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'97 SGA Presidential Elections

By Kris Wagner
NEWS EDITOR

Three candidates have jumped into the election ring to battle for the position of next year's Student Government Association's president. UW-SP students can vote for next year's student president and their running mates March 4-6. Polls will be set up in the University Center (UC) between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and in the Debot Center from 4-6 p.m. Along with presidential ballots, students can also vote for student senators.



Lahner and Finan

Running for president, Ann Finan, along with Kevin Lahner as vice president, have created a campaign platform that would focus on a more diverse population, a university at the forefront in environment topics and responsibilities, and improving faculty-student advising.

"I believe Kevin and I represent what students want," said Finan, a senior who has served as SGA

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Toomey and Rogers

Scott Toomey, running for president, will be assisted by Doug Rogers in the stride to win the presidential campaign. They plan on fulfilling students' requests, working on extracurricular activities, including being involved with key decisions that involve the university.

"I think a lot of students at UW-SP feel that SGA is above students on cloud nine," said Toomey, a jun-

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Houfe and Vig

Sara Houfe and running mate Steve Vig both will be seeking a win in the presidential election. Some of their political stands include increasing the use of technology and access to computer labs, restructuring SGA, and recruiting minority students.

"There have been a lot of complaints of SGA not being professional... we want to make sure SGA

SEE HOUFE ON PAGE 14

Private funds boost university budget

By Linda Jeske
CONTRIBUTOR

Being a UW-System means getting a lot of funding from the state of Wisconsin, but a boost in private funding has helped UW-Stevens Point stay afloat. The 1996-1997 UW-SP budget received 39% from the state.

The remaining percentage was non-state funding including tuition, program revenue, federal funding, and gifts and grants. According to the Chancellor, the increase in private funding continues to rise.

"If we're going to function as a higher quality institution, we should have more funds from other sources coming in," said Chancellor Thomas George. "I think it's a healthy activity to be involved in. I think we should try to get private funds."

Private funds can be a number of things. The can range from industry grants to a donation given by an alumni. Reliability of the sources can be questionable,

but according to the Chancellor, these funds are more reliable than you would think.

"Over the last four years, they have actually been more reliable than state funds," said George.

The Chancellor adds that private funding is a trend that actually builds itself and does not vary erratically.

"Once you establish that solid base and that way of giving (the alumni that have been giving) actually it turns out to be a very stable source of funds," said George.

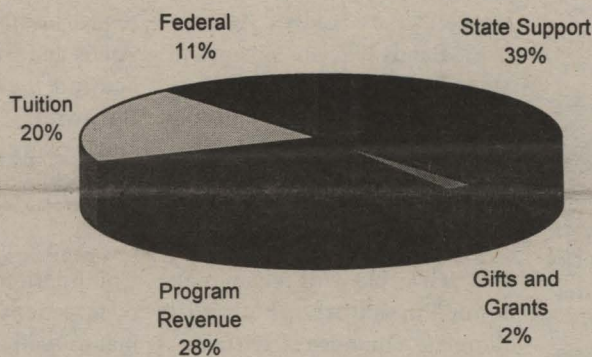
George also favors private funding because it's a good backup plan. "If the state makes cuts, it's not as devastating if we have other sources of funds."

The university is planning to continue its search for private funding by hiring a new Executive Director of the Foundation. This person will help the university continue its reliance on private funding.

George says state funding is also expected to

increase for the next school year's budget. Additional money is expected to go towards increased technology. However, non-state funding will still outweigh state funding for UW-SP.

1996-97 UW-SP Budget Divisions



Key financial aid components up for review

By Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Congress is in the preliminary stages of reauthorizing an important piece of legislation that could affect students nationwide. In a process that occurs every five years, Washington

lawmakers are reviewing the Federal Financial Aid program.

Passed in 1965, the Higher Education Act can be altered when it up for review. Congress is able to extend or limit the amount of money available for Federal Grants, lower or raise

student loan interest rates, and alter the need-analysis formula used to determine those eligible for aid.

Tim Casper, President of United Council (UC) said there are three primary areas in which UC would like to see reformed by Congress: Pell grants, Stu-

dent Incentive grants and loan origination fees.

Pell grants are an important source of money available for college students. In fact, Pell grants are the largest source of free undergraduate money,

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90 FM tunes into new alternative format

By Jason R. Renkens
CONTRIBUTOR

Listeners tuning into 90 FM WWSP, the university radio-station, will hear a more "listener-friendly" format. The station is retaining its alternative and modern rock focuses while creating smaller divisions within those categories and a new programming clock.

Previously, 90 FM, which broadcasts on 11,500 watts and has a broadcasting radius of 60 miles, had only three basic stacks, or divisions, of music including popular, special interest, and new bands. Accompanying the small number of divisions was an overwhelming number of choices in a particular stack.

"DJ's tended to play only those selections that satisfied their individual tastes," said Amy Heart, the station's

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Sheri Piecuch spins some tunes on one of 90 FM's newly formatted programs. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

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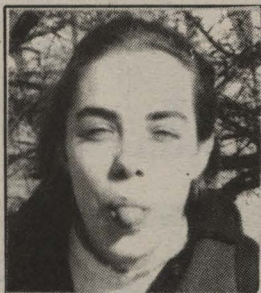
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What do you think about the university lowering their admission standards?



Becky Tesch
ART, JUNIOR

"I think it's bad. Standards should always only go up."



Carrie Kostechka
COMM, JUNIOR

"I think if they lower their standards any more they'll have even more freaky chicks like me here, and that would be too overwhelming."



Greg Holman
COMM., SOPHOMORE

"Great! It will give us more stupid people to make fun of!"



Sara Rolszewski
HEALTH PROM. SOPHOMORE

"It will give more people a chance to get a college education."

Radio

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programming manager, "and would cause a large number of listeners to tune out for an extended period of time."

The new programming clock, a tool used to guide a DJ in the selection process, reflects the variety in the revised music stacks and will make "the listening hour more appealing to the general audience and its wide range of ages and tastes," said Heart.

The new organization of music has seven different divisions they are represented to some extent during those listening hours which are not devoted to specialty shows, like the nightly news and jazz programs.

R.E.M. and similar types of bands which led the way in the alternative rock movement are categorized as "Classic Alternative". Bands like Green Day and Stone Temple Pilots, who have carved a niche in the industry created by the classic alternative groups, are categorized as "Basic Standards."

New bands still have their own stack, but will undergo an annual inventory which will eliminate a number of selections each year and keep the section "new."

"Loud Rock" is its own division and contains three sub-divisions: aggressive, industrial, and punk. Bands like Rage Against the Machine are under aggressive; Industrial artists include

Ministry, and bands like The Descendents are punk.

Artists whose musical styles tend to be more mellow, like Tori Amos and Bjork, gain their own section entitled "Singer-Songwriter." The separate division ensures that they are not "passed up" in regular programming.

"Ska" and "Soundtracks/Compilations" are given their own sections under the new format as well, in order to guarantee their play during a given listening hour.

"Most veteran DJs like the new format because of its power to attract a broader listening audience," said Heart. "(The) new DJ's are given guidelines by which they can easily appeal to everyone's tastes.



Campus Beat

Monday, Feb. 24

- An individual called about a suspicious bottle in front of the Communications Building. The officer found nothing out of the ordinary.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- The manager of Tremors requested an officer because a male individual was hit in the face.

- A Community Advisor (CA) in Hansen Hall requested an officer to the Neale Hall Circle because of a loud group of people.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- An individual from Hyer reported damage to a screen on the third floor stairwell.

- A concerned individual reported that only one camera was working at the basketball game. SVO was notified of the problem.

- An anonymous caller informed Protective Services of a man looking for cans in the South Debot dumpster. Officer asked the man to leave, he did, but gave the impression he would return.

Friday, Feb. 21

- Individuals on Portage Court Rd. were shooting bottle rockets out their front door at the transit van. The Steven Point Police Department was notified for a follow up.

- A person from the LRC reported some concerns. He and his staff had an unknown individual in the library who, over a period of time, had been abusive and rude to his staff.

Thursday, Feb. 20

- An individual from Hyer Hall reported that his phone was taken from his room earlier in the week.

- An abandoned bike was found in Lot A.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

According to a Stevens Point City ordinance, an individual can be fined \$92.30 for an unregistered bike. If the bike is registered in a different city it doesn't have to be reregistered unless the ownership of the bike changes. A lifetime bicycle registration costs \$3 and can be purchased at the Stevens Point Police Department. Bicyclists must obey traffic regulations. Citations are issued for running stop signs and red lights, no light on a bike at night, and other traffic violations. A proof of ownership must be shown if a bike is stolen and picked up by the police. The bike's serial number should be recorded and its ownership manual should be kept in a safe place. Always keep your bike locked.

- This tip is contributed by the Crime Prevention Office.

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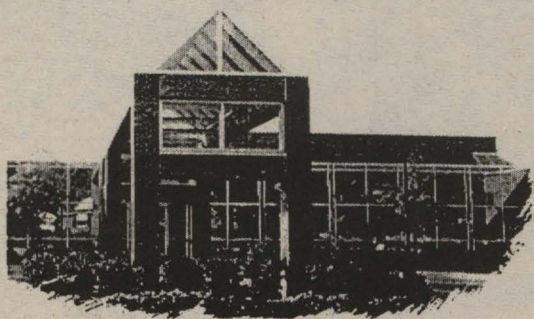
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WORLD NEWS

LONDON, ENGLAND

• If John Major's Conservative government wins the election this spring, they plan to sell London's run-down subway system. Transportation Secretary Sir George Young did not say whether the subway would be sold in one piece or separated into smaller "operating companies."

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

• Scottish researchers have successfully cloned a lamb. The clone was created by using genetic material from the mother's udder. Before the Scottish success, attempts to clone had been met with failure.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON D.C.

• A seven-inch stack of documents released Tuesday revealed President Clinton proposed top Democratic Party donors be invited to stay overnight in the White House, in exchange for support. Celebrities such as Tom Hanks and mayors such as Willie Brown, mayor of San Francisco, are included on a list with identities of some 938 guests.

MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA

• Millionaire John du Pont was found guilty of third-degree murder, but was also found to be mentally ill in the January 26 shooting death of Olympic wrestler David Schultz.

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

EAU CLAIRE

• Forty-six-year-old James Peterson was sentenced to seven months in jail and seven months probation for sexually assaulting Jessyca Mullenberg five years ago. The Eau Claire man was convicted for assaulting Mullenberg last month. Two other men have already been convicted for assaulting Mullenberg in separate incidents.

TOMAH

• Twenty-three students were forced to the hospital after a canister of pepper spray was dispersed on a school bus on Tuesday. According to school district Transportation Director Gary Sartorius, most of the children were treated for stinging and burning sensations in the throat. The individual responsible faces expulsion.

MADISON

• The Ho-Chunk Nation and the city of Madison are nearing a deal that will bring a casino and bingo hall to the city's east side. City and tribe officials report they are working to bring utilities, police, and fire protection to the site that lies just off Interstate 90.

GREEN BAY

• Two men convicted for the murder of Thomas Monfils were denied a new trial despite new testimony from a prosecution witness who now claims he lied during trial. A jury convicted Michael Hirn, Reynold Moore, Keith Kutska, and Michael Piskowski in the Nov. 22, 1992 death of the paper mill worker.

Aid

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said Paul Watson, UW-Stevens Point's Assistant Financial Aid Director. "Pell grants are given out based on a formula determined by the Federal Government," said Watson.

Casper said UC would like the formula to change so it involves more students. "We'd like to see increased funding for the Pell Grant system. We'd like to see it serve more students," he said.

Another grant UC would like to increase is the State Student Incentive Grant.

Casper said this grant is funded by federal government and state governments. "It's a need-based grant," he said. "The Federal Government puts up a certain amount of money and the state matches those funds."

Ann Finan, Legislative Issues Director for Student Government Association, said, "The grant is very important. It helps at-risk students, minorities, and helps to first generation students, which Stevens Point has a great deal of,

in America, in order to make college more affordable.

However, many students are not aware they are charged an origination fee if they receive a Stafford or Perkins' loan. Casper commented that students are charged a four percent fee of their total loan to get their financial aid information processed by the bank.

Both Casper and Finan agree on the issue of origination fees. In Finan's opinion, the fee does not make sense. "We're paying for money we never see," Casper added, "Why should students have to pay to receive money?"

Overall, Casper feels it's important to retain funding for the grant programs. "The trend has been shifting away from grants to student loans. We need to fund the grant program to help insure students can afford to stay in school."

Post cards reach out to legislators

Because the Higher Education Act of 1965 is being reauthorized, UW-Stevens Point's Student Government Association (SGA) and United Council are sponsoring a postcard campaign designed to get in touch with Wisconsin's legislators.

According to Ann Finan, Legislative Issues Director for SGA, "Our goal is to encourage students to contact their legislators and ask support for increased financial aid."

Postcards will be sent to Representatives Obey and Petri, and Senators Kohl and Feingold. They will be available in the SGA offices, from all student legislators, and eventually in classrooms and at booths in the University Center concourse.

Finan says the campaign will last until April 4. "After which three or four of UW-Stevens Point's senators will travel to Washington D.C. to hand deliver the messages to the legislators."

and encourages them to start school." Casper said, "It's important to keep federal dollars for this so the state will continue to contribute funds."

Applying for loans has become a commonplace for students

SGA booth allows students to grade landlords

By Ann Finan
CONTRIBUTOR

UW-Stevens Point students will have the opportunity to let other students know what they liked and what they didn't like about their landlords. Student Government Association is currently compiling Landlord Scorecards. A Landlord Scorecard is a form that asks for your name and the name of your landlord. It allows you to rate your landlord and your apartment in such areas as safety, facilities, and overall quality. Students can fill out a Scorecard at a booth which will be in the Concourse periodically, or the SGA office in the basement of the UC in the Campus Activities area.

The Scorecards will be compiled by SGA and made available for students to look at in the SGA office, similar to the Course Source, a compilation of syllabi. The Scorecards will be arranged according to Landlord or Renting Company so that students can easily find the landlord they wish to research.

This project stems from all the complaints that SGA has heard about renting situations. SGA feels that by giving information to students, they can make well-informed decisions about who to rent from and can compare their problems to those of other students.

If students are concerned about safety issues or feel that their apartment is not up to code, they can contact the City Inspector's office.

Skit features the pulse of education

Topping a week of educating students on issues relating to the State Budget and the UW-System, Mike Kurer, a senator from the CNR, and Scott Toomey, senator from Letters and Science, will be performing in the Encore.

During lunch on Thursday, Feb. 27, they will perform a skit entitled "Education is the Pulse of WI."

"We're very concerned that students hear about what's happening in Madison- that and we have a flair for unorthodox methods!" said Kurer.



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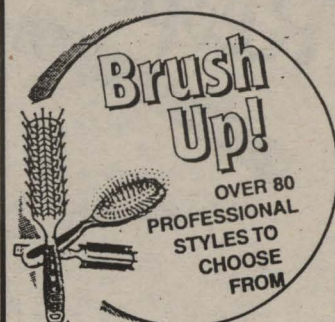
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Racing fan slams "In the Zone"

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to last week's "In the Zone" by Mike Kemmeter, which argued that auto racing is not a sport and the drivers and pit crews are not athletes. I think Kemmeter lacked a lot of information on the sport of auto racing.

I will first address the fact that auto racing drivers are very athletic. Just because you cannot see a driver in the race does not mean he or she isn't "pouring out their efforts." Their cars do not handle like your everyday car. It takes a lot of concentration and you must be physically fit.

Imagine driving in a one mile oval at over 130mph for 400 miles in less than four hours. Your everyday truck drivers and travelers could not do this. It was also overlooked that about 95% of all NASCAR drivers and teams go through a workout pro-

gram daily. Most have a regular gym, with weight benches and cardiovascular equipment, right on hand at the shops.

Theoretically, he or she could not weigh over 300 pounds, as Kemmeter suggested, to get behind the wheel and race. Gilbert Brown could not get behind the wheel and compete. He is not in the same shape as a race car driver to go the distance.

It is wrong to compare a football athlete with a basketball athlete because their sports are different and require different training. So it is also wrong to compare a football, basketball, or baseball athlete with an auto racing athlete. They all train in different ways.

The car is not the athlete, as Kemmeter argued. It is merely the equipment the athlete uses. It is no different than baseball where the bat, ball, and gloves are the equipment and the players are

the athletes using the equipment. If you were to say the car in auto racing is the athlete, then wouldn't it be fair to say a bat, ball, and glove are athletes too?

It is true that auto racing does deal with a lot of strategy, however, is auto racing the only sport that deals with strategy? I thought when a basketball team calls a time out with ten seconds to go and down by three, they were talking about strategy. To say that because auto racing deals with strategy, therefore it can not be a sport, automatically eliminates baseball, basketball, and football from being sports.

I hope this opens the eyes of many people. To compare athletes and their sports is wrong. The only thing sports have in common is their willingness to work hard and be the best in their sport, whether it be auto racing or basketball.

Jason Mechelke

Assistant explains lab policies

Dear Editor:

The computer labs are often the cause of frustration for many students. I know this because I was a lab assistant for three semesters and I am a student. The computer labs have faults just like a lot of things on campus. The difference is that students somehow feel that in the computer labs there is a single responsible person that can be appealed to. This individual does not exist. Information Technology is governed by the same body as other departments, making easy solutions difficult.

One problem is the overall fear of computers, which in turn leads to low tolerance and a short fuse. I would like to address some of the problems and sources that occur in the computer lab.

If a lab assistant is at a computer station and the lab is full, you as a student have the right to their computer. You shouldn't have to ask for it but sometimes you will.

The computer labs are open from 8a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8a.m.-4p.m. on Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday. The LRC has extended hours on Thursday and Sunday. I have noticed that certain hours of the day are busier than others and this forces me to go to the labs during the slow hours. These hours include early in the morning and late at night.

Another nice thing about the computer labs is that they have phones so that you can call to see if there are any stations open.

As far as class reservations go, the CPS lab is reserved three times a week, the LRC is reserved four times during the week, and the Science East lab is reserved once. Other labs have more reservations but there are three labs with a combined total 19 hours reserved during the week. The 1996-97 Lab Reservation Policy states that if a class does not fill the lab to capacity, the extra stations are available to students as long as they are not disruptive and don't print.

The labs are not poorly organized-rather, they are meticulously organized. Take time to read the Lab Policies and then take advantage of the rights that you have.

Chad Hessin

Maas builds on editorial's reasoning

Dear Editor:

Last week in Chris Keller's editorial ("Sales tax on illegal drugs is nonsense") Keller wrote, "Instead of concentrating on a ridiculous law, why doesn't the Wisconsin Legislature spend their time making laws that actually fight crime than waiting for drug dealers to turn themselves in?"

Good question, but that's not the worst of it. The government's

War On Drugs is filling the nation's prisons with an overflow of nonviolent drug users. As a consequence, more violent rapists and murderers are being released to prey on innocent Americans.

According to a Justice Department report in early February, 134,300 violent sex criminals were released on parole or probation in 1994. Only 99,300 sex criminals remained behind bars that year.

According to figures from the Justice Department, the average rapist serves only 5.2 years on jail, and the average murderer serves only 8.6 years. By contrast, the average time served for possession of LSD is 10.1 years, and many Americans are serving mandatory minimum sentences of 20 to 25 years.

Every one of those nonviolent drug prisoners occupies a cell that could have been used to keep a violent criminal locked up.

It's time for Wisconsin to re-examine our drug laws. We have to make a choice: Do we want the police to protect us from being hurt — or spend their time arresting teenagers for smoking marijuana?

Unfortunately, politicians have already made that decision — and chose to keep spending billions on the doomed War on Drugs. As a result, the blood of more and more innocent victims is on the hands of the politicians, who are too busy strutting and preening as macho Drug Warriors to notice the carnage their policies have caused.

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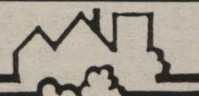
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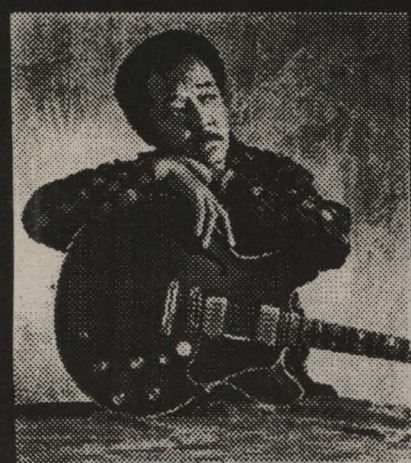
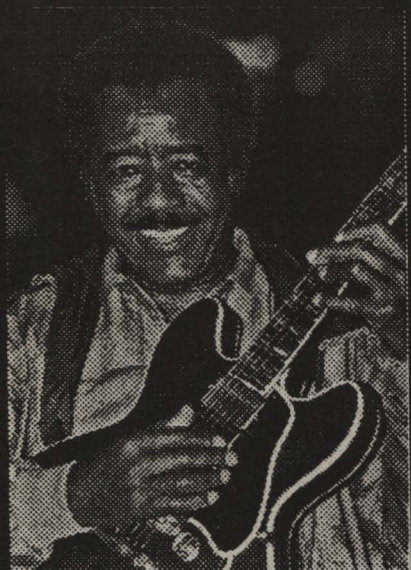
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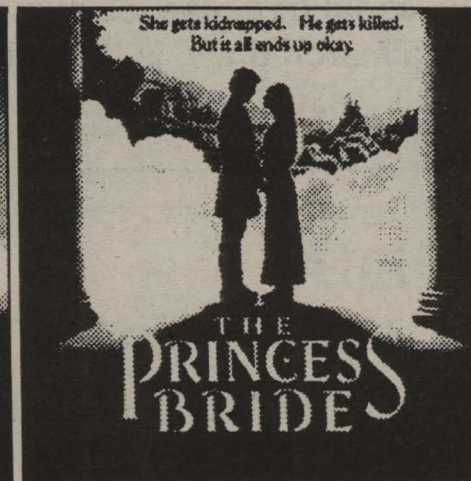
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Expecting the unexpected ensures a safer backpacking trip

By Kris Wagner
NEWS EDITOR

Hitting the dirt trail for a first time backpacker can either become a life-threatening or life-filling experience. To avoid an unpleasant trip in the wilderness, a hiker must prepare for all of mother nature's little surprises; some hikers may even call them nature's own fill-in-the-blank test.

Many hours of planning and preparation must

be thought through before taking the first stride on an overnight or multiple night excursion. Planning includes making a list of all the necessities and finalizing trip plans.

"Plan for the unexpected," said Craig Ziolkowski, a worker at UW-Stevens Point Recreational Services. "Just about anything can happen."

Another UW-SP student, Al Frohlich, emphasized the need for preparation. "Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially in the spring."

A few trips last spring break prove that bad things just don't happen to the other guy.

The UW-SP Trippers Club was caught in a fluke snow storm in the Appalachian Mountains.

Another group of UW-SP students (the author of this story in-

cluded) hiked into a northern Tennessee cold front that dumped about eight inches of snow.

The snow caused members of the group to hike in wet, sopping clothes. In addition, one of them started suffering from the beginning stages of hypothermia.

The group had to split apart, one half pitching a tent to stay warm, while the other half sought help by crossing 40 degree, rock bottom streams.

Both groups luckily returned to Stevens Point with all their members; they even reported all of their phalanges intact.

Learning how to read a trail map and using a compass will ensure hikers a positive outcome of their trip.

One of the biggest ways to spoil an extended hiking trip is to get lost.

The type of equipment you use can determine how successful a first-time trip will turn out. Beginning hikers shouldn't be discouraged by high-priced equipment.

Many organizations and stores rent equipment for relatively cheap prices. To guarantee comfort, experienced hikers rec-



UW-SP students Will Boyd (left) and Al Frohlich look over a trail map while hiking in Big South Fork National Forest in Tennessee. (photo left) To ensure dry feet Will Boyd puts on his hiking boots while inside the tent. (Photos by Kris Wagner)

ommend good boots, a warm sleeping bag, a sleeping pad, and a waterproof tent.

Before leaving home, Ziolkowski suggests that a begin-

ner backpacker should practice packing and unpacking their pack as well as getting used to all of their equipment, especially the weight of the bag itself.

"One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of a March thaw, is the spring."

Aldo Leopold

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Sturgeon spearing not for impatient

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I've heard it's like looking up at the sky through your chimney and waiting for a duck to fly over.

Or watching an unplugged television. Not just for a while. We're talking days, weeks, even years. A decade of being skunked is common in this sport. One 72-year-old man has yet to spear a single sturgeon after 50 winters of waiting.

You get the idea...nothing. Blank. Boring. You sit in the shadows of your out-house shanty and stare through a rectangle at frigid water, and wait. That's it.

On February 15th, midway through the two-week season, the DNR counted 3,991 shacks with an average of one to five spearmen patiently waiting in each. The population of that nomadic ice village would dwarf many towns in rural Wisconsin.

Why do so many people spend so much time waiting for a bottom-dwelling scavenger that is so

ugly it would scare the paint off your living room wall? I asked a veteran spearer for the secret.

"After you get your first one of those monsters thrashing around your shack, you're hooked for life," said Luke Moder, still a little mad over not spearing a fish after two weeks of waiting. He and his brother Jack have combined for a remarkable eight sturgeon over the past seven years.

"You feel a lot of camaraderie with the other spearmen," said Moder. "On a typical day, my brother and I get out there by daybreak then alternate watching every hour."

After a while, even the most fanatical spearer gets tired. Moder took a week vacation and spent about eight hours on guard each day. Thirty of those hours were alone.

Part of the problem, which seems to be a Winnebago phenomenon, is the lack of other fish to watch through the holes.

Spearmen scratch their heads in confusion wondering why they're

lucky to see a minnow swim by, in a shallow lake holding everything from walleye to bullheads in plentiful numbers.

The most exciting thing to watch in the water this year was millions of white globs thought to be the remnants of dead algae.

Besides the mysterious globs, visibility conditions on Winnebago were clear enough to bag 1,290 sturgeon. Of those fish, 535 were male, 753 were female, and two were somewhere in between (unknown).

The average size was 54.5 inches and 36 pounds. The largest was a 74 incher that weighed 118 pounds with an estimated age between 38 and 44 years. A couple of trophies weighing 109 and 98 pounds rounded out the top three.

All three were females, which tend to grow at faster rates than males. The smallest was a male that barely met the reduced limit at 36 inches and nine pounds.

In addition to the size limit reduction from 45 to 36 inches,

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Nature Calls



By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Winter's icy grip on Wisconsin isn't over yet and, as many outdoors enthusiasts would say, "so?"

What I'm referring to is the upcoming trout fishing season, which opens in two days - a full 20 days before the first day of spring.

Granted, most streams should be ice free by now, and the average daily temperature is in the mid-30s, although wind chills are still in the teens to single digits. That doesn't make me want to fish. (It'll be so much nicer on May 1; maybe I'll just wait until then.)

There are two other activities that occur during the winter that are only for the hardest of souls with plenty of patience (some would call them nuts). They are ice fishing and sturgeon spearing.

First of all, for ice fishing (which is commonly done in sub-zero weather), to catch anything, you've gotta have about 30 tip-ups. These are usually spaced well apart so that most of your day is spent running from flag to flag just to make sure that the bait hasn't been stolen and there isn't actually a fish on the line.

What a lot of people do though, is sit in an ice shanty which means they have but one line in the water.

The only thing I can think of that could be more boring than ice fishing (except when you catch a 35-inch northern) would be sturgeon spearing.

Imagine the situation. Two guys are sitting around a hole in the ice, hoping that a fish will swim past it. And not just any fish, a sturgeon. And it has to be at least 36 inches long. And on top of all that, if you should happen to see one, you've got to be able to spear it, probably from a distance of no less than 10 feet.

I can think of a few things that I'd rather be doing, like painting Easter eggs or rearranging my sock drawer or something.

Now there are spears who are good at what they do and get a sturgeon every year, but these guys are few and far between.

A lot of people just simply put their shanty down wherever, cut a hole in the ice and stare at it for most of the day.

Take these two guys for instance:

"See anything?"

"Nope. Oh wait, there goes another 45-inch musky."

After sitting for six hours, they decide to get up and stretch. They walk over to the other side of the shanty (it's big) to get something to drink. As they each sip a Pepsi (uhh-huh), a seven-foot sturgeon, swimming by their hole, pokes its head up for a look-see.

By the time the men get back to the hole, the fish is off laughing with his friends and collecting on the dare.

At least someone gets to have fun.

Students collect essays for anthology

Two UW-Stevens Point students are collecting non-fiction literary essays about outdoor activities in Wisconsin in hopes of publishing an anthology.

They are now asking for submissions from current students here on campus.

Christy Bando, a sophomore English major, and Bryon Thompson, a senior biology and communication student, are working with English Professor Richard Behm to put together a student anthology focused on Wisconsin.

"Magazines seem to be more interested in publishing articles like 'How to catch smallmouth bass on topwater lures,'" said Behm.

"But there are a lot of good writers on campus, and most of them don't have an outlet to publish their literary essays. We're giving them that outlet."

Behm has taught Outdoor Writing (English 358) for the last three years. Each year his class compiles their literary essays into a class anthology.

Bando and Thompson have read and selected stories from these collections that deal specifically with Wisconsin.

"We have a lot of great stories already, and we are looking for more submissions. It would be nice to find a few more good literary essays that deal with outdoor activities in Wisconsin," explained Thompson.

A literary essay is a personal story that carries a larger meaning. Oftentimes, the essay contains symbolism and a moral undertone.

"We want meaningful work, not your basic 'how to' informative articles," said Bando. "We also enjoy the ones with a little humor. Not all outdoor pieces have to be totally serious."

They are also looking for several people interested in providing illustrations for the book.

Interested people should submit their work to the English department (CCC 486) by April 15, or they can contact Christy Bando at 346-5919 or Bryon Thompson at 342-1854.

Boyce speaks to Congress

UW-Stevens Point Professor Mark S. Boyce is testifying today before Congress.

Boyce, Vallier chair of ecology for UW-SP, is testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands.

He is speaking on the importance of science in shaping management decisions throughout our national park system.

"Science is the basis for ecosystem management, and our national parks afford a key link in the development of sound ecosystem management and practices," said Boyce.

"National parks provide valuable baseline scientific data that not only benefits management of our most pristine areas, such as national parks, but gives scientists much needed information to better manage more populated regions of our country."

Wilke receives grants of more than \$400,000

Richard Wilke, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources at the UW-Stevens Point, has received two grants totaling more than \$400,000.

As director of the National Environmental Education Advocacy Project (NEEAP), Wilke will use the larger of the two grants for leadership and organizational development training for key state-level Environmental Education (EE) leaders.

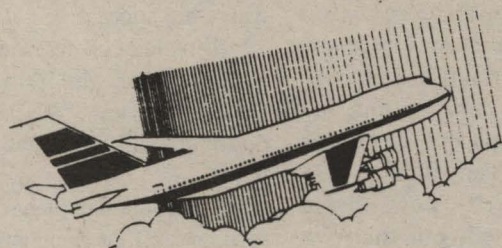
The purpose of EE 2000 is to encourage a systematic approach to strengthening environmental education nationwide and to help

individual states create plans of action.

One grant includes approximately \$200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and \$112,000 in matching funds from the 12 states that are part of EE 2000.

The balance of funding came from a match provided by UW-SP.

Last year, Wisconsin's environmental education efforts were incorporated into the national effort when the state was chosen to be one of nine states in the expanded project.



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Battle of the Sexes: Is there a need for nudity?

Bachelor parties, all fun no harm

By Kevin Lahner
CONTRIBUTOR

This is an incredibly scary thought for me, but eventually I will probably get married. A time honored tradition dating back centuries is the bachelor/bachelorette party.

When focusing on the bachelor party most of you know what goes on.

A little... wait a second, a lot of drinking, a lot of teasing of the groom about how he'll never be single again, and of course a stripper or two, occurs. (If you have never observed this tradition, watch the early 80s film *The Bachelor Party* and you will get the gist of what I'm talking about.)

There has been some question as to whether or not this is O.K. Particularly the

stripper thing. Now I'm going to put my neck on the line and say yes, it is O.K.

Let me specify that I'm only talking about watching, no active involvement if you know what I mean.

In my opinion it is a perfectly harmless tradition for men and women to have these parties, and hoot and holler over someone who takes off their clothes for a living. It doesn't mean that the spouse loves the other any less.

I would have to say that for the most part it's more of a joke. (i.e. Hey Joe look at what you'll be missing, Ha Ha Ha.)

I know that there are those out there who get extremely worked up about this issue, and I respect that.

In short, one night of debauchery and drunkenness with the guys is not going to effect a life-long commitment.



No to bachelor party stripping

By Tara Zawlocki
CONTRIBUTOR

Bachelor parties are supposed to be fun, so of course all men need to live it up on their last night of freedom by going to a strip bar or hiring a stripper.

What I do not understand is why men are compelled to do this. When did this become the tradition?

It is my understanding that at bachelor parties men are supposed to "bond" and have a good time together without women, since the man of the day is not going to be single much longer.

I would think that a group of guys would prefer to do things they normally would do with their friends, such as go camping, fishing, or hiking.

Personally, I think it is degrading for women to strut around ripping their clothes off for money.

And why would an engaged man want to look at other women when he plans to marry another?

I think it is disgusting. The man is supposed to be so much in love with the woman that he would never think about another. Yet he and his friends continue to partake in the exploitation of women.

I wouldn't want my fiancé to disrespect me by participating in some bachelor

party tradition.

Simply by taking part in this obscene form of entertainment men are promoting what most women try so hard to remove from this society.



Feature organization: WICI

The opportunity to get involved and network

By Cindy Wiedmeyer
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

In today's competitive business world, the unemployed like us need to have an edge in order to get the job we most desire.

Employers today don't hire on the basis of grades, but mainly on your experience and involvement within your major and community.

How many times have you read a job description that says "need at least five years experience"?

Getting involved while in college is the key to a resume and a life long journey down career lane.

Women in Communication Inc. (WICI), a communication organization on campus offers the chance to visit areas in the com-

munication field and the opportunity to network.

Last semester WICI took a group to Channel 7 in Wausau and ended up on the 7 at Noon show. A tour and chat sessions with anchors filled the one hour field trip. This semester, WICI will visit an advertising agency in Madison.

The ability to network with professionals has enabled several members the opportunity to embark on internships.

Susan Reetz is a co-owner of Rusinski and Reetz, a communication firm. She spoke on her experience in the communication field and her many job titles as a consultant, writer and producer.

Natalie Arnold, a Channel 7 anchor, gave a presentation about her many moves in the media

world and the experiences of moving up the ladder.

A session on internships and portfolio and resume design, led by Lorry Walters, assistant director of Career Services on campus, was a great introduction to the internship and job seeking process.

WICI's mission is to lead change, promoting the advancement of people in all fields of communication.

Although the organization was founded by a women's journalism society named Theta Sigma Phi, they changed their name and began admitting men as members in 1972.

WICI meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meeting locations are indicated on posters in the CCC, CAC, and UC.

Q&A With Chancellor Tom



Is it rough being apart from your wife? Do you have any tips for others in a long distance relationship? Cindy Wiedmeyer, Junior

Of course it is rough being apart from my wife. When we got married 27 years ago, it was mutually understood that we would fully respect and support each other's career to the fullest, which has been a mainstay for the success of our marriage. I am delighted that Barbara will be accepting a position at UW-Oshkosh in the Department of Music and expects to move to Wisconsin in May. The tip I would offer is to give the fullest consideration to the needs and wants of your partner-whether it be with respect to their career or any other circumstances causing you to live apart.

What are your thoughts about cutting sports programs? Ryan Irwin, Junior

To my knowledge we have a stable set of outstanding programs, all of which are healthy. I will take this opportunity to congratulate men's swimming and wrestling teams for definitively winning their state championships last weekend.

ATTENTION:

The POINTER

is now accepting applications for all staff positions for the 1997-98 school year.

Editor-in-Chief

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Photo Assistant,	Asst. Section Editors(4),
News Editor,	Business Manager,
Features Editor,	Advertising Rep (2),
Sports Editor,	Graphics Assistant.

If interested, pick up applications at *The Pointer* office in 104 CAC. The application deadline for Editor-in-Chief is March 31st at 5pm. Other deadlines will be announced at a later date. Questions: 346-2249, ask for Mike.

Spring break bash rocks the Encore

By Lisa Nellesen-Lara
CONTRIBUTOR

An unexpected low turnout at Centertainment's annual Pre-Spring Break Bash helped turn the odds in Cari Frelka's favor as she became this year's spring break trip winner.

"I can't believe this," exclaimed Frelka. "I've never won anything and this is the best prize I could have won."

The spring break trip giveaway was the culmination of Friday evening's festivities in the Encore.

In addition to the trip, t-shirts and cameras were also given to several students.

"We wanted to repay all of the students that have supported Centertainment this year and giving them a free trip was the per-

fect way," explained Stephanie Kaponya of Centertainment.

Throughout the evening guests were entertained by fellow students performing karaoke.

"I usually don't do this, but once you get up there you get this rush," replied Tony Biddle.

"It was pretty slow till the karaoke started, but then we turned it up and rocked the Encore," said Traci Rechlicz, another party performer.

Even those who came away without a prize felt the evening was a big success.

"I'm glad I came even though I didn't win the trip," said CariAnn Hurley. "We're a little disappointed but we had a great time."

Centertainment plans on sponsoring a similar event again next year.

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Pop Performance by a Duo or Group: *Free as a Bird*, The Beatles
Rock Performance by a Duo or Group: *So Much to Say*, Dave Matthews Band.
Alternative Music Performance: *Odelay*, Beck
R&B Performance by a Duo or Group: *Killing Me Softly With His Song*, Fugees

Word of Mouth

GOSPEL CHOIR FESTIVAL

The seventh annual Gospel Choir Festival that features Milwaukee's Unity in the Community Choir and Lane Tech High School from Chicago begins Saturday March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point.

Tickets prices are: General Admission \$5, with student ID \$3, and children under 12 are free. They can be purchased at the Quandt Ticket Office, University Information Desk and at the Educational Support Program, 201 Student Services Center.

CONCERTS

Matthew's Uncle, a state rock band, will perform Friday, Feb. 28 at UW-Stevens Point. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Encore at the University Center and is free to students with ID, \$1 without.

Rhythm and blues player Jimmy Johnson will be performing at the Encore on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 with ID and \$3.50 without.

HONORS

90 FM WWSP, the UW-SP campus radio station, was awarded "Best Promotional Announcement of 1996" by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

The award was won through promotional announcements that aired last November promoting Radiothon (the first fund-raiser for the station).

BALLET

The Oakland Ballet will perform "The Secret Garden," a full length story set in the Victorian era, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 at the Sentry Theater.

Tickets are on sale at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, Quandt Gym lobby, or by calling 1-800-838-3378. Ticket prices are \$13 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$6 for students with ID.

Not for Burning feels the heat

By Karrie Liethen
THEATRE CRITIC

The Lady's Not for Burning, a poetic comedy, premiered this past weekend at UW-Stevens Point's Jenkins Theatre.

The play is set in the town of Cool Clary during the 15th century. It divulges into the twists and turns of human nature.

Thomas Mendip (Andy Peplinski) is a disillusioned soldier who has given up on life after surviving seven years of fighting in a war in Flanders.

Thomas wanders into Cool Clary, governed by Mayor Hebble Tyson (Matthew Bolser), an easily swayed bureaucrat. Jenet Jordemain (Mandy Pouliot), a spirited young lady, is the daughter of the late village alchemist.

Jenet is accused of using witchcraft on the local drunk, Matthew Skippis (John Neuburg) when he disappears from town.

The cast was composed primarily of upperclassmen. This surprised me because of the number of times lines were fumbled in the production.

However, this did not take away from Andy Peplinski's captivating performance as Thomas. Freshmen newcomer Betsy Skowbo's portrayal of Alizon, although brief, was enjoyable to watch.

One thing that was disconcerting was the costumes in the production.

Evidently the fact that the costumes were supposed to express the gothic period was lost to someone. The material used was very colorful, clean, and neat like costumes designed for a musical (i.e. *Brigadoon*) instead of peasants and noblemen from the 15th century.

Another element out of place were the light bulbs illuminating the set. I had no idea that electricity was invented already in the 1400's.

Furthermore, the incandescent colors used on the set appeared to draw the energy and attention away from the stage, in addition

to allowing the actors latitude on the stage.

Overall, the production lacked in tempo and emotion, providing the audience with little humor. However, the creative prose used in the play was entertaining and provided the glue that held this production together.

I would rate this production a C+ just because the effort was worth the ticket price.

The production will continue at 7:30 p.m. on the evenings of Feb. 27, 28 and March 1.

Tickets are on sale at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, Quandt Gym lobby. Ticket prices are \$10 for the public, and \$6 with UW-SP student ID.



Two cast members strike a friendly pose before taking the stage. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Rec. Serv. Rib Mt. Ski Trip (Van Leaves at 4PM)
Rec. Serv. Billiards League, 6PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
Men's VB, Concordia Univ., 7:30PM (BG)
Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: *THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING*, 7:30 PM (JT-FAB)
CPI-Alt. Sounds Presents: JIMMY JOHNSON, 8PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Hockey, NCHA Semi Finals
TR, WSUC/WWIAC Championships (Eau Claire)
UC Marketing & Promotions Quit-N-Time Series w/TOM & JENNY MC COMB, 3-5PM (Encore-UC)
Swimming/Diving, Last Chance Meet (Men), 6PM (LaCrosse)
Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: *THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING*, 7:30 PM (JT-FAB)
CPI-Concerts Presents: MATTHEW'S UNCLE, 8PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club--COUNTRY NIGHT, 9PM (AC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Wom. BB, River Falls (T), 3PM
CPI-Centers Cinema: DARK CRYSTAL, 5PM, DRAGONHEART, 7PM & PRINCESS BRIDE, 9PM--\$2.50/\$4--\$1.50/\$3--\$1/\$2 (Encore-UC)
Hockey, NCHA Semi Finals
TR, WSUC/WWIAC Championships (Eau Claire)
Men's VB, UWSP Triangular w/UW-LaCrosse & UW-Platteville (BG)
BB, River Falls (H), 7PM
Monteverdi Master Chorale, 7:30PM (St. Paul United Meth. Church)
Dept. of Theatre & Dance Prod.: *THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING*, 7:30 PM (JT-FAB)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Planetarium Series: COMETS ARE COMING, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)
Monteverdi Master Chorale, 2:30PM (St. Stanislaus Cath. Church)
Michelsen Ensemble Concert, 3PM (MH-FAB)

MONDAY, MARCH 3- WOW WEEK-WEEK OF WONDER

Rec. Serv. HAPPY HOUR, 3-7PM--20% OFF Indoor Games, FREE Popcorn & Soda (Rec. Serv.-UC)
Hot SHOTS Peer Educ.: "So What's Your Point," 4-5PM (Wellness C.-AC)
"Alcohol & the College Student Roundtable", 7PM (Roach Hall Lobby)
Planetarium Series: SKIES OF WINTER, 8PM (Sci. Bldg.)
"Party Pursuit", 9:15 PM (Watson Hall Lobby)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4- WOW WEEK-WEEK OF WONDER

Lifestyle Assts.: "Wonder"-ful World of Work, 4-5PM (Wellness C.-AC)
Wis. Career Inf. System Demonstration, 5:30 PM (Hyer Hall Computer Lab)
"Career Paths...Which One are You On?", 7PM (Roach Hall Lobby)
CPI-Issues & Ideas DANCERHYMICS, 7PM (Laird Rm.-UC)
Planetarium Series: LASER LIGHT SHOW, 8&9:30PM (Sci. Bldg.)
Career Jeopardy, 8:30 PM (Thomson Hall Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5- WOW WEEK-WEEK OF WONDER

CPI-Centers Cinema Presents: THE JERK, 7PM & STRANGE BREW, 9:30PM--\$1 w/ID; \$2 w/o (Encore-UC)
Lifestyle Assts.: "Just As I Am" (Accept Ourselves), 4-5PM (Wellness C.-AC)
SOURCE & Campus Act./Stu. Inv. LEAD DINNER: "Transitioning Skills to the Real World", 6PM (Alumni Rm. & Wright Lounge-UC)
Rec. Serv. Doubles Foosball Tournament, 6:30PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
"Mirror Mirror on the Wall" (Like What You See!), 7PM (Roach Hall)
Performing Arts Series: OAKLAND BALLET Presenting the SECRET GARDEN, 7:30 PM (Sentry)
"Ever Wonder Why" (Ask Any Question You Want), 9:15 PM (Baldwin Hall Lobby)

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

Swimmers end UW-Eau Claire's reign Men stop 19 year run in WSUC with first title since 1977

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

The Pointer swim team had an impressive weekend in Oshkosh.

The men's team won the Wisconsin State University Conference title on Saturday for the first time since 1977.

The Pointers won the meet by a commanding 190 points (920-730) over the UW-Eau Claire Bluegolds, breaking UW-Eau Claire's 19 year string of consecutive WSUC titles.

UW-La Crosse finished a distant third place with 588 points, followed by UW-Whitewater (352), UW-River Falls (352), and UW-Oshkosh (282).

"I can't explain how happy I was. This team not only won for themselves, they carried the torch for 19 years of second place finishes," said UW-SP swimming coach Lynn "Red" Blair.

The UW-SP men compiled a whopping 11 first place finishes, including a sweep of all five relay events, and set seven conference records in the process.

Point freshman Jeremy Francioli led the record setting performances, shattering WSUC records in the 100-yard and the 200-yard backstroke.

Senior Jesse Moen finished his WSUC career in style, capturing two first place finishes.

Moen broke the conference mark while winning the 50-yard freestyle, and also took top honors in the 100-freestyle.

John Stevens and Mark Weinhold also came away with first place finishes in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard freestyle, respectively.

The Pointers smashed four WSUC marks in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays, and the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays.

Moen, Francioli, Stevens, Jon Sherwood, Mark Weinhold, Dave Willoughby, Darryl Bell, and Andy Mathias teamed together for first place finishes in the relay events.

"This is the best team ever assembled in the history of our program," said Blair.

The Pointer women also fared well, finishing fourth in the team standings.

UW-Eau Claire won its 18th consecutive WWIAC team title, running away from the rest of the field with 837.50 points.

UW-La Crosse grabbed runner-up honors over UW-Oshkosh, 678.50-661.

Freshman Becca Uphoff grabbed three first place medals for the Pointers, including a WWIAC record in the 200-yard backstroke.

SEE SWIMMING ON PAGE 14



The Wisconsin Badgers men's basketball team should make it into the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in 50 years unless they collapse in their final three games of the season.

However, the sports media has snubbed the Badgers from the Associated Press Top 25, a list Wisconsin definitely belongs on.

In this week's poll, UW-Madison received only 48 points, which is not even half of #25 Stanford's 108.

After last night's come-from-behind 49-48 victory over Iowa, the 17-7 (10-5 Big Ten) Badgers should be a lock to be among the nation's ranked schools. And since they now hold sole possession of third place in the Big Ten, the voters would have to be watching another sport not to vote in Bucky.

The Badgers have a 4-1 record against the four schools from the Big Ten that appeared in last week's poll. They lost at #2 Minnesota, but swept #21 Illinois, and defeated both #22 Indiana and #24 Michigan at home.

The Badgers had the #2 ranked defense in the entire nation coming into last night's game at 53.3 points per game, and may have overtaken the top spot after holding Iowa to only 48 points.

So what exactly is holding the voters back?

Some may think Wisconsin had too easy of a non-conference schedule. Well, UW did play North Carolina-Wilmington, Brown University, St. Bonaventure, and UW-Milwaukee, but every Top 25 team has a few scrub games on their schedule.

If the voters are going to look at those games, they should also look at the tough non-conference losses to Providence and at Marquette, two teams who are also receiving votes for the Top 25.

Another reason the Wisconsin hasn't made their appearance in the poll yet is because of the relative anonymity of their program.

The Badgers were perennial doormats of the Big Ten in the 1980's, while other conference schools like Michigan, Indiana and Illinois have rich winning traditions.

How else can it be explained that after losing three straight games, including one in which they blew an almost 20 point halftime lead, Michigan was still ranked in the Top 25.

The Wolverines' skid dropped them to 17-9 overall and 7-7 in the Big Ten, good for seventh place. Their nine losses are the most of any ranked team. And after last night's loss to Minnesota, Michigan's fourth in a row, they are not only out of the Top 25, they should be on the bubble for the tournament.

With Michigan dropping out of the Top 25 rankings, that leaves at least one spot open. If the national sports writers in this country have any brains at all, they should vote the Wisconsin Badgers to take their place.

Women's hoops keep playoff hopes alive

By Nick Brilowski
CONTRIBUTOR

With their second big win in a row, the Pointer women's basketball team kept their NCAA Division III playoff dreams alive.

Coming off a huge 52-49 victory on Saturday against Lawrence University, UW-SP came back on Wednesday night behind a big second half effort to top UW-La Crosse, 65-60.

The victory raised the Pointers' record to 17-6 overall and 9-6 in the WWIAC.

The Eagles fell to 8-16 and 4-11 respectively.

The two teams played even for the first six minutes of the game before La Crosse used a 16-7 run to reach their largest lead of the game of nine at 31-22 with 4:42 remaining in the first half.

Stevens Point trimmed the lead to five at 35-30 at the half.

"I thought we were lathargic and we weren't ready to play in the first half," said Pointer coach Shirley Egner, whose team shot 35.7 percent in the opening half compared to 53.6 percent for the Eagles.



Pointers' guard Jessica Ott shreds the Lawrence defense Saturday in UW-SP's 52-49 win. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

Point used a 10-4 run over the first 4:48 of the second half to take a three point lead at 42-39, capped by a lay-up by Terri Crum.

La Crosse answered back and eventually took a 49-46 lead with 9:40 remaining.

UW-SP proved to be too tough down the stretch however,

recapturing the lead and then icing it by converting on eight of nine free throw attempts over the final 2:53 to come away with the huge win.

"I felt like our defense stepped up in the second half," said Egner.

SEE BASKETBALL ON PAGE 14

On top of their game

Intramural Top Teams

Men's Basketball Top 10

1. Hegemony 101
2. Caucasian Persuasion
3. The Road Warriors
4. The Gunners
5. NBA
6. The Posse
7. X-Cons
8. Holy Bowlers
9. Beer Guzzling Jerk-offs
10. Little Too Tight

Women's Basketball Top 5

1. Lot D
2. Hoochie Mamas
3. Freedom
4. Tirty Pointers
5. Bourbon

Men's Volleyball Top 3

1. Rocky Mountain Oysters
2. TAPPI
3. No Fat

Non-Comp. Co-ed V-Ball Top 5

1. 2 Short
2. Scrubs
3. This Time
4. Butt Plugs
5. Kim Kutzke's Team

Competitive Co-ed V-ball Top 5

1. D's Destroyers
2. 4-Play
3. No Fat
4. Valerie Wegner's Team
5. Cross Court

Women's Volleyball Top 3

1. Sideout
2. Friction
3. Baked Lays

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Three-peat! Pointers capture WSUC again

By Ryan Lins

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team continued its run at the top of the WSUC last weekend by defeating rival UW-La Crosse for the Pointers' third straight conference title.

UW-SP captured six individual titles en route to the championship and also qualified seven wrestlers for the NCAA Division III national meet.

"We put together a full competitive tourney for the first time this year. We went after them up and down the mat," said UW-SP wrestling coach Marty Loy.

The Pointers collected 98 points to take the team title over the Eagles, who scored 85.5 points. UW-Oshkosh finished a distant third with 41.5 points.

"(I am) absolutely thrilled that we beat LaCrosse. We evened it off on the season (at two wins apiece). It's always nice to beat them," stated Loy.

Jason Malchow began the finals round for the Pointers in spectacular fashion at 118 lbs.

Malchow pinned UW-Whitewater's Phil Byrd in 5:38 for UW-SP's first individual championship.

Malchow also received the John Peterson award, which goes to the most outstanding wrestler.

At 126lbs., Ross Buchinger avenged a loss in the first round to finish 3-2 on the day.

However, Buchinger received a great honor from his peers, qualifying for a wild-card berth at nationals.

UW-SP's Jamie Hegland beat Whitewater's Blahnik decisively 13-5 at 134lbs., before facing UW-L wrestler Chad Veendahl in the finals.

Hegland outsmarted Veendahl and picked up the championship by a narrow 2-1 margin.

The win also widened the gap in team points between the Pointers and heated rival the Eagles.

Bret Stamper captured his third WSUC title after outmatching

UW-La Crosse's Eric Vandervest 5-2 in the finals.

At 167lbs., Jamie Hildebrandt recorded an early fall before going on to beat ranked Bill Kahle of UW-Oshkosh 8-3 for a first place showing.

Joe Rens at 177lbs. fired through his first opponent 12-3, before meeting a worthy adversary in Whitewater's Pueck, whom Rens outwrestled to gain the 7-6 win.

The win vaulted Rens to the finals against UW-Eau Claire's Craig Miesbauer, where Rens dominated the match 5-1 for the Pointers' fifth title.

#1 ranked Perry Miller recorded an early pin at the Hwt. class before defeating UW-L's Steichen 2-1, giving Miller his third straight finals appearance.

Miller whipped Whitewater's Derrick Leake into submission, pinning him 2:47 into the match.

The seven Pointer wrestlers who advanced to the NCAA Division III national meet will travel to Ada, Ohio on March 7-8 to represent UW-SP.

Bennett has basketball team in the playoff hunt

By Mike Kemmeter

SPORTS EDITOR

When UW-Stevens Point men's basketball coach Jack Bennett was hired on May 24th of last year, he hoped that his team could just be competitive this season while he implemented his style of play.

However, with only one game left in the regular season, the Pointers find themselves in sole possession of third place in the WSUC.

More importantly, Point is in the driver's seat for their first-ever playoff berth into the NCAA Division III tournament.

"My expectations (coming into the season) were simply to try to get this program to a point where it was unified again, where we played hard night in and night out, where we showed some passion for the game," said Bennett.

"And then more particular, I wanted our defense to improve a great deal.

"So at this stage of the year to be in these kinds of big games with the potential for the playoffs that we have, has just been beyond most of our expectations.

"I think it's directly related to these players buying into what we wanted to do, and now they're doing it quite well," added Bennett.

Bennett's team has been playing some of the best "D" in the nation, as they rank second in NCAA Division III in scoring defense.

"On nights when our shooting has been off, that defense has kept us in games.

"And on nights when our offense is clicking and we're shoot-

ing well, we've looked pretty darn good," said Bennett.

Two games where the Pointers had both phases of the game going for them were the two victories against UW-Oshkosh.

The second win, at UW-Oshkosh last Wednesday, was monumental for the UW-SP's playoff chances.

Bennett thinks if the Pointers win one of their last two games, they will be invited to the 64 team postseason tournament.

And with their 66-48 win at UW-La Crosse last night, Point all but ensured a playoff berth. But they can receive a better tournament seed with a victory over UW-River Falls at home Saturday night in the regular season finale.

Strangely, Bennett first felt his team had a legitimate chance at making the tournament after the Pointers' loss to UW-Platteville on Feb. 1.

"I'd be a liar to say it wasn't in the back of our minds as a goal early. But quite honestly, in the middle of the year I didn't think we had a chance," said Bennett.

Now that he has his team in great position for its first invitation to the NCAA tournament in the program's history, Bennett reflected on what the berth could mean to the Pointers.

"To be able to make the playoffs, period, is quite an accomplishment.

"And to be able to do it right away, I think it sends a message that this program is hopefully being rebuilt right, it's legitimate, and it's a program of the future," said Bennett.

The Pointers will find out their playoff fate Sunday when the NCAA committee releases the tournament brackets.

Track tunes up for indoor conference

The Pointer men's and women's track and field teams used last Saturday's Pointer Invitational as a final tuneup for this weekend's WSUC/WWIAC Indoor Meet in Eau Claire.

The UW-Stevens Point men, despite running athletes in different events, won the team title with 176 points.

UW-La Crosse finished a distant second with 145 points, while UW-Stout took third with 115 points.

"To be very honest, I had no idea what the team scores were until after we got done," said UW-SP men's track and field coach Rick Witt.

"The fact that we won was nice, but it wasn't what our top priority was going into the meet," added Witt.

The Pointer men were led by six first place finishes.

Chad Johnson (1500 meters), Shawn Moretti (55 meter hurdles), Ben Douglas (high jump), Mike Hamilton (long jump), Matt Hayes (800 meters), and John Auel (3000 meters) all grabbed top honors for UW-SP.

The UW-SP women's team finished a strong third place (107 points) behind conference foes UW-La Crosse (245) and UW-Eau Claire (136).

Point's Missy Heiman (triple jump), Jesse Bushman (800

meters), and Katie Eiring (pole vault) captured first place finishes.

Eiring vaulted herself into the Pointer record books, breaking the school record after clearing 2.97 meters.



UW-SP's Toni Milbourn chases down the competition at the Pointer Invitational. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

Hockey to host UW-Superior

The Pointer hockey team hosts the UW-Superior Yellowjackets in the second round of the NCHA playoffs this weekend at K.B. Willett Arena.

The teams split their two games in December, with Superior winning the opener 3-1 and Point taking the second 4-1.

Faceoff is set for 7:35 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Quote of the Week

"I always wait until the real athletes show up."

-Robin Yount, Milwaukee Brewers outfield instructor for spring training, joking why he reported for camp with the rest of the Brewers' roster and not a few days earlier with the pitchers and catchers.

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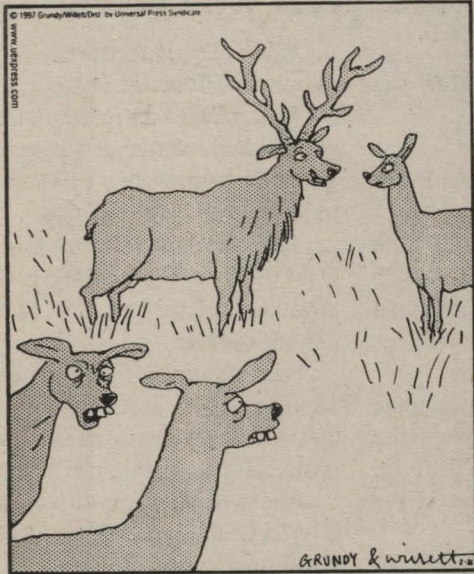
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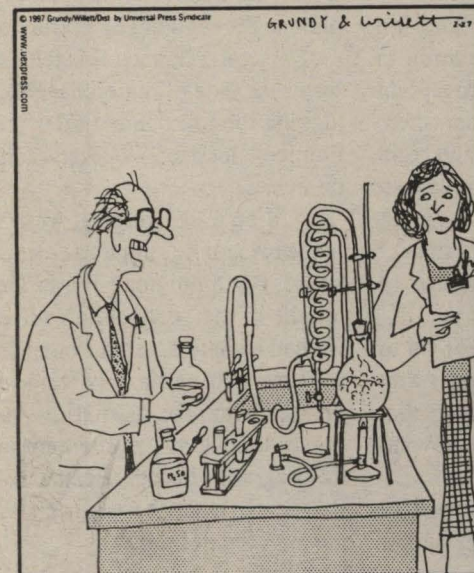
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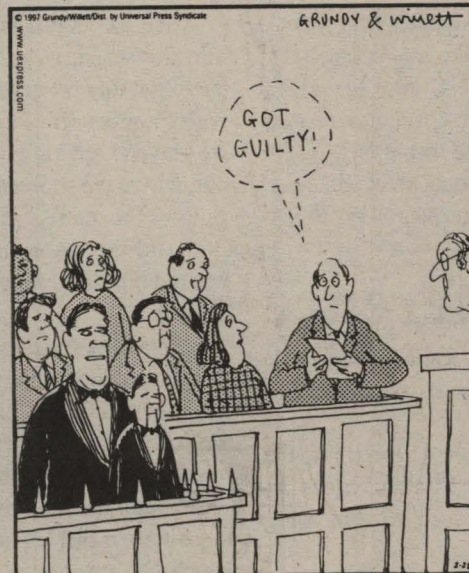
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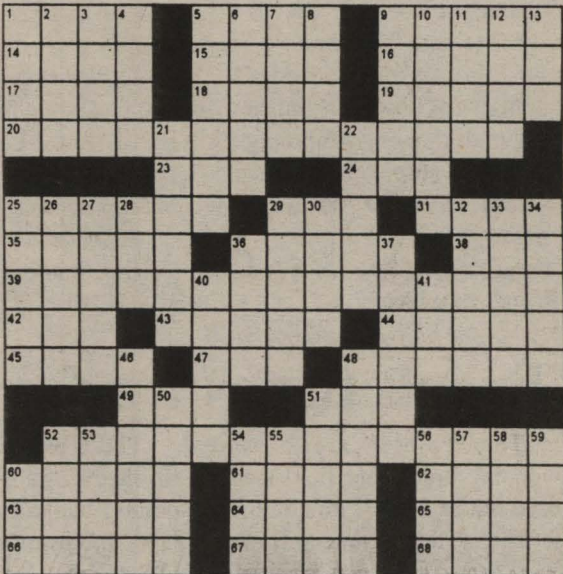
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 - 18 "Under the Net" writer Murdoch
 - 19 Unyielding
 - 20 Y/ES N/O
 - 23 PC component
 - 24 Pale
 - 25 Eric Burdon, in the '60s
 - 29 Chinese philosophy
 - 31 Window-frame part
 - 35 Quinine water
 - 36 Cricket sound
 - 38 "Flying Down to ___" (1933 film)
 - 39 Fa n t a s i e s
 - 42 Ages and ages
 - 43 Casts aspersions on Sergeant Bilko
 - 44 Filled with reverence
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 - 48 Folds
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 - 63 Write-ins
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 - 5 Kind of shower

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- 8 Lucie's dad
- 9 Soprano Callas
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- 33 "25 words or less," e.g.
- 34 Gets whupped
- 36 Pivotal point
- 37 Main-event precursor
- 40 Delight
- 41 Memorable time
- 46 Cattle dealer
- 48 Consolidated
- 50 Czar's directive
- 51 Babble
- 52 Lose, as a lead
- 53 Singer Coolidge
- 54 Taboo
- 55 Boat's front
- 56 Seething
- 57 King or queen, e.g.
- 58 Bring in
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- 60 Reproductive cells



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FOR ANSWERS SEE CLASSIFIEDS

SLOW WAVE

by Emily Bick and Jesse Reklaw

How Many Poems Did You Find Today?

Step outside your door first thing in the morning. The puddles and icicles are dripping sunlight, glaring into your eyes. You've got your shades on now and walk to class. Along the way you notice the gray shadowed snow marked by exhaust fumes from cars. And, come to think of it, isn't it funny how cracked ice sometimes looks like quartz crystal? Look at your fuzzy reflection in the ice. Tell me, what do you see inside yourself? But then, there's the time...

Do you see the other people rushing around you, the rhythm of their bodies moving, the rustling of coats, and the squeak of damp shoe soles on floor?

And you walk on down the hall...

You pass through the door.

The professor's got a new coffee mug for each morning's class. The chalk squeals on the blackboard. Someone's hairspray smells like cheap perfume. There is the sound of bodies harnessing into narrow desks. The professor begins to talk and asks questions. Hardly anyone discusses anything in class and those who do are usually the same people all the time. But you've got your eye on everything but the subject at hand. Your pen scrapes paper. You draw a face in ball point on your notebook paper and forget about it when the end of the hour comes.

And you walk on down the hall...

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Next Week: Full Circle

Bog near Lake Nokomis

Oh, Grandmother Moon
I wish I could be that bog
and drape black spruce
around my shoulders
blonding its fabric
with larch in spring and fall.

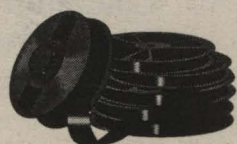
I wish that my soft bog belly
were taut with sphagnum
and I could perspire cranberries
smell peppery and acidic in the heat.

I wish I could have a navel
a warm dark pool center
where dragonflies could drop eggs
through you, into me
emerge, twitch, and fly
back and forth between us.

Oh, Grandmother Moon
only you could notice
how I wrap my shawl of alder
tamarack and spruce, thicker and closer
how I tan my belly with leatherleaf
how my navel is filling in, small as you.

By Matt Welter
UW-SP POET

Booty Call not worth the effort



By Nick Katzmarek
FILM CRITIC

There's nothing like going into a movie with low expectations and actually having the movie fall below those expectations. "Booty Call" is, as the PR reports put it, "A comedy about a young man who finds a willing lover but can't find a condom."

If reading that line of crap isn't enough to convince you to save your money, then by all means, read on.

It's too bad that mainstream Hollywood can't put out a movie that I can go to and actually enjoy myself for a couple of hours. The only good thing about this movie is the fact that it is blessedly short.

The stellar cast list includes veterans like Jamie Foxx and

Tommy Davidson, who built their reputations on "In Loving Color." And yet there is Vivica Fox, who put in the performance of her life in "ID4." Now we're talking talent.

The ludicrous plot involved something to do with Reynolds plastic wrap (I still haven't figured it out) and two guys trying to get two girls to sleep with them. Needless to say, this doesn't make for an illuminating story.

The film was directed by Kevin Pollack, famous for "Above The Rim." He used a number of camera angles, most of which contained Vivica Fox's rear view.

Exploitation, unfunny at most times, silly at others, ridiculous at all times, this movie is one that you should definitely stay away from.

Rating (four possible):



Rentals

All the Right Moves
(1983; 90 min.)

In the small Pennsylvania city of Ampipe, everyone dreams of finding a way out of the hustle and bustle steel mill lifestyle.

For high school football star Steffan (Tom Cruise), that way out is using his football talent to earn a scholarship to an engineering school.

But when Cruise sticks up for a teammate who made a crucial mistake in the season's biggest game, the head coach (Craig T. Nelson) kicks him off the team and puts a serious dent into his future.

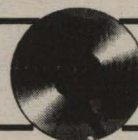
When Cruise's insincere attempt to apologize to the coach in order to return to football fails, he is forced to face the possibility of spending the rest of his life in the steel mill.

Supporting Cast: Chris Penn, Lea Thompson.

-Mike Beacom

Veruca Salt holds their own

90 FM's Pick of the Week



By Patrick McGrane
MUSIC CRITIC

Veruca Salt came onto the Chicago music scene a few years back, in 1994, at a time when bands like Urge Overkill became the newest rage. Liz Phair led the charge for female-fronted bands, and Veruca Salt (title taken from the rich brat in the classic film, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") followed with a charge of their own: an ultra-cool single called "Seether" and a great debut album, "American Thighs."

Now it is 1997, and Veruca Salt is back on the scene with a new album, "Eight Arms to Hold You." Thanks to producer Bob Rock, their sound has been beefed up quite a bit - their vocals more

refined, their guitars have a tad more sustain, the drums have that echoing concert hall ring... and they are likely using this new sound to prepare for a tour that will place them in the big locations that require it.

The new single, "Volcano Girls," is a fun toe-tapper that is made-for-radio bliss. Most of the songs are excellent; the band has intensified its heavy, sexy sound... a move from the grunge-laden, garagerock sound they once wielded.

This is the expected result of a pop/metal producer, although the results aren't as bad as one would expect - they just give more reason to believe that Veruca Salt has found a solid stepping stone to the hearts of America's growing alternative-rock music scene.

Swimming

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The women's 400-yard freestyle relay team, made up of Mary Agazzi, Sara Allen, Melissa Awe, and Uphoff also nabbed a first place.

This meet was a stepping stone for the NCAA Division III championships, which will be held at the University of Miami (Ohio).

Fourteen Pointer swimmers have qualified for the meet. The women's championships will be held March 13th-15th, and the men's March 20th-22nd.

Finan

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Legislative Issues Director for two years. They would also like to see improvements in faculty, student and SGA relationships; hearing viewpoints from the multi-culture groups on campus, and form a environmental residence hall.

"In my idealistic world, I would like to see UW-SP set the standards in environmental responsibilities," said Lahner, a junior who has served as a senator for College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Toomey

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ior, who has been a senator for Letters and Science since last semester. Some goals they would like to achieve are increasing communication across campus, closer contact among organizations, getting away from "status quo," and better advising.

Rogers, a sophomore and senator of Letters and Science since last May, added, "I would like to see a little more cultural diversity on campus."

Houfe

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is a role model," said Houfe, a junior who served as a senator and currently is the SGA Issues director.

Other key issues they want to face is keeping tuition down, increasing student participation, better advising, and spending budget wisely."

"...Sometimes United Council decisions aren't in the best interest of students on campus," said Vig, a sophomore who was senator and vice president of senate at MATC.

Sturgeon

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the Department of Natural Resources shortened the season to 16 days and confined it to Lake Winnebago.

Stricter registration rules were implemented to reduce any unethical behavior. Kendal Kemke, a fisheries biologist with the DNR, thought the new changes worked well.

"The season was pretty successful from everyone's view. The spearers took a few more fish with the lower size limits. It appeared that more smaller males were taken and we took some pressure off the larger females which do the most breeding."

Basketball

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Boario paced Stevens Point with 24 points, eight rebounds, and five assists.

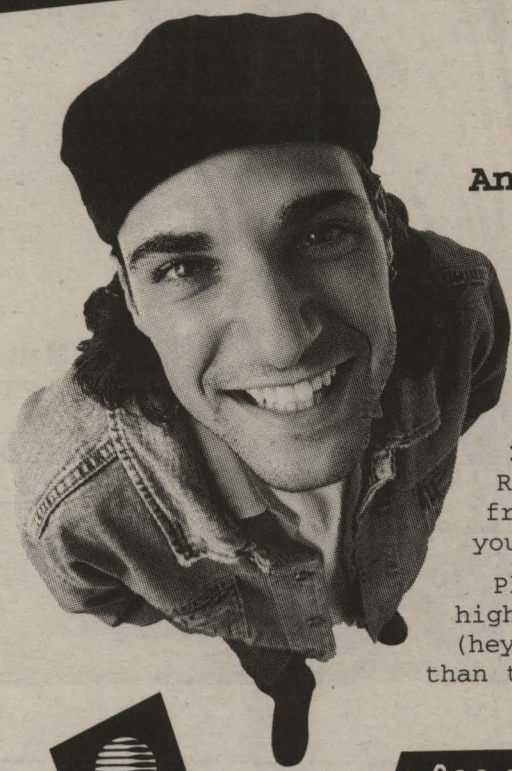
Ott added 20 points.

UW-SP, ranked eighth in the Central Region of the latest Division III poll, next heads to UW-River Falls on Saturday at 3 p.m.

With a win, the Pointers will more than likely assure themselves of a playoff berth.

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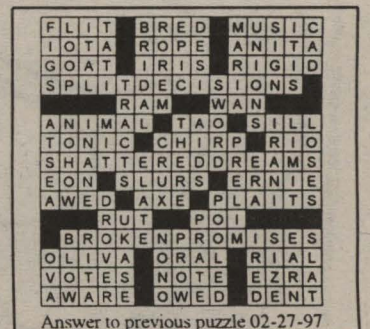
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