Falcon" program, but the program is primarily financed through the Endangered Resources Fund, which relies on public contribution either mailed directly to the Bureau of Endangered Resources, or through the checkoff on Wisconsin Tax forms. Last year, over \$533,000 was contributed to the fund.

Is nuclear power the future?

By Todd Stoerber

Outdoors Writer

Is nuclear power a way to solve our energy problem? Nuclear power doesn't cause acid rain and it doesn't emit carbon dioxide which causes the Greenhouse effect. So what is the problem? Should nuclear power be our future energy source? No!!

I believe we are dependent on nuclear power to some degree but we shouldn't rely on it as our only source of power. What the U.S. should be doing is phasing out of oil and nuclear powered plants and into solar powered plants. However, I am not proposing total shutdown of either type of plant. That would be absurd.

What I am proposing is solar power! I feel that we are too dependent on nuclear power and safer types of energy can be harnessed.

Nuclear power has all sorts of problems associated with it. The most obvious problem is hazardous waste. What are we to do with it? What scientists believe is the safest way of disposing it is to bury it. But, finding a suitable area has become very difficult due to public opposition. Figures from a national poll conducted by the Nuclear Waste Project Office in the state of Nevada show that 70 percent believe a nuclear waste accident would be fatal, 79 percent would dread living near a repository, 76 percent believe serious health risks would be a problem and 87 percent feel that these risks can not be avoided.

Not only are there serious health risks with nuclear waste, but there are numerous environmental risks. For years, nu-



clear waste has leaked from storage tanks at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina and at the Hanford plant in Washington which has contaminated soil and water. Estimated cleanup of messes like these range up to \$100 billion. These are just a couple of plants identified as leaking. Who knows how many more are leaking and we don't know about it.

I think it is time for the American people to demand the government find alternative energy sources. How can we keep investing in oil and nuclear power when the problems associated with them are literally killing America and its people? We must develop renewable energy sources. The best energy source we have is the sun. The sun emits unlimited amounts of energy a day which can be trapped and used to heat our homes and produce electricity. According to a Department of Energy Report to Congress "more than a million active systems and 225,000 passive sys-

tems have been installed." The report also states that "passive solar homes now provide 50-65 percent of their energy needs..." This is a tremendous saving for the home owner and for America.

The Department of Energy has expanded its research in the solar power field. Its main concentration is on nuclear power at the present time. By the time nuclear power is "inherently safe," that is safe from meltdown, the costs of solar power will be much lower than nuclear. D.O.E. most lead the way in researching solar power. It's also time citizens get alarmed about our growing need for solar power and the problems with nuclear waste. You, as a citizen, should write your Congress person and tell him your views about solar and nuclear power. The address is: U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C., 20510.

Citizen action is needed to get solar power off the ground and into action.

THE OUTSIDER

By Timothy A. Bishop

Outdoors Editor

Last week, the monthly issue of National Geographic Magazine arrived, and with it, an outstanding report on the fires which swept through Yellowstone National Park last summer.

The magazine, which is published by the National Geographic Society, does more than just tell about what happened during those hot, dry summer months, but also what factors led to the fires which devastated the nation's first and greatest national park.

The article gives the reader insight into the work of the firefighters, what had to be done and the danger which these men and women went through in their efforts to save the park.

But perhaps the most important part of the article is the section where the politics of the fire were explained.

Much has been made in the media of the "new" policy of the National Park Service which mandates that most naturally caused fires be allowed to burn themselves out. The article explains that this policy is over a decade old, and is actually the way that nature intended fires to be.

These fires are nature's way of clearing old growth from the ground, allowing new plants to grow and give the forest a diversity of plants in both age and type.

However, in the 1880s, man began to alter this course of fire clearing the land. For it was then that man began putting out any and all fires which started in or around the park, no matter what the reason.

Over the 90 some years before the policy was changed to allow natural fires to burn themselves out, layer upon layer of dead material developed on the ground. Not only did this layer starve off any new plant growth and limiting the diversity of the forest, but it also left a large amount of very dry, very combustible material.

Thus, it was destined to happen sometime. With that much material on the ground, the fires were on their way.

"The Great Yellowstone Fires," however, is not the only item on note in this month's National Geographic.

As usual, the editors of the magazine have put together a fine collection of pictures and writing.

In one contrast this month, NG looks at skyscrapers in large cities, and takes a look at residential life in Chicago's John Hancock Building.

This report is followed by a look at rural life in Missouri during the mid and late 20th century.

Among the other reports in the magazine are a look at the life of William Henry Jackson, who brought the west to the rest of America through his pictures.

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companies from Germany, Asia and the United States have supplied materials for the Iranian plant.

The Milwaukee Journal has a feature called *Earthweek: Diary of a Planet* in its Sunday edition. The section tells of various environmental happenings around the world. This week there is a list of 17 places where interesting things are taking place. One example is a black rain that fell in Kenya. The rain may have been blackened by heavy agricultural burning in Tanzania and the Sudan. Another example is the Soviet Union's first underground nuclear test explosion of the year in central Asia.

Agricultural researchers have been working on developing bacteria strains that could be applied to crops to help them withstand disease and other problems. One type of bacteria shows promise at UW-Madison. This bug has shown some protection of soybeans and alfalfa from disease. It also seems to promote growth of these two staple crops. This bacteria was found in farm fields, was isolated, and may be ready for more intensive use in farm fields by 1991.

This year's mild winter may be nice for our heating bills, but we could feel it in other ways. The lack of snow will affect groundwater supplies in southern areas of the state and that

could affect crops and commodity prices next year. The northern tier of the state seems to have a good deal of snow, but there isn't as much agricultural land in the north as the south. The snow drought is not limited to Wisconsin either, so next year's food prices may go up.

For those of you interested in the fires that burned in Yellowstone National Park in 1988, check out the February issue of National Geographic. With pictures and text the magazine explores the after effects of the fires which burned nearly half of the 2.2 million acre park. The fires made a patchwork pattern throughout the park and researchers are already studying the next step, regrowth. Even as the last of the fires were burning out with the first snows, green shoots were poking out of forest ashes.

This winter scientists will study the ozone layer in the stratosphere over the North Pole and Arctic regions. They are doing so because research has shown that the ozone layer over the South Pole is somewhat depleted and recent discoveries also point to depletion over the Arctic. This could mean real problems for the protection from ultraviolet rays the ozone layer provides. It was thought the southern hole could be caused by atmospheric conditions. These conditions do not exist as strongly in the north. With recent world attention focused on the ways in which man-made chemicals affect ozone in the stratosphere, the Arctic study could provide some sobering food for thought.

Outdoor report

MADISON, WI - There's an almost total lack of snow in the southern half of Wisconsin, but the far north has more than enough for winter activities like skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing; warm January temperatures are encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to get out and enjoy it.

Snow depths in Iron County range from 18 inches near Mercer to over 30 inches in the northern part of the county. Most lakes have at least 18 inches of ice, but some also have a layer of slush on top, which may limit mobility. ATV and snowmobile drag races are being held at Keyes Lake in Florence County this weekend.

In the Woodruff area, cross-country ski and snowmobile trails have about a 16-inch base of snow and are in very good shape. Icy surfaces resulting from warm weather last weekend have been cut from the ski trails, and the trails have been retracked. The bumps that form on trails where snowmobiles stop and start are being cut down and leveled by local clubs.

Cross-country skiers should note that there are county and industrial forests where trails are open to the public free of charge. For instance, Consolidated Papers has three trails on its forest lands—one near Winchester in Vilas County, another near Monico in Oneida County and the third near Biron in Wood County. You can get maps and directions from Consolidated's timberland offices in Rhinelander or Monico, or from its public affairs department.

Ice fishing on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay continues to be slow, and ice conditions

Bukolt Park Restoration Proposed

Department of Natural Resources

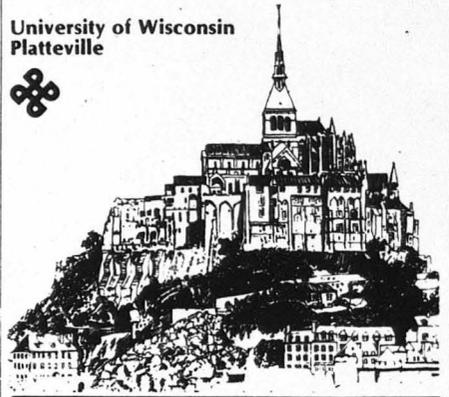
The City of Stevens Point is proposing to remove approximately 7,200 cubic yards of sand, gravel, and organic sediment from the bottom of the 8.7-acre Bukolt Park Lagoons, thus deepening them on the average of 4.5 feet. This project is an attempt to restore the lagoon as closely as possible to their original condition as they existed when first constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930's.

The City plans to block the inlet and outlet culverts at both the north and south ends of the lagoons and then dewater them by pumping into the Stevens Point Flowage. The bottom sediments are then to be removed with the use of an end loader. These materials are to be temporarily stockpiled on the gravel parking lot located directly east of the southernmost lagoon. After the earthen dredge spoil

has been adequately dewatered, it will be mixed at a 1:1 ratio with topsoil and used for various city street landscaping projects. The City has estimated that the lagoon restoration project will cost approximately \$10,000.00.

The Department has made a preliminary determination that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

University of Wisconsin Platteville



Nominations sought

MADISON, WI - The Department of Natural Resources is soliciting nominations for the John Brogan Environmental Achievement Award. The award is given annually to an industry, business, community or organization that has demonstrated a record of commitment to the protection of the environment.

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Beaver control subsidy applications now available

Department of Natural Resources

MADISON, WI - Trappers and hunters in northcentral and northeastern Wisconsin can now file applications for the Department of Natural Resources beaver removal subsidy program, said Tom Hauge, department wildlife damage specialist.

Trappers and hunters will be paid \$7.50 for each beaver they remove from areas designated as beaver damage control

areas. The subsidies apply to beavers taken from March 16 to September 30, 1989.

Participating counties include: Adam, Florence, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Marathon, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood.

"We encourage all interested hunters (those with a valid hunting license) and trappers to take part in the program," Hauge said. "The subsidy program is the result of legislation

enacted as part of the budget bill in 1987. Its objectives are to increase the harvest of beaver to reduce beaver populations and the damage they cause to roadways, timber and trout streams."

Concern about beaver damage has been increasing during the last 10 years. A survey from the U.S. Forest Service on the Nicolet National Forest shows a seven percent increase in active beaver colonies from 1987 to 1988. A total of 430 active beaver colonies were identified,

amounting to one active colony for every mile and one-half of trout stream.

"At the department, we've tried to respond to people's concerns by removing the legal constraints on landowners wanting to take action to control beaver and remove beaver dams," Hauge states. "In addition, we've increased the length of the beaver trapping season from 50 to 200 days to increase the beaver harvest."

Application forms and pamphlets explaining the details of the

subsidy program are available at most DNR field offices. Persons interested in participating will need to complete the application form and send it to Madison for processing.

Hauge indicated that there are no limits on the number of beaver for which participants may be paid. However, they will be required to register each beaver at a DNR-designated registration station to be eligible for payment.

For more information contact: Tom Hauge 608-267-7857.



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ne speaks about the determination and grit demonstrated by his only sister after she became a widow with six children. Not content to take a low paying job, she pursued the trade of long-distance trailer truck driving and succeeded. "She's very admirable," he added.

Sanders is an aficionado of the visual and performing arts and currently chairs both the Illinois Arts Alliance and its foundation. Besides the pleasure he finds in such things as music, drama and the visual arts, he embraces them for their "enormous economic value."

The Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation recently sponsored a definitive study of the economic impact of the not-for-profit arts industry in the state. The study showed that the arts are a \$229 million economic stimulus and they support nearly 12,000 jobs annually. Sanders said the arts are no doubt equally important to the economy of Wisconsin.

The chancellor-designate appreciates the fact "the arts are mature" at UWSP. In addition he said he wants area residents to know he intends to be a booster of such organizations as the Central Wisconsin Symphony and Monteverdi Chorale.

Is Sanders a musician? He played trumpet in grade school and high school. "But I lacked only one significant ingredient—talent," he replied with laughter.

Getting ready for his change of jobs will involve several trips to Stevens Point before his permanent move. He intends to confer with administrators and begin meeting faculty, staff, students and area residents between Feb. 15 and 19. One of the ways he hopes to acquire a "more complete sense of the heart and soul of the university" is by spending two or three nights during that trip in dormitories.

He'll be back on March 12 to attend the campus open house and will stay most of the week, then return in late April.

In March, he will be coming directly from France after spending about a week at the Sorbonne, University of Paris I. Sanders heads a group of 12 American researchers who have joined 10 French scholars in doing a comparative study of the presidential campaigns held in 1988 in their two countries. There has been travel by team members between France and the United States since the fall of 1987.

The chancellor-designate will be chief editor, with his French counterpart, of a book that will be published next year by Praeger Publications containing the team's findings.

Sanders is the author or co-author of four books on political communication and more than 70 other scholarly works. One of his books won an award from "Choice" magazine in 1975.

He has been an administrator and teacher of communications at Southern Illinois since 1967 and previously spent five years on the faculty of George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

He regrets having to give up much of his scholarly research, but after getting settled at UWSP, Sanders intends to teach at least one course per year in the Division of Communication.

Fund-raising is another special interest of the chancellor-designate. He plans to be an active participant in that endeavor, helping secure funds from private, corporate and federal government sources.

In Illinois, he served his university system as a governmental affairs representative, working closely with many lawmakers. He's become a friend of U.S. Senator Paul Simon and looks forward to hosting him at UWSP at a special event in the future. Sanders also plans to offer a podium to his old friend McHenry.

When he gets into house hunting on a serious basis, his preference will be for property on a lake or river. Another of his favorite pastimes is fishing. He and his wife, a longtime elementary school teacher, will choose a residence with extreme care because "we intend to stay," Sanders explains. Their only son is a junior at Miami University in Ohio.

Sanders said he appreciated the reception he received from townspeople and university personnel when his appointment was announced on Jan. 6.

Taylor

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But the late Arne Bo, who was an administrative assistant at the School of Music, and Mary Jo Biechler, then associated with the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, were responsible for a turning point in Taylor's life.

Bo had charge of the 100-plus practice rooms in the Humanities Building, which he kept track of with a large board of room numbers and keys that students would check out. He was certain Taylor was incapable of handling the board. But one day when a student aide did not show up, he forced to assign the job to Taylor. When one student came looking for another, Taylor, without consulting the board, gave the room number. Bo noticed and set up some decoys among other students. He found out Taylor had the entire board memorized.

From that point, Bo and Biechler were Taylor's advocates. In his memory, she said, "He boosted my ego. It is easier to succeed when others have faith in you—and he had tremendous faith." Biechler became her "guardian angel."

With her growing confidence,

Taylor tried new things in high school—even ballet and basketball, though slowly. "But I did it," she recalls. By the time of graduation from Madison West, her classmates voted her the "Unsung Hero" award. She also received a citation from the Governor's Committee on Youth and Advocacy.

After graduating from Edgewood College in Madison, she worked in Madison and Dane County on vocational and rehabilitation projects. Among other things, she taught self-advocacy classes to help people learn how to secure education, employment and housing. "In all the classes, I mentioned that we may have disabilities, but we are people first."

Later, she earned a master's degree in community arts management from Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill. While there she was an Arts Management Fellow with the National Endowment for the Arts, doing a study of the distribution of federal funds to arts organizations across the country. She also served internship

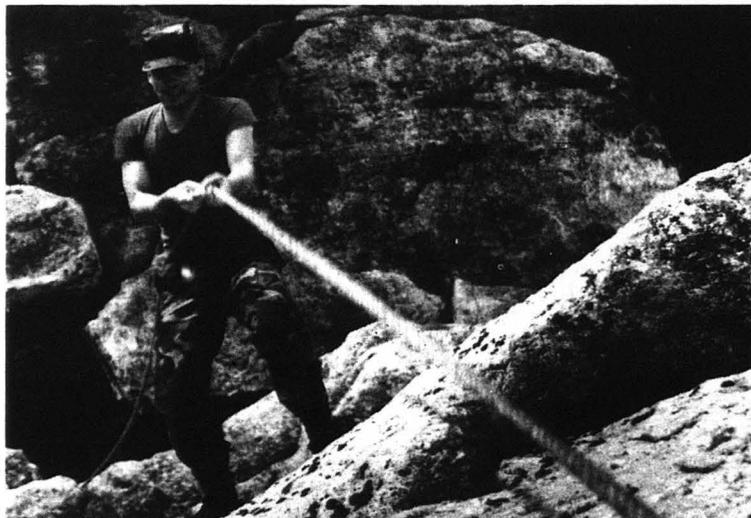
as communication coordinator of the Illinois State Board of Education-sponsored art train.

Back in Madison after earning her M.A., she worked at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin as a research assistant in the fund-raising division before coming to Stevens Point.

Taylor has high praise for her family for helping instill in her a positive attitude about her disability. Her mother was originally from Columbus, Ohio, and grew up there when it had few blacks. The senior Taylor learned how to manage well in such a society and that has been an example to her children. The family home is now in DeForest, near Madison.

Taylor's environment has given her insight into problems involved with forced quotas in affirmative action matters. She is leary of that approach. For places such as at UWSP, she likes the idea of exchanges of faculty and students from institutions with large minority populations. "Then the real trick would be to have some spillover effect in the community," she adds.

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Leaky landlords and stuffed pockets

For all you poor souls who couldn't make out the photo in last week's "Landlord of the Week" column, here it is again plus another. We are still looking for an apartment to profile for next week. If you have any suggestions, or an anonymous tip, PLEASE call 346-3707. We can only help if you call, so do it do today!

Editors Note: I would like to make clear the facts behind the "Landlord of the Week" or newly renamed "Leaky landlords and stuffed pockets" column. The idea of the column is to aid, protect and defend students whom we feel are being taken advantage. The facts about the living conditions are presented to us by the tenants. The Pointer observes these conditions and state an opinion. Many of the apartments are maintained at Housing Commission standards. However, for the rent many students are paying each semester the conditions are just not up to par.

I invite landlord rebuttals. The students need to know the reasons for the unacceptable conditions in which they live, if indeed there are reasons. Please send any comments to The Pointer c/o Gabrielle Wyant-Perillo, 104 CAC UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

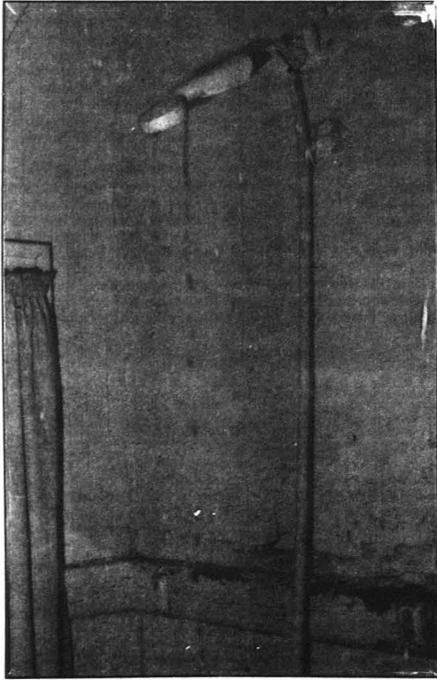


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This is an actual photo of what can be loosely termed (according to The Pointer staff) a bedroom. (The above is shown in actual size.)



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All students planning on **INTERNING THE FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER, 1989-90 SCHOOL YEAR OR STUDENT TEACHING FALL SEMESTER, 1989-90** must attend one of the following meetings to receive application/information: Monday, February 6 or Tuesday, February 7. Both meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. in Room 116 COPS. If unable to attend report to Room 112 COPS as soon as possible.

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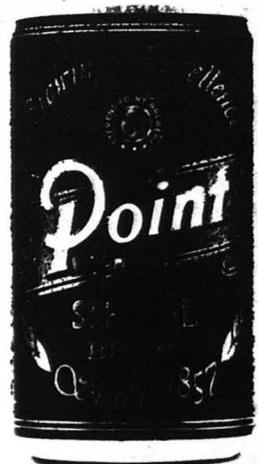
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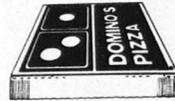
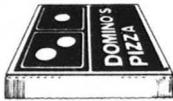


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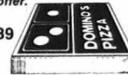
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