Senior assessment in planning stages

Students urged to get involved with decision making

By Pamela Kersten

A tentative proposal passed by the UWSP faculty Academic Affairs Committee concerning the assessment of students competency and skills in each major will be discussed by the Faculty Senate next Wednesday for final approval.

The proposal includes a statement of purpose, guidelines on who will determine the methods of assessment, where funding for the program will come from, who will coordinate the process and a time line of implementation.

Assessment, which has been mandated by the UW-System, will allow System to monitor the "programmatic efforts and student progress and to demonstrate a basic commitment in providing quality educational to students," according to Kenneth Shaw, former UW-System president.

Each university is in charge of implementing and carrying out a program designed to assess graduating seniors in their major. In order to accurately assess each major, each department is responsible for creating their own plan.

"They really haven't told us what they (system) want or what is okay," stated Ron Lokken, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, concerning guidelines for the project.

According to the proposal drafted by Lokken's committee departments can determine the method of assessment that "best suits their needs."

The methods must however provide information that can be used to identify "curricular and instructional strengths and weaknesses."

"The whole idea is to improve the curriculum," Lokken explained.

The different methods suggested by the Academic Affairs Committee include nationally formed examinations, portfolios, interviews, surveys, locally written exams and capstone courses.

According to Lokken, if national tests are used, grades received will not affect graduation or be a factor in determining grades.

The national tests are expensive according to Lokken. "Each test, including scoring costs about $12."

"If a portfolio (a sample of completed projects compiled since entering the university) is used as part of a capstone course, students could be graded on it however," Lokken continued.

"We're dealing with the unknown here because we don't know what each department will do," stated Jacqueline Fruke, Student Government Association academic affairs director.

"That's why students have to get involved now in the planning stage," she explained.

SGA senator's are working on contacting each department head at UWSP, reserving booths in each academic building in order to have petitions and information available for students and are speaking to faculty to urge them to sign a faculty petition when available.

"Every department should be soliciting student input," regarding their assessment program Lokken said. According to the tentative proposal, departments must determine goals within the major and agree on a method of assessment by May 15, 1993.

By October 29, departments must complete the development process and submit the plan to the UWSP assessment committee and to the appropriate dean for informal review.

On April 1, 1994 departments must have completed a pilot assessment whereas they have implemented a plan and have evaluated it making necessary changes before reports are finally submitted to the Vice Chancellor by May 13, 1994.

"Anyone graduating after next December must be concerned," stated Fruke.

The student catalog has no bearing on who will have to do Continued on page 14

No leads in U.C. theft

By Kristie Cieszynski

The University Center was the target for burglars last week Wednesday in which a variety of items were stolen from the University Store.

According to Jerry Lineberger, U.C. associate director of the "non-forcible entry" into the university store through the loading dock, was discovered early Wednesday morning.

Lineberger had only a partial list of missing items, and had no damage estimates available.

Protective Services is continuing the investigation and have no specific suspects or leads.

Don Burling, director of Protective Services, stated because the break-in might be of an "internal" nature, the investigation is continuing with assistance from the Stevens Point Police Department until "the end of the semester, and possibly into the summer."

The April 7 burglary is the latest in a rash of break-ins that have plagued the University Center.

On February 13, U.C. was broken into and 38 roses valued at $4.50 each were stolen as well as $194 in quarters from a video game in Recreational Services.

Elvis lives!

The legend lived during the Elvis contest held by FM during trivia kick-off.(photo by Karen Mattson)
NEWS BRIEFS

The Stevens Point Area School District has purchased 35 acres of land for the future site of either an elementary or secondary school.

The purchase was approved during a closed meeting of the School Board on Monday for land at the southwest corner of Hoover Road and Highway Hill in the village of Plover.

Despite last week's passage of a constitutional amendment to halt the growth of gambling in the state, construction of a $4 million casino in central Wisconsin is underway by the Winnebago tribe.

The new Rainbo Casino is located three miles southwest of Neenah in Wood County, and will feature 530 slot machines, 28 blackjack tables and over 450 employees.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Applications are still being accepted for SGA positions available for the 1993-94 school year.

Those positions available include: Executive Director, Budget Director, Budget Controler, Budget Examiner, Public Relations Director, Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Shared Governance Director, Women’s Issues Director, Academic Issues Director and Multi-Cultural Issues Director.

Applications can be picked up in the SGA office and are due TOMORROW, Friday, April 15, 1993.

Last week, Student Senate approved funding for the South Pointe Holiday Inn and Holiday Executive.

The Plan Commission suggested their own alternatives to the building before the acceptable plan.

The contamination of Milwaukee’s city water may have been cleared up the parasite blamed for the sickness of thousands of people, but officials are still advising people not to drink the water until the boil-water advisory is lifted.

Mayor John Norquist issued the boil-water advisory last week for areas of the city, staying in effect through this Wednesday.

President Clinton and Senate Republicans continue the battle over funding for the White House as the federal government enters a partial government shutdown.

The disclosure of a 1972 North Vietnamese letter causing political fallout on Tuesday, which appears to document more than 600 U.S. POWs held by Hanoi during the war.

The document was declared a "pure fabrication" by officials in Vietnam on Tuesday, while Pentagon intelligence experts remain skeptical on the authenticity and accuracy of the letter.

NEWS

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By Mark Gillette

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UNITED STATES

UN relief officials spoke out on Tuesday over the "dangerously low levels of food in the former Yugoslavia, plagued by five days of inactiv food flights due to threats by Serbian anti-aircraft batteries.

Two lives of three refugee in the country are at a "greater risk," with food stocks in Bosnia down to less than a three days' supply.

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By LeeAnn Cornell

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Trivia explodes with patriotism

by Kevin A. Thays
Editor in Chief

Up all night, up all day—that's right! Sleep is no factor for trivia participants who play the game with pride and devotion. And that's just the way it should be! Trivia couldn't come at a better time than during the final four-week crunch, when students need a way to relieve stress. You're anything but alone if you feel like pulling your hair out and screaming right now due to the hell week(s) ahead. Use trivia as a reason to let loose and get a little crazy.

We should be proud that UWSP is so highly acclaimed for this annual event. The U.S. Trivia Association named it the world's largest trivia contest—right here in good old Stevens Point. That's something to say "wow" about.

And it's the students behind the scenes of 90-FM that are the momentum for making trivia so spectacular. Once again, I say hats off to organizations and extra-curricular!

That is exactly why this type of event should be supported by all students at UWSP. It's a wild happening that thrives on local patriotism.

"Trivia can be a warm-up for the debating student assessment and evaluation program."

Students spend hundreds of hours preparing for trivia and everyone who goes to college here reaps the recognition of this hard work. Our university, which is made up of faculty and students, stands in the spotlight as the best.

So why all the fuss Kevin? Because trivia draws over 11,000 participants a year. The Vince Gill concert sold out at an approximate capacity of 3,200 people and it was a huge success. Imagine 3,533 times what business that restaurants, motels and gas stations alone receive. They have all year to gear up for the foot traffic and would be blind not to expect it.

People travel from across this country to play trivia and the contest is on our very own turf. So put that in your pipe...

Better yet, tell your friends to form a team with you. Or challenge 'em and then smoke 'em away by beating their pants off with a better trivia score.

Long before the T.V. cameras were lined up or the Byron de la Beuf was ready to introduce, the students, professors and staff were the ones to explain the meaning of "man." The Pointer will have a few words of its own.

What if men could have babies?

by Bill Downs
Contributor

The other day in one of my classes the hypothesis of "what if men had babies" was presented to the class for discussion.

There was a lot of snickering by the females in the class. Along with comments like "they couldn't handle it" or "they wouldn't be able to stand the pain." The men for the most part didn't say a lot. But as I thought about the possibility a few things occurred to me after I left class. To begin with I think there would be some men who couldn't handle the pain. But there are a lot of women who can't handle it either, that's why we have legalized abortions.

As far as not being able to deal with the nine month term of carrying a fetus, men might be able to deal with it better than women. For one thing men aren't as vain as women and humor about themselves and can laugh at themselves easier than women. Women become more defensive when comments are made about their femininity.

I think there would be some definite changes in the economy and the daily routines if men could have babies. For one thing, maternity (or would that be paternity) clothes would be a lot different.

Another thing that would change is the question of men serving in combat. One of the reasons that have been barred from combat is because of the pregnancy question.

When a woman becomes pregnant she can't serve in an area where it is emotionally stressful or physically demanding. If men could have babies then they would be barred from combat, right?

But, that question may be going away soon. If the new administration has their way, women will soon be serving in combat whether they get pregnant or not. They will finally get what they have been after, equality!

I guess men will just have to wait for theirs.

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Russian poet tells story

by Amy Versnik

Recently, there was a man on campus who drew attention whether he asked for it or not. He is a man with a story which compares to none.

In 1941, eight-year-old Yevgeny Yevtushenko was moving from Moscow to Siberia with his grandmother. They were poor and everyday, Yevtushenko and his grandmother begged for food.

One day, Yevtushenko was singing folk songs for bread; a passing peasant woman opened her scarf, gave him half of the bread, and told him to sing. When he finished singing, she shared the rest of her bread. The woman added, "We learned that freedom has many faces. There are many things Americans have to learn."

"Even at the worst times, there were good writers, good thinkers, good people," he added.

Yevtushenko explained that people often think they are free, because there are no visible clinking chains. "Only the free man thinks I am a slave. We are surrounded by different slaves. There are not perfect societies, there never will be. There are no bad people, only bad governments," he said.

The dictatorship of Stalin was a time of hard censorship for Russia. Yevtushenko claims that his works are the poetry of his generation.

"We idealized freedom. We learned that freedom has many faces. There are many things Americans have to learn," he explained.

Yevtushenko referred to things Americans must improve upon, including drug problems, the music industry and bad movies (noting such stars as Chuck Norris).

"I'm not here to teach modesty, but I think I wrote a great novel," claimed Yevtushenko with a smile, referring to one of the nine novels he has written.

As for his four movie scripts, he said they would make no money in America. "There's too much fantasy, they're too subtle. They are not for Americans," Yevtushenko explained.

Baffled by a trivia question?

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Spring drinking ban imposed

The state's annual spring ban on consumption of intoxicating beverages in state parks, and on state-owned or administered boat landings, is in effect until 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 29.

The law prohibits consumption of beer or liquor in state parks, in the Kettle Moraine and Point Beach state forests, or within the boundaries of state-owned or administered boat landings.

Even possession of open containers of intoxicating beverages is prohibited during the restricted time period.

Registered campers within family campgrounds and customers in the Clasping Barn Restaurant at Old World Wisconsin are exempted.

Boat landings affected by the state prohibition will be posted as such, though other landings may be covered by local or county restrictions.

Penalties for violations include a standard forfeiture of $67.00, though it can result in forfeitures of up to $151.00.
Coffeehouses offer bar scene alternative

by Chris Kelley
Photo Editor

Whether reading the paper over a frothy cappuccino, taking a coffee break from shopping at the mall or chatting with friends through countless refills, local coffeehouses offer a welcoming atmosphere for all ages.

"There's a trend in people drinking coffee," said Cathy Karcheski. Karcheski, along with Wendy Sigle, owns the Mission Coffeehouse on South Avenue downtown. In the 1600's and 1700's, the coffeehouses of London, coined "penny universities," were centers of political, artistic and philosophical conversation.

"Coffeehouses attracted the thinkers, the philosophers," Sigle said. "It's a European thing that's finally hitting here and growing," said Debbie Haubrich, dining room manager at Marc's Cafe on North Division. "In Seattle it's the big thing." Marc's Cafe and Coffee Mill was formerly Marc's Big Boy, a chain of family restaurants primarily in Wisconsin.

The recent change in decor also brought specialty coffees to their menu.

"We're still a family restaurant," Haubrich said. "Gourmet coffees are an added feature but we don't rely on it like other coffeehouses."

Downtown business has spurred the popularity of coffeehouses in Stevens Point and now supports two within a block of each other.

"When the library was being built and the Wooden Chair wasn't there and the Nitty Gritty was down it hurt a lot," said Jo Hamilton, manager at the Supreme Bean in the Centerpoint on Main. "Other businesses downtown help," she added.

UWSP students enjoy the bands and poetry readings the Mission brings.

"I come here to get together and be around other people," said one customer. "At a bar the prime directive is to get loaded.""Coffeehouses offer an alternative to the bars," said Karcheski.

About fifty percent of the clientele at the Supreme Bean are workers on break or shoppers Hamilton said. Many may also catch on.

"In the future there will be a demand for organic coffees," Hamilton predicts.

Indecent Proposal falls short

by Dan Seeger
Movie Critic

The new movie "Indecent Proposal" has a terrific beginning.

Woody Harrelson and Demi Moore play a married couple whose dreams for the future are being rapidly dragged down by the recession.

Their dream home is about to be reclaimed by the bank, and their dwindling paychecks are making it seem impossible to make ends meet.

They're so desperate they take the little money they have to Las Vegas in the hopes of parlaying it into enough cash to pay off their rapidly accumulating debt.

"The casino trip has proven fruitless, but a handsome billionaire (Robert Redford) may have a different, provocative solution for them. After spotting Demi Moore, he makes a proposition. He offers the pair one million dollars in exchange for one night of passion with Moore."

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Harrelson and Moore's marriage is tormented by jealousy and anger. The two continually push each other apart as the money that was so important is shunned by the pair, because it represents the destruction of their bond.

All of these scenes seem extremely forced as the characters aren't progressing in natural, believable ways. It's as if Lyne is pandering to the audience, trying to please everyone.

Yet, he's so faithful to the true nature of these characters that he winds up shutting out the audience entirely.

The shameless sentimentality that runs throughout the second half of the film and some awkward comic relief from Harrelson's lawyer (Oliver Platt) only serve to further sink the film.

There's a daring, sultry theme at the root of "Indecent Proposal," but it seems oddly sanitized as the film continually shifts away from its risky beginnings.

Now on display

by Tony Trechauser
Contributor

While students are studying in the library they are sometimes disturbed. They hear the pitter patter of little feet followed by the talking of little children who sometimes forget the golden rule of the library: Be very quiet!

This scene takes place numerous times every year at the Learning Resource Centre at UWSP, as schools from around the state come to take tours of the Museum of Natural History.

"We give about 200 tours each school year to different groups," explained Ed Marks, director of the museum.

The museum holds many fascinating exhibits for people to see and from which to learn. Most of the displays are of stuffed animals set in sceneries similar to their natural surrounding.

Birds of many species are there as well as an underwater display and a live exhibit of snakes.

"Snakes are used by us as a learning tool for the children. We want them to not be afraid of them and to learn how they feel," said Marks.

Marks explained that the exhibits are under constant renovations as they are being moved around and as new ones are added.

So the next time you are disturbed in the library you will be glad to know that those talkative children are also there learning.
Trivia Pointer Poll: How does it feel to be part of the world’s largest trivia contest?

"It feels like the only chance to outsmart my roommates."
Matt Marquis

"I can do it in three words: It feels awesome."
Ryan Pesanka

"If feels like wearing a pair of brand-spanking new clean underwear. Wow, what a feeling."
Trina Baltzell

"It’s an honor to get together with friends and go out and kick the butts of thousands of people."
Rich Heckler

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Students direct Players productions

by Lisa Herman
Copy Editor

What do you do this weekend if you’re not on a Trivia team? The UWSP Players are sponsoring two one-act plays this Friday and Saturday night.

Senior Sheila Pyan (Schofield) is directing her fifth production titled “Unpublished Letters” written by Jonathan C. Levine. "It’s a drama with a comedic twist," said Pyan. "It’s a real good blend because even though it’s a serious story, the two characters add humor to it."

Scott Taulman plays an actor named Josh who meets his half-sister Carol played by Senior Dan Kelm (Oostburg) for the first time on the day of their father’s funeral.

Their father was a famous author that began writing to Carol three years prior to his death. When she shows up with the letters at Josh’s apartment he severely rejects her.

Josh never got along with his father, but Carol forces herself onto him, reading the letters aloud, coercing him to confront his feelings and to deal with his family conflicts.

Pyan chose to direct “Unpublished Letters” because she really liked it when she saw it performed on Arts and Entertainment Playwrite Theatre.

"They needed another one-act with a small cast and set, and I directed it once before at the Marathon Center in Wausau, so it seemed like a good choice," explained Pyan.

To accompany Pyan’s one-act play, Senior Dan Kelm (Oostburg) chose Woody Allen’s "God" for his first-time directing debut.

Both plays are completely separate and have different styles and content. "Letters is more dramatic with a cast of only two actors in contrast to "God" which is a comedy with a cast of 22 actors.

Kelm describes "God" as "a really silly play. There’s really no message. It’s just completely silly fun."

The story is about a Greek writer called Hepatitis played by Freshman Michael Voss (Waukesha) and a Greek actor called Diabetes played by Junior Steve Martin (Ripon) who look for an ending to their play.

The search moves the play along and in the process a guy named Trichinosis played by Junior Jason Hall (Oshkosh) tries to sell them deus ex machina (Greek for god from the machine). Characters from other plays and even people from the audience come up to help them.

Kelm said he wanted to direct something that people could just sit back, relax and enjoy. "That’s one of the best things theatre can do."

He explained, "Ever since I’ve been involved with theatre everyone seemed to be searching for deep, hidden meaning in everything and it gets annoying."

Both student directors held auditions for their casts and crews in March. Rehearsals have been running four to five times a week ever since.

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Earth Week supports environment

The Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association (EENA), SGA, and various other campus organizations are sponsoring Earth Week, April 19-23 in support of environmental awareness and action.

Phil Pister, a California biologist will discuss, "Ethical Concerns in Conservation of Biological Diversity," on Thursday, April 15, the opening event of Earth Week activities.

Pister, a retired fisheries biologist involved in desert ecosystem preservation throughout the Southwest and Mexico, will speak at 7 p.m. in CNR 112. His presentation is open to the public without charge.

Following his retirement after 38 years with the California Department of Fish and Game, Pister serves as executive secretary of the Desert Fishes Council and has written 53 papers and books about the desert.

In addition, he has lectured at more than 60 universities in North America and the United Kingdom.

On Tuesday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. a variety of student organizations will sponsor a booth at the Centerpoint Mall to promote Earth Week activities. The booth will continue on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Monday, April 19, a booth in the U.C. Concourse will feature "Endangered Species in Wisconsin," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Baird Callcott of the UWSP philosophy faculty and Michael Nelson of Pulaski will address "Earth Day; Spanning the Generation Gap" at a lunch seminar from noon to 1 p.m. in the U.C. Red Room; and "Wilderness Odyssey," a slide show, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the U.C. Wisconsin Room.

On Wednesday, April 21, the U.C. Concourse booth will present "Energy" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the lunch seminar will feature John Coletta of the UWSP English faculty discussing "How the World Works," from noon to 1 p.m.

On Thursday, April 22 is Earth Day, which will feature community involvement by public school students, clean-up activities and other action-oriented events; the U.C. booth will include "Zero Population Growth" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., "The Lorax," an animated Dr. Seuss film, will be shown at 1 p.m. in the U.C. Turner Room; and family activity night will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Charlie M. White Public Library downtown.

On Friday, April 23, Eco-Tunes will be performed by Artemus and Gunther, Tuck Fence, and Burnt Toast and Jam, and various organizations will display environmental projects and sell food at an Eco-Fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sundial; Ken Lonnquist, Jeff Eckels and Doug Brown will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the U.C. Encore. Admission is $3 for the public and $2 for UWSP students.

Concluding events on Saturday, April 24 include the annual Hunger Crise-Up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, a Centerpoint Mall booth will highlight "Endangered Species in Wisconsin," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a New Games Festival will run from 2 to 5 p.m. at the East Intramural Field.

Earth Week Tip #1
Vacation! Spend your summer vacation or next spring break in a rain forest, desert or other endangered habitat, learning what you can do. Then, pass that knowledge on.

Earth Week Tip #2
The BETA BETA BETA Biological Honors Society is sponsoring an aluminum can recycling drive in conjunction with Earth Day. They will be collecting aluminum cans on Thursday, April 22 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Baldwin, Steiner, Hansen circle off of Isadore Street, and in front of the University Center. Bags of crushed or uncrushed aluminum cans will be accepted, provided they are free of any waste materials.

Earth Week Tip #3
Clean up! Organize a group of friends to pick up litter at your apartment complex, a neighborhood park or beach, or along your street. Recycle anything that can be.

Earth Week Tip #4
Buy! Spend your money wisely on environmentally sound products, such as items that are recyclable or have been recycled or those that come in refillable second packaging.

The North holds many gifts

Kesselheim will be at UWSP on Tuesday, April 20 to share their journey in a multimedia presentation entitled "Wilderness Odyssey: Gifts From the North.

The show chronicles the couple's 13-month experience in Canada, follows their 5000-mile route along remote waterways and illuminates the nine months of winter isolation spent in northern Saskatchewan.

The presentation will use slides and sound track to unleash nature and take the audience to a landscape where bear, wolf and caribou still roam free, to a place where the couple traveled nearly 1000 miles without seeing another human or crossing a road.

Photos will include the mysterious northern lights, evocative winter landscapes, whitewater, and tundra, all set in some of the most wild country left in North America.

"Gifts from the North" also focuses on the threatening changes in such things as pulp mills, dams, pipelines and mineral exploitations that have made on our environment.

The appearance of Earth Flags is a common sight during Earth Week, which will be April 19-23 this year. (file photo)

Upcoming Earth Week Activities:

Thursday, April 15: Opening seminar. "Ethical Concerns in Conservation of Biological Diversity."

Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18: Centerpoint mall booth.

Monday-Thursday, April 19-22: U.C. Concourse booth. Featuring different types each day.

Monday, April 19: Lunch seminar. "My Role as a Researcher and Educator." Also, "Fern Gully."

Tuesday, April 20: Lunch seminar. "Earth Day: Spanning the Generation Gap." Also, "Wilderness Odyssey" slide show.


Thursday, April 22, Earth Day: "The Lorax."

Friday, April 23: Eco-tunes and Eco-fair. Also, Ken Lonnquist, Jeff Eckels, and Doug Brown performing.

Take time out to fish--it's relaxing

by Michelle Neinast

Outdoors Editor

For some time now I've been walking around with this stupid notion that it's May. Not because of the weather, mind you. Because my work and school schedule has been the equivalent of finals for three weeks in a row now. I have tried every stress reliever and relaxation technique I've ever heard of. Even coloring wouldn't work. But fishing did.

By last week I was seriously considering jumping into a lake and goofing around in between presentations of my life. This year, we had planned to go and I had all afternoon to put together my best list. As it turned out, it was the only thing I could have done.

Last Thursday's miserable weather not only produced some beautiful scenery, but good fishing also. (photo by Chris Kelley)

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Past holds tales of trivia evolution

This weekend's trivia, like the contest of past years, will ask questions featuring obscure but interesting facts of life.

Over the past 24 years, 90FM's trivia contest has collected quite a few trivial facts of its own.

The first trivia contest, held by the radio station (then called WSU) in 1969, was a gimmick designed to attract listeners.

The contest lasted 16 hours and consisted of 16 teams and 45 players.

The contest grew rapidly in the 1970's, and by 1974 the station was receiving 200,000 phone calls from the 6,000 players who competed throughout the week.

Every year brings it with new challenges for the station and several unexpected events.

The radio station received a bomb scare during its 1974 trivia weekend. The contest continued, however, while security personnel searched the building, finding nothing but tired trivia workers.

This was not the biggest problem that year, however, as the station's transmitter overloaded, melting wires and forcing the contest to go off the air for a few minutes the Saturday of the event.

One participant became a father during Trivia '74, but couldn't be reached because the phone was tied up in an attempt to answer all the questions. He was soon informed of the good news over the airwaves by the 90FM announcer.

The contest grew even bigger in 1975, and the overwhelming number of calls to the station disrupted long-distance lines for the entire 715 area code.

More problems with the phone lines occurred in 1977 when one of the trivia phone numbers was similar to the Portage County Sheriff's Department, causing many of the players' calls to be directed there instead of to the station.

One year police chief Raymond C. Kulas complained of people tying up emergency phone lines at the station to refigure out what I'm going to do about the question.

"Everywhere I go, I'm taking notes," said Oliva. "I take this contest very seriously."

It's this integrity and seriousness that separates the contest from every other trivia competition, according to Oliva.

The quality of the questions and the honesty of the competition make the event more popular every year.

Only two people, Oliva and John Eckendorf, know the questions that will be used in this year's competition. This ensures that the contest will be fair.

"Lawrence has 12 people making up the questions, and some of these people play on the trivia teams," said Oliva.

A high turnover rate of trivia coordinators at Lawrence also separates it from 90FM's contest, he said. By returning every year to write questions, Oliva has gained experience and has learned how to write challenging but exciting questions.

One year, for example, Oliva asked a question based on an x-rated movie. Since there are many younger people who participate in the contest, the station soon received numerous complaints about the question.

"The kids were mad because they can't watch x-rated movies, and parents were mad because kids shouldn't be hearing about these movies," Oliva explained. "I learned quickly not to write questions like that."

All the questions for Trivia '93 have been written for two weeks. Oliva and Eckendorf then read the questions to each other, rewriting ones that didn't sound right.

Enthusiastic trivia players waited in line Monday to register for this week's contest.

For over 15 years, the world's largest trivia contest has had the same man behind the curtain, pulling the strings and making the contest a success.

"I never thought I'd be at it this long," Jim "Oz" Oliva told The Pointer in 1985.

Eight years later, this wonderful wizard of trivia is still at it, writing questions and co-coordinating the event.

Oliva first took an interest in trivia because of his love for radio and for talking to people.

"Besides, I was still trying to figure out what I'm going to do when I grow up," he joked.

The first couple years, Oliva explained, he had to run everything. Soon the tasks became overwhelming, and he delegated authority to the rest of the station.

"It's really a team effort now," said Oliva. "Nobody, including me, is irreplaceable."

Like every year, Oliva was responsible for writing this year's trivia questions. He and John Eckendorf worked all year to create the 430 questions for the contest.

The trivia expert explained that he is constantly looking for possible questions, taking notes everywhere he goes including movie theaters, antique stores and vacation spots.

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The loyalty of the teams involved also makes the event worthwhile. People come from all over the country, filling hotels and offering students money to stay in their houses for the weekend.

"So many kinds of people come to this contest," said Oliva. "People live for this." Oliva explained that community support for trivia helps make it a success. The city welcomes the contest and the business it brings to the area.

In fact, trivia weekend is the only time cars can be parked on city streets overnight without getting a ticket.

With virtually no sleep all weekend, Oliva manages to keep up his energy level throughout the event.

"What people don't understand is that if they were as high as I am on this whole event, they wouldn't need sleep either," he stated.
Getting ready: The making of a tradition

by Kelly Lecker
Features Editor

Even before the winners of Trivia '93 emerge, Jim Oliva and the crew at 90FM are at work plotting next year's contest.

Planning for this year's tournament began as soon as Trivia 1992 had ended. As early as last summer, Oliva and station manager Dan Seeger talked about possible themes and activities for the contest.

"When one year gets done, we're already working on next year," said computer services coordinator Steve Glinski.

According to Seeger, intense preparation for trivia began in January and has been the top order of business at the station ever since.

Seeger and Oliva are co-coordinators of this year's trivia contest. Both are responsible for the overall planning and operation of the event.

Oliva, who has helped coordinate the contest for the past 15 years, worked with John Eckendorf and the trivia question that are read to participants.

"I am constantly preparing for this contest," said Oliva.

"Everywhere I go, I'm taking notes for possible trivia questions," Oliva and Eckendorf wrote about 450 questions, read each of them, and revised the ones that didn't sound right. Nobody else knows what these questions will be until the contest begins.

Seeger is also involved with the management of the trivia contest. His role deals with the overall operation of the event, such as making sure that the station is ready and everything is set up and working by Friday.

Other duties Seeger undertakes include planning the kickoff events and handling registration.

"It's important to have fun through all this," Seeger said. "Most people who help out find that it really is a good time." Over 40 volunteers work to make the trivia contest a success each year. This year the station has had no problems finding people to fill phone shifts, according to Seeger.

The "Oz" contest really brings to them and they appreciate it," Weaver explained. "They know how much business this weekend brings to them and they appreciate it.

Weaver is also responsible for supervising the trivia stone and the running questions, in which players get a chance to leave their houses and hit the streets in search of answers.

The "Oz" is a well-organized contest.

A parade celebrating the highlights of trivia weekend will hit the streets Friday at 4 p.m. With spirits high, the contest will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, at which time teams will receive their first question and begin their fight to the top.

50FM disc jockeys will read eight questions every hour on the air. After a question is read, teams will have 30 seconds to call the station with their answer.

"There is no guarantee as to how long the songs will last," said 90FM station manager Dan Seeger. "But there will be two complete songs played before it is too late to answer.

Teams are allowed only one answer per question in order to keep the phone lines open and the contest fair.

After the two songs have ended, the operators will no longer accept answers. The announcer then reads the answer to the question.

Once every hour the announcer reads trivia news, lists the top five teams, and hosts Trivia Focus, in which a trivia team will be interviewed.

"It is most exciting to read the top teams in the first few hours, because it is constantly changing," Seeger explained.

Each question is worth 200 points divided by the number of teams who answer it correctly plus three. The maximum point value for one question is 500 points.

The team with the highest point value at the end of the contest is the winner.

This point system is different from last year in an attempt to keep players closer in points and make the contest even more competitive, according to Seeger.

Point values for questions will be read at the beginning of every hour but will have a one hour delay. For example, the announcer will read the point values for questions in hour one at the start of hour three.

The contest lasts a total of 54 hours. Winners will be announced and awards will be given shortly after the end, when winning teams will have a chance to speak a few words on the radio.

"Decisions and transactions and dealing with all the public relations and advertising. These roles are managed largely by 90FM staff members Alison Kolterjohn and Lisa Westoby.

According to staff members, several factors make this trivia contest the largest of its kind.

One major reason is the support from the community. Trivia brings people and money to the area, and the city shows its appreciation by supporting the event. Even the mayor takes his turn answering phones for the contest.

Both Seeger and Oliva stated that the contest is so reputable because it is fair. Only Oliva and Eckendorf know the question, and the questions are challenging.

"We maintain the integrity of the contest," said Seeger.

All who were asked contributed much of trivia's success to the dedication of the staff to producing a quality contest.

"The staff is dedicated to making it a success," said Alison Kolterjohn. "Jim Oliva's experience and dedication really makes this contest great.

Weaver and Cornwell said the community and its atmosphere helped popularize the contest. Every staff member interviewed stated that the loyalty of the players helped keep the notoriety so high.

"There are people who make a career out of this," said Weaver. "They love it and they make it fun.

Despite all the long hours and lost sleep, the entire staff agreed that the end product was well worth the work.
THE FAR SIDE

by GARY LARSON

BANG WHANG
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THE TV LISTINGS SAY THIS MOVIE HAS "ADULT SITUATIONS." WHAT ARE ADULT SITUATIONS?

I HATE IT WHEN IT'S THIS WINDY.

YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE? I HATE WHEN I'M TALKING AND SOMEONE TURNS THE CONVERSATION TO HIMSELF?

IT'S SO RUDE. WHY DO THEY THINK I'M TALKING? IT'S SO THEY CAN HEAR ABOUT ME!

I ALSO HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT ME ALL BUG-EYED.

THE NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW THOSE MOVIES MAKE ANY MONEY.

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YES, CALVIN?

MISS WORMWOOD?

YES, CALVIN?

AT LEAST OUR TELEVISIONS UNDERSTAND US.

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.

THEY SAY: "FOR MATURE AUDIENCES."

MY GENERATION DOESN'T ABSORB INFORMATION THIS WAY. COULD YOU REDUCE EVERYTHING TO FACTS?

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the assessment since it is not a contract.

"This means that even though
this isn't listed under graduation
requirements in the catalog, stu­
dents graduating after next
December will still have to go
through assessment," she
clarified.

Plans for assessment of UW­System students began in 1989
following the recommendations
of Shaw.

The first phase of assessment
was implemented during the

At UWSP it involved
sophomore level students retak­
ing placement tests taken pre­
viously before or during their
freshman year to assess what
they had learned thus far.

"This whole effort will work
only with the cooperation of
everybody. It will mean more
work for all of us, but if we use
it right we can improve our cur­
riculum," Lokken concluded.

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referring to everyone being
billed for damages.

The goal of Community
Damage policies is to make resi­
dents responsible for the condi­
tions of the halls.

Frommong says that even
though students respond nega­
tively to the extra charges, there
is more peer pressure on his
floor now to keep things clean
and stop vandals.

Although the policy has been
around for about three
semesters, new procedures are
making it easier to enforce.

After a damage has occurred
and been repaired, a summary of
costs is sent to the hall director.
The hall director returns the
summary with the names of
people who should be charged.

When residents have accumu­
lated $1 or more, they will be
notified, but not billed until the
end of the semester.

All this sending
back
and forth
takes a long time to process, and
students sometimes aren't
notified of charges until months
after the incident occurred.

"I think it would be more ef­
fective if it didn't take so long," Brian Steinke, a resident assist­
ant in Baldwin Hall said.

Steinke believes if students
knew about charges soon after
the damage takes place, it might prompt more residents to iden­
tify the cause.

However, because the proce­
dures are still fairly new, there is
a back-up of reports that need to
be processed. The pace is ex­
pected to pick up once these are
taken care of.

Communication Week planned
by Michelle Neinast
Outdoors Editor

Communication Week will hit
UWSP once again April 19-23.
Various activities, sponsored by
the Public Relations Student
Society of America (PRSSA),
will take place throughout the
week.

On Tuesday, April 20, from 10
a.m. to 3 p.m., popcorn and
mugs of soda will be sold at a
booth in the U.C. concourse.

Other communication oriented
organizations will also be the
booth during the week.

The glass case in the Lafollette
Lounge, will house displays
from PRSSA and Silver Mile­
tone.

The week will also bring a
number of classroom speakers,
covering a wide variety of topics
relevant to communication stu­
dents. All speeches will be in
the Communication building.

Dan McGimmily, who works in
the Corporate Communication
Department at Sentry Insurance,
will be speaking at 8:35 a.m.,
Tuesday, April 20 in Room 236.

Tom Hunn, the Safety and
Training Coordinator at Best
Power Technology in Necedah,
Wisconsin, will also speak on
Tuesday. He will be speaking in
two classes, one at 9 a.m. in
Room 239 and the other at 11
a.m. in Room 333.

Diana Fox from Secura In­
surance can be heard on
Thursday, April 22 at 12:35
p.m. in Room 204.

Communication Week will
culminate with the annual Com­
munication Department Ban­
quett on Sunday, April 25. Tick­
ets are $12.50 each and are
available in the Communication
Department Office.

Dinner will be at The Restau­
rant in the Sentry Complex,
starting at 6 p.m. Cocktails start
at 5 p.m.

Awards will be presented by
various communication or­
ganizations and a DJ/dance will
follow, beginning at 9 p.m. The
price for the dance alone in $2.
Hearings attendance down

The majority of Wisconsin residents who attended the Department of Natural Resources Spring Fish and Wildlife Rule Hearings supported many of the proposed fishing and hunting regulation changes.

"Despite conflicting with the NCAA finals, more than 9,000 residents attended this year's Rule Hearings statewide," said Jim Addis, head of resource management for the Department of Natural Resources.

The hearings are held the first Monday in April in every county in the state.

In general, people supported most proposed rule changes, with the statewide majorities approving 44 of the 53 questions.

Many of the questions approved by voters would provide increased protection for fish and wildlife resources in the state.

"I think results show a clear commitment from Wisconsin's hunters and anglers to protecting our fish and wildlife resources," Addis said.

For example, voters:
* overwhelmingly supported (2,623 to 370) placing a 15-inch size limit on sauger and walleye hybrids on all inland waters;
* overwhelmingly supported (2,178 to 210) banning hook and line equipment from shanties and allowing anglers to float live bait while forward trolling; establishing temporary subzones for bear hunting to address locally overabundant or overharvested populations; establishing one 4-week fall turkey hunting season; and continuing to hold an early exterior goose hunting season.

Among the questions voters rejected was a proposal to establish experimental panfish regulations on 30 waters (2,451 to 1,333).

Attendance was down from the past two years, when more than 9,000 residents attended the hearings, but similar to the average attendance over the past 20 years.

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- **Brain Strain?**
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**Tickets for Dance: $2.00**

[Image of a menu with various food options and prices.]

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- **Brewery Night** with Delta Blues

**Saturday, April 17**

- **Paul Black and the Flip Kings**

**Sunday Afternoon**

- **Bloody Marys**

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Track competes at Titan Invitational

by Mark Gillette

Contributor

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's men's track and field team, competing on "a beautiful day" over the Easter weekend, placed first in the Titan Invite at UW-Oshkosh.

The women finished second at the April meet.

Among the top performers were Scott Halvorsen (Sr., Wausau), in the hammer throw and Aimee Knitter (Sr., Milwaukee) in the 5000 meter race. Every team participating had players absent due to the holiday.

The men tallied 170 points, tops among nine teams.

UW-Oshkosh garnered 153 points for second, with Carroll College (73) and St. Norbert College (60) placing third and fourth.

The last four positions went to Fox Valley Track Club (FVTC), UW-Parkside, and Ripon, Michigan Tech and Concordia tied for last.

"The team is continuing to get better," said men's coach Rick Witt. "I was real happy with the way things went. We had a best of kids who had their best performance ever."

Halvorsen automatically qualified for nationals with a hammer throw of 35.74 meters, a new best.

He also grabbed a first in the shot put with a throw of 14.17 meters.

Hammer throwers Dan Baumert (Sr., Greenfield) and Blair Larson (Fr., Petenwell, MN) provisionally qualified with second and third place finishes of 53.72 meters and 50.80 meters respectively.

Larsen finished behind Halvorsen with a shot put of 13.42 meters.

"I was real happy with the way things went. We had a lot of kids who had their best performance ever."

Craig Huesman (Fr., Fon Du Lac) earned two firsts, 1:14.35 in the 400 meter and 23.13 in the 200 meter.

Other firsts for the Pointer men included Jeremie Johnson (So., Brule) who ran a career best 4:05.4 in the 1500 meter run and Parker Hansen (So., Fon Du Lac), who timed 55.12 in the 400 meter hurdles.

Richards (So., Sheboygan) also gave a strong showing for the Pointers with a second place finish in the triple jump (13.42 m.).

With 224 points, the Titan women more than doubled the Pointers 103 points.

Third place honors went to UW-Parkside (85), with fourth going to Carroll College (62).

Second place for the women was won by Aimee Knitter (Sr., Milwaukee) in the shot put (1500 meter) and 5:02.3; Jenny Woyak (So., Hancock), triple jump, 9:81 meters and Tammi Nash (Fr., Watertown), triple jump, 9:81 meters.

Pointer men with career personal bests were Joshua Tebo (Fr., Bondurant), 1:56.69, and Andy Valla (Jr., Milwaukee), 1:56.91, each in the 800 meter; Jason Nachreiner (Fr., Madison), 400 meter, 51.94; Chris Belonge (Fr., Green Bay), long jump, 6.47 meters and Richards in the triple jump, 13.42 meters.

This Saturday, the Pointers travel to Whitewater to participate in the Whitewater Invitational.

Bungee jumping springs up

by John Fullmer

Contributor

The word bungee has been around for some time, although unabridged dictionaries acknowledge the word's origin is uncertain.

Earliest modern use is attributed to aeronautics where bungees are used as tension devices on aircraft controls.

The bungee cord likely evolved from this usage and gained popularity with bikers and motorcyclists who needed a device to secure belongings not being carried on their vehicles.

At some point in the last 20 years, though, someone somewhere surmised these cords could be used to give people the thrill of a lifetime.

That's when bungee jumping took hold.

But you have to wonder who first got the idea that people could jump from a bridge, tree limb or other expanse and be saved from certain death by an elasticized cord?

And how did they discover it worked? Was it trial and error? Or did a few brave souls stretch the cord too far at first and learn from their mistakes?

"Oops, better make it a bit shorter before the next jump," that team said probably in 1978.

Regardless of bungee jumping's beginnings, the sport appears here to stay. And one tower has opened in Wisconsin Dells this season.

Considering that, and being a worry-wart about activities that require me to freefall headfirst and place my trust in an elastic cord, I thought it best to consult with a specialist who might assure me my fears were unfounded.

Dr. George Plzak, orthopedic surgeon, was kind enough to respond to this strange request.

He stood up front that he's not an expert on bungee jumping.

"My gut feeling is that if it is done right there probably would be no real problem," Plzak said.

"But, I wouldn't trust my limbs to it."

Plzak said he had not treated any orthopedic bungee jumping injuries as yet, but added it was only a matter of time.

He said anything man-made will fail at some point and that a malfunction in this sort of activity would result in a serious, very likely crippling, injury.

"Bungee jumping is one of the stupidest things a person could do," he said.

So I probably won't jump this summer at the Dells, but I'll likely be there watching others take the plunge.

Isaac normally a worry-wart about activities requiring him to fall headfirst while placing his trust in an elastic cord, overcomes his fear by bungee jumping (drawing by Todd Miller).

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Survey ranks most popular sports

Millions of viewers watched the XXVI Olympiad, but the Summer Olympics ranks a paltry fourth among the top 100 most popular spectator sports in America today.

At least that's what the folks at Sports Marketing Group of Dallas, Texas, concluded after conducting a survey recently.

Responding to their requests, professional, collegiate and high school football all are the most popular spectator sports in America today (ranking first, second and sixth respectively).

The Winter and Summer Olympics came in third and fourth, while the former national patximate, Major League Baseball, had slipped to fifth.

Professional basketball was ranked seventh and the next four spots were somewhat of a surprise.

Ladies' and pairs' figure skating ranked eighth and ninth, and pairs ice dancing came in tenth and eleventh.

Boxing ranked 12th and swimming 13th before the gap began to widen among the more recognized sports.

Skiing, both men's and women's came in at 22nd and 23rd respectively, only nudging out NASCAR racing (25th) and professional wrestling (30th).

Tractor pull contests (31) did top track and field (39), NHL hockey (40) and PGA golf (43).

Softball fans may be upset as their sport came in at No. 51 on the list, just a short distance ahead of roller derby events (58).

Some rankings on the list were not surprising, at least to midwesterners.

America's Cup Yachting was 65th, followed by men's tennis (68) and women's tennis (72).

In fact, women's tennis barely out-paced the arena-filling sport of arm wrestling (76).

And people simply do not enjoy watching equestrian events, with show jumping at 83, steeple chase 86, and dressage 93.

Nor do they like viewing sailing exhibitions (83) and Frisbee tournaments (94).

For you curious souls, last on the list is Velodrome bicycling at No. 100.
Bicycle safety important for everyone

As the sun begins to break and the temperature gradually becomes warmer, many people decide to get their outdoor exercise in the form of bicycling. Before you or your friends hop on and start pedaling, however, be sure to do a safety check. "Most importantly get a helmet," says Julie Radinoff, coordinator of the Winnebago County SAFE kids program sponsored by Swedish American Hospital and Rockford and Winnebago law enforcement agencies.

"Falls from bikes, even at slow speeds, can cause serious head injuries, especially for children. A survey conducted by Swedish American found that last year only 15 percent of children had bicycle helmets. They have reason to be. The American Hospital and Rockford and Winnebago law enforcement agencies found that children had bicycle helmets. Before beginning your bicycle season, keep these factors in mind.

CHOOSING A HELMET:

* Choose a helmet that is approved by SNELL, ANSI, OR CSA.

A sticker on the helmet will show these symbols meaning they have met the safety standards of a testing agency.

Be sure the bicycle helmet has a thick polystyrene liner, is brightly colored, and fits properly. Helmets may cost anywhere from $30 to $120.

RULES OF THE ROAD:

Stay to the right and ride with traffic. Stop at all stop signs, yield signs, and yield to traffic. Signal before turning or stopping, and look behind you before turning left across the traffic zone.

SPRING SAFETY CHECK-LIST:

* Check your brakes for frayed or rusty cables. Bad cables mean your brakes won't work.

* Replace worn brake pads and tires that are bad.

* Inflate tires to pressure recommended on sidewall of tire.

* Be sure to check your steering wheel. Hold the front wheel between your knees and try to turn the handlebars. If the handlebars move, they are too loose. They should be tightened.

* Make sure your wheel is "true." With bike elevated, spin wheel and watch spot between brake pad and wheel. If distance between wheel and pad fluctuates, the wheel is not "true" and straight. Your spokes should be adjusted at a bike shop.

* Hold your front brake and push back and forth on the handlebars. If handlebars and fork rock back and forth, they need to be tightened. Otherwise, bike will shimmy as speed increases down a hill.

* Make sure chain is lubricated. Rust may cause chain to slip and jump. Replace rusty chain.

* Tighten bolts for seat. Make sure it doesn't move side to side or up and down.

OTHER BIKE WEAR:

* Blinking safety lights are now available that run on batteries and clip on bike or belt. These are very visible, more effective than a reflector, and will cushion hands in a fall.

* Don't wear loose clothing that could get caught in a bike chain.

* Bike shoes are mainly for the serious cyclist. They have hard rigid soles, and toe clips, to reduce foot fatigue and increase grip on the pedals.

For more information:

* Contact the Winnebago County SAFE kids coalition at 968-4400 extension 4170.

Baseball slams Eau Claire in double-header by Lincoln Brunner

The UWSP baseball team sent Eau Claire home licking their wounds on April 9 by sweeping a double-header at Eau Claire's Stein Field 6-4 and 10-8. "We're pretty happy with the way we're swinging the bat right now," said head coach Guy Otte.

"Right now we're just taking it one game at a time. The conference this year looks very good." In the evening game, the Pointers dished up more of the same punishment to an Eau Claire squad already full of lumps.

The top of the Pointers lineup, seniors Ken Krug, Dan Bastle and Rick Wagner, blasted Eau Claire for a combined 15-for-27 and nine RBIs.

Sophomore third baseman Charlie Schreiber disregards the cold weather conditions to go for a bike ride Wednesday afternoon (photo by Chris Kelley).
Wildlife has benefits for society

by Jon Zellmer

Contributor

In the near future, the most significant positive impact on plant and animal communities will probably occur in urban settings. Urban areas expand as wildlife habitat is consumed, land locked, or degraded by urbanization. The planning of future growth along with habitat remodeling in and around cities could be considered self-preservation.

"The most important benefit associated with urban wildlife is the positive influence it can have on children. There is proof that interaction with the natural environment enhances physical development and social competence."

Unlike other forms of life on the planet, we are able to change and control our behavior. However, many people pay little attention to their behavior. We should work toward being more responsible for the well-being of all life. Humans have a responsibility to maintain life on this planet for ourselves and for generations to come. In urban areas, people can learn from nature and apply what they have learned in everyday life.

Therefore, habitat improvements in urban areas, to help diversify wildlife, could be considered an exercise in preventive medicine. Working with nature in urban settings could be a great source for future jobs. What is more important, jobs that take part in making things people don't need, or jobs that take part in helping the environment sustain us?

There are two good current examples, one in Florida and the other in Wisconsin, that give off just a flicker of the job possibilities in the field of urban wildlife.

The Big Cypress fox squirrel is a threatened species in Florida. Their populations are becoming extirpated in some areas and other suitable habitats are being altered or becoming isolated by development. Golf courses in Florida have higher population densities of fox squirrels, a sharp contrast with those populations in native habitats such as Big Cypress National Preserve. However, many golf courses are becoming surrounded by uninhabitable areas such as parking lots, malls and roads.

The future of a Big Cypress fox squirrel population depends on wildlife-minded people working to apply old wisdom and look for new ideas. McMillan Marsh State Wildlife Area, managed by others in Wisconsin, is home to one mile north of Marshfield, Wisconsin. They provide pioneers suburban-oriented conservation techniques.

The city of Marshfield is home to St. Joseph's Hospital, one of the largest in the country and still growing. St. Joseph's Hospital is located on the north side of Marshfield and there is presently a one by three mile stretch of scattered available real estate between Marshfield's northern limits and McMillan Marsh Wildlife Area. The real estate is a great location for hospital employees, who can buy the land right up to McMillan Marsh's southern boundary, Mann Road.

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In ten years, McMillan Marsh's southern boundary will probably be the city limits of Marshfield. McMillan Marsh could become totally surrounded by residential development in the near future. However, the developed area could become more diverse and healthier for wildlife due to the fact that it was monotypic agricultural land prior to development.

If landowners can be turned on to the benefits of being partners with nature, they could have a very significant positive impact on wildlife in the McMillan Marsh area. Anything that people enjoy is a good source for jobs and this source recycles many people would rather have others work with wildlife for them, and this would create jobs. Throughout the state there are other natural areas in the same situation as McMillan Marsh and there will be more like McMillan each year. What has been, and what will be, learned from McMillan should be applied to other wildlife areas in the future.

The Week in Point

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AWRA & Wildlife Soc. Symposium on Wetlands w/Speaker: WALTER VERING, 7PM (Nicole-Marquette Rm.-UC) Schmacke Reserve Program: FLYING SQUIRELS, 7:30-8:15PM (Visitor Center) UAB Special Programs TNT w/DARREN TREJO (Comedian), 8PM (Encore-UC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
WWSP-90FM Radio Station Presents: ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST Schmacke Reserve Program: MARKINGS FOR SURVIVAL, 1:30-2PM & SOLAR COOKING, 3-4PM (Visitor Center) Planetarium Series: THE MARS SHOW, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
WWSP-90FM Radio Station Presents: ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST Softball, UW-Whitewater Invitational, 11AM (T) Baseball, UW-Platteville, 1PM (H) Opera Workshop Performance, 8PM (M-H/FAB)

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