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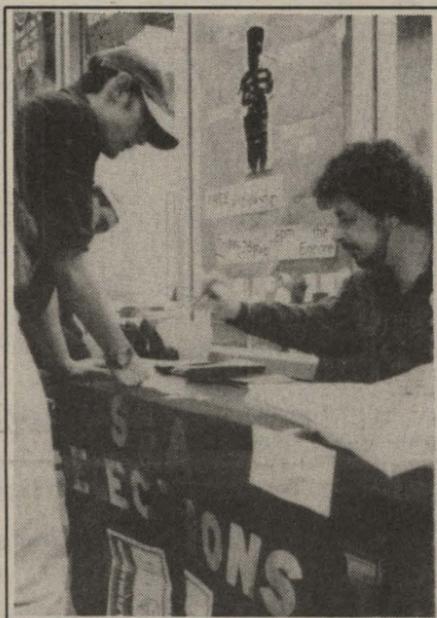
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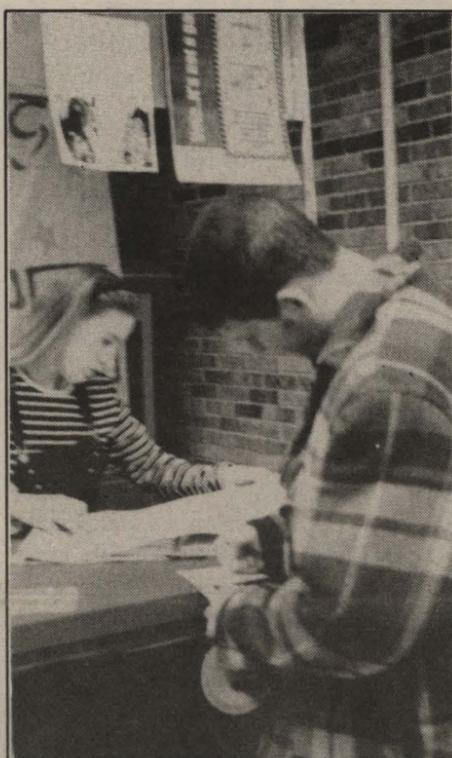
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'97 SGA Presidential Elections



The final results on the 1997 presidential elections will be tallied tonight. SGA Pres. Jessica Hussin reported Wednesday afternoon that voting numbers are up substantially from last year's election. (clockwise from left) Students vote at Debot Center, a student marks the candidate of their choice, and candidates debate their issues at the Encore. (Photos by Carrie Reuter and Nate Wallin)



Stevens Point weighs public transit options

Joshua Wescott
CONTRIBUTOR

The news is good for Stevens Point residents and UW-Stevens Point students who rely on public transportation. This public service has existed for many years and will continue to run into the future as long as aid money isn't cut drastically.

Mayor Gary Wescott's reassuring statements come on the heels of great speculation over the future of public transit in the city.

The concerns have risen because of anticipated, drastic cuts at the state and federal levels that may affect funding for municipalities that support mass transit systems. According to Wescott, 67 percent of the annual operating budget for Point Transit is covered by state and federal budgeting. Drops in this funding over the last two years have forced the city to develop a plan of response for further cuts.

From last year to this year, the city has already absorbed a slight increase in its transportation bill because of a three percent drop in funding. The mayor said drops in state and federal subsidies equal a corresponding increase in the amount of local tax dollars that are spent to keep the system operating at its current level of service.

"Every one percent drop in state and federal subsidy for transit equals about \$7,000 in local tax money," said Wescott.

Currently the city is spending around \$150,000 a year to operate mass transit, but more cuts may be on the way.



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Two university athletic clubs placed on probation for violations

Men's volleyball loses vehicle privileges

Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point is one of the few universities that allows student organizations to use state-owned vehicles for club activities. This privilege has been revoked for one campus organization for the remainder of this year and all of next.

The UW-Stevens Point men's volleyball club has been suspended from using state-owned vehicles as of Feb. 27 in reaction to an incident on Feb. 14. The members displayed offensive signs in the windows of the state van they were driving.

The incident occurred while the club was en route to Bloomington, Ind. to participate in a meet. According to an investigative report by Protective Services, Jerry Ziegler, Chief of Transportation Services in Madison, received two complaints from

motorists who witnessed the obscene signs. Ziegler in turn notified UW-Stevens Point Fleet Manager Joe Hencik of the complaints.

Hencik reported that one complaint was received from an "individual driving near Portage, Wis. near the Highway 78 interchange." The driver noted a state vehicle appeared to be speeding and was upset by a sign placed on the sliding door of the van. The sign had an arrow pointing forward with the message, "I'm with (expletive)." The motorist's complaint said this sign was "clearly visible to anyone being passed by this vehicle."

The other complaint came from a government official who was driving on Interstate 90. According to the government official, the sign said, "Show us your (expletive)."

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Women's hockey club violates public ice rules

Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The women's hockey club was placed on probation for two years after a complaint was filed by a facilities supervisor. The complaint stems from an incident at the Goerke Park outdoor ice rink.

Commenting on the incident, Amy Mondloch, Director of Student Organizations United to Revitalize the Campus Environment (SOURCE), said, "(Club members) wouldn't leave, and there were some verbal arguments between the club and some of the members of the staff at the Goerke outdoor rink."

According to a Feb. 14 letter to Laura Ketchum, Associate Director of Campus Activities, written by Bob Gregorich, "members of the club have showed up at our local city outdoor ice rink having or-

ganized practices without any authorization from city staff." Gregorich went on to write, "My employees have been criticized, ridiculed, and sworn at when they have asked the club to leave politely."

When approached on the letter or the incident, Gregorich, Assistant Facilities Supervisor for the Stevens Point Parks and Recreation Department, refused to comment. Numerous members of the club, as well as their advisor, Richard Doxtator, also could not be reached for comment.

SOURCE met with the club and recommended a punishment. Mondloch said, "SOURCE took into account that they are a new organization and there are some things they didn't know about policy."

Ketchum said SOURCE recommended the club be placed on probation so they could meet with Mondloch and herself to

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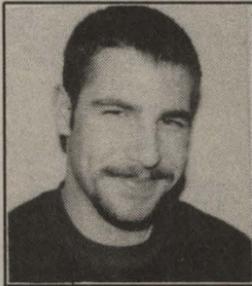
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What are you doing to prevent cabin fever?



Margaret Witt
HISTORY, GERMAN, SOPHOMORE

"To prevent cabin fever, I usually drink, because that makes me happy...."



Nathan White
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"Go to the cabin. If you have the fever why fight it?"



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"Get a girlfriend, go sledding and the last thing don't buy an Atari. You'll love it, but you won't leave your room for days."



Remmy Rineck
UNDECIDED, SENIOR

"I am encouraging memory loss of the long winter months through excessive alcohol use."

Godfrey recognized for athletic service

Helen Godfrey, the assistant chancellor for student affairs at UW-Stevens Point, has been recognized for her service to the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

She received a plaque at the organization's statewide meeting in Tomah this winter commending her for "contributions, service and dedication to women's athletics."

Godfrey is recognized throughout the state for her long-time involvement with and support of women's sports throughout the UW-System. She was nominated by representatives from several state campuses for the award.

She has served for 11 years as president of the Women's Athletic Fund, a booster club that

provides independent support of UW-SP women's teams, such as donating uniforms, gear, and most recently, an equipment storage shed constructed through an arrangement with P.J. Jacobs Junior High School.

In addition, each summer Godfrey hosts faculty representatives from throughout the state for their annual retreat.

Volleyball

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After the club's return from their trip on Feb. 17, UW-SP's Transportation Office had to follow specific orders given by the Department of Transportation in Madison. "(Feb. 14) Hencik was notified by Ziegler that the state is asking for the vehicle to be taken down to Madison with a letter of explanation in it," said Laura Ketchum, Associate Director of Campus Activities.

On Feb. 25, a Student Government Association (SGA) subcommittee, known as Student Organizations United to Revitalize the Campus Environment (SOURCE), held a meeting in regards to the incident.

SOURCE, in coordination with Campus Activities, "oversees... and reviews organizations, if there are infractions," said Ketchum. "The men's volleyball (club) did accept responsibility for their actions and pleaded guilty to the infractions."

SOURCE recommended "a punishment of two years probation, loss of state vehicle use for two years, and letters of apology to the individuals involved," said Mondloch. "They are still being funded for mileage on their per-

sonal vehicles; we feel it is important that they are able to travel."

SGA upheld the SOURCE recommendation at last Thursday's student senate meeting.

The club president, Van Lannen, admitted the club's actions were ill-advised in a letter of apology to Ketchum. He wrote, "Our behavior was childish and offensive, especially in light of the fact that we were representing our University and operating property owned by the state of Wisconsin."

The volleyball club has been a recognized campus organization since Dec. of 1984, according to Campus Activities Office and is ranked 19th in Division II.



Monday, March 3

- An individual reported that a CD player, headphones, and about five CDs were stolen when he left his car running and unlocked on Reserve St.

Sunday, March 2

- An individual reported that his CB radio and antenna were stolen from his vehicle in Lot Q.

- An individual reported broken tail lights on his vehicle on Reserve St. The person was referred to Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD).

Saturday, March 1

- A Community Advisor in Hyer Hall reported a group outside the dorm making excessive noise.

- A resident reported that someone urinated in the east wing staircase between first and second floors in Hansen Hall.

- One of the photographs on display in the Fine Arts Building was found on the hallway floor. It was placed in D116 for safe keeping.

- The Assistant Director in Watson Hall reported that one of the urinals on first floor had a problem. Water was constantly running and could not be stopped.

Friday, Feb. 28

- A worker in the LRC reported that there was an unauthorized entry to her office and a software program was removed from the desktop program.

- The building manager in DeBot reported that the walk-in coolers were getting too warm (in the 40s).

- An officer found a city street sign with a pole in the southeast corner of the parking lot. SPPD was notified and sent an officer to retrieve it.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

Did you know Protective Services offers a tipline (346-INFO). If you have any information regarding a campus crime, you could receive a cash reward for providing information leading to the successful conclusion of the incident. Your name is kept confidential.

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WORLD NEWS

TEHRAN, IRAN

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ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

• Rescuers cut through the twisted wreckage of a train that derailed early Monday morning. At least 125 people died; 25 were children.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON D.C.

• Bad weather and bad judgement all but caused seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff's plane to crash, federal safety investigators said on Tuesday. Pressure to keep a hectic schedule on the publicized event might have been a factor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

• The Los Angeles Police Department asked for more powerful weapons in the wake of last Friday's shootout during a foiled bank robbery. Assistant Police Chief Bayan Lewis asked the Police Commission to allow some officers to carry .45 caliber pistols.

DENVER, COLORADO

• Lawyers for Timothy McVeigh will not seek a delay in his trial, even though a newspaper ran a story saying McVeigh confessed to the crime.

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

OSHKOSH

• Three young men face drug charges in Winnebago County Circuit Court after they were arrested outside a rave party held during the weekend. The individuals were charged with possession of various controlled substances including LSD, marijuana, and methamphetamine, as well as drug paraphernalia.

GREEN BAY

• Super Bowl XXXI MVP Desmond Howard was signed by the Oakland Raiders Tuesday. Howard agreed to terms on a four-year, \$6 million contract, becoming the first free-agent to leave the Packers this off-season.

Bus

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"There is every likelihood that they will continue to be reduced. Nobody knows how far they'll be reduced, nobody knows how fast they'll be reduced, but we are inclined to believe that the pattern that started a couple of years ago will continue," said Wescott.

The first option the city will look at if significant cuts come will be to implement a shared ride service within the current fixed route system.

Wescott stated there are several advantages to the shared ride system. It is available upon request, it picks riders up at their door at a predetermined time, and drops them off at their destination. The cost of the system is still under study, pending use of the system, the number of vehicles used, and other variables that are all part of the planning process.

Wescott reassures that the system is not coming next week, not even next year; it is simply being studied as an option if funding is further cut.



A few people take advantage of the city transit system on Tuesday afternoon. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Ridership on city buses is an issue that the city has looked into over the past several years, and Wescott commented while addressing students at a student government meeting two weeks

ago on campus that none of them indicated that they rode city buses.

Wescott noted that the "ridership comprises about five to six percent of the total revenue."

Hockey

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talk to the group. "We wanted to get the group on track because we felt the were having major problems with their communication (with the city)," she said. The club was also told to write a letter of apology to Bob Gregorich and to the Portage County Youth on Ice.

Student Government Association met last Thursday and amended SOURCE's recommendation of limited probation. SGA felt that was not long enough, said Ketchum. "They

extended the probation to two years. The other recommendations were upheld."

Mondloch said, "Probation basically means if they screw up again, we would look at them and say 'you guys screwed up in the past and we'll deal with you a little more harshly.'"

A condition of the probation requires the club to meet with Ketchum and Mondloch. "Right now, in their probation... we are discussing how to help their organization out," said Mondloch.

Ketchum wants to "find a more active advisor so that they could have better communication with the city. Their current advisor, Doxtator, is retiring this year."

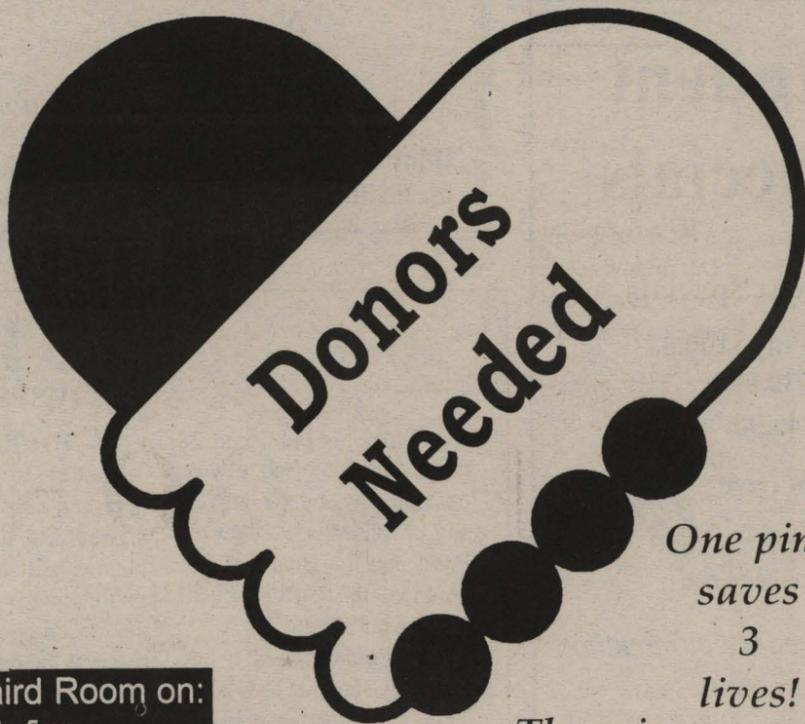


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Eckholm clarifies new standards

Admission requirements aim to add more top-level students

Dear Editor:

On February 20, *The Pointer* printed an article explaining that UW-Stevens Point admission standards "will be altered starting the fall semester of 1998," but the headline read "Admission standards lowered for fall semester."

Then "The Pointer Poll" in the February 27 issue asked students to respond to the question, "What do YOU think about the university lowering their admission standards?"

Some clarification is in order. The February 20 article was accurate in that we have altered rather than lowered our admission standards. In fact, the reporter did a nice job of summarizing the purpose in altering the standards.

As indicated in the article, one of the primary reasons for the revision was to increase our pool of students from the top end of

their high school class. We expect to admit more rather than fewer highly qualified students as a result of a larger applicant pool.

Our current admission standards require a high school class rank in the top 33 percent, an ACT of 24, or a high school GPA of 3.00. In addition, we admit students below these criteria on an individual basis when other factors indicate they will have a good chance of succeeding in college.

While 75-80 percent of UW-SP new freshmen over the last four years have ranked in the top 40 percent of their high school class and have had an average high school percentile rank of 71 percent, another 20-25 percent have ranked below the top 40 percent, including about eight percent below the 50th percentile.

We believe that some very good high school seniors may have been reluctant to apply to UW-SP when they saw that one

of the three criteria was a high school percentile rank in the top 33 percent. The fall 1998 standards will require either a high school class rank in the top 40 percent, a high school class rank in the top 50 percent and an ACT of 22, or a high school GPA of 3.00.

High school graduates between the 60th and 67th percentiles are very good students as are graduates in the top 50 percent with an ACT of 22 or above.

We trust that the revised standards will encourage many of these high school students to apply, which will permit us to admit more students at the top end of their high school class.

As a result, we should see an increase in the percentage of students in the top 40 percent of their high school class and in the average high school percentile rank.

David J. Eckholm
Director of Admissions and Registrar

10% Society acknowledges other advisor

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the recent letter regarding the resignation of professor Ellen Gordon. Gordon was one of two resourceful faculty advisors for the 10% Society, and many people have assumed that she was the group's only advisor.

I would like to clarify that the 10% Society does have another advisor. It has been our great pleasure to have Mr. Ron Strege as our faculty advisor for the last three years. Strege puts much

time and effort into our group both as an advisor and as an ally to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. We greatly appreciate everything that he has helped us to accomplish as an organization through the use of his excellent advising skills.

I feel that faculty advisors don't often get the recognition they deserve for their contributions. I would like to thank Ron, Ellen, and all the other faculty and staff on campus who give their time and energy to student organizations.

Thank you for being student organization advisors!

Erika Hedalen
10% Society Co-President

Morby: Policy unconstitutional

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday I sent an e-mail to every UW-Stevens Point faculty and staff member. After sending the message, my privilege to send e-mail was revoked for a week.

The First Amendment to the Constitution states that Congress should make no law abdicating the freedom of the press. UW-SP however feels that they have the right to censor the e-mail that students on campus send to one another.

In order for a UW-SP student to send a message to faculty and staff on campus, the student is required to submit the message to Debbie Smith in the office of Information Technology. Smith is the acting Postmaster here at UW-SP.

Essentially the state of Wisconsin is controlling the content of information that its students receive via e-mail. I will not tolerate this injustice.

Students should not allow UW-SP to rape their privilege of free speech.

I object to the policy that the university has concerning e-mail privileges. The content of the mail hasn't come into question, rather the question is do students at UW-SP, a state funded institution have the right to send e-mail without prior restraint? Do you as students want the messages you send to the faculty and staff on campus censored?

Students, you must realize this is serious business. UW-SP is severely mistaken! Now is the time to act.

The Internet is growing by leaps and bounds every minute and the president we set today will influence the lives of students for years to come.

I have paid tens of thousands of dollars to this institution. Interrupting my education, my research, my job search, and my private financial undertakings is a social wrong doing of the most wrongful consequence.

Josh Morby

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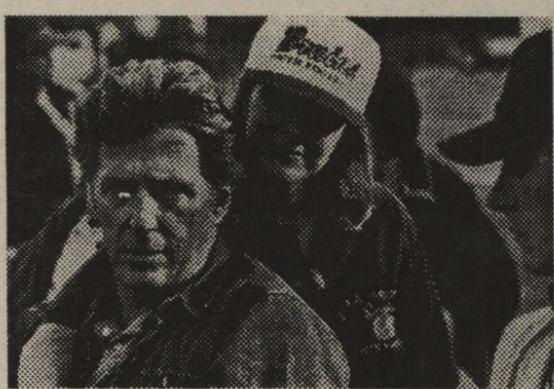
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SGA accused of budget inadequacies

It came as no surprise to us that when the 1997-98 budgeting process began, Student Government Association (SGA), who deals with the budgeting process, would once again illustrate their ineffectiveness in communicating with this university's organizations.

To reemphasize, there is an apparent communication problem within the inner strands of those who handle the budget in student government. In at least three instances within a year the organization has miscalculated crucial budget numbers.

The first case transpired last summer when the Budget and Finance Director forgot to add the minimum wage increase in their final budget plan; the federal government had passed the minimum wage bill months earlier. This is one of the key reasons why segregated fees will be raised next fiscal year.

The second budget flaw was revealed during the process of raising the segregated fees. After the student senators sent out mass e-mail notices about the proposed segregated fee raise, the SGA Finance Committee stated the proposal needed to be sent back to the drawing board and

analyzed further, thereby postponing the final vote for weeks.

The last instance was another mistake relating to employee wages. All organizations were notified to pay their employees \$5.25 per hour. But when SGA finance members realized at the last minute that the numbers were flawed and the hourly wage should be lowered to \$5.15, many organizations were forced to cut an already chopped up budget.

Does the cliché "three strikes you're out" apply here? It's clear that SGA does not subscribe to the necessary democratic system of checks and balances.

The Pointer understands some of the quirks SGA has had to deal with in the past few semesters, especially pertaining to budget issues.

The main reasons SGA raised their segregated fees were to build their emergency reserve back up, make up for the minimum wage increases, and to ensure the very existence of student organizations.

Realizing the tightening of the budget, *The Pointer*, a student organization funded by segregated fees, cut almost 600 total hours amounting to nearly \$3,000 on its 1997-98 budget to

make up for the minimum wage increase coming up this fall.

The past two years, we asked for \$0 and three years ago asked for only \$264. We did not ask for more money because our advertising revenue enabled us to stay pretty much self-sufficient, with the exception of a non-interest loan, payed back each year.

Instead of asking for more than \$5,000 this year, we asked for \$2,100 to make up for problems that occurred in advertising last semester, choosing instead to cut the hours mentioned earlier.

The Pointer wasn't greedy. In fact, we cut some positions and decreased our wages; the work still has to be done. We were allocated almost 33% less than we asked for, causing us to cut even more.

We feel SGA handled this year's budgets unprofessionally and looked at numbers rather than organizations or people. We do not mean to attack the entirety of student government, but rather the individuals who were unprepared for student government's most important task—the budget process.

This reflects the opinion of The Pointer's editorial staff.

Cloning seen as problematic

By Nick Katzmarek
COPY EDITOR

The hot issue of the day? Cloning. Huxley's vision of a brave new world may actually be tomorrow. Manufacturing children, once a fantasy (or nightmare), is looming on the horizon. Imagine the army that the United States could produce. An army of soulless clones could be very intimidating indeed. Of course, these things will probably never happen, but the federal government has taken steps to ensure that it will have no part in these proceedings.

Bill Clinton has decisively banned funds for human cloning and implored private researchers to cease conducting experiments that could lead to the implementation of human cloning as a viable technology. However, Clinton supports continued research on animals, but has asked companies not affected by the federal ban of funds to impose on themselves a "voluntary moratorium" on expanding their work to human beings.

Right. Imagine the financial potential in cloning babies for couples who, through genetic deficiency or mutation, cannot bear children. This technology gives them the opportunity to experience that emotion most central to our experience—propagation. Any biotech company that is motivated by greed (see Hollywood) will certainly look at this technology and possibly develop it. There are, believe it or not, people out there with no conception of morality and the implications of cloning.

Yet there is a certain air of wonder about the whole thing, isn't there? Richard Attenborough once said "How could we stand in the face of discovery and not act?" How indeed? The potential of genetic science is overwhelming. Erasing genetic diseases, slowing aging and ensuring our survival as a race are all issues that most everyone feels that we should at least look into. However, if solving these problems entails researchers "playing God", then perhaps it just isn't worth it.

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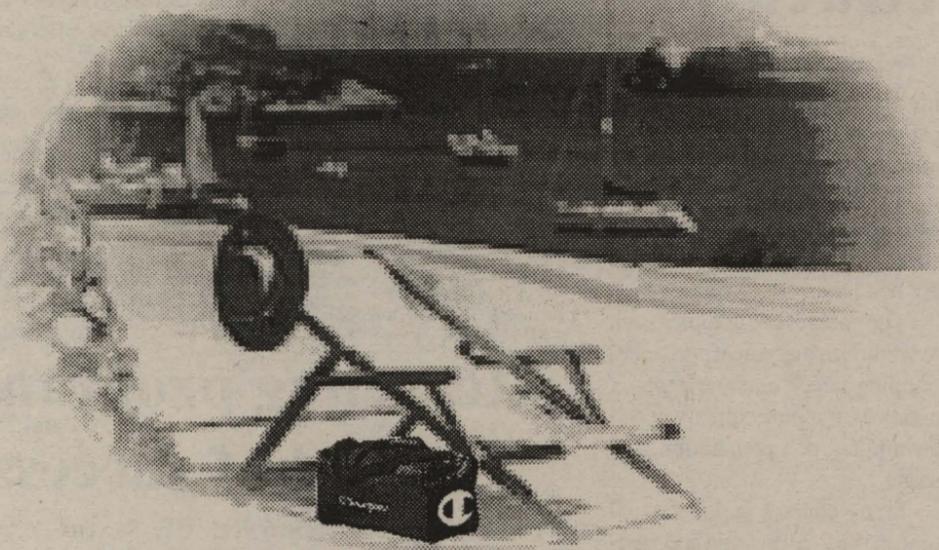
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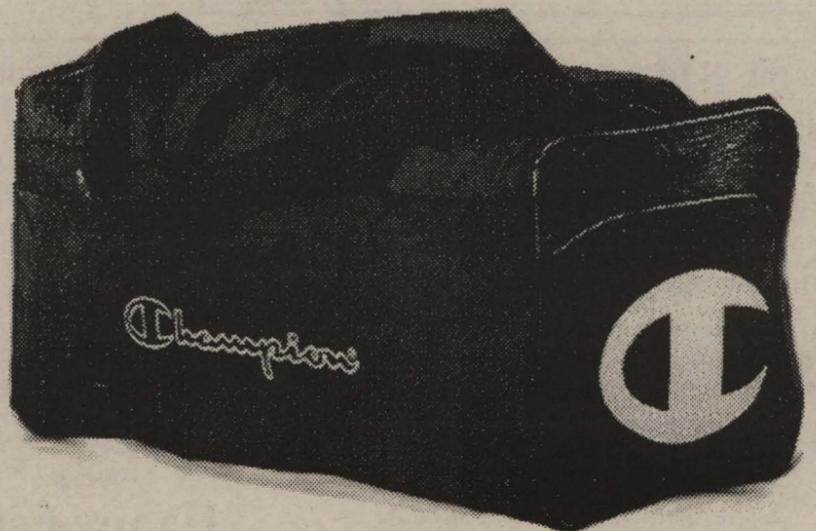
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Friday, April 11

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Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center

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Saturday, April 19

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Lunch at The Restaurant: \$10/person

The Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center is located on North Point Drive. Most programs are free to the public. For more information, call the Reserve office at 346-4992.

Step into trapper education

The UW-Stevens Point Wildlife Society will offer a trapper education course April 10-12. Times have not been set yet.

Twenty trapper education courses are scheduled around the state. More dates and locations are pending.

The courses cover topics such as wildlife management principles, trapping safety, humane trapping practices, trapping equipment and techniques, pelt preparation, and more.

Many courses include actual time in the field, making and tending trap sets. A program goal for 1997 is to see that students get as much hands on practice as possible making sets designed to catch furbearers humanely, according to Scott Peterson, who coordinates the program for the Wisconsin Trapper's Association (WTA).

"People have more fun actually doing these things, and it answers so many more questions than can be answered in a classroom session," said Peterson.

"It isn't difficult to teach students the proper placement of traps to help ensure that they catch only target animals, and the course challenges students to think about the consequences for all trappers if individuals are not careful and considerate."

The Trapper Education Program is a cooperative effort of the Department of Natural Resources and WTA, and is made possible by donations of time and talent from WTA members.

All first-time trappers must complete this course before purchasing a trapping license. Graduates will receive a free trapping license for the 1997 season, a student manual, and a graduation patch.

Benefit to stop Crandon mine tonight at Encore

A benefit to stop the Crandon mine project will be held at UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, March 6.

The benefit will run from 7 to 11 p.m. in The Encore, of the University Center, and will feature an evening of jazz with Transplant, a showing of the video "Keepers of the Water," and live entertainment by the band The Blasting Caps.

Tickets are \$3.00 at the door, and snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will go to the Wisconsin Resources Protection Council and Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Lakeland Area. Both groups are engaged in legal, political and educational efforts to stop Exxon from mining in Crandon.

The event is sponsored by the Progressive Action Organization. For more information, call Laura at (715) 342-1102.

Recycling program is model of success

For the fourth consecutive year, UW-Stevens Point's recycling program has been selected to appear in a national directory as a model of a successful environmental program.

"Practicing the 3 R's-Reduce, Reuse and Recycle," will be included in Renew America's Environmental Success Index, which contains information about excellent programs throughout the country.

The database is used by government agencies, companies, environmental organizations and civic groups as a tool for implementing similar programs.

Since the campus recycling program began in 1989, it has diverted more than 6,400 tons of materials from landfills, creating a landfill avoidance amount of \$234,000.

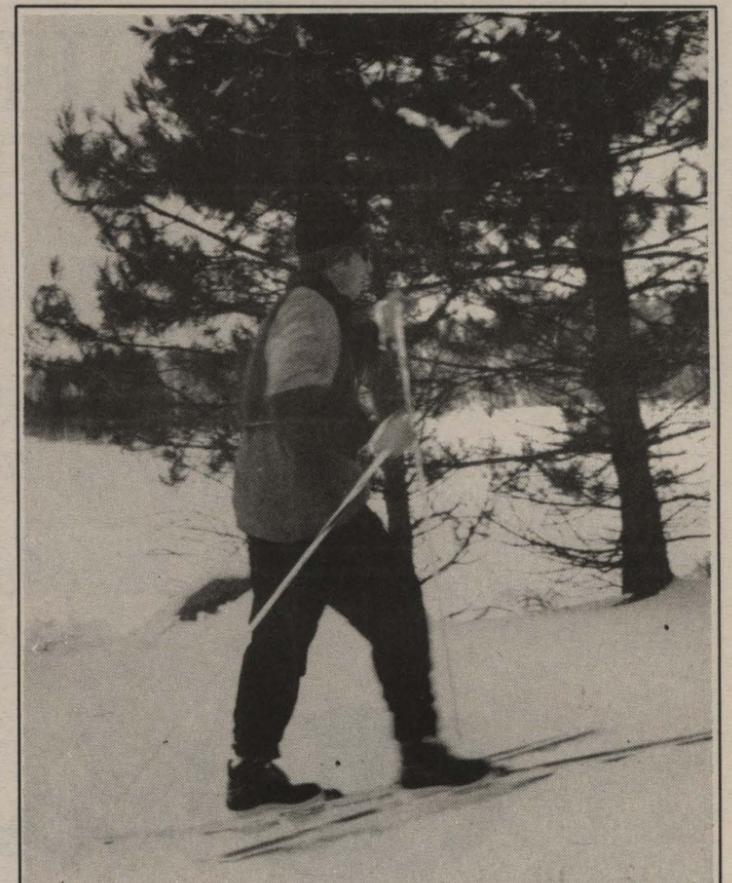
Last year, 62 percent of campus waste was recycled. That is the highest percentage since the inception of the program.

Time to remove shelters from ice

The earlier sunrises and later sunsets are a reminder that spring is approaching and it is time for ice anglers to remove their fishing shelters from the ice before they remove themselves.

Under state law, shelters on waters south of Highway 64 should have been removed yesterday, and on waters north of the highway by March 15.

Can't do this much longer



Skiing in Schmeckle. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

From the "I bet you wonder where I got it but if I told you I'd have to kill you" department:

Every year, enough printer cartridges are thrown out to stretch from New York to Los Angeles and back again.

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Nature Calls



By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Once again, the time has arrived when the weather of a certain month is described by using the names of animals.

So, if all indications are correct, March came in like a lamb with a bad case of pneumonia.

Of course, that lamb then promptly got up and ran away sometime during the night of March 3. (If you've seen this lamb, please return him by March 21.) In its place, we were left with a penguin or something. Its hard to tell.

So, according to legend, March is supposed to go out like a lion. We all know that the image of a lion is this fierce, bone-crushing beast, referred to as the king of the jungle.

Huh? Have you ever *seen* a lion? They sit around and do nothing for most of the day (sounds like some people I know) except maybe chase down an antelope for dinner.

And they aren't even in a jungle. In fact, the closest thing to a jungle is a tree, usually found in the middle of about 3,000 square miles of grassland.

Often, lions are seen rolling around in the dust or sleeping. Exactly what that says about our wacky Wisconsin weather is hard to tell, but it probably has something to do with sun spots and low barometric pressure.

And why does March always get to come in like an animal? What about the other 14, I mean 11 months? Take October, for instance. (I'm sure you really want to think about October right now. Too bad.)

What if October came in like a wolf (could happen)? No no, change that to a bison, and then it could just run right down on everything and trample it into tiny pieces. That would be a pretty ugly month for sure.

In fact, I don't think October would go out like anything - well maybe a mangled lemming or some kind of road kill. But LOOK OUT!! Here comes November like a rabid hyena, cleaning up the scrapes, and then it goes downhill from there, slipping into December like a three-toed sloth on a bad hair day.

But what about the warm months? July, for example could enter like a panda and leave like a koala bear. Sounds warm and fuzzy to me. (First time the word "fuzzy" has ever appeared in *Nature Calls*.)

I could go on for months about animals, but we don't have that much time.

How about this. What if a month came in like an inanimate object. For instance, August could come in like a frying pan and go out like a toaster. April could come in like a shovel and go out like a bucket.

And if I really wanted to get creative (not really), June could come in like a waffle and go out like a hard-boiled egg. It makes no difference to me.

But as for March, we may as well stick with the old lion-lamb combo. Unfortunately for us, we have a lion to look forward to. He's stalking us, slowly, through the tall grass that *is* spring break. Sneaking...slowly...eyes getting wide...ready to pounce and quite possibly, maim.

I can't wait. How about you?

CNR dedication on Saturday

By Scott Van Natta
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The new 52,720 square foot addition to the College of Natural Resources (CNR) building will be dedicated on Saturday.

The dedication and open house festivities begin at 9 a.m. including tours of the new classrooms, labs, offices, herbarium and administrative complex.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will ensue at 10:30, along with a

dedication program featuring Dean Haney of the CNR, Chancellor George, UW-System President Katherine Lyall and former Chancellor Keith Sanders.

Also tentatively scheduled to speak are Governor Thompson and Senators Herb Kohl and Dave Obey. The presentations will take place in the east lobby. Refreshments will be served.

The new addition was built at a cost of \$10,669,250 and increased the building's area by 50 percent.

Special features include an advanced computer laboratory, four greenhouses, ichthyology and urban forestry laboratories and animal care facilities.

The building project also saw a 5,170 square foot wood utilization laboratory built on Maria Drive near Schmeckle Reserve.

The new addition provides the CNR and Biology Department with a "state-of-the-art" teaching and learning environment that completes a 15-year planning and construction project.

Eagles no longer threatened

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

America couldn't have picked a better symbol. With piercing yellow eyes and a menacing beak set upon a distinguished head, it soars above the world on six feet of wings fast enough to catch an airborne duck.

It represents the epitome of power, strength, and freedom; every idealistic image we strive for as a nation can be found in the image of a bald eagle.

Before most of us were born, however, DDT pushed eagles to the edge of extinction.

In 1973, the year of the Endangered Species Act, only 107 pairs nested in Wisconsin. Campers and fishermen were lucky to spot an eagle over even the most remote lakes of northern Wisconsin. Nationally, the all-time low was a population of 450 birds.

Since then, America realized the mistake and took action to fix it. According to Sumner Matteson of Wisconsin's Bureau of Endangered Resources, the population quadrupled over a twenty year period with a count of 464 pairs in 1993 and has continued to grow. The state's most recent estimate is 625 nesting pairs.

As a result, last week the Natural Resources Board removed the eagle from Wisconsin's list of threatened and endangered species and designated it as a protected species of "special concern."

However with a national population estimated around 4,000 pairs, the bird is still considered threatened.

"We're very excited about the recovery of our national symbol," said Matteson. However, he expressed concern that people don't over-interpret the new classification.

"People seem to think that the eagle will no longer be protected. But it is still protected under the Bald Eagle Protection Act and will always be closely watched. This is simply a sign that the bird is currently doing very well."

Matteson mentioned a variety of factors that have contributed to the eagle's success.

The abolishment of DDT made the greatest impact, but Wisconsin's aging forests, a growing prey base (fish, carrion, and occasional waterfowl), and their relatively short winter migration distance all played major roles.

As their population continues to grow, more and more eagles are found re-colonizing their former range in southern Wisconsin. Major rivers like the Wisconsin and Fox provide ideal winter nesting and feeding grounds.

Currently 17 pairs are nesting along the Wisconsin River's

SEE EAGLE ON PAGE 18



Nesting pairs of bald eagles in Wisconsin:

1973: 107
1993: 464
1997: 625

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Pointers receive first-ever berth in NCAA Division III Tournament

UW-SP plays Pomona-Pitzer College tonight in California

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

It's tournament time baby! The "Big Dance" is going to have to make room for first time participant UW-Stevens Point.

The Pointers, under the reins of first year coach Jack Bennett, received an at-large bid to the 64 team NCAA Division III tournament following a 19-6 regular season.

UW-SP clinched the bid after trouncing UW-River Falls 73-55 on Saturday night.

The Pointers enter the tournament with a six game winning streak and have won nine of their last eleven games since January 22nd.

The Pointers are in Claremont, California tonight to face the Pomona-Pitzer College Sagehens.

The first round game in the West Region tips off at 9:30 this evening Wisconsin time. The game will be broadcast live on 99.9 FM WIZD.

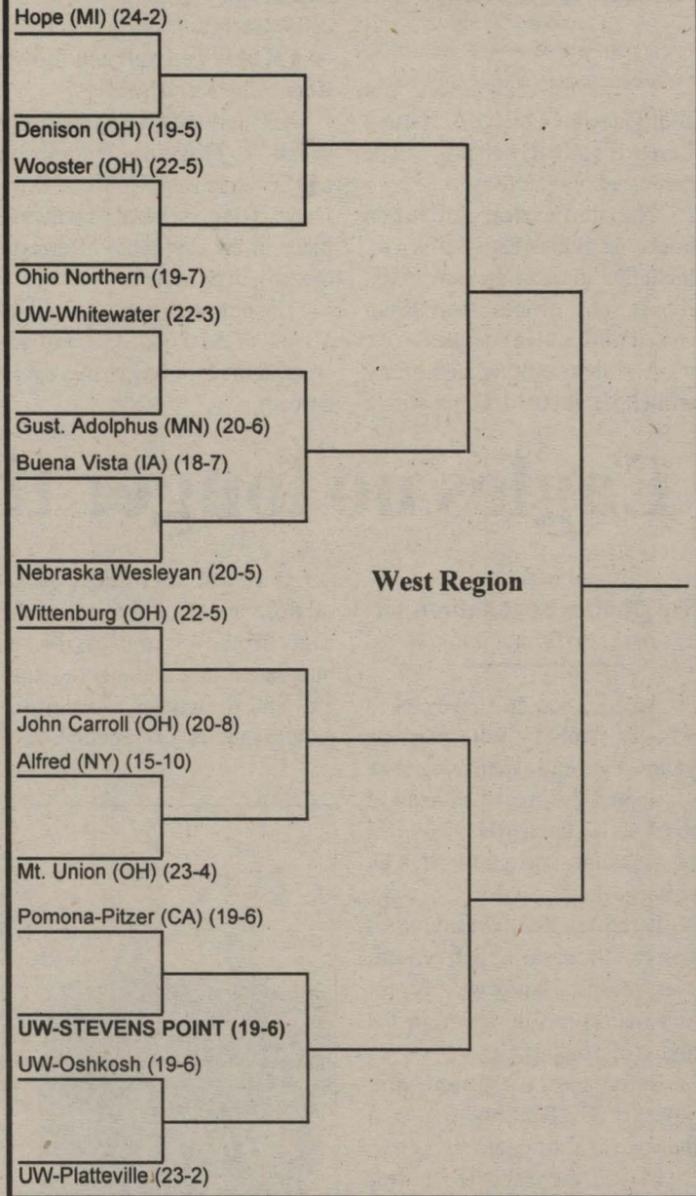
Pomona-Pitzer, under the leadership of head coach Charlie Katsiaticas, is competing in their fifth NCAA Division III tournament.

The Sagehens have received bids in 1995, 1994, 1989, and 1986, and have a 2-5 record in the tournament.

Pomona-Pitzer comes to the tournament with a strong 19-6 regular season record.

They have won 15 of 17, rallying from a three game losing streak in late December.

NCAA Division III Tournament West Region



The Sagehens' leading scorer, sophomore guard Brett Lange, averages 11.5 points per game. Pomona-Pitzer's offensive attack is very balanced, as six players

average at least 7.8 points per game.

Pomona-Pitzer has a lack of height on their team, which could

Romp over Falcons insures invite

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team clinched their first berth to the NCAA Division III tournament Saturday with a 73-55 win at Quandt Fieldhouse against UW-River Falls.

Not even the Falcons' center Matt Chitwood could stop the Pointers, although he did lead all scorers with 17 points.

Junior guard Russ Austin led the way for the Pointers in the first half with an impressive shooting display.

Austin started the scoring romp for the Pointers by bomb-

ing away from three-point-land four times in the first half.

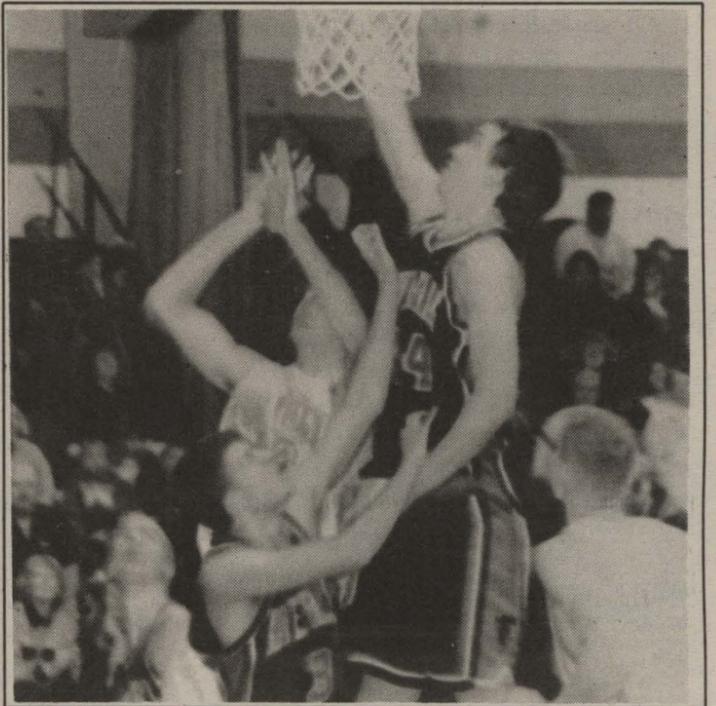
Austin shot an impressive 5-6 in the first half, leading the way for the Pointers with 14 points.

River Falls center Matt Chitwood led the Falcons with seven points, going 3-7 from the field and 1-1 from the line.

The Pointers' characteristic tough defense in the first half kept the Falcons to single digit scoring until there was less than eight minutes to go.

UW-SP tipped off the second half with two quick buckets from Dave Grzesk.

"Dave played well for us. He limited Chad Meschke, (UW-River Falls) center. SEE BASKETBALL ON PAGE 13



UW-SP and UW-River Falls players work for a rebound Saturday in the Pointers' 73-55 win. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

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Point falls to River Falls in season finale

By Nick Brilowski
CONTRIBUTOR

Any postseason aspirations the Pointer women's basketball team experienced were dashed on Saturday afternoon in River Falls.

UW-Stevens Point and the Falcons slugged it out all afternoon, but in the end UW-River Falls was able to convert when the Pointers couldn't, and came away with a 72-67 victory.

UW-SP outshot UW-RF 46 percent to 42.9 percent, but the home team was able to manage 13 more shot attempts.

The two teams continued to match each other throughout the first half until the Pointers eventually jumped out to a five point lead, 22-17, on two Marne Boario free throws with 7:41 remaining.

The Falcons answered back to tie the game at 25-25, but Point followed with a 9-2 run to take their biggest lead of the game, 34-27 with 2:16 to go in the half.

The Pointers eventually took a 36-33 lead into the locker room.

The second half continued the way the first half ended. The two teams fought each other through

seven ties and nine lead changes during the final 20 minutes.

Jessica Green's jumper with 2:30 remaining gave River Falls a 66-65 lead, but two free throws by Jessica Ott gave the Pointers the lead back with 2:10 to go.

Unfortunately, those would be the final points of the game for UW-SP.

River Falls scored the final six points of the game to account for the final margin.

"We were emotionally and physically drained," said Pointer head coach Shirley Egner who

knew her team probably wouldn't make the playoffs even with a win.

"I knew that going in, but I didn't tell the team. If I would have, we probably would have gone out and lost by 30. You have to have something to play for," added Egner.

Ott led UW-SP in scoring with 21 points. Boario, playing her final game in a Pointer uniform, concluded a fine career by adding 16.

The Pointers ended their season with a 17-7 record overall and 9-7 in the WWIAC.

Quote of the Week

“Bear Bryant said a tie was like kissing your sister. Well, my sister got a whole lot better-looking today.”

-Milwaukee Brewers' manager Phil Garner, after Sunday's Brewers-A's game was called a tie at 6-6 after 11 innings. Both teams had run out of available pitchers.

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

IN THE ZONE

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

This winter sports season at UW-Stevens Point has been one of the best in recent memory, with the success of our men's and women's basketball, wrestling, men's swimming, and hockey teams.

Every coach has done an outstanding job with their respective teams, but one coach has had to overcome great, and somewhat unfair, pressure to have his team succeed.

Joe Baldarotta, the Pointer hockey coach, inherited the head coaching job for the 1991-92 season after serving as an assistant coach for five seasons.

UW-SP was coming off three consecutive national championships, and Baldarotta led the Pointers to a runner-up finish and another national title in his first two years.

After a 11-14-2 season last year, including a fifth place finish in the NCHA with a 7-12-1 record, some Pointer fans were calling for Baldarotta's job.

But instead of giving up on the Pointer program, Baldarotta may have done the best coaching job of his career this season.

Entering the 1996-97 campaign, over two-thirds of the roster consisted of freshmen and sophomores, yet Baldarotta has UW-SP near the top of the NCHA and will hopefully get them into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

He accomplished this despite having to change his coaching style to compete with the conference. He had to move from the traditional physical, bruising teams of the past to a new team of quick and more highly skilled players.

Baldarotta has made this change through excellent recruiting. For example, he found the NCHA leading scorer, junior Forrest Gore, at Alaska-Fairbanks and lured him to UW-SP. Baldarotta found freshman phenom Matt Interbartolo in Toronto, Canada and brought him to Point.

He also has developed his recruits throughout their Pointer careers, such as Willy Frericks and Brian Hill, who are two of the team's top scorers in their senior seasons.

For his efforts this year, Baldarotta's team finished the regular season with a six game winning streak and a 16-7-2 overall record. Their NCHA record of 14-5-1 is a seven game improvement over last year, earning Baldarotta the well-deserved honor of NCHA Coach of the Year.

Their loss last weekend to UW-Superior was a tough one to swallow, especially since it ended on a "fluke" goal after such a hardfought series. Hopefully, the NCAA selection committee will include the Pointers in the NCAA Tournament, because Baldarotta definitely deserves it for the excellent job he has done.

Hockey's season hangs in the balance

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

After a heartbreaking loss last weekend against UW-Superior in the NCHA playoffs, the Pointer hockey season is in jeopardy.

UW-Stevens Point (17-8-2) rallied in dramatic fashion Saturday to force the decisive mini-game, but a Superior goal in sudden death overtime ousted the Pointers from the NCHA playoffs.

"I knew we weren't gonna sweep them. I knew they weren't gonna sweep us. We knew there was gonna be a mini-game," said UW-SP hockey coach Joe Baldarotta.

Behind two goals in the final minute of the second period Friday night, the Yellowjackets took the first game of the series 4-1.

On Saturday night, the Pointers needed a victory to force a mini-game. A tie would have given Superior the series.

After two scoreless periods dominated by the strong goalie play of UW-SP's Bobby Gorman and Superior's Dave Graichen, the Pointers lit the lamp first.

Senior Willy Frericks gave Point a 1-0 lead 3:07 into the third period off assists from Wil Nichol and Tyler Johnston.

Gorman and Graichen took over again, and it looked like the Pointers would come away with the win.

However, Rodney Graham tied the game for Superior at 1-1 with 4:37 left in the game, putting UW-SP's back against the wall.

With time dwindling to under two minutes left in the game, Superior's Craig Boyd was called for a roughing penalty, putting the Pointers on the power play.

Baldarotta gambled and pulled Gorman, leaving an empty net, but giving UW-SP a 6-4 man advantage with 1:32 to play.

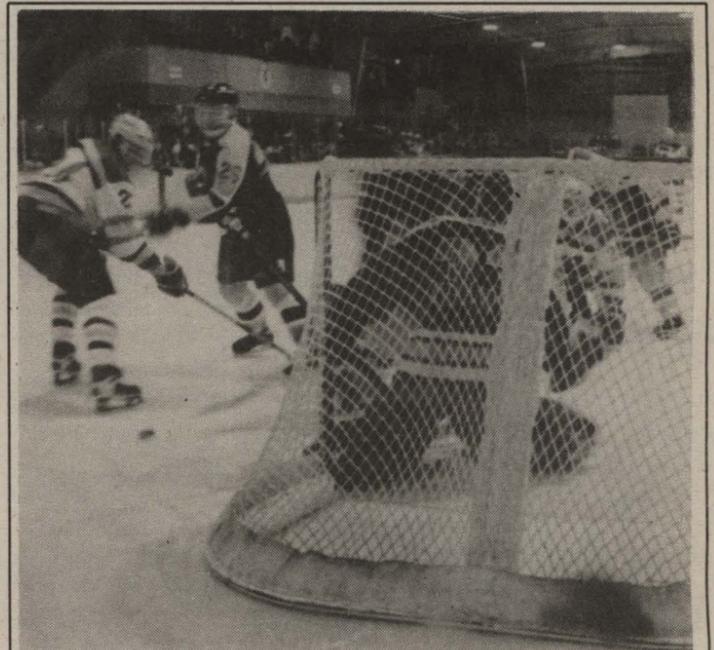
"Hey, if it works you're a hero, and if it doesn't you really are a goat," said Baldarotta.

The efforts of defenseman Kevin Fricke and forward Ben Gorewich made Baldarotta look like a genius.

Fricke saved a potential Superior game winning goal, leaping into the air and knocking down the puck with his fully extended arm.

Fricke then dumped the puck back in the Superior zone, where Gorewich beat Graichen with just 35 seconds left in the game, giving the Pointers the 2-1 win and forcing the mini-game.

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The Pointers' Scott Kelly (#24) tries to squeeze the puck past Superior goalie Dave Graichen (#33) Friday night. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

On top of their game

Intramural Top Teams

Men's Basketball Top 10

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hegemony 101 | 6. X-Cons |
| 2. Caucasian Persuasion | 7. Little Too Tight |
| 3. The Gunners | 8. Run-n-Gun |
| 4. NBA | 9. Village |
| 5. The Posse | 10. The Road Warriors |

Women's Basketball Top 5

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Lot D | 1. No Fat |
| 2. Hoochie Mamas | 2. Cross Court |
| 3. Freedom | 3. Last Chance |
| 4. Pumpkin Pushers | 4. Tirty Pointers |
| 5. 1428 | 5. Spartan Spirit |

Men's Volleyball Top 3

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

Women's Volleyball Top 3

1. Sideout
2. Pointer Sisters
3. Baked Lays

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

1. 2 Short
2. Scrubs
3. Butt Plugs
4. Dan and the weird...
5. TAPPI

Soccer Top 3

1. AC Milan
2. Eric's Team
3. Mike Costello

Broom Ball Top 3

1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
2. The Scoring Machines
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Men's track takes second in WSUC Indoors Women finish fourth in WWIAC

By Krista Torgeson
CONTRIBUTOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams were successful this past weekend at the WSUC/WWIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The Pointer men took second place with 126 points, losing to UW-La Crosse, who scored 202 points.

UW-SP edged UW-Stout for the runner-up spot. The Blue Devils scored 123 points, and UW-Oshkosh finished fourth with 95 points.

Leading the way for the Pointers was Shawn Moretti, who won the 55-meter hurdles and captured two second places in the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter hurdles.

UW-SP came away with three more first place finishes, including Brett Witt's UW-Stout Johnson Fieldhouse record 1:21.1 clocking in the 600-meter dash.

Other first place wins were earned by Matt Hayes in the 800-meter run and John Auel in the 1000-meter run.

Chad Johnson, a Pointer distance runner, brought home second places in both the 3,000 and 5,000 meter runs.

The UW-SP 4x400 meter relay team earned another eight points with their second place finish.

The Pointers grabbed two more runner-up spots, as Mike Hamilton took second in the long

jump and Mike Mead finished number two in the high jump.

In the WWIAC meet, the Pointer women's team took fourth place with 48 points.

UW-La Crosse made a clean sweep, winning the WWIAC championship with 181 points.

UW-Oshkosh finished second with 144 points, while UW-Eau Claire was a distant third with 71.

Junior Jessie Bushman brought in a solid 20 points alone for the Pointers, as she was victorious in both the 400 and 600-meter runs.

UW-SP's 4x400 meter relay team of Sarah McLaughlin, Paula Schober, Jessica Drenzek and Bushman ran a close race, taking second to UW-La Crosse by only 44 hundredths of a second.

For her efforts, Bushman was named the WWIAC Outstanding Athlete for the meet.

The 4x200 meter relay team captured the other runner-up finish for the Pointers.

Both Pointer teams will be well represented in the NCAA Division III National Championships this weekend at UW-Oshkosh.

Moretti (55 m hurdles), Witt and Hayes (800 m), Johnson and Josh Metcalf (5000 m), and the 4x400 m relay team of Craig Anderson, Mike Warta, Hayes, and Witt will represent the Pointers in the running events.

In the field events, Hamilton (long jump), Mead (high jump), and Jesse Maynard (pole vault) will compete for UW-SP.

Bushman (400 m), Ann Finan (20 pound weight), and the 4x400 m relay team of McLaughlin, Drenzik, Schober, and Bushman will represent the women's team.

Pointer Profile Stamper's quest for a title

By Ryan Lins
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A certain event can turn a mediocre athlete into a great one.

For UW-Stevens Point wrestler Bret Stamper, that moment was the day his father Paul brought home a used wrestling mat from Shawano High School.



Stamper

"I was bad my sophomore year, but after my dad brought the mat home I was down there every day," commented Stamper.

From there on in, Stamper set out to be the best wrestler in the state.

As a junior at Shawano High School, he took fourth in the state meet.

As the team captain his senior season, he went 34-1 and narrowly missed the state crown, taking second place overall.

Coach Marty Loy knew what he was getting when Bret joined the UW-SP wrestling team in

1992: an intelligent and able tactician.

Bret also liked to study match films religiously, showing a higher level of commitment to the sport.

"Bret is a great kid. He's also very smart. Being a good student really reflects his personality as a wrestler," stated coach Loy.

After a freshman redshirt, Bret posted an impressive 16-9 record in 1994 and was third at the Augsberg Invite.

The 1995 season held much promise for Stamper. While only notching a 17-14 mark at the 150lbs. class, he managed to win his first WSUC title.

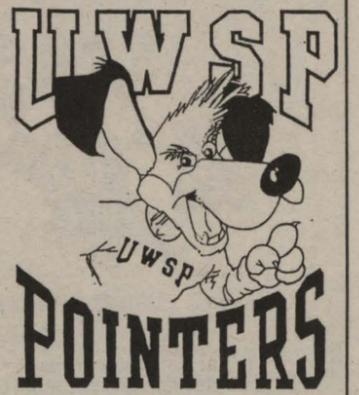
He also added 20 takedowns and valuable experience to his repertoire.

In the following year, Stamper blazed a trail through the WSUC.

He recorded a stellar 22-6 season, won his second straight WSUC crown, and qualified for Nationals, where he placed a respectable third.

Another event would change Stamper's career as a wrestler.

A trip to Russia last summer shot his off-season training to the next level.



After the trip, Bret looked towards a few goals for his senior year.

The first was to capture a third WSUC title, which he accomplished by beating rival Eric Vandervest from UW-La Crosse 5-2.

The second goal was a team conference championship, which the Pointers achieved by beating UW-La Crosse 98 to 85.5.

Stamper's final goal was to improve his wrestling so he could culminate his career as a national champion.

Stamper once again posted an excellent regular season, and qualified for his second straight national meet.

This weekend, Bret will have a chance to attain his final goal for the season.

Commenting on his plans for the NCAA tournament at Ada, Ohio, Stamper stated, "I want to win it and kill everybody."

Seven Pointer wrestlers head to nationals

The Pointer wrestling squad is sending seven seasoned mat veterans this weekend to the paradise known only as Ada, Ohio for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

UW-SP will be looking to improve on last season's fifth place finish at nationals, the best in school history.

Leading the charge for the hounds at 118 lbs. is #3 seed Jason Malchow. Malchow was one

of six Pointers to win an individual WSUC title, and was a NCAA qualifier last season.

A spoiler on the team could be Ross Buchinger, who scrapped his way to nationals at 126 lbs. through a wild-card seed.

Jaime Hegland also comes into the meet unseeded at 134 lbs. despite winning the WSUC title.

Favored to win it all, #1 seeded Bret Stamper is looking for his first NCAA title. Stamper won the

WSUC title the last three years and finished in third place last season.

At 167lbs., Jamie Hildebrandt is returning to nationals for the second year.

Returning All-American Joe Rens, at 177lbs, is back to nationals after capturing the WSUC crown en route to a #2 seed.

#1 seed Perry Miller has taken three straight conference championships and was national runner-up in the NCAA's last year.

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Basketball

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Fall's leading scorer) to nine points," said UW-SP coach Jack Bennett.

Both teams shot impressively from the line, as the Pointers shot 19-24 (79 percent) and River Falls connected on 22-25 attempts (88 percent).

River Falls' Andy Myers, Chitwood, Nic Been, and Tony Fisher all were perfect from the stripe.

The intensity of the Quandt Fieldhouse crowd heightened with just less than 16 minutes to go in the game when senior Mike Paynter had two thunderous slams in less than a minute.

The Pointers continued to dominate down the stretch, increasing their lead to as many as 23 points.

The victory extended the Pointers' winning streak to six games and improved their record to 19-6.

"I think this game was important (for a tourney bid) but I really think our victory at Oshkosh was the swing game that got us there," commented Bennett.

Point's next opponent will be the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens tonight in Claremont, California.

NCAA

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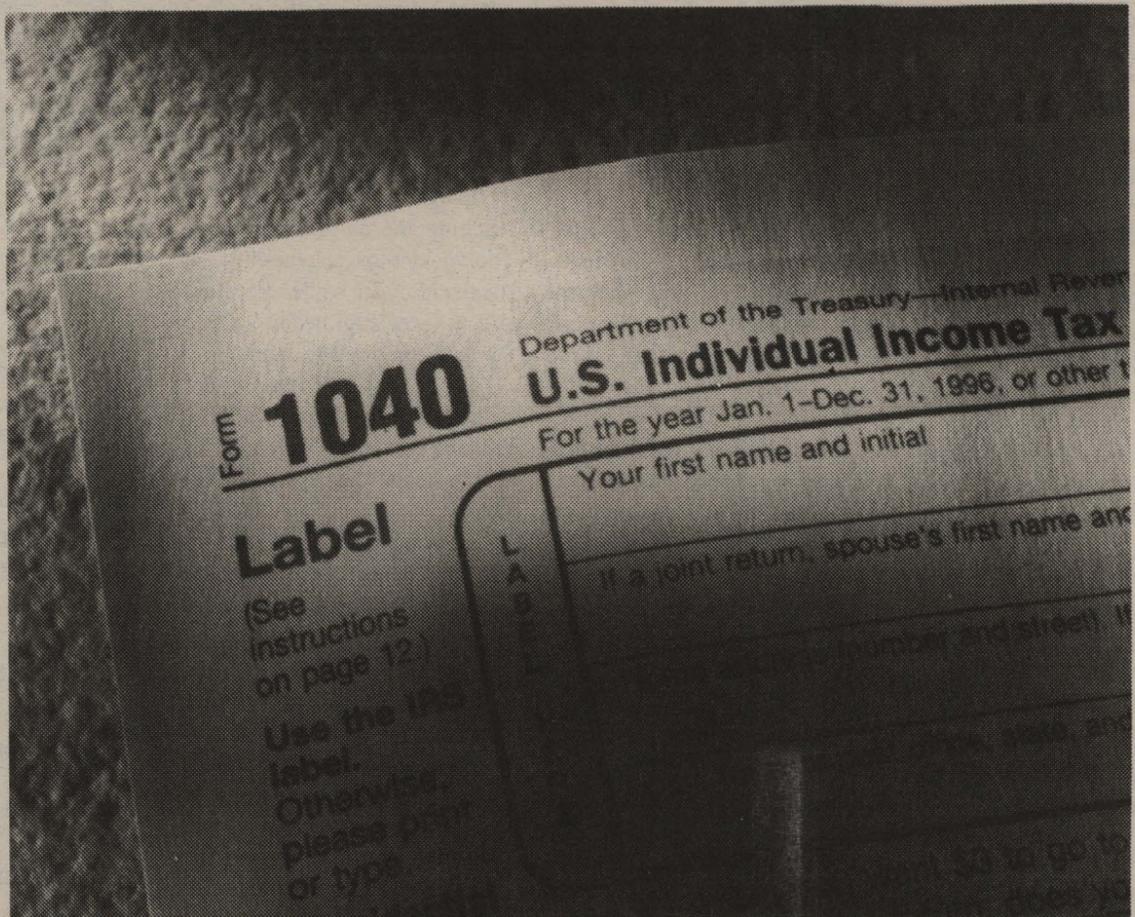
lead to an interesting matchup with 6-9 UW-SP center Mike Paynter, as the tallest player on their roster is 6-7 forward Erik Lund.

Although the Pointers are competing in their first ever NCAA Division III tournament, they are no stranger to postseason competition.

Tonight's game marks the 44th postseason game for UW-SP. The Pointers racked up a 25-18 postseason record in the NAIA before joining the NCAA three years ago.

If the Pointers defeat the Sagehens, they would play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Their opponent would either be UW-Oshkosh at Quandt Fieldhouse or UW-Platteville in Platteville.

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Professors learn a lesson in ebonics

By Lisa Nellessen-Lara
CONTRIBUTOR

Ebonics opponents are under the impression that school districts are trying to pass resolutions teaching ebonics, formerly known as "Black English" in place of standard English.

They are also afraid that students who speak ebonics will be classified as bilingual, giving them an unfair advantage over other students.

These are just two of the misconceptions discussed Wednesday evening during an ebonics workshop hosted by Melvin Rousseau, Director of the Educational Support Program.

The controversy started when the School Board of Oakland, Calif. passed a poorly worded resolution. It was directed at developing improved methods for teaching standard English to students of African-American descent.

Rousseau contends that the ebonics program is intended for the teachers.

If teachers learn ebonics they will be able to compare and con-

trast much more effectively with the students.

Students would be taught by comparing the way they say a word to the way it would be spoken according to the rules of standard English.

"If I am going to go to another country and try to teach them English, I will have a tremendous advantage if I can speak their language," argued Lisa Bobo, an English graduate student.

"It is the same with ebonics. Before you can teach them standard English, you have to understand their language," she said.

Rousseau stressed that ebonics is not just a language but way of life for a very large number of people in society.

Rousseau believes that ebonics is a way of expressing yourself without taking a risk.

"We use ebonics as a way of protecting ourselves," claimed Kyle Faber, an African American UW-Stevens Point student.

"If a teacher humiliates a student for speaking the only way he has ever been taught and tells him it is wrong, the kids will rebel

against everything the teacher tries to teach them," he said.

The Oakland School Board believes the best way to reach their students is to speak to them in a way that they understand.

They have no intention of teaching the children ebonics. Their goal is to teach the children standard English while respecting and acknowledging the culture the students bring to school.

The school board hopes that by getting a better grasp of how the children speak they will be able to teach them more effectively.

Participants of the workshop claimed that it helped clarify the ebonics issue for them and clear up a lot of the questions they had.

The Multicultural Resource Center plans on sponsoring more workshops in the future dealing with a variety of controversial issues facing students today.

"There are so many misunderstandings about things in our world," said John Holmes of the Multicultural Resource Center.

"As students you are affected by all of the issues going on in society. By discussing them and getting at the truth, you will be a people capable of solving them," he said.

Q&A With Chancellor Tom



How do you like living in Delzell Hall? How do you get along with your CA?

Delzell is extremely convenient and enables me to be present at tons of events across campus at any time of the day, although I do get some very interesting visitors at all hours. As it turns out, I frequently run into many of the residence hall people at night who are working on a variety of projects, so I feel I have a bevy of CAs—they are all great!

Do you enjoy outdoor activities (hunting, fishing, camping, etc.) seeing that you are now the chancellor for the best college of Natural Resources in the country?
Bryon Thompson, Senior

Throughout my boyhood I was very active outdoors, but because of my career I have tended to focus my physical recreation in short spurts indoors such as at the gym (I do like to jog and cycle outdoors when the weather is nice.) Nevertheless, I am a super fan of our various outdoor programs managed by our excellent College of Natural Resources.

Are you an avid reader of *The Pointer*, and how do you compare it to other university newspapers you have read in the past?

Yes, I read *The Pointer*, cover to cover, and feel it is an excellent student newspaper. In fact, the myriad of errors which I am used to encountering in student papers seem to be absent here. I congratulate *The Pointer* on a job well done!

If you have questions for The Chancellor email: mrst493@uwsp.edu

Celebration of Languages Festival proves successful

By Tara Zawlocki
CONTRIBUTOR

The eighth annual Celebration of Languages was held Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the Encore Room of the University Center.

The annual event featured readings and entertainment by students and faculty from throughout the world.

Nearly 25 languages were represented at the event.

New this year was a drum circle in which many people played drums and other small instruments.

One UW-Stevens Point student said, "I heard the drums outside and decided to see what was going on. It was a great cultural experience, so I decided to stay."

An East Indian dance was also performed by students.

In addition, participants recited their own or someone else's prose, poetry or stories.

Advisor to the South Asia Society, Jyoti Chander has organized the event for the past eight years.

"By listening to the different languages you hear the essence of the culture," she said.

Master of ceremonies, sophomore Bill Zanski was pleased with the cultural experience the event offered students.

"I think it's good that students at UW-SP will be exposed to a ceremonial experience," he said.

Chancellor Thomas George also participated in the event by playing the piano.

"This is a beautiful thing. It should happen more often," said junior Rick Freund.

More than 100 people attended the event and many participated by reading poetry, singing, and playing various types of musical instruments.

The night was a success for coordinators and students alike. Students were pleasantly surprised by the diverse entertainment and cultural exposure.

"I think the night went really well; it was a lot of fun. It was a great learning experience for everyone who came," said junior Laura Trester.

University hit with a case of the blues

By Kerry Liethen
CONTRIBUTOR

Chicago-based blues musician Jimmy Johnson performed Thursday evening at the University Center's Encore.

Johnson hails from Hollow Springs, Miss. and has been performing the blues for 38 years.

His mentors include a number of musicians from the blues industry, namely B.B. King.

When asked what prompted him to begin performing the blues, Johnson said, "In the first place, for more reasons than one, I love music. All my life I've loved music and there's a nice way to make a living ... you are your own boss and ya have fun; every night is cabaret."

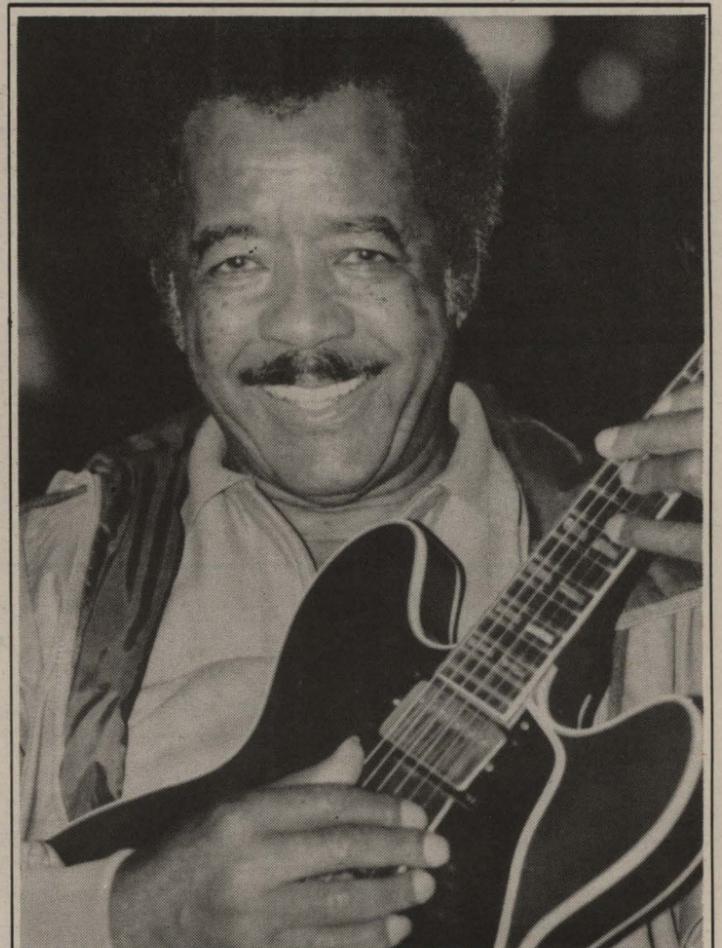
Each one of Johnson's songs express a different story.

He has quite a few songs he enjoys, but he could not say which song he favored the most.

In addition, Johnson has played with many other blues musicians and has enjoyed each performance.

He had a difficult time choosing which performer he enjoyed the most.

"It's really hard to say, because I've played with so many people. Some of them was real nice and some of them wasn't ... I would have to say I enjoyed playing with



Blues musician Jimmy Johnson poses with the love of his life, his guitar. (Photo submitted)

Otis Rush more than I did anybody ... I love his music so much," said Johnson.

Last week was not the first time Johnson performed at UW-Stevens Point. It certainly won't

be the last considering how much he enjoyed playing at UW-SP.

"As long as I can look out there and see one person that really enjoyed that music, it's all that counts," said Johnson.



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Screenwriter Chris Miller will bring his talents and expertise to UW-Stevens Point. He will give a lecture at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, and on Wednesday, March 12, he will direct a screenwriter's workshop from 2 to 3 p.m.

Miller's work includes *National Lampoon's Animal House*, *Multiplicity*, and *Club Paradise*. The lecture and workshop together cost \$2. Those who attend the lecture on Tuesday night are admitted to the workshop at no charge.

COMEDY

The Stagebenders, winners of the 1996 MTV National Comedy Challenge, will be performing Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m. in the Encore in the University Center.

The two-man act performs improvisational comedy. Their "power improv" show style is based entirely on audience suggestions. Tickets are \$2 with a UW-SP ID and \$3.50 without.

ORIGINAL REVUE

Roger Nelson, a new faculty member who spent 20 years as a composer, conductor and performer in New York, will direct a George Gershwin revue March 11 through 15 in the Studio Theatre at UW-SP.

Nelson's original revue, "By George," features a cast of eight singers and dancers. Tickets are on sale at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, Quandt Gym lobby. Major credit cards are accepted, and costs are \$6 for the public, \$5 for students with ID. Performances begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

FOLK MUSIC

Friedlander and Hall, an electric, acoustic folk music band, will be performing Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m.

The music consists of folk rhythms, firmly rooted in classical music. Admission is \$2 with a UW-SP ID and \$3.50 without one.

Feature Presentation: Karlene Ferrante

By Tara Zawlocki
CONTRIBUTOR

A communication professor at UW-Stevens Point spent last semester in Germany.



Karlene Ferrante spent the semester as an advisor for a group of 21 college students from UW-SP and other UW campuses.

While abroad, Ferrante taught a class on intercultural communication. She also took care of the students' budget.

She was also able to tour parts of Germany. This included a Nazi

concentration camp and Jewish synagogue.

Ferrante is no stranger to Germany; in 1971 she attended the University of Vienna where she began learning the German language.

She was also able to learn about the culture by experiencing it on a daily basis.

Being an advisor allowed her to give back to the students what she learned.

Ferrante feels teaching abroad has helped her in the classroom.

"Teaching abroad gives faculty a chance to do research and to gather new perspectives to use in their teaching," she said.

Ferrante observed many things about being abroad.

"It's not just about learning the language. It's also about living in a different culture, it teaches you to rethink your own culture," she said.

Ferrante also felt by going abroad you learn about yourself. You learn to be poised in social situations and you learn what it means to be an American.

One of Ferrante's greatest memories of the trip was being able to see the students fit into the German culture.

"I liked to see the students learning profound things, learning about themselves and using their problem solving skills."

Ferrante plans to go abroad again in the year 2000. She enjoyed the experience.

"If students might consider it (going overseas), they should go to the international office and find out about it," she said.

Health Connection

"Wow-Week of Wonder"

The annual National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week will bring a week of wonder to students at UW-Stevens Point.

The "Wow-Week of Wonder" will run March 3 - 7. Students have the opportunity to learn more about alcohol, careers, body image, relationships and smoking.

The Employee Wellness Program will be sponsoring cholesterol screening and medical self-care programs throughout the week.

Thursday, March 6, will feature the grand opening of Al Fresco's pizzeria in DeBot Center at 9 p.m., with live entertainment by Barnaby Creek. The week's activities will come to a close Friday, March 7, with Stage Benders Improv Comedy in the Encore at 8 p.m.

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THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

WOW WEEK-WEEK OF WONDER

- BB, NCAA III Tourn.-First Round
- CP!-Special Events LUNCHEON--\$2, 12N-2PM (Heritage Rm.-UC)
- Hot SHOTS Peer Educ.: "Single and Lovin' It!", 4-5PM (Wellness Center-AC)
- Rec. Serv. Billiards League, 5PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
- UWSP Orchestra Home Concert, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
- UC Marketing & Prom. Grand Opening of Al Fresco's w/BARNABY CREEK, 9PM (North Dining Rm.-DeBot)
- TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

WOW WEEK-WEEK OF WONDER

- Hockey, NCHA Final
- TR, NCAA III Indoor Championships (Oshkosh)
- Wrestling, NCAA III Championships (Ada, Ohio)
- UC Marketing & Prom. Quit-N-Time Series w/BARNABY CREEK, 3-5PM (Encore-UC)
- University Choir Concert, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
- CP!-Club/Variety Presents: STAGE BENDERS, Improv Comedy, 8-9PM w/Brian Sharron Jazz Trio Opening, 7:30PM & Closing, 9PM (Encore-UC)
- TREMORS Dance Club-80's NIGHT, 9PM (AC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- BB, NCAA III Tourn.-Second Round
- Hockey, NCHA Final
- Men's VB, UW-Oshkosh Triangular w/UW-Milw. (Oshkosh)
- Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)

- TR, NCAA III Indoor Championships (Oshkosh)
- Wrestling, NCAA III Championships (Ada, Ohio)
- Cultural Diversity Program: GOSPEL CHOIR FESTIVAL, 7PM (BG)
- CP!-Center Stage Presents: FRIEDLANDER & HALL--\$2 w/ID; \$3.50 w/o, 8PM (Alumni Rm.-UC)
- TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 9**
- Planetarium Series: COMETS ARE COMING, 2:00 PM (Sci. Bldg.)
- MONDAY, MARCH 10**
- Rec. Serv. HAPPY HOUR, 3-7PM--20% OFF Indoor Games, FREE Popcorn & Soda (Rec. Serv.-UC)
- Student Gov. Assoc. Lecturer: STEPHEN JEROME YATES, 7-9PM (Founder Rm.-MAIN)
- Planetarium Series: SKIES OF WINTER, 8PM (Sci. Bldg.)
- TUESDAY, MARCH 11**
- Planetarium Series: LASER LIGHT SHOW, 8&9:30PM (Sci. Bldg.)
- CP!-Issues & Ideas Presents: CHRIS MILLER, "Confessions of a Hollywood Screenwriter", 7-9PM (Laird Rm.-UC)
- Dept. of Theatre & Dance Studio Theatre Prod.: GERSHWIN ON BROADWAY, 7:30 PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**
- CP!-Centers Cinema Presents: STRANGE BREW, 7PM & THE JERK, 9:30PM--\$1 w/ID; \$2 w/o (Encore-UC)
- Rec. Serv. Ping Pong Tourn.--\$4 w/ID; \$6 w/o, 6PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
- Dept. of Theatre & Dance Studio Theatre Prod.: GERSHWIN ON BROADWAY, 7:30 PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)
- SPASH & UWSP Jazz Concert, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

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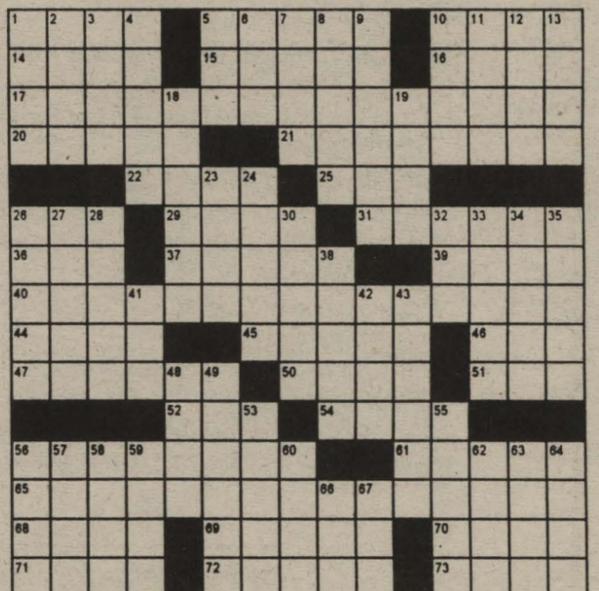
If interested, pick up applications at *The Pointer* office in 104 CAC. The application deadline for Editor-in-Chief is March 31st at 5pm. Other deadlines will be announced at a later date. Questions: 346-2249, ask for Mike.

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A HARD PLACE by Randall Hartman
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Dave Davis

By Valentina Kaquatosh



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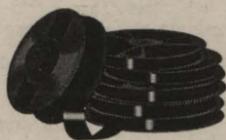
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Poor film year leads to criticism



By Nick Katzmarek
FILM CRITIC

I'm not going to review a movie this week. If you've taken a look at the movies in current release, you'll understand why.

I'm going to take this time to rant and rave about the current state of Hollywood. I've been mulling over this for a while, and then Howard Stern summed it up perfectly- "Movies these days seem to either be the cast of Friends or a simple rehashing of stuff already done."

I'm not trying to plug his new movie. In fact, I'll probably avoid it like the plague. But his comment hit home for me. I am sick and tired of watching the same thing over and over again (see *One Fine Day*, *Fools Rush In*,

She's The One). The list just goes on and on.

Mike and I have spent countless hours lamenting the fact that there is a deficiency in truth in today's films. What I am trying to say is that movies are not serving any sort of didactic function anymore. The standard argument is that these movies don't make money. True, but has greed finally pervaded our entire society to the extent that even a media that all people can enjoy, appreciate, and learn from, caters to the number-crunchers?

Not only is that too bad, it is an indication of the sorry state we are in. Static, with nothing to fight for, we elect to live vicariously and then forget even the minuscule lesson we may have learned the minute we walk out the theatre doors.

That doesn't mean that there are no good movies out there. My picks for the coming months are *Donnie Brasco* and a fairly unknown and unhyped thriller called *The Fifth Element*.

Rentals

Midnight Run
(1988; 125 min.)

Robert De Niro is an ex-cop turned bail-bounty hunter, who is trying to earn enough money to get out of the business for good.

When he is given the opportunity to hunt down a bookkeeper (Charles Grodin), who stole \$15 million from a mob boss, De Niro realizes his chance to get out for good can come with this one final apprehension.

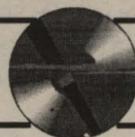
After he catches up with Grodin, things turn sour for De Niro as he is forced to deal with an ambitious FBI agent anxious to take the credit for catching Grodin, the mob boss waiting to silence Grodin, and Grodin himself.

"Midnight Run" has a solid mixture of action and comedy and two good performances from De Niro and Grodin.

-Mike Beacom

Live's success is no secret

90 FM's Pick of the Week



By Patrick McGrane
MUSIC CRITIC

How did this young quartet from York, Pennsylvania get to be so damn good?! Live's newest album, "Secret Samadhi", continues their surging flow of great rock. It's their third full-length album since "Mental Jewellery".

I remember the first time I heard them. A friend handed me this tape and said, "You gotta check these guys out!" Their avenue to the solid fan base they have today came with '94's "Throwing Copper," which exemplified their solid musical abilities and brought their sound into the walkmans of America's youth.

Their popularity is so great that bootlegs of their new single, "Lakini's Juice" were being illegally passed around the commercial radio market so stations could be the "first" to bring the new sound to your ears.

Live is expanding their spiritual horizons, and is incorporating their experiences into themes found in their music.

Beyond that, these guys simply rock! The new album is everything the Live fan could possibly hope for: more great tunes that say something.

A good friend and I were fortunate enough to catch their show last Sunday in Milwaukee and were rocked by some of the cleanest-sounding live music I've heard in a long time, (i.e. you could understand the lyrics!!!)

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Eagle

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banks, including four in Portage County. Others can be found as far south as the Iowa border in Crawford County.

In the Appleton area, first graders spend their recess watching wintering eagles hunt for fish over the Fox River. An eagle in the city limits is a sight most people thought they'd never see, except on the back of a dollar bill or leather jacket.

But according to Matteson, someday it could be common. "Wisconsin's eagles have recovered dramatically in the last 25 years and I see no reason why their numbers wouldn't continue to grow."

Hockey

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In the mini-game, both teams were held scoreless by Gorman and Graichen, forcing the sudden death overtime period.

With the Holmes goal that won the series, Superior hosts UW-River Falls for the NCHA postseason championship, and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

For the Pointers to make the NCAA tournament, Superior would have to win the NCHA series, and St. John's would have to defeat Gustavus Adolphus for the other automatic bid in the West Region.

That scenario would leave two at-large bids available. One will likely go to St. Norbert College, the regular season winner of the NCHA.

The other bid would most likely go to either UW-SP, Superior, or River Falls.

"If Superior wins and St. John's wins, I think there's a good chance that we're in," said Baldarotta.

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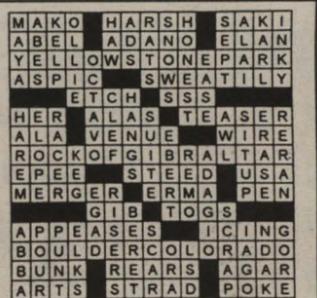
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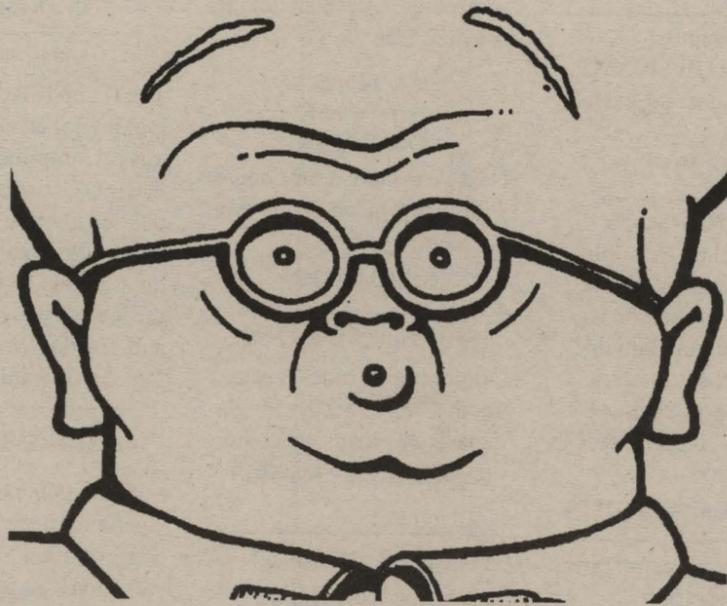
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