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Obey calls budget proposals insane

By Gregory Vandenberg
News Editor

Congressman David Obey, frustrated with a Republican controlled Congress, spoke to UWSP students Wednesday morning on issues ranging from the budget and national debt to education and campaign funding.

The Wausau native challenged students to "not believe anyone that says they'll balance the budget in seven years or whatever."

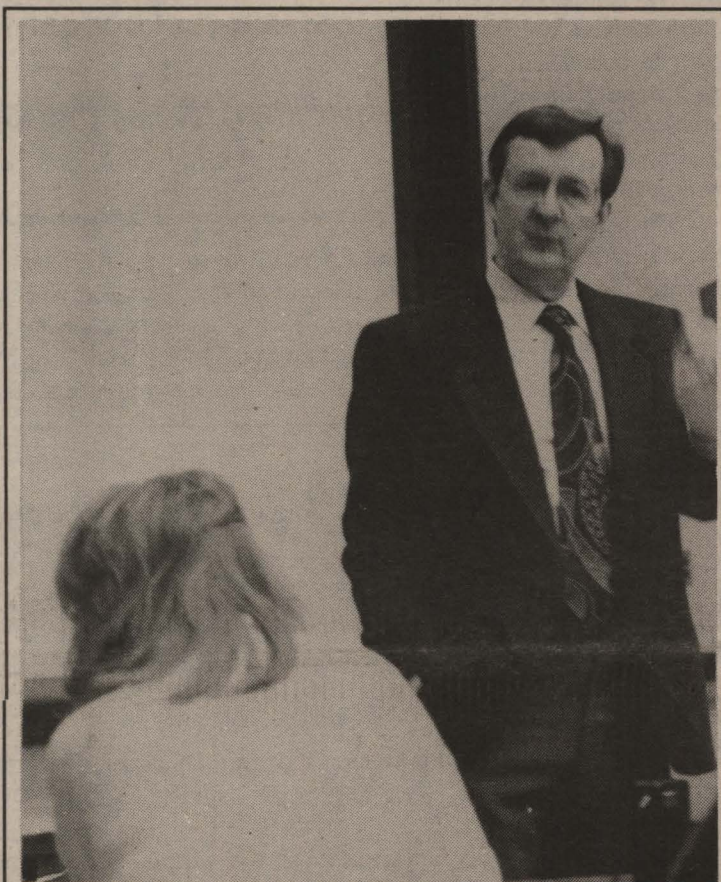
According to Obey, "No politician is in control of if that budget is balanced or not."

Despite numerous attempts to pass a viable budget, Congress has been mired in a bipartisan feud that has ultimately led to the veto of budget proposals by President Clinton.

"Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results," said Obey. "These multiyear budgets have been tried before and never end up producing."

The Democrat has served as chair of apportionments and has tried to sway members that the budget must be looked at each year pragmatically.

With this year being a presidential election year, Obey discussed various criticisms brought



Congressman David Obey speaks to political science students Wednesday morning in the CCC. photo by Brad Riggs

forth by students aimed at lobbying groups and those who contribute large amounts of money for campaigns.

"The problem with this nation is too many people expect cam-

paigns to be funded by the immaculate conception," said Obey. "I believe in 100 percent total public financing."

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Get the Net, media falls hook, line and sinker

By Gregory Vandenberg
News Editor

This is the first time you'll see an editorial column on the front page since I've been news editor. But I thought such publicity was necessary for the travesty that has just occurred in Washington.

To put it plain and simple: The government has once again squeezed itself into another portion of our lives where it doesn't belong.

Earlier this week a telecommunications bill was passed that bans "indecent material" from the internet.

And yet an issue as controversial and personal as this has received only spotted coverage from the national media. I have no idea why but I figured I'd do my best to show citizens of this nation that censorship infringes on our first amendment rights.

The internet is one of the greatest innovations of the 20th century. Never before has this volume of information and communication been so accessible to the human race.

It allows us to talk and write to one another nearly instantaneously, and at a relatively low cost. It allows the exchange of information, ideas and education. Year by year this planet will become a global community in which millions of people from different continents will interact daily.

Newspapers, which already have a strong foothold in the internet, will be updated regularly and may eventually eliminate the need for actual newspapers.

This is what baffles me. The press does not see that this new bill will severely limit their "freedom of speech" that they are so often quick to defend.

If you're looking for answers, I don't have them. I can't understand how at a time when the media could have a field day and have Congress hanging from the gallows pole for this blatant restriction on the first amendment, they've fallen painfully short.

I have taken a theological approach to journalism that sees reporters as the "watchdogs of society." I honestly feel that the media can truly keep an eye on things and expose those injustices that occur, especially in our government.

But my idealistic approach has received a slap in the face after this week's events. All I can ask is that all of us join together and protest this new legislation.

I ask each and everyone of you to go to the P.A.C. rally that will be held in front of the UC Monday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. and let our representatives know that they don't belong in every aspect of our lives.

Congressmen are not experts. They're men and women just look you and I. And the danger that is occurring is that we're allowing them to think they know what is best for each and every one of us.

Telecommunications bill causes blackout

By Phred Grabara
Contributor

After receiving near unanimous support in both the House and the Senate, the long awaited Telecommunications Reform Act (S.652) became law as of 11:00 a.m., Feb. 8.

Under Title V of the S.652, "The Communications Decency Act of 1996" (CDA), introduced by Sen. James Exon (D-Neb.), has thrown the entire internet into pandemonium.

Now, anything that is posted on the Internet that has been ruled obscene, offensive, or indecent is punishable under this act.

What was once the largest, freest source of information in the country has become the most regulated medium in America.

Almost immediately after the bill was signed, 26 groups, including the ACLU and the Elec-

The Justice Department has agreed to suspend any prosecution under the CDA until the courts settle the challenge. However, any material that violates the CDA at this time may be punishable later.

While the court battles rage on, people, groups and organizations have showed their displeasure of the new provision by blacking out their web pages.

The blackout occurred for the first 48 hours after the bill was signed.

According to a statement by the EFF, "This latest version of the '[CDA]', originally proposed by Sen. James Exon (D-NB), contains a deadly

Rally protests censorship

A group of concerned internet users are planning a demonstration to protest the "indecent provision" in the Telecommunications Act.

People Against Censorship (PAC) will rally Monday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the UC.

"If you feel the noose of censorship getting tighter and tighter around your neck," said participant Kristen Himsel, "come to the planning meeting Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5:00 p.m. in room 333 of the Communication Arts Center (CAC), or join us at the demonstration on Monday."

tronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), filed a suit to have the CDA repealed on the grounds of unconstitutionality.

combination of a vague and overly broad definition of what speech is unacceptable on-line, criminal prosecution, and large monetary fines, which will set off a tidal wave of censorship to avoid real and perceived liability."

The EFF also organized The Blue Ribbon Campaign. This is similar to the Web Page Black-

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IN THE NEWS

NATION

•Senate Majority Leader **Bob Dole** (R-Kansas) proved he is the front runner in winning the Republican Presidential nomination Monday by beating out opponents **Pat Buchanan** and former Tennessee Gov. **Lamar Alexander** in the Iowa caucuses. **Buchanan** and **Alexander** had a strong showing though, moving up from preliminary poll estimates and finishing ahead of Sen. **Phil Gramm** and publisher **Steve Forbes**. **Gramm's** poor finish nearly assures his departure from the race unless he pulls a coup in the New Hampshire primary next week Tuesday. **Forbes** showing was much weaker than anticipated considering he spent over \$4 million in advertising for the Iowa race. No candidate who has finished out of the top three in the Iowa caucuses has ever gone on to win the party's nomination. **Dole** received 28% of the votes while **Buchanan** followed with 23%.

•Former World Boxing Organization heavyweight champion **Tommy Morrison** tested positive for the HIV virus Monday just hours before a scheduled fight with **Arthur Weathers**. **Morrison** gained popularity after his role in the movie "Rocky V" and for his connection to **John Wayne**. The Jay, Okl. native is the great nephew of **Wayne** and was nicknamed "The Duke" throughout his boxing career. After receiving word that he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS, **Morrison** simply asked for prayers for those children afflicted with the disease. He went on to say that asking for prayers for himself would be selfish because of the mistakes he had made in his promiscuous lifestyle. His camp has assured officials that **Morrison** will not return to the ring again and will devote his life to preventing the spread of this deadly virus. **Morrison** was scheduled to fight former heavyweight champion **Mike Tyson** by the end of this year.

STATE

•Rep. **Steve Gunderson** has written a book about his experiences as the only openly gay Republican Congress on Capitol Hill. His book, due out this summer, is co-authored by his partner **Rob Morris** and focuses on traditional family values as lived by people who are gay. The Wisconsin representative is the only Congressman to ever openly admit his homosexuality without being part of a "sex scandal" according to publishers. The book also tells about **Gunderson's** relationship with House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** and the intolerance of homosexuality in Washington, D.C.

•In an effort to demand a cap on the rising price of tuition in the UW-System, United Council scheduled a rally Wednesday, Feb. 14, on the UW-Madison campus. A recent Tuition Cap Bill would cap resident tuition at 33% of instructional costs, while non-resident tuition would be frozen at 120% of instructional cost. The rally pledges to keep education affordable for Wis. families.

Student apathy worries SGA

Student government hopes to raise dismal voting numbers

By Gregory Vandenberg
News Editor

Although more and more people are attending universities throughout the nation, the amount of students voting in elections each year continues to decline.

Student government is trying to reverse that number through a campaign known as S.A.V.E. (Students Are Voting Everywhere).

"The lack of voting is a symptom of an overall apathy that we're seeing," said Ann Finan, SGA legislative issues director, "And that is a real concern of ours."

The campaign begins the final week of Feb. and includes booths throughout the campus that will allow students an opportunity to register for the Wis. Presidential primary March 19.

"I'm hoping we get 250 to 500 registering to vote," said Finan. "We're hoping to encourage students to get out and vote either here or at home."

Booths will be open for registering Monday, Feb. 26 at Debot during dinner hours and also in the

concourse of the University Center (UC) Tuesday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 1.

Students in the residence halls will have traveling booths at various times in the lobbies of the halls throughout the week.

"This will be a sort of test run for the Nov. elections," said Finan.

SGA hopes students see how voting can influence legislation passed by the Federal government and that they can break this "Generation X" image of indifference.

"If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem," said Finan. "If you want to change something, voting is the first step."

Coordinators are in need of students to man-

age the registration booths and will hold a sign-up session Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Campus Activity Complex in the UC. "Anyone is welcome to attend," said Finan, "And we're looking for all the volunteers we can get."

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Ann Finan, Legislative Issues Director of SGA

Campus Beat

Sunday, February 11, 1996

•Report of sewer smell in women's locker room near Quandt Gymnasium. Officer found nothing.

•Stevens Point Police Department met with officer at the University Center. SPPD officers arrested a man working at the bridal show on a warrant.

Saturday, February 10, 1996

•Community Advisor in Watson Hall called to say that a strange man walked into room 414 and passed out. The man was eventually identified as a resident of Watson Hall and was put to bed in his room.

•Community Advisor reported incense burning. Officer assisted for possible possession of incense and firecrackers.

•Hall director reported a male student hit an exit sign, partially tearing it down. Hall director decided to handle it himself without filing an incident report.

Friday, February 9, 1996

•An unknown citizen reported that two 13 to 14 year olds were throwing snowballs at the Fine Arts Building (including the windows.) No one was found in area upon arrival.

•A guest of Michael Beacom in Pray-Sims Hall was escorted back to his host's room. The guest was intoxicated. Beacom said he would look after him for the night.

Wednesday, February 7, 1996

•Male was reported outside Thomson Hall shoveling snow and building a fort. When officers arrived, no one was found.

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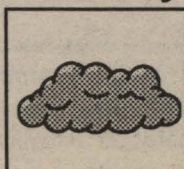
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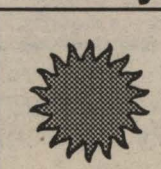
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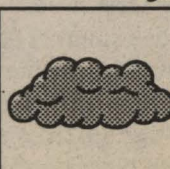
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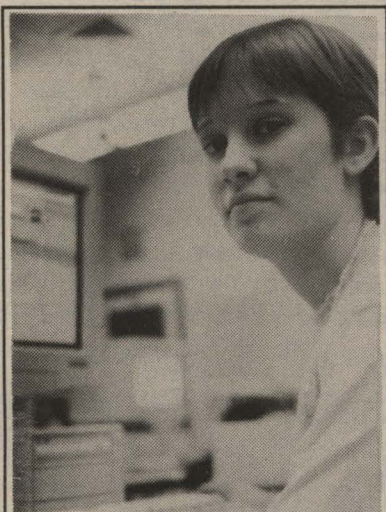


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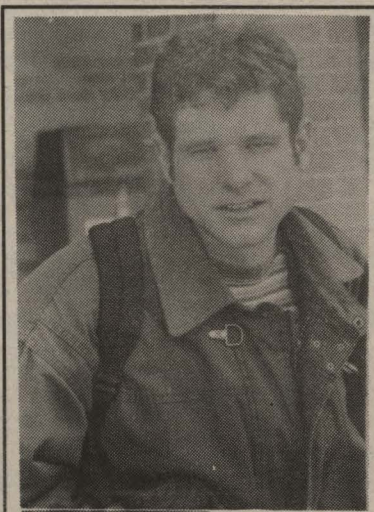
photos by Kris Wagner and Brad Riggs

What do you think of the Federal government imposing restrictions and censoring the internet?



Lisa Johnson, Junior
Arts Management

"This is not an issue of pornography. Pornography is already illegal. Why is the government throwing the constitution out the window in regards to electronic communication?"



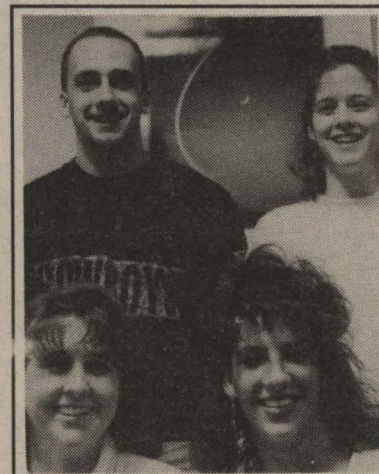
Ryan Lentz, Senior
Watershed Management Major

"I think it is a crazy idea! Let people look up what they want. If they don't like what they see, don't look at it!"



Gina Klosowski, Senior
Communications Major

"I think information on the internet should be censored because people of all ages have access to it."



Sarah Nocholson, John Bumis,
Lisa Muszynski, Debbie Teal,
Education Majors

"We feel there should not be regulations censoring our personal use of the internet, but in our classroom we are responsible for what the students read and view so in that sense we do need some restrictions."

Shibilski and Murat blast state's priorities

By Kris Wagner
PHOTO EDITOR

Legislative revenue distribution was in question when state Congressmen Kevin Shibilski and William Murat spoke to members of the UWSP community Monday night in the Laird Room of the University Center.

The two-hour discussion examined issues such as education cuts, hemp production, the environment and social problems that currently face the community.

The legislators stressed that the state's priorities are in the wrong areas and must be changed in order to restore the value of Wis. One of those last priorities is the importance of secondary education.

"We're creating an opportunity gap," said Shibilski, who represents the 24th Senate District of Portage, Wood, Adams and Waushara counties.

"Education enhances the quality of life," he said. "The greatest tax base is the working families in Wisconsin and whose children will need the UW-System. This is their children's only chance."

"We can turn around the issue and preserve the university," assured Murat.

On the environmental side, Murat noted that "we have to stop bad things from happening. The public interest must be restored."

The majority of the audience was interested on the legislators views on the legalization of hemp.

Murat felt that research should be encouraged in the hemp area so that paper industries could get a head start on the possible fiber crisis in the future.

The democratic Congressmen plan on fighting for change in the state's list of priorities and fighting Thompson's plans for a Supermax prison and a new baseball park in Milwaukee.

"There are more creative ways of burdening prison populations," said Shibilski.

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Students rally in Madison

By David C. Stacy

PRESIDENT UNITED COUNCIL OF UW STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Over the last 20 years, UW-System students have seen their tuition increase by almost 400%, far above the rate of inflation. During that time, students' share of the cost of instruction increased from 25% to 33%.

Since 1975, tuition has increased by 472% at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, and 390% at the other four-year campuses. Clearly, a significant portion of this increase was due to increased educational costs, which is consistent with national trends.

However, these substantial increases in tuition were not simply due to increased costs of providing educational programs—students and their parents have been paying a greater percentage of their instructional costs.

Currently, there is a bill in the State Assembly which would cap undergraduate tuition in the UW-System at 33% of the cost of instruction for in-state students and at 120% for out-of-state students.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Assembly Colleges & Universities Committee held a hearing on the Tuition Cap Bill (AB 33). Students from around the state were there to testify in favor of the bill, which passed the Assembly last session on a bipartisan vote of 58 to 41.

Tuition cap legislation is the first step in getting tuition increases under control in Wis. A cost control on the percentage of instructional costs that tuition must cover would limit tuition hikes to increases in actual costs.

Under a tuition cap, the UW-System would be forced to control spending, since it could no longer increase expenditures simply by transferring a greater share of costs to students. Further spending increases would have to be offset by increased efficiencies and/or revenues from other areas in proportion to tuition.

Last year, the state actually cut the UW-System budget by \$52 million in general tax support, as it focused on providing property tax relief. But where was tuition relief for the students who saw a 5.5% to 6.5% tuition hike this year?

Over the past ten years, tuition increases have significantly exceeded the increase in property tax rates as well as property taxes collected. Meanwhile, the ability of families to pay for these increases has eroded—both median family income and Wisconsin's per capita income have failed to keep pace with tuition. A tuition cap would provide additional incentive for the legislature to provide adequate funding to the university.

Passage of this bill will send an unmistakable message: The legislature believes that tuition must remain affordable. It will make clear that if UW spending must increase, it can no longer do so by transferring the burden onto students and their parents.

Passage of the Tuition Cap Bill would be a pledge to Wisconsin's families for an affordable UW education.

United Council will continue to press the legislature to put that pledge into law. United Council is the nation's oldest and strongest state student association, representing over 140,000 students on 24 UW-System campuses.

Reader defends Protective Services

Dear Editor,

I was rather appalled at the editor's sarcasm in response to Mr. Draeger's letter concerning the article "Jurisdiction in question of campus security."

I was one of the two victims that were sent to the Emergency Room on Nov. 18, 1995. (Did *The Pointer* also forget to mention that the intoxicated individual had already assaulted two people minutes prior to the Protective Services involvement?!?)

Obviously, Protective Services was doing their job in order to prevent any other possible assaults.

If Protective Services wouldn't have used physical force to restrain the intoxicated individual, he would have gotten away with the crime of battery. I

would like to thank Protective Services for responding correctly for us victims in the time of need.

"Obviously Protective Services was doing their job."

The editor claims that "the story was not about the fact that the student was intoxicated." Shouldn't an "investigative" story cover all aspects of what occurred?

However, *The Pointer* only covered about half of the incident and didn't even want to mention

anything about victims or intoxication.

I was even asked questions by a so-called reporter of *The Pointer*. However, the reporter didn't want my insight to the story because I was defending Protective Services.

The editor also used an irrelevant comparison when she answered Mr. Draeger's letter and compared this incident with the JFK assassination.

I realize Mr. Draeger used sarcasm in his letter. However, I would hope that the editor is a person who would respond with a professional answer and not rely on cynical remarks.

I would like to advise the editor to have some respect for the victims by knowing what situations are prevalent for sarcasm and what situations are not.

Kristin Moore

The President speaks

Fellow Pointers:

Annual budgets are nearly complete. If you are a member of an annually funded organization, you need to present your budget to the SGA Finance Committee this weekend.

If your organization is requesting an increase of \$1,000 or more, you will have 20 minutes to present your budget, if there is no requested increase, or if the increase is less than \$1,000 your organization will have ten minutes to present the data.

Our campus has been visited by several representatives this past week. Most recently, Congressman Dave Obey attended an environmental policy class on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Congressman Obey addressed several issues such as student loans, financial aid, campaign reform, and other issues as students brought them up.

Senator Shilbillski and Representative Murat were on campus last Monday night. They addressed about 50 students and

some faculty and staff. Issues ranged from legalization of hemp to student aid programs.

Just a reminder that SGA elections are just around the corner; applications for running are due to the SGA office by Feb. 16 (that's tomorrow).

Don't worry—there's still time. Just pick up an application in the SGA offices and submit it before 5 p.m. Friday. The application does not require extensive work, so pick one up today.

I encourage you to check out SGA's homepage on the World Wide Web. The page has been under construction for a couple of months now and is beginning to take shape nicely.

If you have any comments on the Web, or how it can better serve you, please send your comments via email to: exec@uwspmail.uwsp.edu.

Until next week,
Ray Oswald
SGA President

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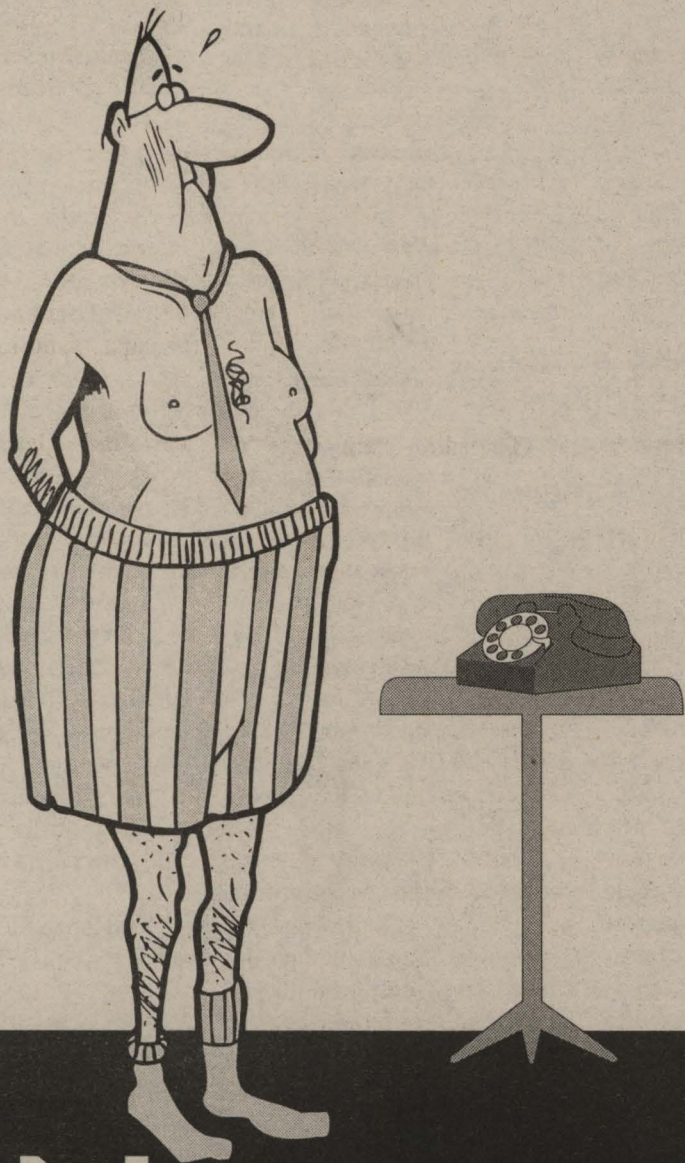
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part series

Crandon mine agreement reached through closed sessions

By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The controversy surrounding the Crandon Mine has recently grown to new levels with the accusations of secret meetings.

According to statements released by the Forest County Clerk, the Mining and Finance Committee of the Forest County Board have met in closed sessions on Dec. 18 and 28 of 1995, and Feb. 1 and 7 of this year.

Deliberations in the meetings regarded strategy to be adopted in negotiating a local agreement with the Crandon Mining Company (CMC) and also direct negotiations with the CMC.

The open meeting laws of Wisconsin lay out specifically when a company can go to closed session, one of the reasons being, in Sec. 19.85(1)(e) WI Statutes, negotiating the purchase of public properties.

"If there's any doubt about closed meetings, especially with this controversial project, the CMC and Forest County should be negotiating in the open," said Dave Blouin, the coordinator of the Mining Impact Coalition of

Wisconsin, "they should never be doing this behind closed doors."

According to Peter Theo, Director of Government Relations for the Crandon Mining Company, "right now there is no agreement. If there was I would be delighted, but the fact is, there isn't."

As Theo stated, under state law, the CMC cannot get a permit until they have come to agreement with six units of government.

Those six units are Forest and

Oneida Counties, the towns of Lincoln, Nashville and Crescent, and the city of Crandon.

The Forest County Board maintains that what they did was legal, but even if it was legal, says Kathy Falk, Assistant Attorney General of Wisconsin, they should not have gone into closed session to debate something that would have such an enormous effect on people's lives.

"As to whether or not what they did was legal, it's fifty-fifty,"

said Falk. "So then you have to decide if maybe what they did was morally wrong."

The decision to meet behind closed doors was made despite protest from the local citizens said Tom Ward, the President of the Wisconsin Resources and Protection Council.

"We consider it bordering on insanity to sign the local agreement before the studies and impact analysis have been accomplished."

Dave Blouin

Ward called the event "a sad night for freedom of expression."

He then stated, "whatever happened to our basic concept of government of the people, by the people, and for the people?"

In the 1970's, while exploring Wisconsin, Exxon discovered one of the largest zinc/copper deposits in North America near Crandon.

The ore body lies five miles south of Crandon and two miles east of highway 55.

Currently, the state and the CMC are very far apart on the placement of mine tailings, or what's left over after the ore has been processed.

According to Dave Blouin, for that reason alone, Forest County

shouldn't be negotiating with the CMC.

"Something as simple and basic as the site of the tailings is not settled, why would Forest County sign on now?" said Blouin. To add to that, the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers haven't even finished their environmental impact statements.

Under the terms of the draft agreement, there would be two large interest free loans made to the county.

The first loan, totaling \$2 million, would go to the highway department.

The second loan would be for a jail. It's what the locals in Crandon are calling 'the big payoff.'

The CMC would loan the county \$3 million to construct a jail.

If the permit goes through, the county would only have to pay back \$2 million, at an interest free rate over 15 years. With the ore worth an estimated \$7 billion, the CMC could easily forgive the county of \$1 million.

The other part of the draft agreement has to do with a gag clause.

It specifies that once having signed the agreement, the unit of

government agrees to support the CMC's applications for permits to mine. They would be signing away their ability to negotiate and complain.

"We consider it bordering on insanity to sign the local agreement before the studies and impact analysis have been accomplished," said Blouin.

It could be two or more years before the state and federal impact statements are completed.

There is a public meeting scheduled for February 27, which is also the day for a tentative signing of the agreement.

According to Alice McCombs, a 27 year environmental activist and member of the Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin, "the mine is a toxic waste dump."

"What Exxon is proposing is not scientifically valid and they can't prove that it will be done safely."

At an open forum-discussion panel on the UWSP campus on Monday, State Senator Kevin Shibilski called the Crandon mine a bad idea.

After describing the fact that northern Wisconsin has some great getaways and beautiful landscape, he stated "why would we even think of risking that for short term economic benefit?"

Next week: environmental impacts of the proposed mine.

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Candlelight skiing events rescheduled

Due to the recent cold weather, state parks officials have had to reschedule a number of candlelight ski events.

Seven parks had planned on holding candlelight skis on Sat., February 3, but with temperatures dropping to minus 20 degrees

throughout much of the state, most park officials decided to reschedule or cancel the events.

While some skiers probably would be willing to endure the cold, the sub-zero temperatures would have made it difficult to set up the hundreds of

candles that are used to light the trails, said Julie Fox-Martin, a Department of Natural Resources naturalist at Interstate Park near St. Croix Falls.

"I'm sure we would have had people show up if we held our candlelight ski, but we rely on volunteers to set up the candles and it was just too cold to ask them to go ahead with it," said Fox-Martin.

Because of Wisconsin's notoriously fickle weather, the state parks staff urge people to call ahead to confirm if the event will be held.

Published lists of candlelight events include phone numbers people can call to check on conditions. Most parks have tape recorded messages that give conditions when park offices are not open.

Wisconsin State Park stickers are required for access to the parks for most candlelight skis.

If temperatures get too warm for skiing, some parks may hold candlelight hikes. Anyone interested in attending a scheduled event should call the park or forest office on the day of the event to confirm if it will be held.

Seven parks have rescheduled candlelight skis for Saturday, February 17.

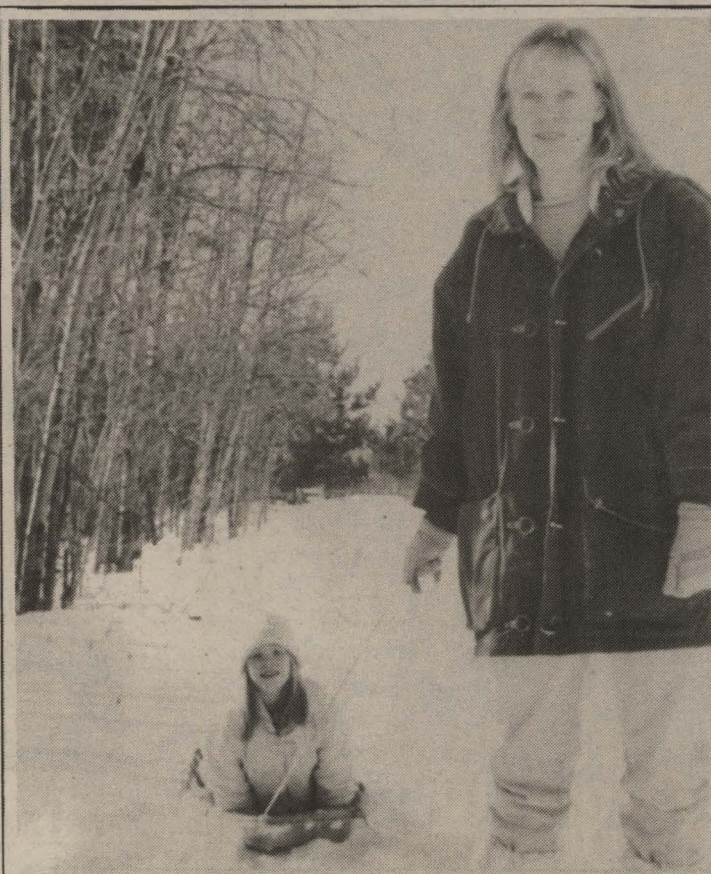


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A mother and her daughter attempt a perilous crossing of Alaska!! Oh wait - my bad, that's Schmeekle.

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Nature Calls



By Scott Van Natta
Outdoors Editor

A cool wind blows from the northwest, bringing with it low clouds and flurries.

Beneath the flowing canopy, twelve people trudge through knee deep snow, twenty degree air, and failing light toward a field that has had a large rectangle plowed out of it.

Six inches of polished ice brilliantly reflect that which emanates from four large spotlights mounted high on poles.

The twelve players climb over the banks, then down onto the ice and divide themselves in half.

They are about to engage in one of the great winter sports of the north; a sport where life and limb hang by the slimmest of threads; where the smallest of slips has *hard* consequences; where *balance* is a foreign word - of course, I am describing broomball.

Only two things are needed to play broomball: a broom, which naturally doesn't look like a broom, but more or less resembles a four-foot piece of wood with a roll of duct tape on one end; and a ball (duh).

The concept of the game is simple enough: deck anyone who comes even remotely near you.

As a wiseman once said, "check or be checked." (I say "wiseman" because he learned from experience, thereby making him wise.)

As you can tell, much of what transpires on the broomball court has to do with someone knocking someone else off their feet.

In fact, a casual observer who's not familiar with the sport may actually end up calling the police.

However, if you are playing broomball in the northwoods, the policeman who comes will probably be a ranger and will probably ask if he can join in the game.

In which case the casual observer will also have to play to make the teams even.

This then brings up an important question - do you body check the ranger into the snowbank?

By all means. If he's on the ice, he's fair game and he knows it. Just try not to land on his gun.

Rangers occasionally like to cheat, such as when they pull their pistol out and threaten to shoot the oncoming checker; however, they are usually bluffing.

Checking is a very integral part of the game.

If a check is a good one, both players will be airborne for at least a second.

At this point, it is wise for the checker (who *is* wise) to try to land on the checkie, dishing out as much punishment as is possible. But like I said before, try not to land on his gun.

It is also a good idea, since broomball is an offensive sport, to actually *try* to hit the ball every now and then.

You know that you are playing a normal game of broomball if there are more injured players than goals scored.

In fact, one method of playing the game is, the first team to score, wins.

You could always play the "quick game." The team with the most players standing after one minute of play, wins.

Of course, the way most broomball games go, no one really keeps score. Take this conversation for instance:

Jeff: "Hey, has anyone scored yet?"

Brad: "Uhh, I don't know."

After playing for a couple hours, the game is usually decided by the "next goal wins" rule, which probably should be followed by the clause, "or until the sun comes up."

You have to be careful when deciding what type of game to play because you don't want to be too vague.

Take this game for instance: "first one to five wins." Bad idea. The only way to keep this game from stretching into the next week is to play without goalies.

It should also be pointed out that broomball is not a game to be played while on a date.

If your date happens to be looking at a list of games, sees broomball, and says, "oh broomball, that's like curling isn't it?"

Your answer will determine the course of the evening, and maybe your life, for it clearly states in Paragraph Three of Section 2 in the Official Broomball Handbook, "that a player and his date must be on opposing teams."

Maybe it's just me, but might that put unnecessary strain on the relationship?

Conference focuses on environment

By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Environmental Leadership Directive (WELD) conference was held last Saturday afternoon at the College of Natural Resources building.

The conference dealt with two current issues, which were namely, the Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) and the Endangered Species Act.

National Wildlife Federation spokesperson Kristin Agnew gave an overview of the GLI.

"Basically what the Great Lakes Initiative is, is a law that is part of the Clean Water Act that creates uniform water quality standards throughout the great lakes states," said Agnew.

The GLI also targets 29 of the most toxic chemicals being released into the great lakes.

"The reason why they are the most toxic and dangerous to you is because they bioaccumulate in your body," stated Agnew.

Section 118 of the Clean Water Act, said Agnew, directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to write the GLI.

The federal government draws up a new set of water quality standards.

The state must then set its own standards, which must be at least as strict as the federal standards.

Sooner or later, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board may give the standards their okay, and they are passed on to the state legislature for approval.

Once approved, it would move on to the federal EPA for final approval.

"At this point," said Agnew, "they would ask, do Wisconsin's water quality standards agree with the GLI?"

The states have to adopt the GLI standards by March 1997.

The EPA will then review it.

If they say yes, the state can go ahead and implement the GLI. If they say no, and the deadline has passed, the EPA would go ahead and enforce the GLI.

This in effect gives the state a safety net. According to Agnew, even if the state screws up and doesn't do what they're supposed to do and waits until March 1997 to turn it in, the EPA will step in and take care of it if the standards aren't up to par.

However, right now the EPA is experiencing budget cuts, which basically makes enforcing the GLI not an option.

So the state is stuck with basic water quality standards. "The state's going to do the least amount it can get away with," said Agnew.

Right now in the state legislature there is a bill that would limit the state's ability to have standards more strict than federal standards.

Many states now are trying to eliminate environmental laws to keep big businesses happy.

For the most part, Wisconsin has a good environmental record.

"The only thing that Wisconsin is truly faltering on is mixing zones and the governor calling for a delay on the GLI," said Agnew.

"States are doing the same thing that the federal government is doing," stated Agnew, "it's stupid, but they're doing it."

The conference then switched to the topic of the Endangered Species Act which was presented by Lisa Yee, also with the National Wildlife Federation.

"The ESA serves as a model of legislation for other countries," said Yee, "there is no other country that has anything comparable in scope to protecting species."

Currently, there are over 900 species listed as either threatened or endangered.

Right now in Congress, the ESA is facing a legislative attack. The ESA bill, which comes up for reauthorization every five years, was up for reauthorization in 1992.

"Basically, it has just been strung along," said Yee.

The strongest attack against the ESA is bill H.R. 2275, also called the Young-Pombo bill.

The bill was passed by the House Resources Committee of which, Richard Young is the chairman. "Young is in a very powerful position to gut the ESA," stated Yee.

Basically, H.R. 2275 looks to eliminate many essential protections of the ESA.

As to the progress of the bill, H.R. 2275 may go to the House floor for a full vote sometime this spring.

According to Yee, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has been reluctant to support H.R. 2275.

The WELD conference was also attended by Russ Hitz, the President of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF).

As Hitz said to open the conference, "we are people who really believe in the environment. We use all the resources and it's our duty to protect them and use them wisely."



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Mardi Gras celebration to offer an entertainment extravaganza

By Kate Roberts
FEATURES EDITOR

Everyone is always up for a party, especially this time of year when winter seems like it will never end. A Mardi Gras celebration could be just what we all need. Although traveling down to New Orleans for a couple of days sounds awfully nice, it is not too practical for most of us. Fortunately the next best thing will be this Saturday evening as the University Center hosts a Mardi Gras celebration, UWSP-style.

UWSP's Mardi Gras will showcase thirteen instrumental groups along with several student vocal soloists. Anyone that likes big band, light rock, or classical music will find something that appeals to them at this event.

David Hastings, chair of the music department, said that the event was created through a collaboration between Don Greene, the former department chair, and a group of Stevens Point residents.

The members of the community help the university with scholarship fund-raising.

"They all have a strong interest in jazz and dixieland and feel that the Mardi Gras would be an excellent opportunity to fundraise for student scholarships," said Hastings.

This program is only one of many fund-raising events that the department puts on to raise money for their scholarship program.

"The money goes to support music students. We want to spread the funding around as much as we can," said Hastings.

The talent of the featured artists are split in three categories. All of the various styles of music are being performed simultaneously in three different rooms in the U.C.

The Laird Room will house the "Grand Ball Room" where guests can dance and listen to one of three musical groups. The "Music Salon" will feature a

"Music Salon"

Heritage Room
Listening
Entertainment

8:30 Mozart Violin Sonata
8:55 20th Century Music
9:20 Wisconsin Arts Quintet
9:45 Opera Workshop
10:15 Michelsen Ensemble
10:40 Vocal Selections
11:15 Mozart Violin Sonata

"Grand Ball Room"

Laird Room
Dancing and
Listening

8:00 Big Band Express
8:45 Jazz Lab Band
9:15 University Choir
10:00 Jazz Lab Band
10:45 Big Band Express
11:15 Jazz Lab Band
11:35 Big Band Express

"Bourbon Street"

Encore Room
Jazz and Dancing

8:00 Dixieland All-Stars
8:45 VoiceXchange
9:15 Bob Kase and Friends
10:00 Student Jazz Combo
10:30 Funk Band
11:00 Bob Kase and Friends
11:30 Dixieland All-Stars

number of ensembles and combos in the Heritage Room. Both students and faculty will provide the listening entertainment in this room.

Those guests who like to not only listen to jazz and also are interested in dancing to the music would be at home in the Encore. This room will provide a "Bourbon Street" atmosphere where dixieland and funk will be

some of the sounds that can be experienced there.

"The Mardi Gras has so many things to offer. Guests can dance for awhile in the ball room and then rest in the Heritage room if they like," said Hastings.

Those who attend the event can sit and listen to their favorite style of music the entire evening or they can experience all of the

sights and sounds that the Mardi Gras has to offer.

"The versatility of the event is its strength. It was designed to provide a little bit of something for everyone," said Hastings.

The doors to Mardi Gras open at 8 p.m. and the evening will end around midnight. The ticket price for admission is \$10 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door if the event is not sold out.

Programs provide relationship tips

By Brittany Safranek
TYPESETTER

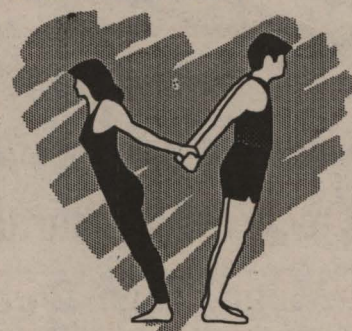
Love, understanding, and communication. They all seem like they should go hand in hand when it comes to relationships, but anyone who's had a relationship knows they do not go together that easily.

UWSP has named February 12-16 Relationship Week. During this week a variety of programs will be offered to students to help them improve their relationships with friends, family and significant others.

The programs offered range from finding the ideal mate to getting to know your roommate better. Some programs were held in the U.C. while some were located in the residence halls.

One program that was offered Tuesday night at Pray-Sims hall was "When Worlds Collide: Communication between the Sexes."

Marie and Troy Lindloff, two UWSP juniors who belong to Student Impact, a Christian organization for university students, taught students about the different ways males and females communicate and how this can sometimes cause conflicts.



Since Marie and Troy recently got married, they were able to share with students the communication problems they encountered between each other and how they solved them.

"We have experience about communication through our re-

lationship," said Troy. "Marriage is in the future of many students. They must be aware of the differences in communication so that messages between each other can be received. Not only is communication important in marriage, but it is also used in jobs and getting through life."

"This program allows students a chance to share opinions and offer a few suggestions and ideas about how they can improve communication between each other," said Marie.

Students were divided up into groups and given sheets with topics in which they had to discuss.

"I learned that I definitely have a lot of techniques I can work on," said Christie Skime, a freshman who participated in the program. "I learned that for any relationship it takes communication-you have to take both

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Encore Events

Who: Citizen King
What: Band
When: Thursday-8 p.m.
Cost: \$2 with ID



One of UWSP's favorite bands will be back rocking the Encore. Centertainment Productions Alternative Sounds team will be presenting Citizen King Thursday Feb. 15.

"Citizen King has a real strong following throughout Wisconsin," said Jeff Pertzborn, Promotion Coordinator for Centertainment Productions, "If I had to pick one show everybody at UWSP should go to this semester, this would be it."

Citizen King's music runs the gamut of musical styles and cannot be categorized. The band hails from the Milwaukee area, and their music is as diverse as the city they are from.

The band plays a mixture of music styles ranging from urban hip-hop to blues and jazz. Citizen King is truly a band for anyone who enjoys good music.

Billboard Magazine classifies their music as, "jazzy rhythms from an upright bass converge with gritty country-blues guitar picking and squealing turntables."

Citizen King has opened for Fishbone, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and House of Pain. In February of last year Citizen King was voted one of Chicago's top 10 bands by the city's stalwart critics and club buyers. Anyone from someone who enjoys jazz to urban dance, will want to spend this Thursday in the Encore.

Who: Music For Trio
What: Band
When: Friday-8p.m.
Cost: Free

Centertainment Productions' Center Stage presents Music For Trio, a campus jazz trio.

The trio consists of Fine Arts professor David Dunn, who plays bass, guitarist, Christopher Olsen and Glenn Peters, on drums.

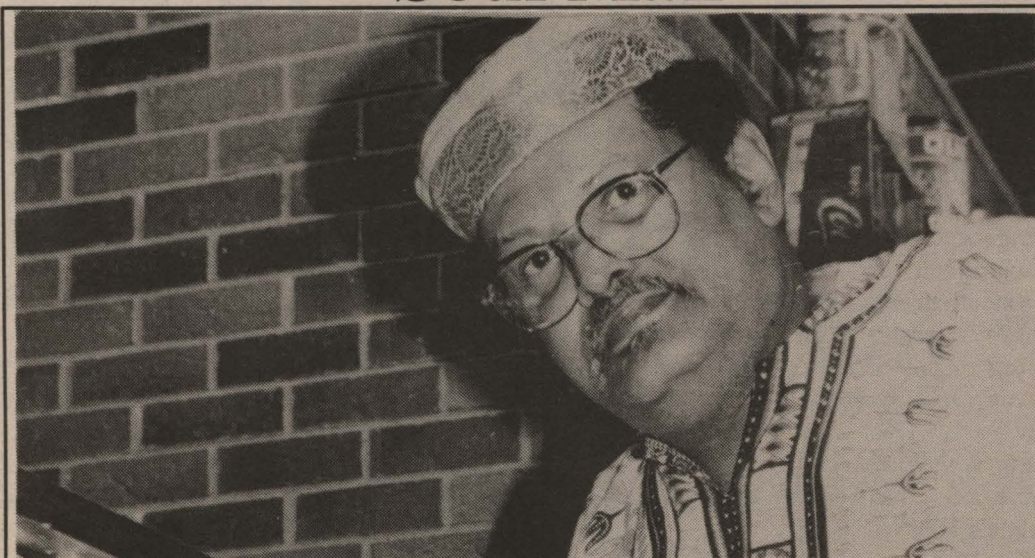
Dunn is a bass and vocal jazz specialist who teaches the bass studio and vocal jazz class on campus.

Olsen is an alumni of UWSP who recently moved back to the area from Texas after he received his Masters. Olsen has also taught at UWSP.

Peters, the third member of the band, is currently majoring in English and music.

Dunn explained the group has been influenced by not only jazz, but also by many other different styles of music. He describes their sound as having a loose jazz feel.

Soul Man



John Holmes, of the Multicultural Affairs Office, attended the Soul Food Dinner at the Wooden Spoon last Sunday.

Photo by Brad Riggs

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CINEMA

On Wed., Feb. 21 and 28, Centers Cinema Presents *Do the Right Thing* and *Jungle Fever* in the Encore. Both movies are directed by Spike Lee.

Do the Right Thing shows first at 7:00 p.m. with *Jungle Fever* at 9:30 p.m. The movies flip on Feb. 28.

Do the Right Thing is a poignant film, that combines humor, drama and music in a technique that Lee uses in many of his other movies. The entire film takes place in a single day, which happens to be the hottest day of the year, on one block of the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. The day will change the lives of the residents forever.

Jungle Fever, stars Wesley Snipes and Annabella Sciorra. Snipes, a successful black architect has a affair with his secretary, Sciorra. The couple finds that they are forced to confront hard truths about their families and their love.

The cost is \$1 with UWSP student ID and \$2 without.



MINI-COURSE

A self-defense mini-course sponsored by Centertainment Productions Issues and Ideas, will be offered every Tuesday starting Feb. 20 and ending March 5.

The course will be taught by Noah Zimmerman, and Greg Dorn, who are both instructors at the Stephens Tai Kwan Do Academy. Each session of the course will be different. It is recommended that people sign up with a partner because the sessions are taught in a partner setting. Participants are also asked to wear exercise apparel for the seminar.

The cost is \$4 with UWSP ID and \$5 without. Those who are interested can sign up at the Campus Activities Window in the lower level of the UC. Space may be limited.

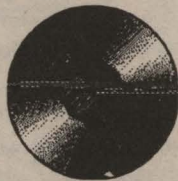
90FM'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

By Wayne Semmerling
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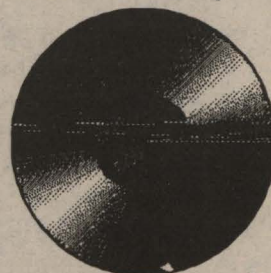


If the band Arrested Development rings a bell, then you're familiar with this artist. Speech, a Milwaukee native, released his first solo album holding true to his hip-hop and funk roots. Any fans of Arrested Development will enjoy the sampling, textured songs and Speech's performance as a rapper. A great crossover album that will appeal to many musical tastes. Very Good.

Let's say you enjoy the music of Poi Dog Pondering, Dave Matthews Band, and the vocal talents of Bob Mould. Well, you get it all in the new album from The Verve Pipe. The lead singer is a direct combination of Dave Matthews and Bob Mould. I do not need to tell you how good that would sound.

A brilliant album built on roots rock as well as electric pop. Recently signed to RCA records (Dave Matthews label), try getting your hands on this one while you can. Excellent.

Three of the best Wisconsin bands will be performing within three days in Stevens Point. Thursday, it's Milwaukee's Citizen King at the Encore; and Witz End has Common Faces on Friday, and Marques Bovre & the Evil Twins on Saturday.



Change of Heart

By Kate Roberts
FEATURES EDITOR



Valentines Day would not be that bad if everyone you went to school with had to give you a card, like in grade school. That way no one is left out and everyone feels loved. I still remember cherishing every card that I got from a boy, in fact I probably still have them somewhere. All of us girls were always trying to find some "hidden" meaning in those little cards with those cheesy sayings like, "I will go bananas unless you will be my valentine". (If you were lucky you got one of those scratch and sniff cards so you could smell the banana too.)

I remember being awfully picky about which boys got certain valentines. You did not want

to give anyone the wrong idea. Then again I have also given a guy a pair of silk boxers (yes with hearts on them) for Valentines Day. Exactly what kind of message is that sending?

What is a Valentine anyway? Is it a person, a thing, what? When someone asks you "Will you be my Valentine?", it is never quite clear what they are asking of you.

The problem I have with the "holiday" though is how everyone has such high expectations of it. Those that are in relationships expect some thing from their mates and those that are single have hopes that some secret admirer will surprise them. Actually, the more I think about it, the more I hate Valentines Day. There is nothing good about it. In fact--

Oh, what's this? A valentine for me? How sweet...Now what was I saying...must not have been too important.

THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Counseling Center Prog.: How to Be a More Effective Student, 4-5PM (TBA-Call X3553)
Centertainment Prod.-Travel & Leisure RIB MT. SKIING (Sign-up at Rec. Serv.)-- \$15 w/Rental Equip.; \$10 w/o, 4-11PM (Rib Mt.)
Relationships Week: "What I've Learned from My Thursday Night Friends", 6:30PM (Steiner Hall Lobby)
Central WI Honors Orchestra Concert (Scholarship Series)--\$1.50 w/ID; \$3.50 w/o, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
Centertainment Prod.-Alt. Sounds Presents: CITIZEN KING w/Opening Band, 8-10:30 PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM-12AM (AC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Hockey, NCHA Playoffs (TBA)
UC Marketing & Promotions "Quit-N-Time" Series: BOB KASE JAZZ QUARTET-- FREE, 3-5PM (Encore-UC)
Black History Month-B.S.U. Presentation Night: African Dancing, Poetry, Singing, Drama-- \$2 w/ID; \$3 w/o, 7PM (MH-FAB)
Area Community Theater: LOST IN YONKERS, 7:30 PM (Sentry)
Through the 18th- 4PM on the 18th
Centertainment Prod. Center Stage Presents: DAVID DUNN/JAZZ TRIO, 8PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, "Beach Party", 9PM-1AM (AC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Black History Month GOSPEL CHOIR FEST, 6:30PM-- FREE (Donations Welcome) (MH-FAB)
Hockey, NCHA Playoffs (TBA)
WR, WSUC Champ., 9AM (Platteville)

Wom. Basketball, Lakeland College, 3PM (H)

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

COFAC Presents: Annual MARDI GRAS Celebration, 8PM (UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM-1AM (AC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

Planetarium Series: THROUGH THE EYES OF HUBBLE-- FREE, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Planetarium Series: Monday-Night Sky Program-- FREE, 8PM (Planetarium- Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Planetarium Series: Laser Light Show w/Music by the Grateful Dead-- \$1 w/ID; \$2 w/o-- 8&9:30PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)
Counseling Center Prog.: Body Traps: Breaking Free of Obsessions w/Appearance, Food & Weight, 11AM-12PM (Delzell)
Centertainment Prod.-Issues & Ideas SELF-DEFENSE MINI-COURSE-- \$4 w/ID; \$5 w/o, 8PM (HPERA Wrestling Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7PM (H)
Centertainment Prod.-Centers Cinema: DO THE RIGHT THING (7PM), JUNGLE FEVER (9:30PM)-- \$1 w/ID; \$2 w/o (Encore-UC)
Rec. Prog./Rec. Serv. WINTER SPORTS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30PM-- \$6 w/Equip., \$1 w/o (Sign Up at Rec. Serv.)-- (Iverson Park)
Wom. Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7PM (T)
Faculty Recital: STEVEN BJELLA, Violin, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
Studio Theatre Musical Prod.: SIX WOMEN WITH BRAIN DEATH, 7:30 PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343.

OFF SHOTS

By Mike Beacom
SPORTS EDITOR

I was saddened to see professional boxer and heavyweight title contender, Tommy 'The Duke' Morrison test positive for the HIV virus earlier this week.

Morrison joined a short list of professional athletes to have openly acknowledged contracting the virus.

On top of that list is of course National Basketball Association great, Earvin 'Magic' Johnson, who has recently made a return to the game of basketball.

For fans of any sport, to see an idol like Magic or Tommy Morrison contract HIV is heartbreaking.

You see someone you put on a pedestal get knocked off that pedestal.

But as far as giving these two sports giants anymore sympathy than any other HIV or AIDS patient just isn't right.

Instead, it should make sports fans realize that these men and women that we look up to so much, are only as human as the average fan.

Charles Barkley was right when he said, "sports players are not role models." They're not something that a child or even an adult should attempt to pattern their life after.

Athletes in many cases lead care-free lives, such as the case for Morrison, who's lifestyle was labeled by his own promoter Tony Holden as promiscuous.

The misconception is that these athletes are really heroes, rather than role models.

A hero can be anybody that someone admires to a large degree.

A role model instills values and beliefs, and that can't be accomplished on a basketball court or in a boxing ring.

How Magic and Morrison can become role models though, is by educating those kids who look up to them about the harms of unprotected sex and IV drug use.

Kids are more likely to listen to a well recognized athlete or entertainer than a high school guidance counselor.

Johnson has already begun educating others and once Morrison has time to accept his difficult news, he may too begin to affect the beliefs of others.

To some it may appear that Morrison has suffered the greatest knock-out of his shortened career.

But 'The Duke' now has a chance to become a greater champion as a role model than he could have ever become as a boxing hero.

Pointer skaters end nine game struggle

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP hockey team lost Friday night in Lake Forest 4-2, but ended their nine game losing skid with a 5-0 win on Saturday.

On Friday, after a scoreless first period, Lake Forest scored three times in the second. Ryan Aikia scored the only goal for Point in the period, while Mike Zambon added one for the Pointers in the third.

Point's chances were snuffed when Lake Forest's Todd McCaslin scored with 19:28 to go in the third period.

On Saturday, Willy Frericks had a pair of goals while Kevin Plager, Zambon, and Joe Vancik

each added one. Senior goaltender David Fletcher stopped all 25 shots to set a school record for the most career shutouts at five.

Lake Forest center Brian Byrne said after the game, "It's a tough loss for the seniors since it's their last game. We really thought we had them especially after Friday."

Point's next scheduled opponent is UW-Superior on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17 at 7:05 in Superior. Point leads the all-time series against Superior 33-31-1.

NCHA Final Regular Season Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
River Falls	16	3	1	33	64	36
Bemidji State	13	5	2	28	87	71
Superior	12	6	2	26	91	59
St. Norbert	10	8	2	22	88	73
Eau Claire	7	12	1	15	60	80
Stevens Point	7	12	1	15	59	76
Lake Forest	6	13	1	13	56	65
St. Scholastica	4	16	0	8	46	91

"We have to win in Superior and go on to Bemidji or our 1995-96 season is likely over," said Pointer Willy Frericks.

The Yellowjackets have won the last five meetings between the teams, including clipping UWSP from last season's NCAA Division III Playoffs.

Pointers stomp Yellowjackets

By Krista Torgeson
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP men's basketball team split a pair of conference games this past week. In their contest with UW-Eau Claire on February 7, an eight point deficit marked a loss for the 15-7 Pointers.

But UW-Superior, in a home game last Saturday fell victim to UWSP with the same eight point differential.

UW-Eau Claire, 15-5, were sure to be worried after the first half, as the Pointers cut their six point lead to one with a three pointer from freshman Graham Diemer and lay in by senior Brad Hintz.

With just over a minute off the clock in the second half, the Pointers took the lead for the last time with a lay up from Russ Austin.

Stevens Point didn't give up though, and almost fought back from a late eight point margin. The final score was 66-74.

The only UWSP player in double digits was center Mike Paynter with 15 points. Paynter also pulled down a team high nine rebounds and had a strong defensive effort with two blocked shots and two steals.

UW-Superior proved to be no match for the Pointers on Saturday as UWSP rolled to a 97-91 victory.

With four minutes off the clock UWSP took control and never looked back, leading by as much as 23 in the second half.

With five players in double figures the scoring was evenly distributed. Leading the pack was Hintz, Dan Denniston, and Paynter with 23, 20 and 17 points respectively.

Denniston's 20 point performance involved a five for six effort from beyond the three point line. Austin added his 12 points including two three pointers and Diemer added 10 points to the score board.

Diemer and Hintz both dished out five assists a piece while Paynter lead in the boards once again with eight.

Head coach Bob Parker has been pleased with the teams performance and is pretty confident of the team closing this season out with three more victories.

"My expectations are to win them all even though this is the most balanced conference that I have seen in my nine years of coaching. Give or take a few points against Oshkosh and

Platteville and we would be in the top three," said Parker.

Parker also commented on how proud he is of the attitudes of his players. "They are able to bounce back from anything, and they have never given up."

The team welcomed Oshkosh (18-3) on Wednesday and will be hosting UW-La Crosse on February 21 and then will travel to UW-River Falls that following Saturday to close out the regular season.

UWSP-Superior, Stats

Superior (91)

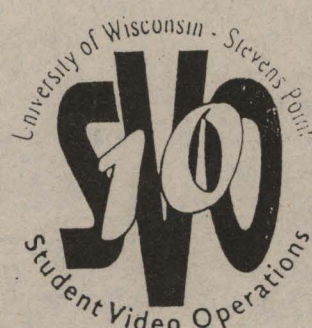
Trippler 1-5 6-7 9, Wilson 1-2 0-0 2, Nelson 1-4 0-0 2, Easley 11-19 8-11 32, Carl 1-3 0-0 2, Jerks 14-18 1-3 31, Ulrich 6-13 1-3 13.

Stevens Point (97)

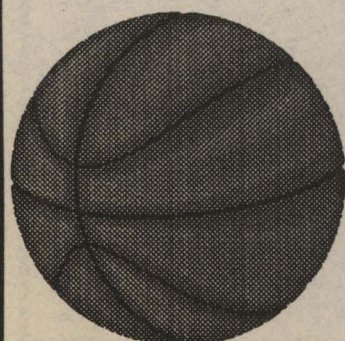
Diemer 2-4 5-8 10, Richardt 2-2 2-2 6, Hintz 8-14 6-6 23, Austin 5-9 0-0 12, Denniston 7-8 1-2 20, Paynter 7-17 3-5 17, Danielson 2-4 0-0 5, Jauch 1-4 0-0 2, Diesthorst 1-1 0-0 2.

Halftime—Stevens Point 42, Superior 36. Fouled out—Jauch, Jerks. Rebounds—Superior 34, Stevens Point 37. Assists—Superior 24, Stevens Point 19. Total Fouls—Superior 24, Stevens Point 20.

Pointer Hoops On SVO



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Last Home Game

UWSP vs.
UW-LaCrosse

Wed. Feb. 21st.

7:00p.m.

Track teams impressive at Invitational

By Cory Wojtalewicz
CONTRIBUTOR

The Eastbay/Pointer Track and Field Invitational was held at the Health Enhancement Center last weekend. Teams from 24 schools competed in the one day event. Both the UWSP men and women performed well.

The Pointer men took second place with 129.33 points. Lewis College took first with 213 points as the Pointers outdistanced third place UW-Oshkosh which finished with 67.5 points.

Chad Johnson took first in the 5000 meter. He covered the distance in 15:07 which was :23 ahead of the competition. Also earning firsts were Chad Robran in the 55 meter hurdles in a time of :07.88, and Craig Anderson in the 200 meter hurdles in a time of :25.53.

Gaining seconds for the Pointers were Craig Huelsman in the 400 meters (50.58 seconds), Brett Witt in the 600 meter (1:22.06), Matt Hayes in the 1000 meter (2:34.57), Ben Douglas in the highjump (1.98 meters) and the 4x400 relay team.

The women also held their own placing fourth with 77 points. Firsts for the Pointer women were earned by Wendi Zak in the 1600m (5:14.47) and Katie Eiring in the Pole Vault (2.20m).

Taking second for Point were Callie Kohl in the Triple Jump (11.08m) and Zak in the 3000m (10:29.0).

The next time the two teams will compete will be on February 24 for the Pointer Invite.

Stevens Point downs Superior, 70-52

By Mike Kemmeter
CONTRIBUTOR

The Pointer women's basketball team was faced with a formidable opponent at home last Wednesday: UW-Eau Claire (16-3, 9-2 WWIAC).

However, a late rally by UWSP was not enough to top the Bluegolds, as they went on to win 67-57.

On Saturday, Point exploded in the second half, outscoring UW-Superior 41-22 in the second half to win 70-52.

The Pointers were able to start off quickly against the nationally ranked Bluegolds, jumping out to a 6-0 lead.

Eau Claire stormed back to tie the game at 13-13 on a Tonya DeBroux three pointer. A Terri Crum jumper stretched the Point lead to four, but Eau Claire answered and tied the game again at 17-17, UWSP would never see the lead again.

The Bluegolds extended their 38-29 halftime lead to as large as sixteen points in the second half. However, the Pointers didn't quit.

After a Savonte Walker lay in and two Marnie Boario free throws, UWSP found themselves down nine with 1:13 to go. Boario then hit a huge three with 44 seconds left on the clock to pull Point within six.

Following a time-out, Daniel Sweo fouled UWEC's Tanya Bauer. Bauer came up big in the

clutch, sinking both free throws to put the game away.

Both teams were ice cold from the floor, shooting 32%.

Christina Bergman recorded a double-double for Stevens Point, with 14 points and 11 boards.

Boario and Walker added 12 apiece in the losing effort.

On Saturday in Superior, UWSP found themselves down by as many as nine points in the middle of the first half, but were able to rally, beating the Yellowjackets 70-52.

A 9-2 run ending at the 7:06 mark of the first brought Point within one, 21-20. Superior extended the lead back to five with just over a minute left, but two Terri Crum jumpers pulled the Pointers within one at the buzzer, 30-29.

Stevens Point exploded in the second half with two big runs to blow out Superior. A Bergman layin just seconds into the half put Point up by one, a lead they would not relinquish.

The Yellowjackets stayed within three until the Pointers erupted, going on a 12-2 run to take an eleven point advantage with ten minutes to go.

Superior whittled the lead back down to four, 56-52, with 4:27 left, but Point held off the charge and went on another run. The Yellowjackets missed their last eight shots of game, and Point outscored them 14-0 in the

final minutes to get the eighteen point victory.

Bergman had another huge game, scoring 17 points on a scorching 7 of 9 shooting.

She also added 13 rebounds, four of them coming on the offensive end.

Danyel Sweo also was on fire, connecting on 7 of her nine attempts to score 16 points.

Sweo also had six boards, two assists, and four steals. Sarah McLaughlin added 10 points, as well as grabbing seven rebounds.

Summer Lamontagne led Superior with 12 points. The whole Yellowjacket team shot poorly, connecting on just a dismal 29% from the floor.

The Pointers face another very tough test on Wednesday at UW-Oshkosh.

The Titans are undefeated on the season, 22-0 overall and 13-0 in the WWIAC.

Stevens Point returns home for a nonconference game Saturday afternoon against Lakeland College.

Wrestlers dominate St. Thomas Pointers head to Platteville for conference tourney

By Joe Trawitzki
CONTRIBUTOR

Last Friday, the UWSP wrestling squad ventured to Augsburg University, attempting to prove themselves to be the top team in the nation. When they left for the dual meet, the Pointers had been wrestling like champions.

However, Augsburg displayed what it takes to be the best. The defending national champions, who are currently ranked second in the nation, beat the Pointers 25-9.

The Pointers managed to win only three of the ten matches. Shawn Riege (142) won by a 10-3 decision while Jamie Hildebrandt (167), and Perry Miller (HWT) squeaked out one point victories. Hildebrandt's opponent Cliff Casteel is ranked as one of the top eight wrestlers in Division III.

The Pointers could have looked at the loss to the Auggies as a major setback, but instead they rebounded.

UWSP 31, St. Thomas 10

The team quickly turned around to beat St. Thomas 31-10 on Saturday in their final dual meet of the season.

The victory served a moral purpose as the Pointers, banged up from the night before, forfeited two weight classes. UWSP controlled every match they wrestled. The closest match was decided by six points.

This week the team tries to heal their injuries and defend their WSUC championship. The conference tournament will be held this Saturday in Platteville. Action is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m.

The tournament also serves as the qualifying event for the national tournament to be held March 1 and 2 in Cortland, New York.

Kickers to start indoor season

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP men's soccer team will host an indoor soccer tournament at Quandt Fieldhouse on March 9 and 10. The event kicks off the indoor season. The Pointers finished their outdoor season just one goal short of making it to nationals.

Senior defensemen Craig Zipper says, "I'm really looking forward to this tournament, our success depends on our goalkeeping."

Brian Dredrekeo, the senior goal keeper is coming off a strong outdoor season and shows promise.

Junior striker Dave Fischer explains, "This year we are only playing two indoor tournaments, we should do well, we're looking forward to next fall."

Quote of the Week

“All he does is give you a better pyramid in the team photo.”

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-An unidentified coach of the New Jersey Nets commenting on the Nets decision to acquire 7'6" center Shawn Bradley earlier in the year.

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ARTIST/WRITER: FRANK MILLER
PUBLISHER: DARK HORSE

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For a first issue, this book takes a surprising number of twists and turns, including the main character having a heart condition.

The only fault in this book is that once you've turned the last page, you'll be anxious for the next installment. As always, Frank Miller's use of shadows and black tones is incredible. His style is being imitated more and more by new artists, which only goes to show—Frank Miller is *God*.

SIN CITY: THAT YELLOW BASTARD is a must buy for anyone interested in comics.

—Jason Breunig

Four Shōjo Stories

ARTISTS: KEIKO NISHI, MOTO HAGIO, SHIO SATO
PUBLISHER: VIZ COMMUNICATIONS

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"They Were Eleven", by Moto Hagio, is about ten Galactic University students stranded on a derelict spaceship for a final exam...but when they arrive, there are eleven of them—one is an impostor. My personal fave.

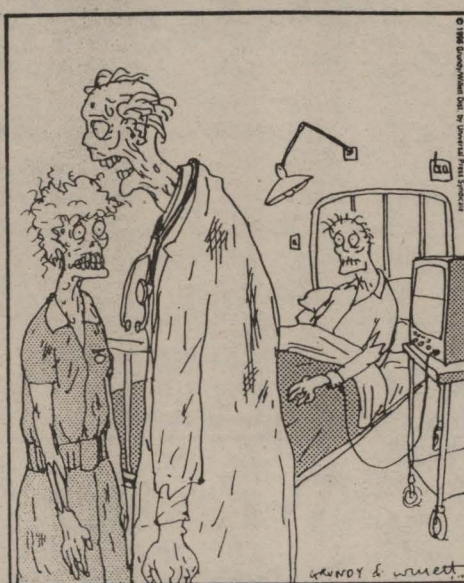
"The Changeling", by Shio Sato is about a woman who finds a utopian society whose inhabitants have found a disturbing way to keep the peace. *Disturbing*.

All these stories have a depth you won't find in many comic books. Amazing stuff.

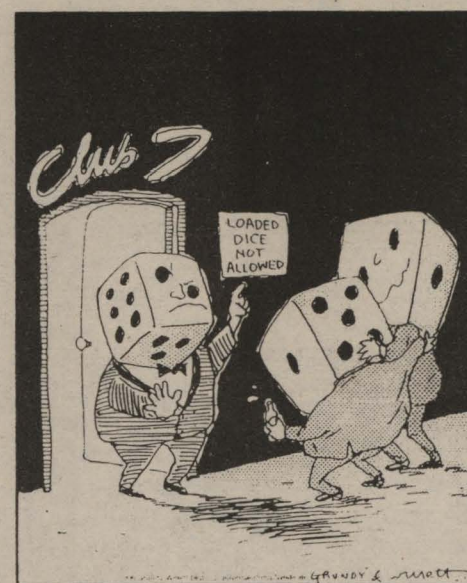
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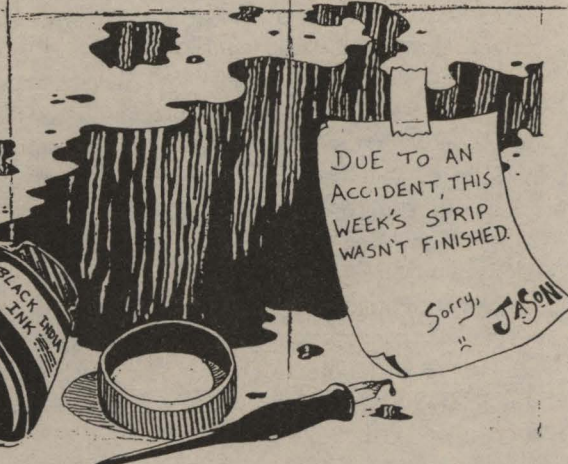


"We nearly lost him. His heart started beating for a couple of minutes."



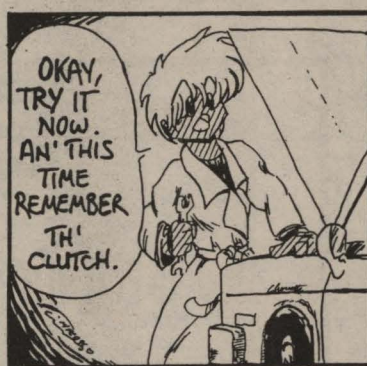
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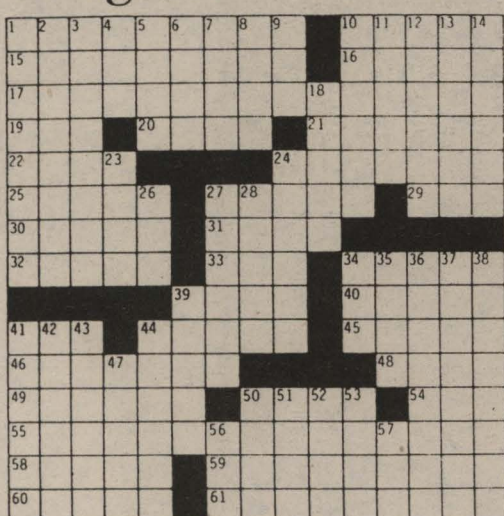
collegiate crossword

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- 10 Juicy fruit
- 15 At stake (3 wds.)
- 16 On construction work
- 17 O'Neill play (3 wds.)
- 19 Male sheep (Br.)
- 20 Acute
- 21 "Fidels"
- 22 Give off
- 24 Tornado
- 25 Ramble (2 wds.)
- 27 In the middle, for short
- 29 Madison Avenue output
- 30 Journal item
- 31 Like some college courses
- 32 Sierra
- 33 Cager's target
- 34 Park in Quebec
- 39 Nine, in Venice
- 40 Galahad's garb
- 41 Cul-de-
- 44 Entertained, in part
- 45 Climbing plant
- 46 — post
- 48 Certain sandwiches
- 49 Wandering
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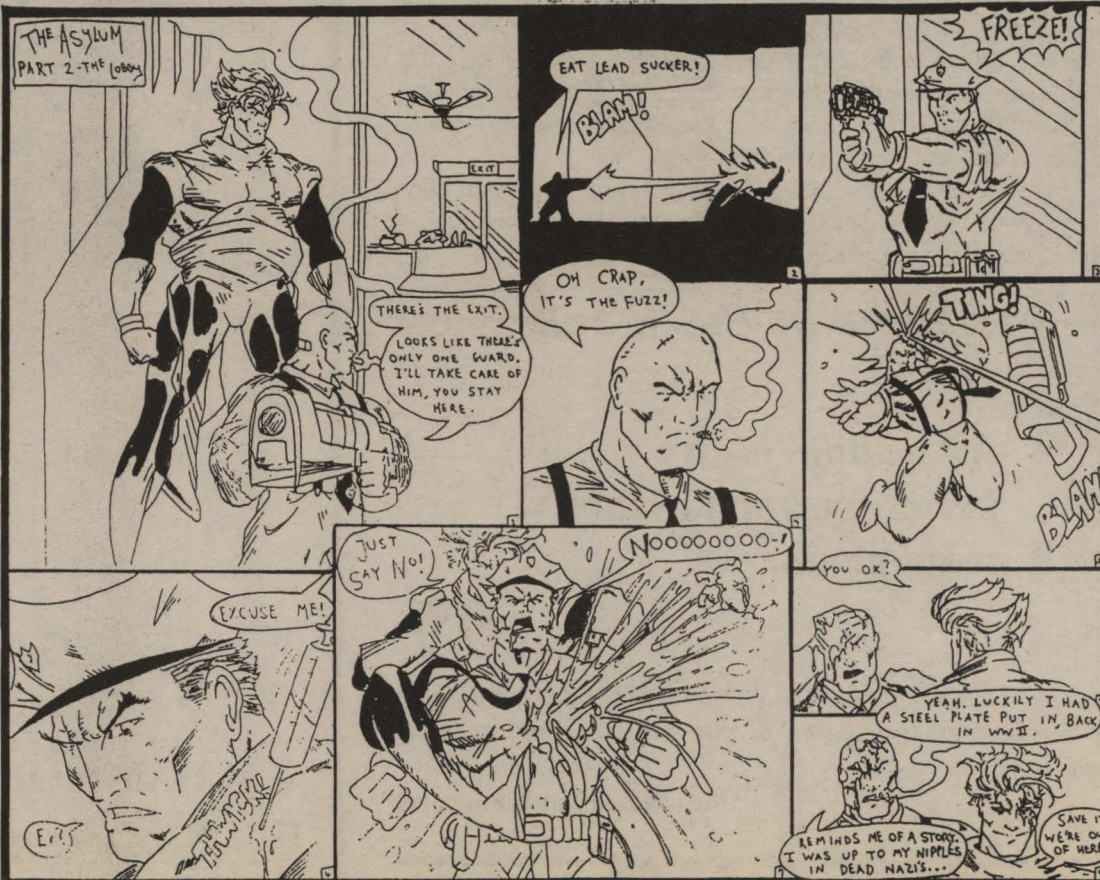
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- 5 Have care or concern



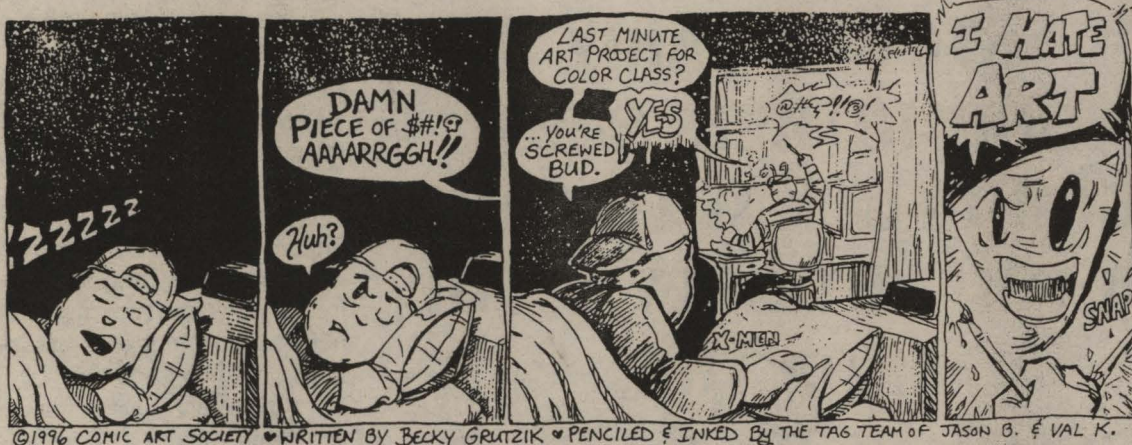
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- 13 Stroked, as an animal
- 14 Anesthetics
- 18 Imitated a crow
- 23 Hitchcock's "Curtain"
- 24 Named
- 26 Comedian Louis
- 27 Big crowd
- 28 forgo
- 34 Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 35 "A wrong'd thought will break — of steel" — Chapman
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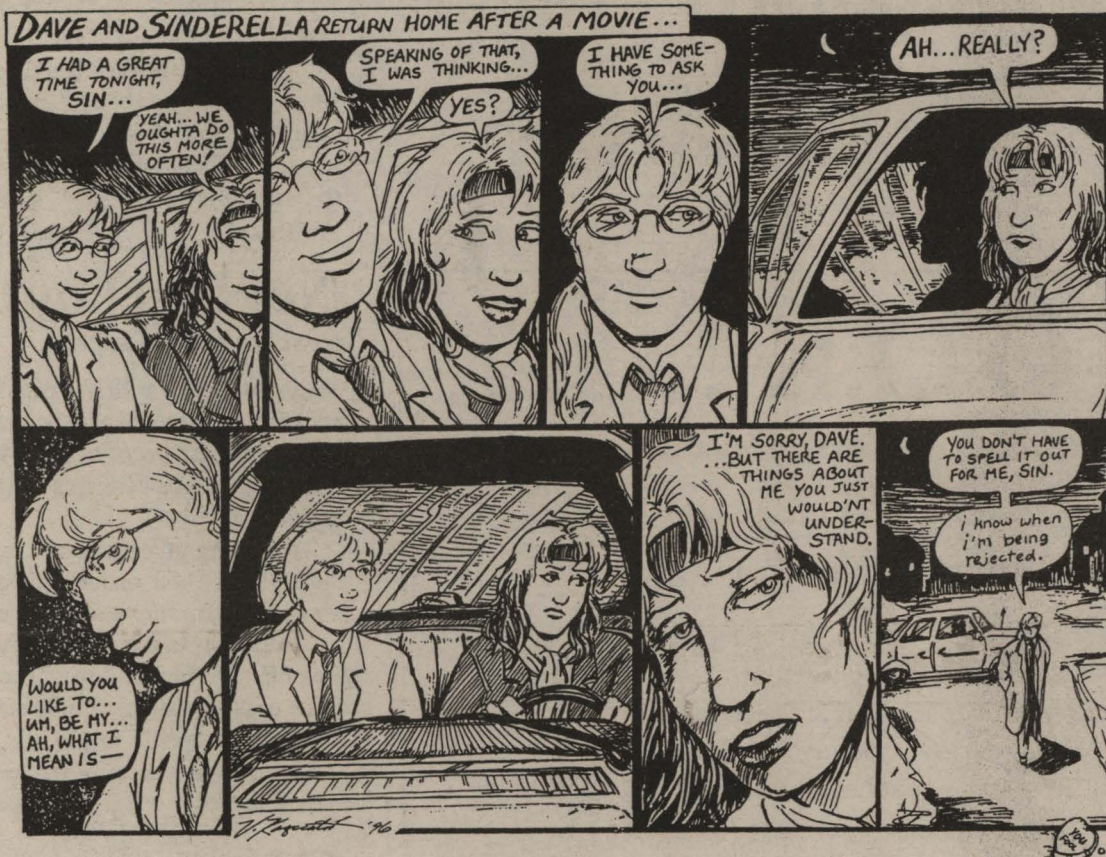
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by Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

CHAPTER 15 (CONTINUED)

CIA agent Garret stepped out of his government issued jeep and crossed the street. Two more agents were walking up the sidewalk. They stopped in front of 2454 Cambridge Street. Agent Garret had already crossed in front of them and was moving up the front walk.

They spread out and crossed the yard behind Garret, reaching the porch just after him.

There was an agent on each side of the house and two more in the backyard. Across the street, at 2451, an agent sat in the upstairs window, a rifle trained on the front door.

Agent Garret knocked on the front door, an agent standing on either side of him. There was no reply.

"Go on three, two, one..." whispered Garret into a tiny microphone that curved down from his right ear.

A moment later, Garret slipped a gun from his pocket and gave the door a swift kick. It swung open, and he dashed inside, moving to the left, gun extended.

The agent that had been standing on his left, followed him through the door, moving to the right, and was immediately followed by the last man.

At the back of the house, the two agents kicked through the door and burst into the kitchen.

The men standing on each side of the house were there to make sure no one got out. But there was no need.

"The house is unoccupied, sir."

"All right, check each room. Look for anything suspicious."

Garret walked into the kitchen. He started leafing through some papers on the table, but stopped when he found a string of small photographs.

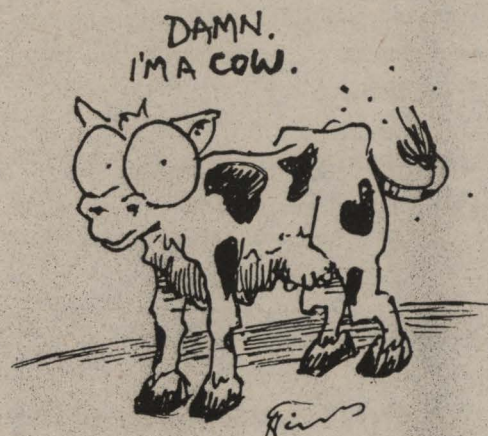
"Looks like our man was making a fake ID," Garret commented to another agent.

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Aegis

by Becky Grutzik



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TOUCHE

Tips

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people's feelings into consideration.

"I think the discussions were very helpful. I liked hearing from the guys in my group and their perspectives."

Bobbi Jo Watkins, a Pray-Sims CA who was in charge of advertising and getting speakers for the program topic, also participated in the group discussions.

"I think this is really important," said Watkins, "Communication problems are the biggest things that separate many people."

"I think men and women are always going to be different, but we can still be equal as human beings."

"Relationship Week is a time when you focus on the people you care about, and if you care about them, you should make an effort to understand them," said Watkins.

Net blackout

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out, in that people with web pages are encouraged to display a blue ribbon on their pages to signify their displeasure with this new legislation.

According to a statement by the EFF, "The blue ribbon will be a way to raise awareness of these

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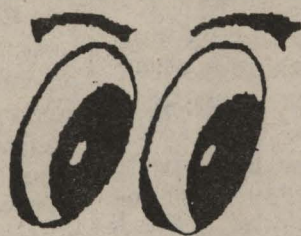
Obey

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He feels that the only way citizens can eliminate the threat of lobbying groups and PAC organizations is to fund the campaigns through tax revenue or other public means.

As for education, Obey is concerned about a trend that continues to take large bites out of educational funding.

"One of the goals of government is to try and create the conditions to provide opportunities for people who want to get off their duff," said Obey.



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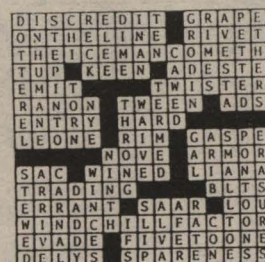
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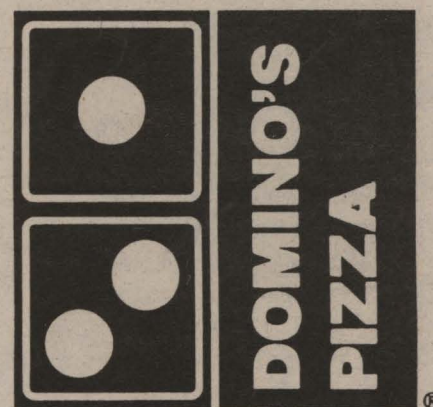


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