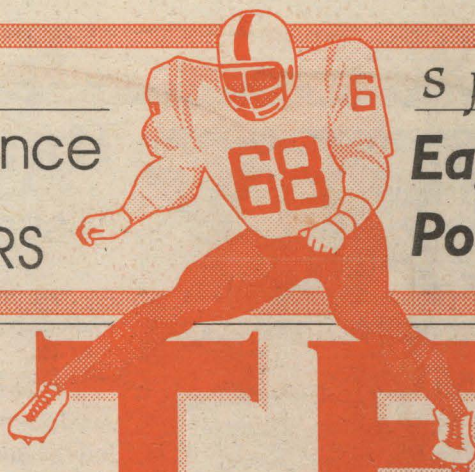


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10% Society reigns at homecoming

By Stephanie Sprangers
NEWS EDITOR

Tradition came to a screeching halt as Trevor Ilk and Nancy Le Beau, representatives of UWSP's 10% Society, a gay, lesbian and bisexual organization, reigned as King and Queen at the Cotillion Ball last weekend.

"It was really exciting for both of us to have made it, especially after losing last year. It is the first time in the U.S. that the King and Queen of homecoming were both openly homosexual and were representatives of a gay, lesbian, bisexual organization," said Ilk.

"It was such a relief! We put a lot of work into homecoming this year," said Le Beau.

Ilk is in his second year as president of the 10% Society and Le Beau is the public relations coordinator. The two ran last year and lost by 16 votes.

"I think that for too long homecoming has been a glorification of heterosexuality and male bonding and it's about time that it return to the celebration

of pride in yourself and in your group. "As far as support goes, we give each other advice on dealing with parents and living in the residence halls. We are also an educational body. One of the things that we're most proud of is our educational programs. We hold panels and informational meetings," added Ilk.

They are also involved as a social organization; organizing picnics, dances and other social activities. They also participate in Gay Pride Week during second semester and National Coming Out day on October 11.

"I've already seen a change in the atmosphere of this campus since I came here as a freshman. I think the 10% Society has made huge strides in making the atmosphere better on campus for the LesBiGay community," said Ilk.

Claudia Brogen of UWSP housing is the advisor of the

group and she says it's a privilege to work with the members of the 10% Society.

"It's great fun and very interesting and colorful. They are a wonderful group of students," said Brogen. "They are so

to notice the organization. I think that it has been exciting that the other student organizations were so supportive of the group. That made such an enormous impact on the students of the 10% Society," said Brogen.

"At all of the different events we participated in, it was interesting to see how the tone changed at each event, from the time the event started to after we represented ourselves, because when we would first be announced there was obvious mumbling and murmuring among people," said Ilk.

"Then after we were finished, there was an obvious shift of opinion from negativity to a more relaxed atmosphere because they saw we weren't a bunch of stereotypical freaks."

Though generally well accepted as Homecoming Queen and King, not everyone feels Ilk and LeBeau are a healthy representation of UWSP student life.

"I think homosexuality is a sin, like adultery and theft is a sin. It's not a positive alternative lifestyle," said Reverend Ray Haas of the Community Church in Stevens Point.

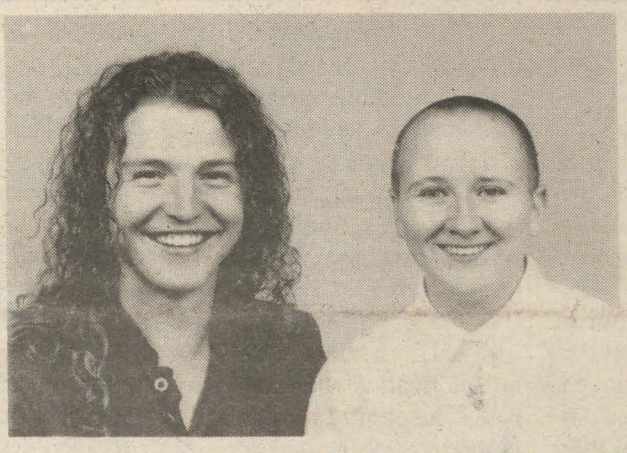
"Because of our love for people we'd like to see people turn away from these things and put their love in Jesus Christ."

"My belief is that homosexuality is wrong, but in regards to them being queen and king I'm not upset. I just don't agree with their lifestyle," said Rachel Folz, President of Inter Varsity.

"I guess they need to wake up and take a look at the biases they hold in question," responded Le Beau. "Part of the reason we ran is for these people who still hold these biases. We're here and we're queer, get used to it."

"I think the fact that the overwhelming majority voted for us should be a hint that their views are archaic," added Ilk.

"The future generation is opening their minds, maybe that should suggest to them that they should reevaluate their own ideas."



intriguing to work with. In fact, I spend all of my time listening to them."

Ilk, Le Beau and Brogen all expressed enthusiasm about the overwhelming support the group received from other student organizations.

"I think the election is wonderful. I think it causes campus

Bomb explodes on campus

By Jennifer Tatro
CONTRIBUTOR

On Sunday, October 2 at 12:49 p.m. a MacGyver type bomb was thrown out of a window in Hansen hall causing an explosion.

Campus Security suspects it was either a student or someone visiting a student in Hansen hall at the time. The resident hall director would not comment on the incident.

At 12:55 the Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) was called to the scene.

"A pop bottle bomb exploded just outside the entrance of Hansen hall; no one saw where or who it came from," said an officer on the scene. "To catch a person in a situation like this all we can basically do is hope that

someone saw it and will talk....depending on the ingredients in the bomb, it could take one minute for the explosion to occur or it could take twenty minutes, time enough for the offender to be long gone," said Sergeant Barge of the SPPD.

"Students do this type of thing as a prank, not fully understanding the serious consequences," said Don Burling of Protective Services.

"This type of incident has occurred on campus a couple of times in the last few years, but this is the first occurrence this year."

The penalty for doing something of this caliber is rather serious said Burling. "Under state statute 940.24 you could be charged with injury by negligent

handling of a dangerous weapon or explosive.

You also risk being suspended from school, being fined, and having to do a sort of community service as punishment." Campus Security is warning students, "If you see a type of bottle being suspiciously lying around, stay away from it and call us immediately."

Dr. Sommers of the chemistry department named the potential dangers of the MacGyver bomb.

"The bomb contains an acid that could cause a chemical burn if it came in contact with the skin, and possibly blindness if it got in your eyes...the bomb is not flammable; it is an acid bomb, however if it would come in contact with flame it could be very ex-



Photo By Kristen Himsi

New emergency phones have been installed across campus to further campus safety.

BRIEFLY

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti—Haitian coup leader Michel Francois has fled the country according to the US embassy. He was accompanied by his brother and crossed the border into the Dominican Republic.

LOS ANGELES—A federal judge declared California's gas chamber "inhuman" Tuesday making it the first method ruled unconstitutional as cruel and unusual punishment.

MINNEAPOLIS—A Muslim woman will appear in court after being ticketed in a mall for concealing her identity with layers of clothes.

MADISON, Wis.—An explosion caused by a pipe bomb exploded in front of Governor Thompson's campaign headquarters. It shattered a window, but no one was injured.

LOS ANGELES— Judge Lance Ito yanked the LA Daily News' court pass because of a day early report on the 79 page juror questionnaire. There will be a hearing Nov. 7 to determine whether to allow a TV camera into the court room.

Rumors haunt Internet program

Misunderstanding upsets students

By Jay Joseph
CONTRIBUTOR

Dr. James Schurter, Dean of Academic support Programs and Information technology, has declared there will be no cancellation of Internet Services to students.

"We currently have more people hooked up and more network services than any campus in the state," explained Schurter. "Nobody has been taken off; nobody will be until there is an alternative... Our mission is not to provide unlimited access to an elite 150 students, it is to provide good access to 8000 students," said Schurter.

Questions arose when Tom Neuhauser, LAIN/Internet Manager, manager of the WOLF system, and a member of the Internet Task Force Committee, told a student that she would not be able to open a WOLF mailbox earlier in the semester.

WOLF is the name of the particular PC that connects approximately 250 off campus PCs to the information superhighway known as Internet.

"The news spread like wildfire, through channels that we created," said Bruce Staal, Director of Network Services for UWSP.

Staal was referring to the misinformation about the supposed end of off-campus access to the Internet for students was relayed using the UWSP electronic information system.

Internet refers to a computer network that Schurter calls "The network of Networks." Using the Internet allows the following three primary functions: it provides person to person communication (electronic mail), remote logins (working with a network system from another site at your

PC), and phial transfer (obtaining documents, graphics, sound, and video from outside sources).

Information Technology's current plan is to purchase remote dial in Internet access from an outside vendor. The UWSP campus has been connected to the Internet through WISCNET since 1991, but the connection requires a commitment of Information Technology staff. The reasons for outsourcing the service are many fold, explained Neuhauser, mostly relating to lack of personnel to attend the increasing need for Internet services, and overwhelming workload for the entire Information Technology staff in other services that they provide.

Another concern is the money require to update and maintain the system, both the investment in equipment required and in personnel costs. "This is totally separate from the Comprehensive Software Environment segregated fee. This is being funded entirely by general program revenue," stated Schurter. General Program revenue is money allocated to departments by the Chancellor and his cabinets, not student allocated money that must be approved by SGA.

The current UW System plans to threaten to decrease general program revenue to all departments, pending the demands of the state budget allocations to education.

SGA has formed a task force to study the question of Internet access, whom Schurter openly invites to speak with him, Neuhauser, Staal, and Arne Arneson, Director of Learning Resources Center and Chair of the Internet Task Force Committee.

These four are the principle people involved in the decisions

regarding the networks and network access. "We would be delighted to meet with the committee," Schurter said.

The WOLF system was installed as an experiment, not a guaranteed service explained Neuhauser. The overwhelming demand for remote dial in internet access has caused Information Technology to stop expansion until they are able to formulate a more suitable plan for the future.

Current plans include a certain amount of free access time for off campus students, faculty and staff. After depleting the free access time they will be charged a minimal fee for off campus access to Internet, but the details of the plan depend on the upcoming negotiation with the private vendors for Internet Services.

"This whole thing is really just a bunch of misunderstandings of our intentions," Arneson said. Schurter explained that IT recognizes the need for off campus access for students, faculty, and staff, they just had to temporarily halt growth until they can come up with a more suitable solution. The entire committee believes that the solutions they are seeking are in the greater good of the entire University community.

If everything goes as planned IT will have a substitute for the WOLF system, named after the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" character, by next semester.

Earlier this semester Stephen P. Johnson and Scott Gile of UWSP implemented a Windows based campus menu system. Neuhauser has selected this system to access the Internet, simplifying access and use of the Internet in all UWSP computer labs.

New leadership at WWSP

By Gregory Vandenberg
Contributor

Campus radio, WWSP 90FM, announced the hiring of station manager Wayne Semmerling, Jr. last Wednesday afternoon.

Semmerling had originally been hired as sports director at the beginning of the school year, but applied for the job of station manager after the resignation of Kathryn Lemmer. An executive staff of seven UWSP students voted on three applicants competing for the job.

Semmerling stated one major objective as station manager. He said, "My goal is to keep the lines of communication within the ex-

ecutive staff and with others involved with WWSP, open, because this breakdown of communication is where problems and conflicts arise."

Semmerling is a native of Mundelein, Illinois, but his permanent residence is Larsen, Wisconsin. He was named Announcer of the Year for WWSP last year and began his broadcasting studies at WHIM, campus radio for the UWC-Fox Valley.

Because of Semmerling's ascent to station manager the sports director position is open. Those students interested should contact WWSP in their office in the Communications building.

Group protests Columbus Day

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue...but have Americans learned the truth about Columbus?

Groups across the country are beginning to question the morality of Columbus' motives. History textbooks credit Columbus with discovering the New World, when, in fact, he was the first slave trader. His voyage was the beginning of the end for a whole culture. Over 50 million Indians died within a half century of the



Spanish invasion.

Monday, Citizens Against Racist Education (C.A.R.E.), will have a booth in the UC protesting the celebration of Columbus Day.

Come to the C.A.R.E. booth Monday, Oct. 10, to learn the rest of the story.

For more information call C.A.R.E. at 342-1339.

Pedestrian safety made an issue

Police watch for violations during October

By Stephanie Sprangers
NEWS EDITOR

The Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) announced today that the violation of pedestrian rights by motorists is the Violation of the Month for October.

Motorists are required to yield the right of way to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. An unmarked crosswalk is the extension of the sidewalk across the street at an intersection even though there are no painted lines.

Drivers should never pass an-

other vehicle that has stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Motorists are required to yield to pedestrians when turning on a red light. Drivers are also required to stop within ten feet of anyone carrying a raised white cane or using a dog guide, which may signal that they are visually impaired.

SPPD officers will be carefully watching for motorists who fail to yield to pedestrians. If a driver fails to yield to the right of way of pedestrians a citation will be issued, fining the driver from \$89.60 to 236.00. The driver may be assessed up to four demerit

points on their Wisconsin driver's license.

Some students expressed concern in the way pedestrians on campus are treated by motorists.

"I think that there is a problem with motorists on campus. I find it rude when motorists speed up when they see a student or pedestrian crossing the street. I think it is a large problem on the street in front of the UC and in front of the Science Building. It's intimidating to cross the street on our own campus," said Heather Kaiser, UWSP student.

Intolerance still present, but tide is turning 10% society thanks voters for support

Dear Editor:

It's not often I feel like writing to the Pointer, and when I do it is usually to discuss the intolerance so often displayed on this campus when it comes to gay, lesbian, and bisexual concerns. But last week I experienced

something different here at Stevens Point. It was the supportive response the 10% Society received as it competed in the week's Homecoming competitions.

Yes, there were people less than pleased to see Trevor and I run again for king and queen, and others

who looked on in disgust as same sex couples danced together at the cotillion Saturday night, but for once those close minded individuals were drowned out by those in support of our efforts. It was wonderful not only to be crowned Homecoming Queen, but also equally

grand to have the support of the student body.

I think I speak for the entire 10% Society when I say we are proud of those who showed their faces and supported us. People are always telling us that it takes a lot of courage for non-gays to support us when there are so

many people ready to jump on anyone who is gay friendly. We had a lot of fun joining in on Homecoming this year and just wanted to say THANK YOU to all who voted for us and supported the 10% Society's involvement in Homecoming. Nancy Le Beau

Turtle-Flambeau flowage threatened by modern world DNR secretary calls for support

To the Editor:

Having lived in northern Wisconsin for most of my adult life, it has been sad for me to witness the change in landscape from a quiet wild area to a playground for jet skiers and snowmobilers. The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, located near Mercer in Iron County, is one of the last places left where the impact of modern recreation has not overwhelmed the land and water. Yet, I have been disappointed to see a dramatic increase on the Turtle-Flambeau in the numbers of snowmobilers and jet skiers over the last few years. Why should we care? Simple - this area has the highest density of eagles, osprey, loons, and merlins in Wisconsin.

In the next few months Wis-

consin citizens have a rare opportunity to influence the Wisconsin DNR to designate a 2,800 acre portion of the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage (TFF) in Iron County as a non-motorized wilderness preserve. Public hearings for review of the proposed master plan are currently being held throughout Wisconsin.

Wisconsin lags behind other midwestern states in recreational areas for silent sports users such as cross country skiers, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, and dog sledgers. In comparison, Minnesota has set aside 804,000 acres of Federal wilderness, Michigan 248,000 Federal acres, while Wisconsin only offers 70,000 acres in both state and Federal lands.

Ten conservation organizations have banded together in support of designating the eastern one-fifth of the TFF as a non-motorized wilderness area. What makes this proposal all the more exciting is that this area would adjoin the 6400 acre Manitowish River Wilderness Area in the Northern Highlands State Forest, combining to form over 9,000 acres of continuous wilderness waterway.

Only with your strong support will this proposal survive. I ask that you attend the public hearings, and/or write a letter, and specifically request the enactment of the non-motorized alternative specified on page 36-37 of the draft plan.

Public hearings for review of

the proposed master plan for the TFF are being held from 2-8 P.M. in the following locations: Stevens Point University Center, Communications Room, Oct. 7, Madison Area Technical College, Education Center, Room 971, Oct. 17, and Milwaukee, Havenwoods Environmental Center, Nov.3.

Letters should be sent to:

George Meyer, DNR

Secretary

Box 7921

Madison, WI 53707

Few, if any, opportunities of this quality and magnitude will come about again in Wisconsin. Please help make this a reality.

Terry Daulton
Washburn, WI

Male bashing national pastime for some women Reader disappointed with reaction, asking for trouble

Dear Editor,

Ms. Cudnohoski is exactly right, and I'm sure that is precisely what many men were saying when they came under fire for their "little jokes". "College is a place where free speech thrives." Or is it?

Unfortunately, for Ms. Cudnohoski, and all males, the new PC dictates that we police

what we say. Free speech, yes, but only if it doesn't pierce someone's thin skin.

Just as most men have had to clean up their acts, so too will women. The breezes of intolerance will gain gale force as the storm between men and women reaches hurricane proportions.

It is doubtful if the relationships between the sexes will ever again be truly mutual. If the

nineties has taught us anything, it's that there is no equality between the sexes. The pendulum has swung 180 degrees, and it is the time that men realize that women will scrutinize everything we say, so, or think (that's right guys, they really believe they can read our minds).

For women it is evident, that what happened to Ms. Cudnohoski, is a warning of

backlash that is coming for the years of men bashing that has become the "National Pastime" for many women.

While, it is regrettable, most men and women would much prefer a more congenial relationship between the sexes, the fact remains that the battle of the sexes will continue until both sides cease fire.

Bill Downs

Congratulations UWSP

'86 graduate's life fulfilled, thanks to university

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your recent celebration. I'm sorry I could not make it to the alumni reunion.

I graduated in June 1986 and now am a licensed social worker in Princeton, WI at a 66-bed facility.

In March 1991 my husband

and I purchased a nursing home 38 miles from Eau Claire, WI. My life is so fulfilled looking after the needs of the elderly. I truly love this segment of our popula-

tion.

I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve by attending your university.

Barbara Samardut

Life to be respected, not terminated Reader thinks Mr. Bill should get a life

Dear Editor:

So Bill Downs wants to save a buck by putting to death our worst criminals. How absolutely abhorrent. Anyone advocating capital punishment simply because he is too cheap to let criminals live, deserves neither justice

nor sympathy for their incessant whining about tax burdens.

Moreover, we must realize that many crimes are committed in the name of justice, albeit from an alternative authority. When we choose capital punishment we affirm extreme violence as an ac-

ceptable form of conflict resolution. It is only wishful thinking to believe that the idea won't spread.

By respecting life, even of those who deserve to die, we elevate ourselves above such barbarity.

I suggest Mr. Bill set aside some time to get a life.

Sincerely yours,
Henry Bruse

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That old Tommy train keeps rollin' along, whether we like it or not Thompson has the three things it takes to get elected; money, money and money



Not everybody is comfortable with the idea that politics is a guilty addiction. But it is. They are addicts, and they are guilty and they do lie and cheat and steal—like all junkies. And when they get in a frenzy, they will sacrifice anything and anybody to feed their cruel and and stupid habit, and there is no cure for it.

Hunter S. Thompson
Better than sex

I get a piece of mail just about every week from the Thompson camp; a group calling themselves

'Students for Tommy Thompson' or something like that. I honestly thought it was a joke at first, kind of like the "Rush Limbaugh will save us" graffiti I saw written on the first floor men's room wall. I mean, students for Tommy Thompson?

It conjures visions of glassy eyed young republicans in White Stag ski parkas chanting, "Raise my tuition, again, please," like Branch Davidians on methodone or something. It just didn't make sense.

But then I realized it wasn't methodone these kids were on.

It was money. And money is some pretty powerful shit.

But it was inevitable, I suppose. You can't get a new pair of Reeboks with ideals, nor will you get that \$30,000+ job at James River if you're even the least bit squeamish about water pollution.

So why fight it? We've been watching liberals get stomped all our lives. Christ, even when one wins the BIG one, we lose. I mean, look at Bill Clinton.

Maybe that's why only around 40% of us voted in the last election. With all the issues on the legislative agenda, it would be a full time job to figure out the 'right' candidate anyway, which is a mute point because not a damn one of them does what they say they're going to do in the first place.

The whole state of affairs was probably most poignantly pointed out to me by my friend Tim, who said, "Hey, I don't care what happens to anyone else. I've worked steady for the past year and am making more money than I have in my life. If Tommy Thompson is responsible for that, then I say 'don't rock the boat'."

Never mind that he drives a \$50.00 car and washes his clothes in the bathtub. He's been beaten so bad for so long he doesn't

even feel it any more.

But no amount of screaming will change the facts. About the best I can hope for is to make a few new enemies, make a couple more people vote, and keep Chuck Chvala from feeling too much like Don Quixote.

And maybe I can keep a few of the Thompson damage control geeks busy for a minute or two, but not much more than that, I'm afraid.

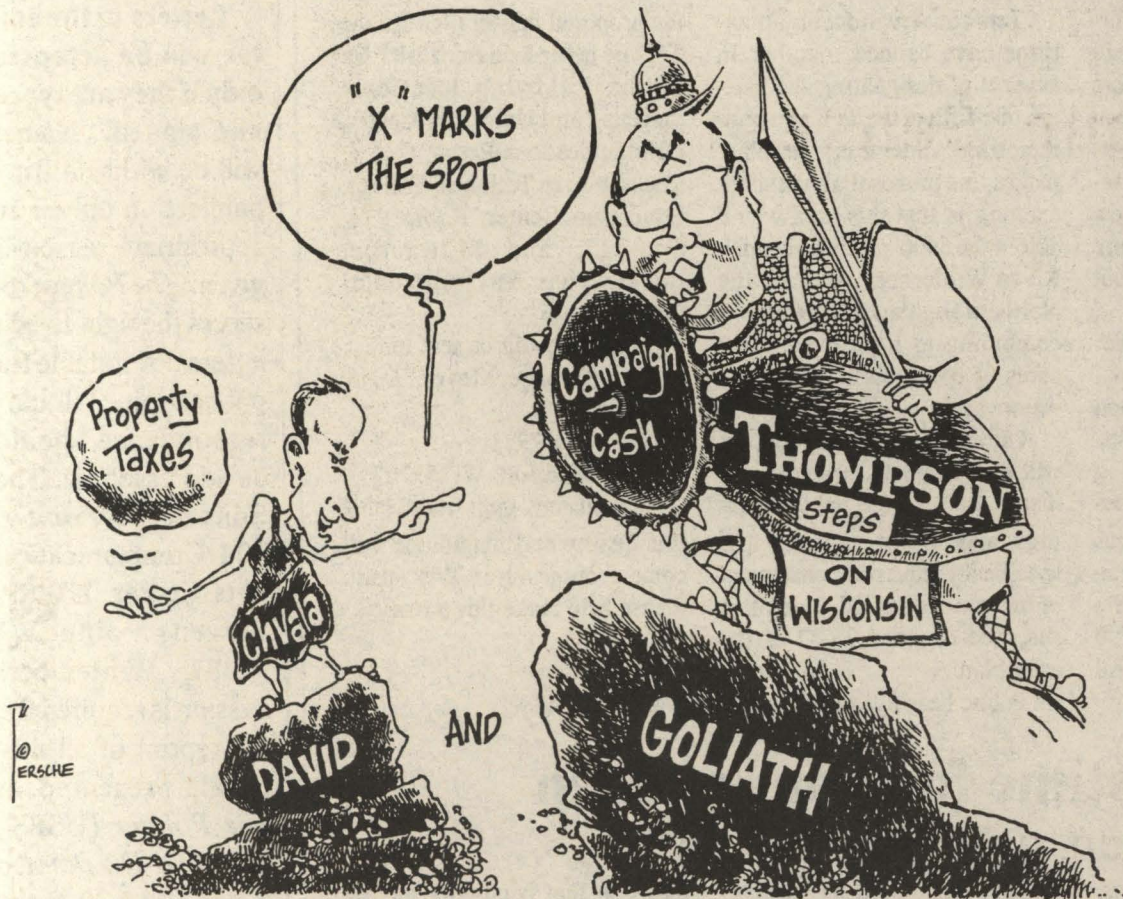
Because it seems nearly impossible that anyone could derail the Thompson campaign train. As Joseph P. Kennedy once remarked, "Politics is about three things and three things only. Money, money and money."

And it seems Tommy's got most of it.

So buy a gun, hide your stash and grab your ass—it looks like it's going to be Tommy Thompson for four more years.

But don't worry too much, things are bound to change. Like I said, nobody is elected for life.

Even if it seems that way.



Confessions of a religious fanatic

He who has an ear, let him hear

I am a confessed religious fanatic. No particular religion, mind you—any will do. And yes, I believe in God, but whose I don't know. To me, it's the search that's important.

So, where do you go when you die? The Christians are convinced of a Judgement Day, the Jews still await the Messiah to reveal the truth, Hindus and Buddhists believe in a cycle of death and rebirth, while others talk of

the 'perpetual now' where life and death are only perceptual slices out of a single moment.

Heady stuff, to be sure, but well worth the thought.

Unfortunately, when prayer was banned from public schools in 1963, most institutions read the articles as prohibiting prayer. Actually, it read; "Government is to maintain strict neutrality, neither aiding nor opposing religion."

By the time the Hatch Act was introduced, in 1980, which said in part; "Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions," it was too late. By then, religion had been relegated to a dusty ninety minutes each Sunday.

But once again the tide is rising, and we should welcome it. Not as the dogmatic, untenable

view of life that it has been accused of advocating, but as the mind expanding, meaningful adventure into history and deeper meanings of life that it really is.

The world's great religions speak to all of us.

No one is telling you what to believe—listen if you will, ignore it if you must.

But for those who have ears, we should let them hear.



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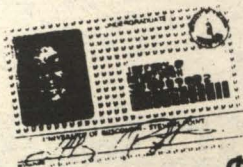
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Eagles fly past Pointer gridgers, 39-36

Crucial conference loss puts serious dent in WSUC title hopes

By Joe Trawitzki
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP football team lost to UW-La Crosse last Saturday, 39-36, in front of 2,895 Goerke Field fans in a Homecoming match-up between two powerhouses of the WSUC.

With the loss, the Pointers fell to 1-3 overall, and 0-2 in the WSUC, while the Eagles remained unbeaten, improving to respective marks of 5-0 and 3-0.

The Eagles took control of the game early with a quick 13-0 lead which featured a 62-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Craig Kusick to wide receiver Jeremy Earp.

Instead of giving up and letting the game turn into a blow-out, the Pointers came back and drove 80 yards to finally get on the board as running back Nate Harms plunged in from 2 yards out to make it 13-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Eagles tried once again to intimidate the Pointers, answering the UWSP touchdown with a second quarter, 84-yard

touchdown pass from Kusick to running back Trevor Rogers, increasing the Eagle lead to 20-7.

Once again, however, the Pointers came back, mounting an 83-yard scoring drive which ended with a 28-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Fitzgerald to wide receiver Jon Walker, making the score a respectable 20-14 at the half.

Stevens Point kept the momentum at the beginning of the second half, taking a 21-20 lead after an 11-yard run by Fitzgerald.

Just when fans were starting to think about the possibility of a come from behind, an upset victory, the Eagles came back, scoring 19 straight points on two touchdown runs by running back Jason Tarkowski and a touchdown pass from Kusick to wide receiver Paul Kling.

However, the Pointers refused to give up as return specialist Tim Ott dazzled the crowd with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 3:15 left in the game, making it 39-28.

Ott's touchdown was the second one he has returned in his

collegiate career and was the second longest kickoff return in Pointer history.

The excitement continued as the Pointer defense forced the Eagles to punt and backup quarterback Mark Pierce led the Pointers to a quick touchdown, hitting tight end Nick Schneider on a 20-yard pass. Pierce then hit Todd Schoenherr to complete the two-point conversion, making it 39-36 with only 24 seconds remaining.

The Pointers tried an on-side kick, but it failed and the Pointers could get no closer.

Among all individual efforts, senior Brian Drummy put forth an exceptional performance, playing on both sides of the ball for the first time since high school. Drummy finished with five tackles and a forced fumble.

Stevens Point looks to break their three-game losing streak on Saturday, traveling to Eau Claire to take on the Blugolds in their annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

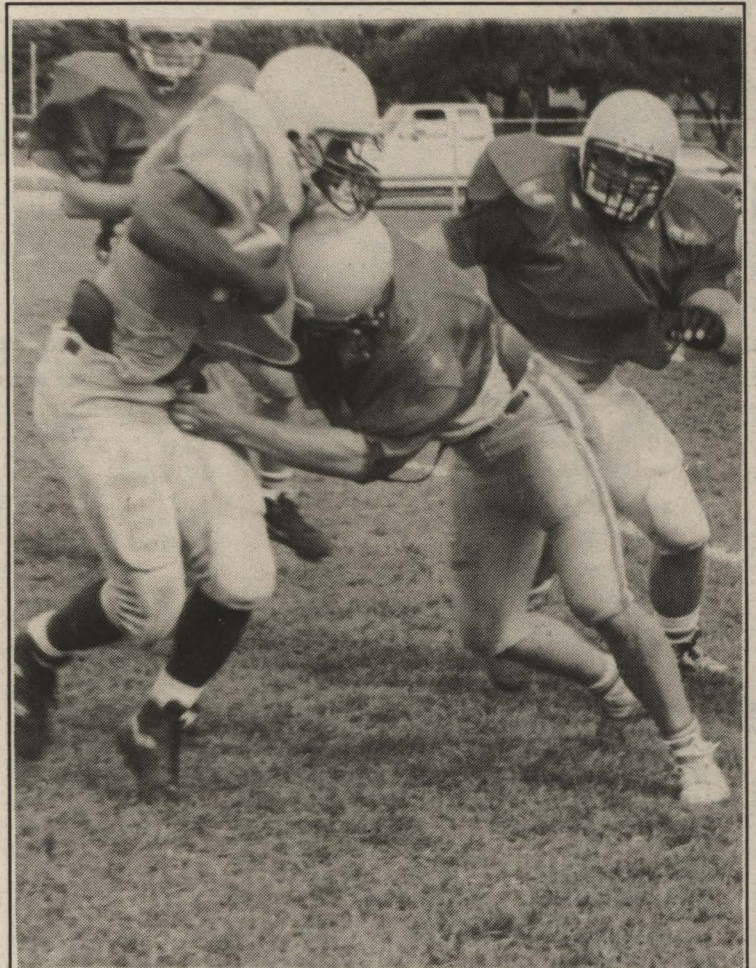


photo by Kristen Hims

Members of the Pointer football team hope practice makes perfect as they look to stop a three-game losing streak this Saturday in Eau Claire.

Slow starts continue to haunt women's spikers

By Brett Christopherson
SPORTS EDITOR

After watching her team struggle through its second straight week, UWSP women's volleyball coach Julie Johnson is frustrated.

The Pointers dropped three out of four games last weekend at the Eau Claire Tournament, and in the process, watched their

record fall to 11-10 overall and 0-4 in the WWIAC.

As was the case last week, the Pointers had a difficult time getting out of the gate, leaving the first-year coach in a less than happy mood.

"Overall, it was a frustrating weekend," Johnson said. "We started out slow, and that's not indicative of our team. We played scared and we are better than that."

It didn't take long for the Pointers to see what kind of weekend it was going to be as they were swept by the host Blugolds, 0-15, 6-15, and 8-15.

The Pointers followed that less than ideal opening with a tough four-set loss to UW-Superior by the scores of 7-15, 14-16, 15-12, and 3-15.

After being stung by the Yellowjackets, Johnson could

see a change in her team's attitude.

"In the Superior game, we didn't play to win," Johnson said. "We played not to lose."

"We're not playing confident, and I don't know if they're sure they can beat these teams. We need to start being confident from the very first point."

Stevens Point came back strong against Hamline University, sweeping them by the scores of 15-6, 15-

11, and 15-13 before getting swept themselves in their final match, losing 11-15, 10-15, and 3-15 to Concordia.

Johnson feels a shift in focus will be the ultimate key in finding success.

"We have to be more consistent and keep our intensity," she said. "We've made it a team goal to concentrate from the very first

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Harriers run in opposite directions

Zak named WWIAC runner of the week for women

It was an up and down weekend for the UWSP men's and women's cross country teams, as the men finished third overall in the Beloit Invite, while the women placed thirteenth at the Nike Invitational in Minneapolis.

On the men's side, head coach Rick Witt was especially happy with his team's performance, considering he was competing with his junior varsity squad.

"I was very, very pleased," he said. "We're going to Notre Dame this weekend so we wanted to give the varsity a rest."

"We knew we would be running against varsity teams and we went down there with the idea of finishing in the top three," Witt added, "so to only lose to two teams speaks very well for their performance."

Leading the way for the men were Mark Manz, who placed 14th overall with a time of 27:39 and Broc Birling, who finished 17th overall with a time of 27:42.

Despite being inexperienced, Witt was pleased with the performances of Manz and Birling.

"They ran well," Witt said. "I was pleased with the team as a whole. This is probably as deep a team as we ever had."

On the women's side, head coach Len Hill remained confident despite watching his team struggle.

"We have made a lot of progress so far this season and are on track," he said. "We still have a long way to go, but I think we will get there."

Hill was also quick to men-

tion the caliber of competition the Invite had to offer.

"This meet gets bigger and better every year," he said. "There were a lot of NCAA II and NAIA teams in addition to NCAA III, so the competition was as good as it gets."

Wendi Zak led the way for the women, finishing 15th overall with a time of 18:33 and because of her performance, was named WWIAC cross country runner of the week.

"Wendi had the second fastest race of her career," Hill said. "She was only about 16 seconds off her best which was also run on this same course."

Amanda Livingston was the next Pointer runner to cross the finish line, placing 49th over-

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Women's kickers extend winning streak to seven

By Brett Christopherson
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer team always knew they were good. Now, they're just proving it to everyone else.

Stevens Point extended their winning streak to seven as the Pointers stopped Luther College last Sunday, 3-0, at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.

With the win, the fifteenth ranked Pointers, who also extended their home winning streak to ten games, improved to 8-2 overall while the Norse watched their record drop to 10-2.

After tying the Norse in a game last year, head coach Sheila Miech was pleased her team fi-

nally put the pesky Luther team behind them.

"We wanted to prove we could beat Luther," she said. "I'm pleased."

After a close first half, which saw the Pointers leading 1-0, the Pointers got a pair of second half goals to ice the game and shut out the Norse.

Erica Corbin got Point off on the right foot, scoring a goal just three minutes into the game on an assist from Becky Brem to go up 1-0.

The score stayed that way until Jody Rosenthal, on an assist from Kim Cwik, made it 2-0 just

two minutes into the second half.

Jenna Dougherty added another goal for the Pointers, thanks

play better in October."

As the season goes along, Miech has been pleased with the fact her team is full of players that can put the ball into the net—something other strong teams can't boast.

"It's great," she said. "It really helps when anyone can score. There's no way you can just double-team one person on our team because we can come at different angles."

Defense has also been a strong point for the Pointers as they have outscored their opponents 28-8 so far this season.

"The defense is just full of workhorses," Miech said. Their

communication is good and their talent and skill level is just great."

Miech was also happy to see her squad crack the top fifteen in the national rankings.

"I was just thrilled to see that," she said. "We have never been in the top fifteen."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Pointers, however, as they host sixth ranked St. Mary's College on Saturday at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.

Although Miech expects a tough game, she knows her team will be ready.

"We've only beat St. Mary's once," she said. "I think we've got something to prove. It would be a nice win, and a big win."

Game time is slated for 1 p.m.

"It really helps when anyone can score. There's no way you can just double-team one person on our team because we can come at different angles."

Sheila Miech

to an assist from Corbin, to close out the scoring for the afternoon.

"We're playing well because we're playing at home," Miech said. "And we always seem to

Netters find the going tough in Whitewater

Pointers suffer first loss of season

A three-match winning streak came to an abrupt end for the UWSP women's tennis team last Friday in Whitewater, as the Pointers were upended by the Warhawks, 7-2, in their conference opener.

The loss dropped the Pointers mark to 3-1 overall, and 0-1 in the WWIAC, while the Warhawks improved to respective marks of 12-3-1, and 2-0.

Singles play was strong for the Pointers, as Danyel Sweo (6-4, 0-6, 6-3), Amy Gibbs (6-4, 3-6, 6-4), Tammy Oudenhoven (6-

4, 6-3), Brenda Gottsacker (6-1, 6-2), Dena Bastien (6-3, 6-3), and Leah Nemetz (6-1, 6-0) all posted wins.

Unfortunately, the doubles play let UWSP down as the Pointers lost four out of five matches with the team of Bastien and Gottsacker notching the lone victory, 6-3, 6-1, over the Whitewater team of Paula Bogie and Chrissy Schmoker.

Stevens Point looks to get back on the winning track Friday, hosting UW-Stout in a key WWIAC match at 3 p.m.

Women's rugby players chosen for all-star tourney

Team recognized as campus organization

By Trevor Ilk
CONTRIBUTOR

Four UWSP women's rugby players were chosen to play for the Wisconsin/Iowa team at the upcoming Select Side match.

All states in the midwest will be represented at the all-star tournament

which will take place on October 29-31 in Iowa City, Iowa.

"I feel quite honored to have been selected for this event," said Rena Fischer, one of the four Pointer women chosen.

The UWSP women's rugby team has existed for a little over one year and are recognized as

an official university organization.

UWSP has played in four games this season, competing in two home games, and more recently, two games at a tournament in Madison on September 24.

The team hopes to have upcoming matches against Luther College of Iowa as well

as teams from Michigan, and are also eager for their spring season to get underway.

Fischer was quick to mention that new members are always welcome and urged that no experience is necessary for those interested.

"I feel quite honored to have been selected for this event."

Rena Fischer



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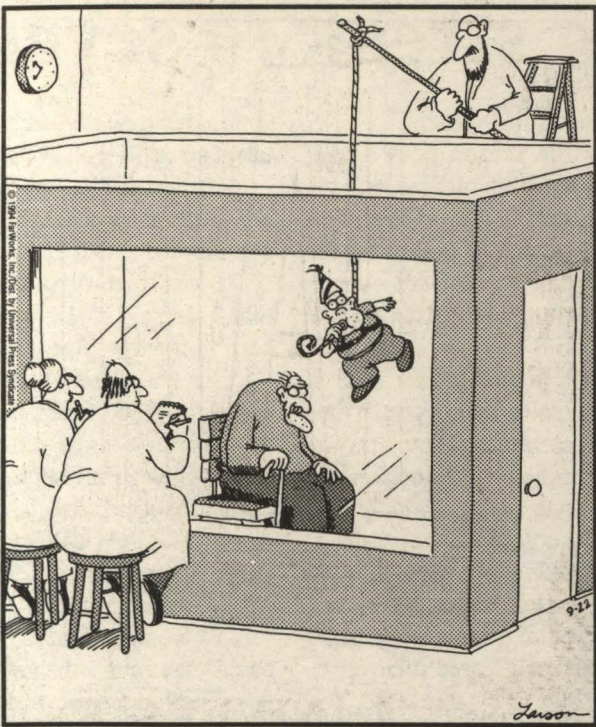
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By GARY LARSON

THE FAR SIDE



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plosive causing severe damage, it is nothing to be taken lightly," he said.

Damages are unknown at the time. Bob Mosier and Randy Alexander, Directors of student housing declined to comment on the incident.

Spikers

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point of the first game until the end."

Despite her team's lackluster play, Johnson is still optimistic that they will finally come around for good.

"From what I've seen, I really think we can compete with anyone in our league."

The Pointers will try to prove their coach right, hosting UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls on Saturday in a pair of crucial conference matchups. Game time is slated to begin at noon.

Harriers

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all with a time of 19:16.

"Amanda is going to be a very good cross country runner," Hill said. "This was the second meet of her career, and it was a good learning experience even though she ran very well."

The men and women resume their schedule on Friday as the men travel to South Bend, Ind. to compete in the Notre Dame Invite, while the women head to Oshkosh to run in the Titan Invite.

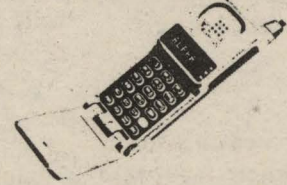
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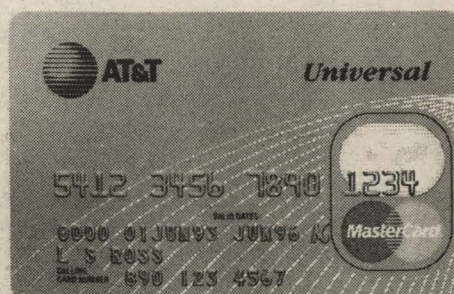


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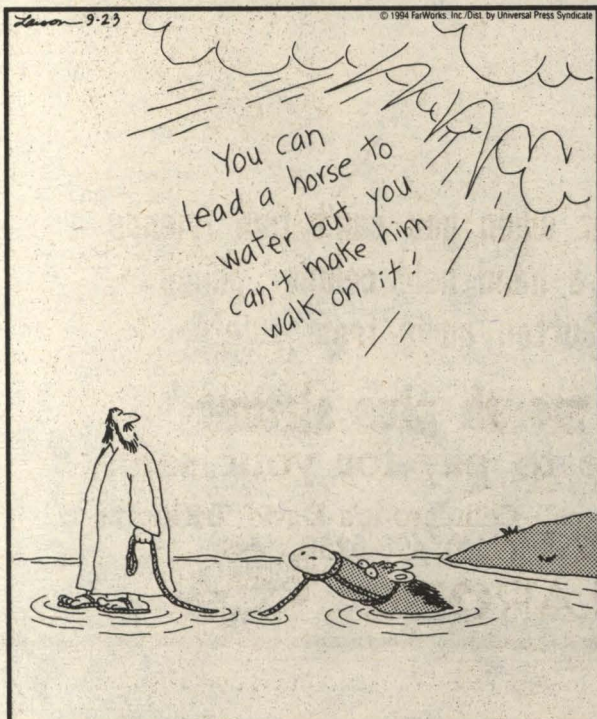
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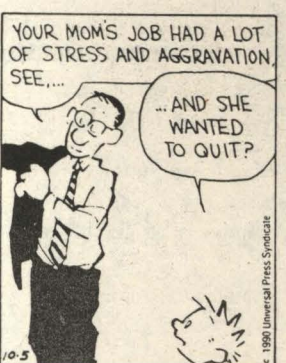
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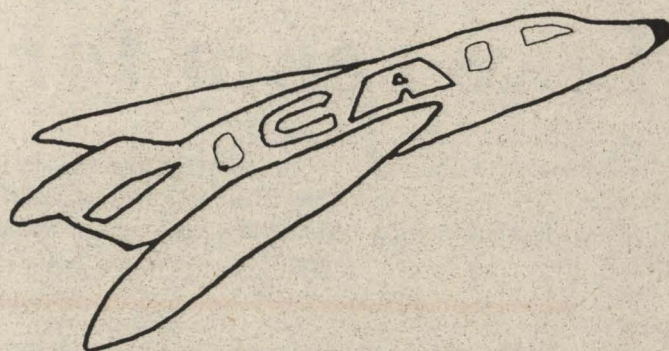
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Monday, October 24th-----CA Applications Due
Wednesday, October 26th-Wednesday, Nov. 9th-- Screening Interviews
Sunday, November 13th-----Group Process
Monday, November 14th-Friday, December 2nd---- In-hall Interviews



Sensitive men are hard to find

By Ryan Garns

COLUMNIST

The 1990s have been calling out for stronger, more independent women, while men are asked to be more sensitive and caring.

If you're a man who grew up during the 80s, you're probably still confused as to what a "sensitive man" is. So instead of studying Kevin Costner movies, answer the following Sensitivity Quiz.

Questions are based on 90s issues raised by Gloria Steinem, Spike Lee, Barbara Streisand and Oliver Stone—since we all know that celebrities know how to behave more than common people.

1. What are your career goals?
A) The military B) Successful businessman C) Social worker D) Being one with Nature

2. How do you view the current state of the world?
A) Everything's A-okay B) Serious problems exist, but they can be worked out C) We were almost saved until Kurt Cobain died D) My ancestors screwed everything up hundreds of years ago and now we're all doomed!

3. What music do you listen to the most?
A) Rap B) Country western C) Anything by Michael Bolton D) Anything by Johnny Mathis

4. What percentage of your friends are of a minority group?
A) Zero B) 1%-10% C) 11%-49% D) 50%-100%

5. Who do you think of as the most progressive African-American in the 20th Century?
A) Isaac from The Love Boat B) Garrett Morris C) Martin Luther King D) Malcolm X

6. What is the correct term for the homeless?
A) Ompa Loompas B) Homeless C) Capitalistically challenged D) Societal mavericks

7. During Tom Hanks' acceptance speech at last year's Oscars, did you:
A) Say, "I liked him better in Bosom Buddies." B) Change the channel C) Hide back the tears from Mr. Hanks' touching words.

D) Say, "He's come a long way since Bosom Buddies."

8. What three words do women most like to hear from their boyfriends?
A) I love you B) I'm sorry, dear C) Don't hurt me

9. Which of the following scenarios make for a successful date?
A) Make out in the backseat of your Buick B) Take her to a football game C) Take her to a romantic dinner D) Hang around while she's with her girlfriends.

10. How do you initiate sexual intercourse with a woman?
A) Say, "Here comes Mr. Trouser Trout!" B) Recite poetry while dangling lingerie in front of her face C) Slow and easy foreplay, asking her for permission during each step D) Assume the fetal position and wait for her to make the first move.

11. What do you say to a woman after sexual intercourse?
A) "ZZZZZZZZZZ..." B) "God, I was incredible, wasn't I?" C) "I could hold you like this for hours." D) Sing James Taylor tunes.

12. If a woman tells you, "Men are pigs," how should you react?
A) Ignore the comment B) Disagree and tell her she shouldn't take her anger out on all men, but be more careful in choosing her male friends C) Agree and shut up

Scoring: If the majority of your answers were C's and D's, congratulations! You are a Sensitive Man of the '90's! You'll never have to worry about being an outcast of our all-inclusive society.

A few A's and B's are tolerable, but too many could mean damaging social embarrassment and you could end up Republican.

Start collecting Ann Landers columns or visit a petting zoo. Simply watching Oprah will help you get in touch with your sensitive side.

Good luck and enjoy the rest of your decade.



photo by UWSP Graphics & Photography

The cast of *Rumors*. From left to right; front row, Andrea Anders, Susan Sandvick, Ann Kubicki, and Heidi Dippold. Back row, Andy Peplinski, Patrick Viall, Tyler Marchant, and Chuck Walker.

Make room for *Rumors*

The fall theater season at UWSP will be open at 8 p.m., Friday, October 7, with a production of Neil Simon's lighthearted farce, "Rumors."

Directed by Thomas F. Nevins, the play will continue in the Jenkins

Theater of the Fine Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 13-15, and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Tickets are on sale at the Arts and Athletics Box Office (346-4100) at a cost of \$9 for the public, and \$7 for senior citizens and UWSP employees and \$5 for stu-

dents.

Chris and Glen Gorman (Heidi Dippold of Brookfield and Chuck Walker of Mequon) are invited to an anniversary party at the home

vited couples: Claire and Lenny Ganz (Ann Kubicki and Tyler Marchant), Cookie and Ernie Cusack (Susan Sandvick and Patrick Viall) and Cassie and Glen

Cooper (Andrea Anders and Andy Peplinski). The "jet set" hilarity

"We are confident our audiences will find as much humor in *Rumors* as the cast has found during rehearsals."

-Tyler Marchant-

of the deputy mayor of New York.

When they arrive they find the hostess gone and the host lying upstairs with a superficial bullet wound (neither the mayor nor his wife appears on the stage).

The Gormans try to hide the alleged scandal from the other in-

volves an offstage car crash, a therapist who attempts to hold the group session by phone, a would-be senator running from his suspicious wife and a disappearing

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Stars twinkle at UWSP

By Christina Urdike

COPY EDITOR

Astronomy buffs' waiting ended when the state's most popular planetarium opened its doors on Sept. 18, starting up their 1994-1995 year of programs.

UWSP's planetarium serves about 14,000 people annually, according to Randy Olson, planetarium director.

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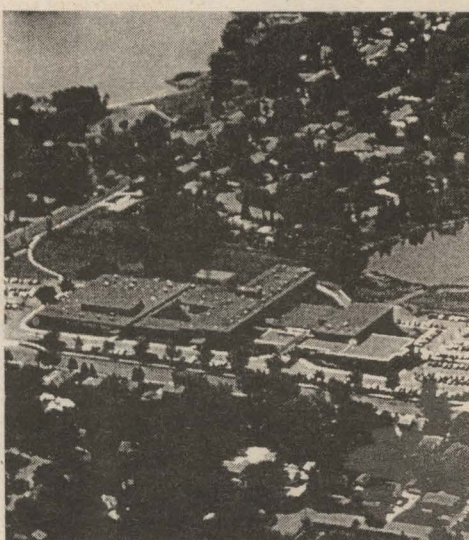
UW-Milwaukee's 7,700. UW-Eau Claire only averages 4,000 people annually.

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View from over the hill

By Terry Kluck

COLUMNIST

But I was riding. I was riding! I was...I was...I was face down in the gravel with the oafish purple monstrosity perched spitefully on top off me.

I could hear my dad running toward me. As he picked me up and brushed the stones from my bloody knees, a proud, yet mischievous smile broke across his face.

"See," he said with a little chuckle, "I told you that you could do it, and you did. All by yourself."

That old purple bike was only one of many obstacles my father helped me overcome in my life. Actually, it was probably one of the easier things we tackled.

He always had a great sense of when to help and when to let go. He'd always say I did it myself, but without him, I might not have known where to start.

My father died a little more than four years ago, at the young age of 57. I was with him when he died, sitting at the foot of his bed, rubbing his ankles to help relieve his pain.

I loved that good and wonderful man so deeply; watching him gasp for his last breath, and not being able to stop his death was the most terrifying and pain-

There was so much left to do. My God, I was only 29; my kids were still babies. I needed him. I had to make up for the bad times, I had to explain why I made decisions I'd made.

I had to show him how much he meant to me. It was my turn to help him, and I couldn't.

That he'd never again be there to pick me up and brush me off, or balloon my confidence just when I needed it, or even to hug me when things got tough was a reality I just don't want to deal with.

But he was gone; there was no turning back. There was no making up for the times I'd let him down; there was no way I could change what happened. I just had to relax and ride.

But I like to think he's still here in spirit. I like to believe he knows how far I've come since we last talked.

I like to imagine him smiling and chuckling when I stumble and fall, certain that I can get up and do it right next time, all on my own.

And I hope that by being there with him when he faced his toughest challenge, I gave back some of what he'd given me, and let him know that I truly loved and respected him, and that I miss him

CD Review

By Robin Warden

DISC MASTER

Watch out, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones are back. Yes, yes, another album of SKA-core brilliance, entitled "Question the Answers."

This one is a bit muddled, the lines dividing the different forms of their music keep blurring.

Who else would even dare to mix ska, hardcore, punk and reggae? On a scale from 1 to 5, 5 being Godly, I give this album a 4 1/2.



The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

The Crystal Ball of Reality

By Scott Van Natta

FICTION WRITER

John checked his compass to make sure he was still heading northwest. He had stopped at the edge of a clearing and was holding onto the bow of a spruce tree to maintain his balance.

He took one step into the clearing, then stopped. Something didn't feel right. The ground beneath his feet was shaking. An earthquake, he thought? Reaching back, he took hold of the tree branch in his right hand.

A moment later, his feet broke through the top layer of snow. Suddenly, he was falling. His

hand gripping the branch slipped, then held. He swung through open space and slammed into the side of the cliff.

Swiveling his head, John watched the shelf of frozen snow he had been standing on break apart and plummet into the now-visible ravine.

Slowly, he pulled himself up over the edge and rolled onto his back, his mind racing. He would have to circle around the ravine, following unknowingly the exact same path that the bear took.

She was definitely lost, and the storm wasn't helping the situation. An avid skier, Elizabeth Cane was attempting to ski to Nome, a distance of roughly 500 miles. Her trek was taking her northwest, around some particularly rugged peaks in the Alaska Mountain Range; among them Mt. McKinley.

She had flown over her intended route months before, look-

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THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1994

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Counseling Center Program: HOW TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE STUDENT, 4-5PM (Green Rm.-UC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Tennis, UW-Stout, 3PM (H)

Cross-Country, Notre Dame Inv., 4PM (South Bend, IN)

Univ. Theatre Production: RUMORS, 8PM (JT-FAB)

UAB Mini-Concerts Presents: SETTIE, 8PM (Encore-UC)

Duo Recital: BERTRAM TURETZKY, Doublebass; MIMMI FULMER, Soprano, 8PM (MH-FAB)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Tennis, UW-River Falls, 9AM (H)

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

Volleyball, UW-Oshkosh, 12N & UW-River Falls, 4PM (H)

Cross-Country, Titan Invitational (Oshkosh)

Football, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Wom. Soccer, St. Mary's College (Parent's Day), 1PM (H)

Univ. Theatre Production: RUMORS, 8PM (JT-FAB)

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert:

JORJA FLEEZANIS, Violin, 8PM (Sentry)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

Planetarium Series: DEATH OF THE DINOSAURS, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

Univ. Theatre Production: RUMORS, 4PM (JT-FAB)

Central WI Symphony Orchestra Concert:

JORJA FLEEZANIS, Violin, 7:30PM (Sentry)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Planetarium Series: SKIES OF AUTUMN, 8PM

(Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

Performing Arts Series: DON GIOVANNI, San Francisco

Opera, 8PM (Sentry)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Volleyball, Viterbo College & Loras College

Wom. Soccer, UW-Eau Claire, 4PM (T)

Planetarium Series: LASER ROCK SHOW, 8&9:30PM

(Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

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Rumors

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servant.

When the play opened in New York in 1988, Clive Barnes called it a "maze of mendacity, light, frothy and fun," and Time described it as an "old-fashioned, door-slamming, crockery-smashing farce."

When the comedy opened at New York City's Broadhurst Theater in 1988, it became Neil Simon's 23rd play to reach Broadway.

Other members of the UWSP cast are Lisa Jerret and Chris Kuter, as police officers. The stage manager is Owen Reynolds and the assistant stage manager is Jer-

emy Doucett.

Costumes are designed by Natalie Leavenworth of the theater and dance faculty, the set is designed by Anthony Smalley, lighting by Jason Fassl, sound by Laura Wigg, and props by Ryan Larson.

Ann Kubicki remarks, "We have a great cast and a wonderful director, both of which have been so much fun to work with."

Tyler Marchant states, "We are confident our audiences will find as much humor in "Rumors" as the cast has found during the rehearsals."

Even though the director calls it a "light-hearted" comedy, he emphasizes that "Rumors" is adult entertainment.



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ing for recognizable landmarks and memorizing them. She had studied hundreds of maps, read countless books and learned how to identify an animal by its scat or tracks.

But all that was irrelevant now.

A compass was the only thing keeping her from skiing off a cliff in the near whiteout conditions.

She unclipped her skis and stood behind a tree to check her bearings. As she turned around to the right, a large brown shape appeared behind her. A moment later, she turned and bent down to put her skis back on and saw the bear, no more than 10 feet away.

In a futile attempt, she tried to jump sideways behind a tree. But the bear was too fast. It slashed her leg, sending her flying headfirst into the tree. Her world turned black.

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Stars

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tunities to children whose schools don't have facilities to teach this area of science.

Olson predicts that "The planetarium experience will be more comfortable for audiences this year, because the seats were recovered when the Science Building was renovated last summer."

In honor of UWSP's centennial and its 30th year of operation, the planetarium will sponsor a new show, "Cosmic Catastrophes."

This new program is about an alien race that comes to Earth from their dying planet. As they near Earth, they realize that humans are destroying the planet and threatening their existence.

April 19 is the open house celebration, and special showings will be at 12:30, 1:20, 2:15, 3:10 and 4:00 p.m.

Programs popular in the past will also be shown throughout the year, beginning with "Death of the Dinosaurs," about the links between astronomy and the extinction of 40 percent of Earth's species, including the dinosaurs.

All special presentations lined up for the year are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, except Christmas shows and spring open house events. The programs are open to the public, free of charge.

The laser rock shows, popular with UWSP students, feature music from bands like Pink Floyd and the Rolling Stones. They continue to be held on Wednesdays at 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

The planetarium is located on the second floor of the science building. Information regarding the dates of feature shows can be obtained by calling 345-2208 or 345-2139.

Video Blitz

By Amy Kluetz

ENTERTAINMENT FERRET

So whose idea was it to make a western solely about women, anyway?

Whoever thought up the idea, their mind was in the right place—unfortunately, it is the only thing that really holds the film "Bad Girls" together.

A madame (Madeline Stowe) and her "ladies" (Drew Barrymore, Mary Stuart Masterson, and Andie McDowell) are hunted by a vengeful wife, an angry town, and a posse of "Pinkertons," after the madame kills the local colonel of Echo City and also swindles a nearby town out of a chunk of cash.

When the cash is then stolen from the "ladies," they must fight (and get in an exorbitant amount

of trouble) to get it back.

The cinematography is very crisp and attractive. The music of "Bad Girls" fits well with the action and does draw the viewer in.

However, this movie is like a stereotypical 'blonde bombshell'—nice to look at but no substance!

The script is drab and boring. There are some very nice performances by the leads. However, the plot is so slow moving that at some point, you just want them to get caught and end it.

Of course, the novelty of this film is intriguing—a western based on the lives of four women; but don't be fooled.

Though the women are pretty gutsy and not really the norm, "Bad Girls" is predictable and rather dull. Ferret Grade: C-

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Duck hunting season starts with a bang

By Scott Van Natta
CONTRIBUTOR

Last weekend marked the beginning of the 40-day duck hunting season. With the duck population up 24 percent from last year, the season looks hopeful for hunters.

On opening day, at the Mead Wildlife area, there were 1,143 ducks harvested, of which most were green-winged teals.

Scott Eppler, sophomore, spent opening day along the Mississippi River, north of LaCrosse and limited out early on wood ducks.

"We had rainy weather for opening day, which is good because it keeps the ducks flying low."

According to Dr. Lyle Nauman, wildlife biology professor, "Many birds don't start migrating until the third week

of October."

"Local birds have migrated south between weather fronts," Nauman said. He added that a big front moving across the prairie pothole region of the north will most likely push the birds south.

The population this year of about 71 million ducks is due, in part, to improved habitat.

In some prairie regions of the U.S. and Canada, the spring wetland conditions were the best they have been for the past 10 to 15 years.

The North American Waterfowl Plan has improved habitat to accomplish the goal of 100 million ducks by the year 2000.

In addition to the improved spring habitat, the rise in duck numbers is also due, in part, to state habitat work done under the Waterfowl Management Plan.

The restrictive hunting regulations in place since the early 1980s have also contributed to increased numbers.

Canvasbacks, after being protected for years, can now be hunted on a limited basis.

During the DNR May breeding survey, total duck numbers were the second largest since the survey began in May of 1973.

The Northern Zone season lasts from Oct. 1 to Nov. 9. The Southern Zone season is split: The season will be Oct. 1 - 9 and Oct. 17 to Nov. 16.

The bag limit is three ducks each day.

The limit can include a combination of ducks, including not more than two mallards, of which one can be a

hen; one redhead; one black duck; one pintail and two wood ducks.

The exterior zone goose seasons will open concurrent with the duck season on Oct. 1 and last 70 days. If the quota is reached prior to the 70 days, the season will be closed by emergency order.

Exterior applications can be purchased any time during the season. All applications are \$3.00.



photo by Kristen Himsl

Canada geese enjoy refuge from hunters on Lake Joanis in Schmeekle Reserve



Dressed in camouflage, we slipped our canoes into the Wisconsin River.

Cut branches stuck in the bow of the boat hid our faces, as we floated quietly but purposefully through the calm water. Kelly and Brad went over to the left bank, and we took the right.

Sunlight danced on the surface of the water, glinting brighter than diamonds. A cool breeze blew lazily; it was the quintessential fall day.

We spotted a few ducks overhead, but they weren't close enough to shoot. After floating downstream for a while, we canoed back into a dense stand of tag alders.

Our arrival startled a drake mallard into the air to the right of us.

Andy stood and fired twice; the first shot barely missed the bird, but the uneasiness of the canoe made the second shot sail far to the right. The bird flew away unharmed.

Meanwhile, a dozen other ducks were flying up all around us. We could hear shots coming from where Brad was standing.

Brad yelled that he saw one go down, so we struggled with our canoes, deeper into the dense foliage, pulling at branches to get through.

Downy feathers floated through the weeds to greet us, but the bird had disappeared. Brad and Andy sloshed around in the quagmire, only to become more frustrated.

After an intense search they admitted defeat, climbed back into the canoes, and we struggled through the alders back to the river.

The most disheartening event for the hunter is the elusive wounded bird; a great feeling of dissatisfaction arises from losing a downed duck.

Such a disturbed state is actually a positive characteristic, signaling that a hunter is ethical and compassionate.

Many people conjure up stereotypes about hunters which are not at all true. They view hunters as inconsiderate savages only out for the kill.

In reality, however, hunters are some of the greatest conservationists. They know and respect the land, as well as the prey they are hunting. They understand the importance of ethical hunting practices.

Most of the time, a hunter is not thinking about killing. Eight hours in a duck blind or on a deer stand provide hunters with time to think and reflect on life.

After a day spent on the river, we returned empty-handed, but the thrill in hunting is the relaxation felt while surrounded by nature.

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Proposal maintains wild condition of flowage

A proposed master plan for the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage would maintain the flowage in a wild, scenic condition that protects wildlife populations, while providing opportunities for diverse recreational opportunities, according to Roger L. Jasinski, Turtle-Flambeau Flowage manager for the Department of Natural Resources.

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, located in Iron County, was formed in 1926, when the Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company built the Turtle Dam at the confluence of the Turtle and Flambeau rivers.

This was done to retain water for downstream hydroelectric

generating stations and to provide flood control.

The State of Wisconsin purchased 22,343 acres surrounding the 3,545-acre flowage in 1990 and 1991 for \$9.4 million.

The flowage has been a popular recreational area since it was formed, and offers opportunities for boating, fishing, canoeing, hunting, trapping, hiking, birdwatching and snowmobiling, Jasinski said.

"With this draft master plan we propose to maintain the wild, scenic character of the flowage shoreline and surrounding uplands," said Jody Les, DNR landscape architect.

"Developments in the plan

include 60 island campsites, five boat access sites, a self-guided

"With this draft master plan we propose to maintain the wild, scenic character of the flowage shoreline and surrounding uplands."

Jody Les

nature trail, a ruffed grouse demonstration management area, and improvements to navigation

and aesthetics by removal of the wood crib bridge to Big Island."

The department is seeking public comment on the proposed master plan and has scheduled three open houses around the state to answer questions and accept comments.

Copies of the proposed plan will be available at the door.

Meetings will be held Monday, Oct. 17, in Madison, at Madison Area Technical College, Education Center, Room 971, from 2-8 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 3, in Milwaukee, 2-8 p.m., at Havenwoods Environmental Center.

Similar meetings were previously held at Mercer and Park

Falls.

Anyone who is unable to attend the meetings can call or write to receive a copy of the proposed draft master plan or to make comments.

Calls or written comments should go to Jody Les, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, (608) 266-8978.

They can also be sent to Roger Jasinski, Department of Natural Resources, 3291 Statehouse Circle, Mercer, WI 54547, or call (715) 476-2240.

The review period for the Turtle-Flambeau draft master plan proposal will end Nov. 15, 1994.

Outdoor authors gather in Point for book signing

It's not often a large group of well-known nature and outdoor writers gets together for a public appearance.

An event of this type will occur at UWSP this Friday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Communications Room 103A in the University Center.

Sponsored by the Wildlife Society, the authors will be traveling from all corners of the state to converge here for a book signing of "Harvest Moon," an anthology of Wisconsin authors released this year by Lost River Press of Woodruff, Wisconsin.

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Included are selections from such notable late authors as Aldo Leopold, Gordon MacQuarrie, Mel Ellis and Dion Henderson.

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They include: Fran Hamerstrom, author of many

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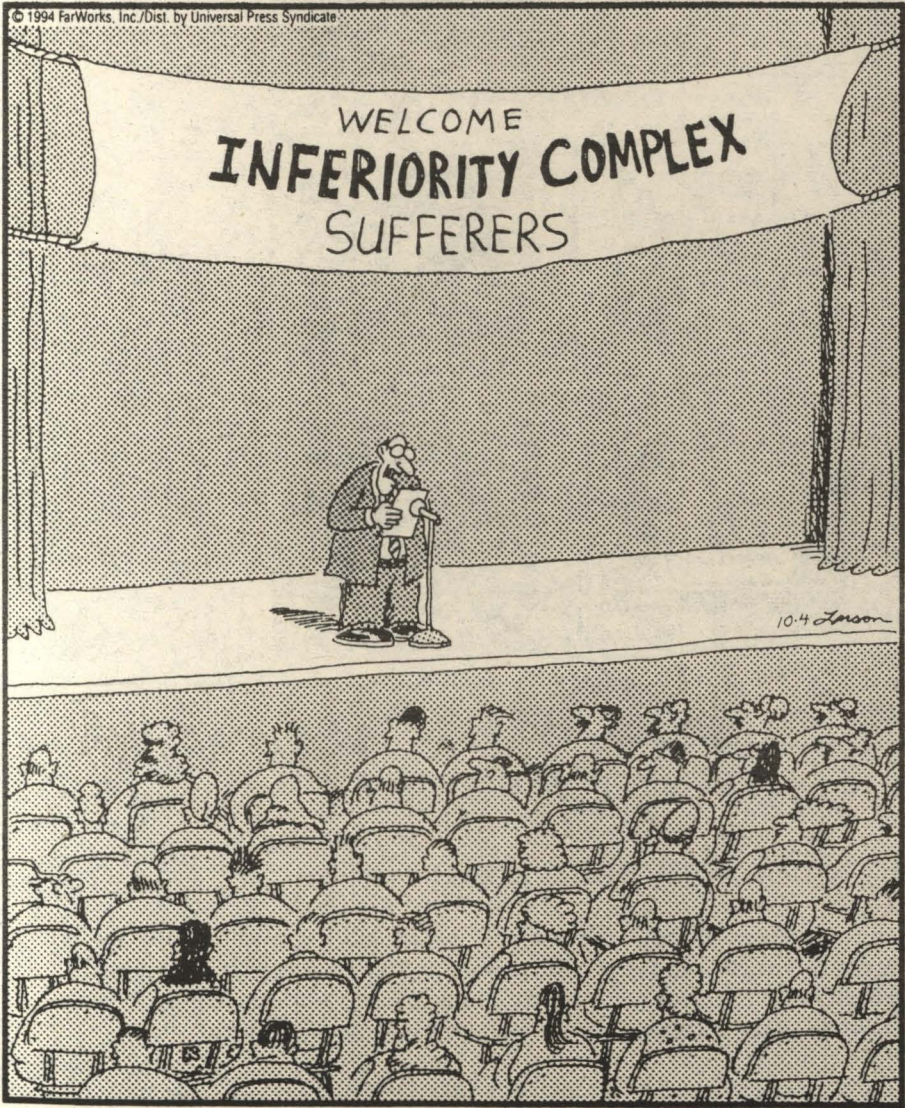
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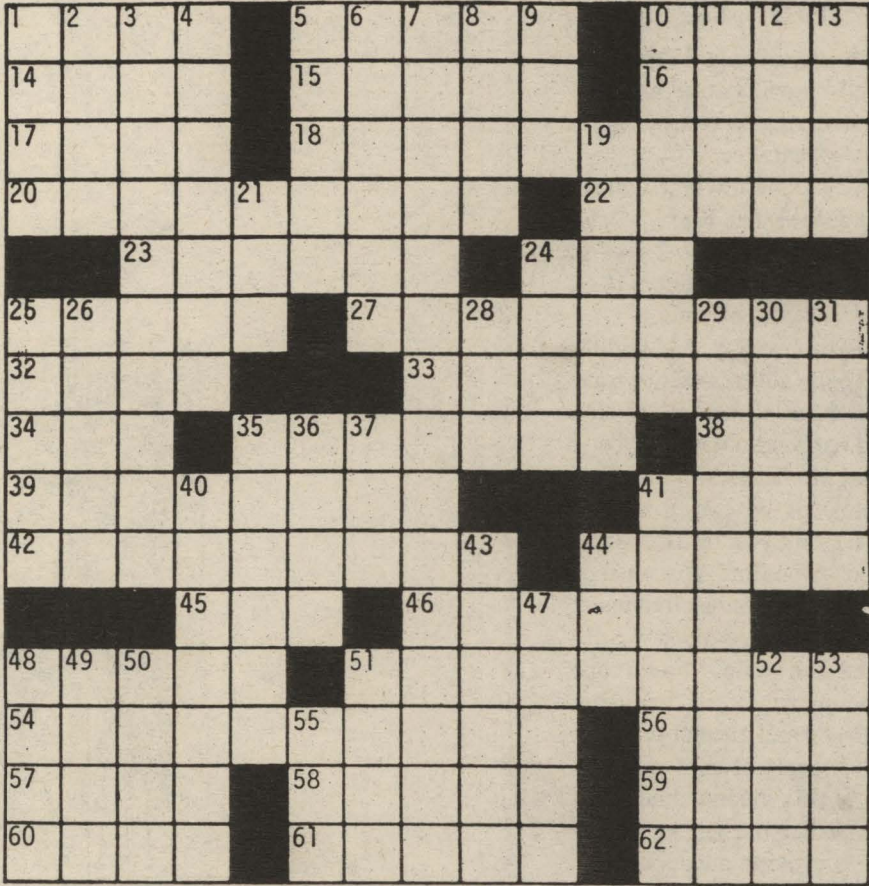
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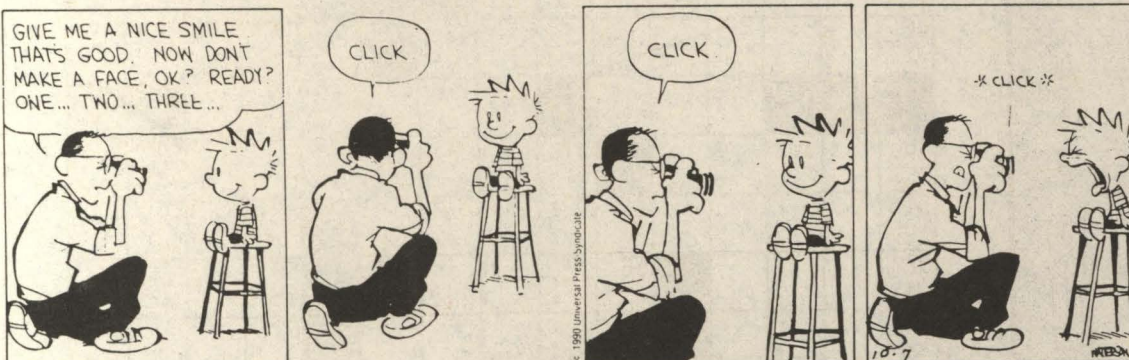
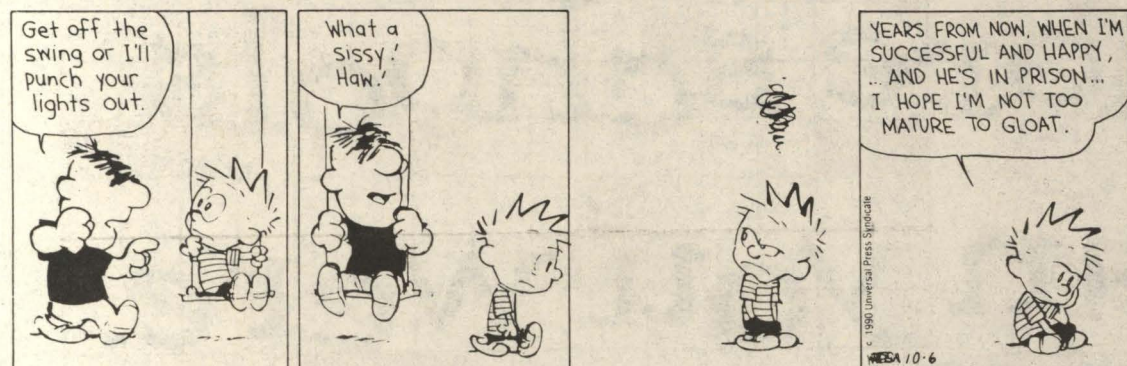
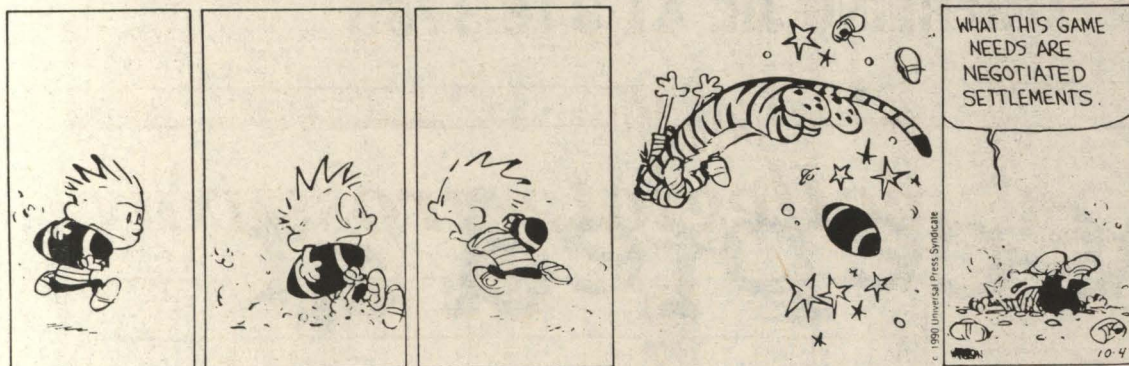
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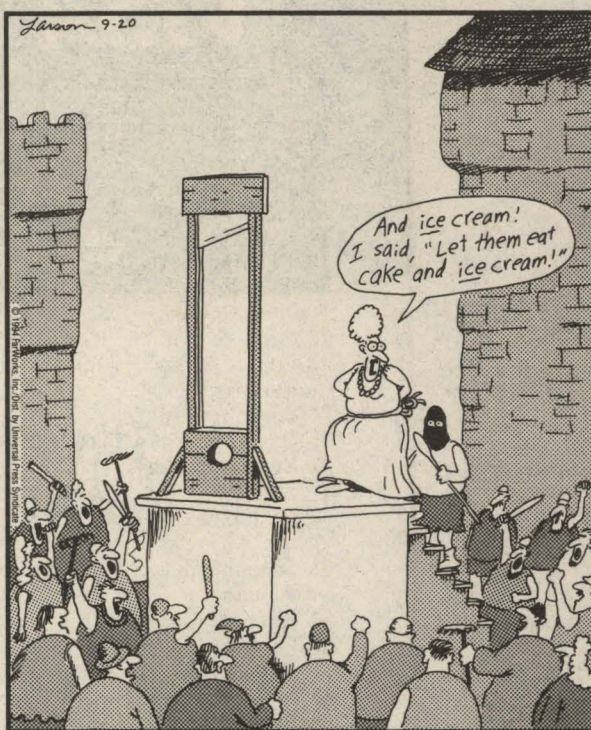
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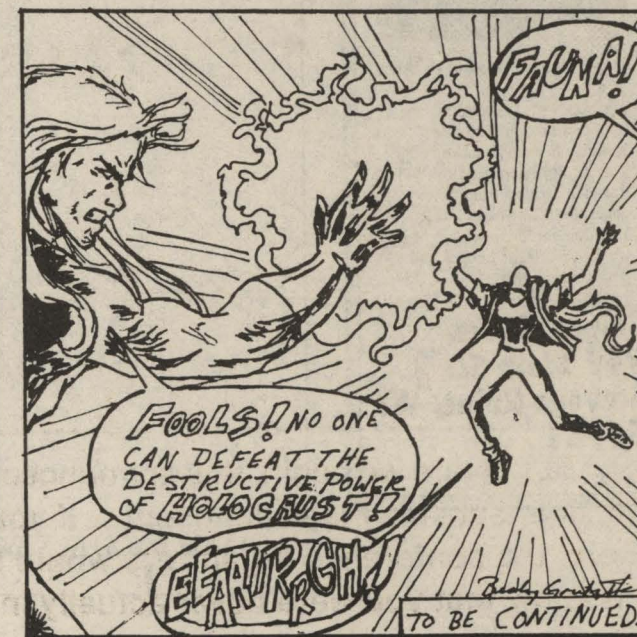
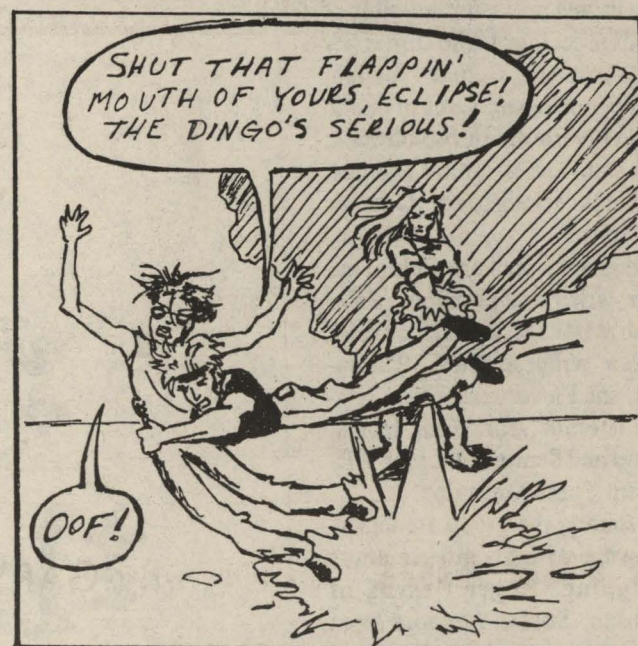
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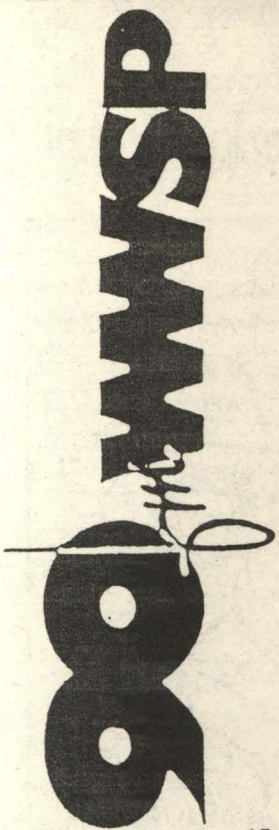


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Also included are: Richard Behm, author, writer and professor of English at UWSP; Justin Isherwood, author, writer and UWSP alumnus; and Plover resident and rising literary star, Tom Davis, writer and Senior Editor for Wisconsin Trails Magazine.

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