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# POINTER

## Spring break plans grounded

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CONTRIBUTOR

For the past two weeks, many UW-Stevens Point students have been in agony over their spring break plans. Students going to places like Cancun, Daytona Beach, Jamaica, Panama City, Mazatlan and Naussau may have to make alternate plans if they are traveling through companies like Take a Break and Student Express.

Students traveling to destinations through the two organizations would be flying on the charter flights of AV Atlantic. Two weeks ago the charter company was grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

"The FAA issued an emergency order to suspend flight based on the company's incomplete, outdated or missing manuals, and their improperly conducted passenger safety briefings," said a Take a Break employee who wanted to remain anonymous. "The grounding is only temporary. We hope to get students off on their vacation with no other problems," he continued.

The suspension worries many spring breakers. Most students making arrangements through the two companies do not

have their tickets yet and may not be going on their planned vacation.

UW-SP senior Courtney Hoff was prepared to go to Mazatlan, Mexico through the travel program Student Express when her flight was grounded.

"For the past two weeks I've stopped at University Travel Services everyday to pick up my plane tickets. The travel agents kept telling me to come back the next day, and last Friday they told me there is a good chance I would not be going at all," said Hoff. "I decided to deal with the situation myself. I'm not going through Student Express anymore, I'm going through a different company."

According to the Take A Break employee, "Hundreds of students have been affected by this."

UW-SP students are not alone in this situation. Missy Moenssens, UW-La Crosse senior, said, "I would personally never trust a student spring break program again."

Moenssens was scheduled to fly out of Minneapolis for Mazatlan Friday, March 7, but remained in Minneapolis for four days. She finally left for Mexico early Tuesday morning.

Many students are being told different things. President of Student Express, Jim Moldane, denies these allocations. "We have had no planes grounded."

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## Pointer mascot snuffs out national competition

By Jason Renkens  
CONTRIBUTOR

UW-Stevens Point's mascot, Stevie Pointer, took first place in the collegiate mascot division of the 1997 Americup Cheer and Dance Championship. The annual two day competition was held in Minneapolis the weekend of March 1.

Stevie was invited to the competition because of an automatic bid granted to the UW-SP dance team for placing first in the competition last year. The cheer and dance teams placed second in this year's competition.

The Pointer mascot, portrayed by Greg Lietz, a sophomore health promotion and wellness major is one of two people acting as Stevie at football, basketball, and wrestling competitions as well as special events.

Lietz claims that the job of portraying Stevie



Stevie Pointer hits the practice field to get down his skit routine. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Pointer and his female counterpart, Stephanie Pointer, have taken on new dimensions since the unveiling of their new costumes at the 1996 Homecoming celebration.

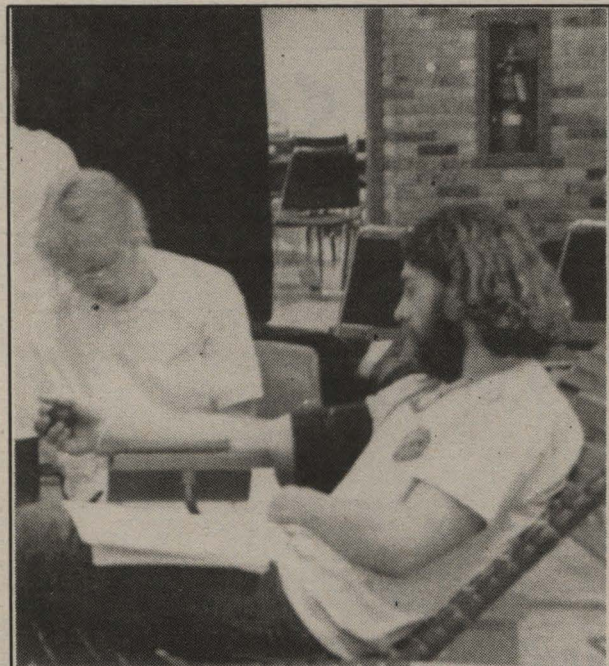
"There is really a lot more to being a mascot than most people think," said Lietz. "There is almost a

kind of ten commandments written just for mascots."

Lietz, who is lending his talents to the role of Stevie Pointer for the second year, attended the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp this

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## Type O negative



A UW-SP student donates blood during the Red Cross blood drive held this week. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

## E-mail abuse downloads solutions

By Dustin Overbeck  
CONTRIBUTOR

Have you received an e-mail requesting Wallflower tickets, a ride home for the weekend, been the recipient of long chain letters, received recipes for cookies or a letter from "The Phantom?"

Of the approximately 12,800 users of university e-mail accounts, a tiny percentage of people (roughly 25-30 students) have been the source of all these e-mail related problems. Solutions and alternatives are being discussed within Information Technology (IT) in order to stop these incidents of e-mail abuse from occurring in the future.

Currently, the E-mail Administrator, Jane Dumke, spends 15-20 hours a week dealing with junk mail, which slows down her service for legitimate e-mail requests. Students, faculty and staff are having problems dealing with the volume and size of junk mail, especially from off-campus users.

Some on-line users have even stopped using e-mail altogether because of the volume of junk mail floating around.

The e-mail problems at UW-Stevens Point are much larger and more frequent than other UW-system universities of the same size.

For example, the Postmaster at UW-Eau Claire reported that he receives a few complaints each semester for harassing messages or messages which were sent unsolicited to as many as 1,000 people. Occasionally they have received complaints from a few people regarding chain mail and only four to five complaints each semester of forged mail. Their system works through the understanding that everybody works together to maintain a high standard of "netiquette" (network etiquette).

Solutions and alternatives for UW-SP are already being discussed to preserve the freedom of e-mail use while limiting the future incidents of abuse. One alternative is to create a forum for posting personal wanted and for sale ads, an electronic version of the existing board in the University Center.

One solution was implemented yesterday, restricting members from accessing e-mailing class lists they are not members of this semester. Future restrictions may prevent students from mailing to faculty/staff mailing lists, send-

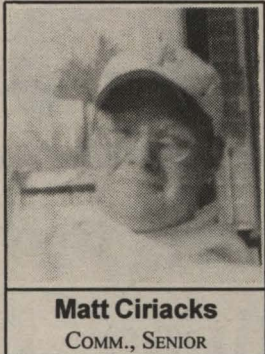
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## The **POINTER POLL**

Photos by Carrie Reuter and Nate Wallin

### What do you think about the mass e-mailing circulation on campus?



**Matt Ciriacks**  
COMM., SENIOR

"I don't like those."

Q  
&  
A



**Kathryn Barko**  
CNR, FRESHMAN

"I've heard enough about cookies and the 'Wallflowers'."

Q  
&  
A



**Jessie Ryan**  
CNR, SOPHOMORE

"I don't even check my e-mail anymore because of all the garbage. It used to be fun, now it's a pain."

## State candidates debate issues at UC

By Amy Heart  
CONTRIBUTOR

The two candidates for State Superintendent met at the UW-Stevens Point Tuesday morning. Incumbent John Benson and challenger Linda Cross debated on three main elementary and secondary education issues: school choice, schooling for students with special needs, and educational standards.

Benson and Cross were polarized by the issue of school choice. Benson defended the current stance that state tax dollars should not be used to support private religious school choice.

"As long as the courts have ruled it unconstitutional," said Benson. "I will continue to be against it." Benson added that public school choice, including charter schools, is an experiment worth trying.

According to Cross, school choice can create a competitive setting, which could in turn create higher standards for students.

"It empowers parents to make the best choice," said Cross. "Competition is good for the education of all of our kids." Cross also defended charter schools stating that they are another example of how parents can be empowered to make choices during their child's education.

According to Benson, he has asked the governor and the legislators to reimburse school districts for 90 percent of special education costs over \$30,000. Benson added that his department has already begun a process to revise rules for funding of special education.

Cross expressed concern that placing students in special classes who do not belong there can drive up the costs. "I want to deal on a case-by-case basis with students to try to make sure

that we have the most appropriate education for each one of our students."

Both Benson and Cross applauded the efforts to include students with special needs in a general education classroom.

Benson also stated that he is working from the ground up with teachers, parents and business people to create new standards that can be merged with traditional ones. "These standards will be a framework or a set of guidelines for districts within which they will build their curriculum," stated Benson.

Cross said that she wants to restore confidence in the education system by establishing higher standards.

Most attendees were pleased with the debate, but some weren't. According to Rich Kramer, a senior education major, "The two candidates were a little foggy on the special education topic and where they are headed with the issue."



Sunday, March 16

- A community Advisor (CA) in Sims called to report that there were several intoxicated individuals in front of the hall. Officers informed the individuals of the university's policy on alcohol.

- A CA in Sims called to report that a loud buzzing noise was coming from the electrical room.

- A resident in Steiner Hall called to report that some students were pennyng people in their rooms and trying to start fights.

- Furniture in Burroughs was found upside down in the study lounge.

Saturday, March 15

- A CA in Pray called to report possible use of marijuana on the second floor.

- A CA from Hansen called to report that two male individuals were having a fight on the second floor.

- A CA in Knutzen called to report that there was an intoxicated individual who had locked herself in the women's private stall in the bathroom.

- A CA in Sims requested an officer to Roach because some people were throwing ice balls at Sims windows and cars in the area and they entered Roach Hall.

Friday, March 14

- Two male individuals were found with open intoxicant by the NE door of Pray-Sims Hall.

Thursday, March 13

- A CA in Knutzen Hall called to report that a person had been staying with a resident for over a week. The individual was not a student and was reported harassing other students.

### Protective Services Tip of the Week

If you're under 21 and drink alcohol, here are a few facts you should know before you tip that bottle back. Underage alcohol offenses include: consuming, possessing, purchasing, attempting to purchase, attempting to enter a tavern, misrepresenting age, loitering in a tavern, carrying, obtaining, or providing a false or altered ID card.

\* This tip is contributed by Crime Prevention Office.

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## THE LATEST SCOOP

### WORLD NEWS

#### MOSCOW, RUSSIA

• On Tuesday, a civilian plane exploded in southern Russia killing all 50 people on board. The Stavropol Airlines plane crashed just after takeoff into a wooded area. Fragments of the plane were scattered over a four-mile area.

#### BONN, GERMANY

• Ten German soldiers, armed with knives and baseball bats, beat two Turks and an Italian on Monday night. Six soldiers who took part in the attack were arrested and the others are being sought. The injuries were not serious.

### NATIONAL NEWS

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

• The Los Angeles District Attorney's office decided not to file charges against O.J. Simpson for an alleged altercation with a cameraman on a golf course. Dan Hardy claims Simpson shoved and kicked him, plus threatened him with golf clubs because he refused to stop videotaping Simpson.

#### DENVER, COLORADO

• The judge presiding over the Oklahoma City bombing case has refused to grant a delay to Timothy McVeigh. Stories have appeared in Newsweek, Playboy, and The Dallas Morning News about McVeigh and his supposed confession to the crime.

### LOCAL/STATE NEWS

#### MADISON

• Officials stated ideas for an alternative to the Mifflin Block Party. While no alternatives have been set, ideas include a spring party in Camp Randall Stadium. Last year's block party ended with a near riot as participants damaged a fire truck and police cars.

## Spring break fun may cause problems

Spring break, for many, conjures up images of beaches, fun, and parties. Many times the fun occurs across the border or overseas. When traveling to another country, students need to be aware of risks, especially when drugs and alcohol are involved.



"Each year over 2,000 American citizens are arrested on foreign soil. Over half of the arrested are held on charges of drug or alcohol use," said the U.S. Department for State Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Increased efforts by numerous countries to stop the flow of drugs across the border could spell trouble for students not aware of the penalties. Americans have been known to be arrested in the past for carrying the smallest amounts of narcotics.

The Bureau urges students to beware of suspicious persons asking to have a package carried or a vehicle driven across the American border. The package or vehicle may contain drugs or weapons.

Once an American citizen has a package or anything in the car

in their possession across the border, it becomes their responsibility. The person found in possession of it will be blamed for the crime and will do the jail time.

Americans suspected of drug and alcohol violations can face tough penalties in addition to lengthy pretrial detentions and substandard prison conditions.

## Break

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If students do not go most companies will give them a refund. However, not all companies do this. Some require you to sign a waiver that states refunds are not given. The Take A Break company allows students to receive a refund only if the company is at fault.

Students who are going will be flying on alternate airlines like SunPacific, Transmeridian, Northwest and SunWorld.

The grounding of AV Atlantic has affected many companies besides the two mentioned. "Because the popularity of Student Express and Take A Break is so great you don't hear about the other spring break companies," said the Take A Break employee.

"A lot of companies are affected by this," said a University Travel Service agent. "We feel bad, we're upset, we want the students to be happy and we are doing the best we can," she continued.

According to the Take A Break employee "Right now we are in a jam, but we are trying to find different flights that students can take."

## Mail

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ing messages that to have a large mass of recipients, or sending messages which are over a certain number of kilobytes.

Punishment may be stricter for those abusing the e-mail policy. The e-mail administration may prevent abusers from sending mail for two weeks (current

punishment is one week) or enact an immediate restriction to e-mail and/or network privileges for the remainder of the term. Criminal prosecution could take place, depending upon the nature and severity of the incident.

Many people may be concerned about security issues regarding logon procedures or password security.

Under the network use policy, and e-mail policy it is the responsibility of the students to protect their passwords. Students should at least change their password from the default, and ideally change their password every few weeks.

Contact the e-mail postmaster regarding problems of e-mail abuses at postmaster@uwsp.edu.

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## Responsibility leads to hefty fines

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday night I drove to the Penalty Box—a local watering hole. I had a rough week of midterms (I have 19 credits), and wanted to relax a bit with my friends. I ended up having a few too many drinks to feel safe driving home, so, like a responsible adult, I chose not to drive and left my vehicle in the parking lot.

When I showed up the next day to pick up my vehicle, it had been towed. My total charge came to about \$70, (\$45 for the towing, \$10 a day for storage, about \$5 in tax and the police gave me a \$10 parking ticket).

I was upset, naturally, and confronted the bar owner. He informed me that there were many others who did the same, and his lot was filled which did not allow his lunch crowd (which he estimated at 40 people) to park.

He also needed his parking lot plowed since it was the day of the large snowfall last week and said that I should have told the bartender I was doing this and left my name and number.

I will be the first to admit that I was not in the bar at the time my vehicle was parked there the next day. I also did not inform the bar-

tender, and my vehicle was in the way of the plow truck. But, as a Public Relations major, I feel the Penalty Box handled this situation poorly.

I have worked in a bar as a summer job the last four years while I have been a college student. Rarely can I remember when there was not a few customer cars dotting the parking lot the next morning.

This is one problem a bar owner should expect to deal with while running his/her establishment.

I feel this should be a service to the customers. It shows you are promoting safety and care for the customers' and community's health and well being.

If I were a tavern owner, I would much rather deal with a few cars in the lot the next day than have the liability and responsibility hanging gloomily over my head knowing that my bartenders overserved a customer that ended up being involved in a drunk-driving accident.

Also, the owner told me that at noon the next day he had 40 customers with no parking space. Let's, for the sake of argument, play a numbers game. An average customer, at lunch time,

probably at the most, spends \$ 10 on a meal. That comes out to about \$400. Last Thursday, the Penalty Box was packed with a *low estimate* of 200 people. Each averaging again on the *low* end of \$10 giving you a total of \$2,000. I feel, while every customer is important, the owner needs to keep good relations with the publics that serve him/her the best.

Also, he said that he was worried about his noon customers. My ticket from the police station was written at 10:16 a.m. This shows he already called the police before he had the "parking lot problem" which he gave as a reason for having the vehicles towed.

Finally, while the owner had a good idea about letting the bartender know I was leaving my vehicle overnight, I did not see a sign or rule stating I needed to.

I feel that the city and the tavern owners need to come up with a better way to work with the students and other tavern customers so that they be allowed to continue to make adult-like decisions and not be punished for doing so.

Bryon Thompson

## The Oscars; who will and should win

By Mike Beacom  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Critics and movie buffs are filling out ballots with their selections for this year's best picture, actor, actress and supporting performances at this year's Academy Awards show on Monday (see page 11).

Here's the nominees I think the Academy will pick (in bold) and who I think should win (underlined):

**Best Picture—*The English Patient***. This film will win through the process of elimination. The Academy still does not know how to appreciate Coen brother movies like *Fargo*, which possess some of the only originality in films today. *Shine* will be taken care of by rewarding Geoffrey Rush. Nobody saw *Secrets & Lies* and *Jerry Maguire* was only nominated because it was the best entertaining movie that a lot of people saw. *The English Patient* also had three performances the Academy felt deserved nominations.

**Best Actor—Geoffrey Rush (*Shine*)**. I feel Woody Harrelson deserves the award, but his role as Larry Flynt does not help his chances. Geoffrey Rush, who won the Golden Globe for the role will only be contested by Ralph Fiennes (*The English Patient*).

**Best Actress—Kristen Scott Thomas (*The English Patient*)**. I would like to say Frances McDormand from *Fargo*, who gave a fine performance for her husband/director Joel Coen. But I have to think if the Academy does not give *The English Patient* an acting award for Fiennes' work, Thomas will get the nod.

**Best Supporting Actor—Edward Norton (*Primal Fear*) and James Woods (*Ghosts of Mississippi*)**. There have been ties before; the last coming almost thirty years ago. I feel Norton had two nominee worthy performances this year (the other being in *The People vs. Larry Flynt*) and Woods is well over due to win.

**Best Supporting Actress—Lauren Bacall (*The Mirror has Two Faces*)**. It's Academy policy to give aging actors an Oscar at the end of their career (John Wayne, Jessica Tandy). Bacall has had some memorable roles in her career, but she will win for this one. I did not give my selection because I did not see the performances.

## Illinois visitors need to know their place

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to last week's *Pointer* in which Joshua Morby once again showed his true colors in his editorial, "Turning the tables on stereotypes."

Morby accused most Wisconsinites of grossly generalizing our FIB cousins to the south.

I do not believe his attacks on our lifestyles are just. And in fact, our generalization of their behavior has great merit.

As an individual who both fishes and hunts in the northwoods, I would state that the behavior of Illinois "visitors" has been in the past scared by

cases of disrespect of roads, streams, and woodlands.

Morby's claims have little merit because it is he, and his brethren who are "guests" in our home.

We are the ones, not Josh Morby, that has to deal with the damage

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## Question poorly worded

In last week's "Pointer Poll" you asked the question, "Do you think ebonics should be taught as a language?" While I am not an overtly enthusiastic supporter of the concepts of ebonics, the question was very misleading.

The Oakland School Board is looking at the issue of ebonics, not to teach it to students, but to instruct it to teachers which would then make it easier for the teachers to communicate with students in the pursuit that this might lead to increased assimilation of correct grammar by those students.

The question is whether the right policy is a significant one, although I don't think that the method's suggestion should be so misidentified.

Jerome McCollom

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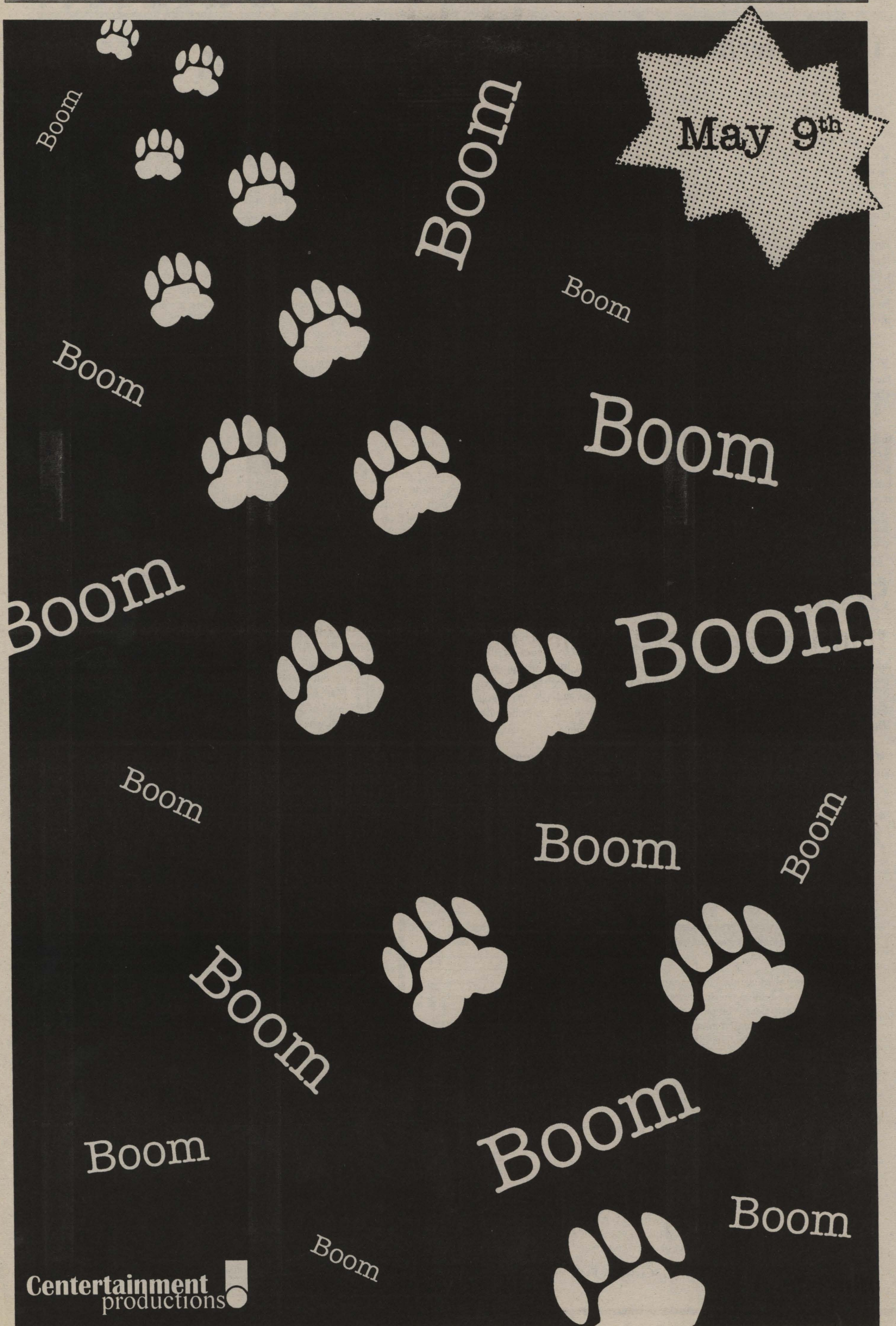
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Turkey techniques II: calling in toms

By Bryon Thompson  
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In last week's article, I told you about the various calling devices on the market. But what sounds do the birds make that you need to imitate? And more importantly, what do they mean?

According to Lovett E. Williams, Jr., the country's leading turkey biologist, "The species (wild turkey) has at least 30 distinct calls." Thankfully, the hunter only needs to know a fraction of these in order to be successful.

With that in mind, let's talk about the different vocalizations the turkey uses to communicate. The most important sound to a turkey is the *yelp*.

The yelp is a two-toned note that starts with a high-pitched 'kee' sound and drops into a low-pitched "yuck" sound. When blended together, the yelp sounds much like a barking poodle.

The yelp has many connotative meanings. A *tree yelp* is used to talk softly to each other while waking up in the morning. The

*assembly yelp* is used by the dominant hen to regroup her flock after they've been separated. The *lost yelp* is used by a misplaced turkey looking for the rest of the group, and the *plain yelp* is used to find and get together with other birds.

The *cluck and purr* sound is another important call. The cluck sounds similar to a chicken's cluck, and the purr is similar to a high-pitched cat purr.

This soft call is a contented, feeding call the birds use to communicate to one another when they are close.

It is used to keep the flock in voice contact when they are concentrating on feeding and not on the whereabouts of each other.

Another call the birds use is *cutting*. Cutting is a very loud, rapid series of clucks that have no set rhythm or tone, and it is made by the hen when she is very excited.

Do you remember that the hen usually goes to the gobbler for mating purposes? Well, when she cuts, she is actually saying that she is ready and excited but wants the gobbler to come to her,

NOW! Cutting is a very effective call to use while hunting.

The final sound I want to discuss is one that I never use while hunting for safety reasons, yet it is the sound many hunters spend countless hours and dollars pursuing-**GOBBLING**.

Gobbling is made by the male turkey to attract hens to him during the mating season.

While knowing the turkey's vocabulary is important, so is understanding how it is used. For example, when turkeys are far apart from each other they will use a loud, aggressive sounds like cutting or yelping to communicate.

As they get closer, they will cluck and purr and softly yelp to pinpoint the other bird.

The hunter should do the same. Yelp loudly or cut when you are locating a bird, not when he is in tight.

Would you yell at a friend if they were standing next to you? Then, cluck and purr or yelp softly to coerce the bird the final steps. I'll give you more strategy tips in next week's article.

OUTDOOR JOURNAL

By Nick Katzmarek  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

My summers for the past four years have consisted of spending eight months with 240 or so boys and other guys my age. It's a little difficult at times, but we do actually have time to visit the girls from the next camp over. The camp I work at is called Camp Highlands for Boys, and if you have never had the chance to work at a camp before, seize the opportunity before you don't have your summers free ever again. It is an experience that everyone should have a chance to live through.

I have to admit that being among nature with friends or family has its own set of pluses, but there is a certain feeling that you get when you realize that you are instilling your values into the next generation of humanity.

When you can start a fire with one match (or no match at all) the sense of wonder that fills their eyes is a feeling that I wouldn't trade for all the money in the world. When you can point out a redtail and then a year later hear that same kid point out another hawk to another kid, you know that you've done your job.

About two years ago I took a group of kids, about fifteen years old, to the Boundary Waters. These kids were pretty immature (who isn't at fifteen?), and I really set out to teach them what it meant to be one with the woods. I had hoped this experience would help them to grow up, to grow rings, if you will.

Well, I don't know if you've ever been to the Boundary Waters before, but let me tell you, it can get pretty remote and arduous up there. There was one kid that I thought would really have a hard time with this trip. He was big, true, but he had little self-confidence and a problem with authority. The minute that we got out, he became a different person. He opened himself to the pervasive spirit of that place, and the true man that lived within him came out. I have never seen such a profound change in anyone before or since. He portaged, he cooked, he cleaned, he took down the tents, he put up the tents. You name it, he did it.

This is what I love about the outdoors. It gives you the chance to really see what you are made of. If you're not a tiger, then you're dead. The inherently competitive nature of the wilderness brings out the beast that lives in all of us.

Man, woman, six or sixty, loving or hating, we are all equal in the eyes of Mother Nature. This is the secret of "good" living. It's not whether you carry a North Face or an American Camper pack. It's about your attitude.

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Schmeeckle Spring programs

Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m. *The Ancient Art of Falconry* Observe falcon behavior through slides and a raptor program.

Friday, April 11, 5:30 p.m., *The Prairie is Burning!*

Learn how Schmeekle Reserve uses prescribed burns to promote plant species in the ecosystem. Bring your camera.

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. *Conservation Hall of Fame Induction*

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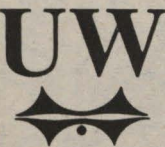
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Nature News and Notes

• Looking for a summer internship? The Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minoqua is looking for qualified applicants for their summer internship program. Interns will be involved in wildlife rehabilitation and public education. The deadline for application is March 31, so get ready now. Interviews are on April 4 for interview candidates. Send applications and resumes to Bart Kotarba, Northwoods Wildlife Center, 8683 Blumstein Rd., Minoqua, WI, 54548.

• If money is tight (and for whom isn't it?), there is a CNR scholarship available. The scholarship requires applicants to be from the Hayward Lades area and majoring in fisheries and environmental science. Applications are available in CNR 100, and are due May 1.

• The Wisconsin Legislature this week approved increases in Wisconsin hunting and fishing licenses that will go into effect April 1. Governor Tommy G. Thompson is expected to sign the bill this week. Most license fees were increased by \$2 with some fees increasing more and a few seeing no increase. These increases prevent many cuts in the DNR budget.

• Remember that mass advising is approaching soon! Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors that need to be pre-advised — there are only three weeks before mass advising so sign up today.



## Spring break - Bighorn fishing with Eric Elzen

By Eric Elzen  
ADVERTISING ASSISTANT

Spring Break seems to be a time when college students head south to the coast and drink more alcohol than the body can handle.

For myself, spring break has a different calling; it's a great time to get out west and partake in some fly-fishing for monster trout.

Other than the destination, the two trips are very similar, especially when the beer gets packed in the truck before the fishing gear.

A year ago last spring break, three fishing buddies and I set out for the Bighorn River, near Fort Smith, Montana.

The plan was to have a great trip, fish hard, and catch (or at least hook) a bunch of large brown and rainbow trout.

Before we knew it, the fifteen hour drive was over and we neared the Yellowtail Dam, from which the Bighorn River flows out of.

As trout fever set in we quickly got our fishing gear ready and got out on the river, despite our lack of sleep.

Most of the days on the Bighorn ranged between twenty-

five and fifty degrees, so it was by no means warm, especially when your wading in forty degree water.

It wasn't long before I had hooked into my first fish, a nice seventeen inch brown trout that proved to be a challenging fight for my four weight fly rod.

From there on out the fishing was fantastic, with the average fish being about sixteen inches long.

The Bighorn is said to have over 8,000 fish per mile of water.

The nymph fishing is usually excellent all year long on the Bighorn.

We usually use a tandem fly rig when fishing there, giving the trout a little added incentive to hit one of our flies.

The dry fly hatches are also very abundant, especially in the summer or early spring when the weather warms.

I've been on the Bighorn in August during the caddis hatch and it looks like a black cloud over the water. The caddis numbers are unbelievable!

The Trico hatch is also very fun to fish and usually comes off the water in the early mornings of late summer.

It's not unusual to hook fish over twenty inches long on flies tied on hooks from # 1 8-24,

which are shorter than the width of a dime.

On the third day of the trip I hooked a large fish that took my line straight up a barreling run that no man could cross because of the swift current.

The fish then proceeded to break me off after a short and futile fight on my part.

That fish was most likely one of the huge rainbows that the Bighorn holds, somewhere in the neighborhood of six to nine pounds.

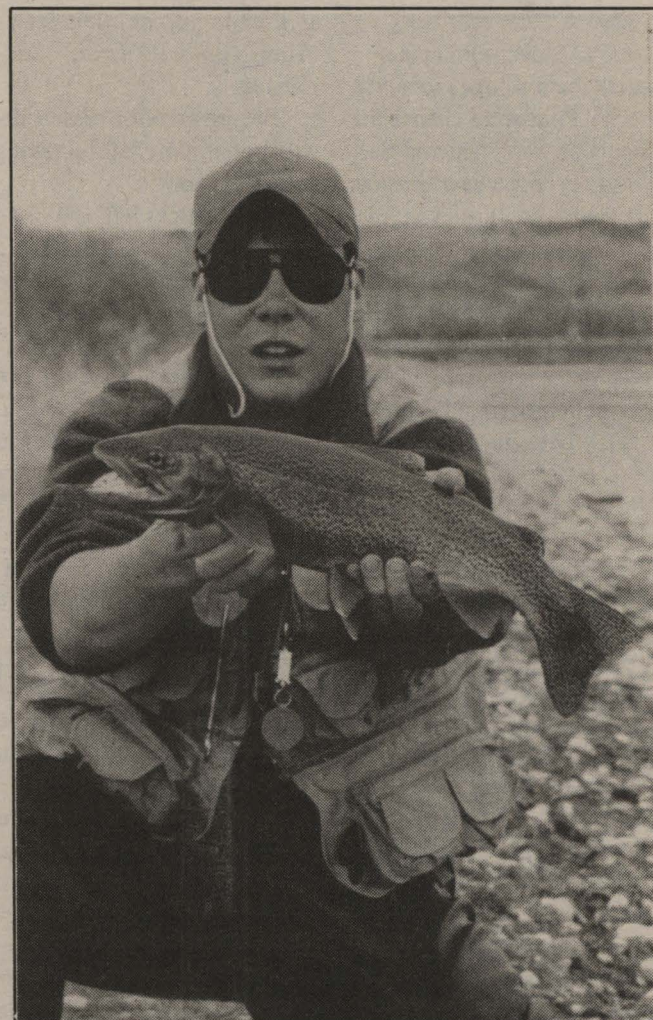
The next day I found myself at the same run trying to catch my friend the trout who had broke me off the day before.

After about fifteen casts I hooked a trout I assume was the same one, and the same scenario unfolded as the "pig" broke me off for the second time.

I never did see that fish, but I guess that's what keeps me coming back for more.

The week flew by and before we knew it our trip was over and we had to make the journey back to the beloved classroom.

I couldn't have asked for a better trip. We caught a lot of nice trout, and unfortunately lost even more, but I wasn't complaining. If I could only make a living fly-fishing everyday!



This 23", 4 lb. hog of a rainbow trout was Eric "Boots" Elzen's prize catch during his trip to the Bighorn, seen here in the background. A fly fishing veteran, Boots hopes to make many happy returns to the Bighorn. (Submitted photo)

## Banding the Saw Whet

By Charlie Sensenbrenner  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Driving back from Rusty's bar, you roll your window down for air when suddenly a high-pitched ringing sound smacks against your eardrums.

You roll the window back up as fast as you can, worried you had more beer than you should have.

To your relief, the weird noise disappears with the rolled-up window. However, sitting on the trees blurring by, migrating Saw Whet Owls hear a different message from the same sound. Instead of wanting to avoid it, they find themselves irresistibly drawn to it's source.

When social-minded birds finally reach what they're looking for, they receive an unexpected surprise and find themselves tangled in a fine "mist net."

Though reputed as vicious hunters capable of snaring chipmunks and rats twice their size, the seven-inch owls, tipping the scales at three ounces, are extremely well mannered and calmly wait in the net.

Within an hour either Gene Jacobs, director of the Linwood

Springs Research Center, or one of four UW-Stevens Point volunteers comes along to remove the owl from the net, and place it in a cardboard tube which making handling easier for both sides.

But even with human contact, the little bird remains collected. "They are relatively tame towards people," said Jacobs. "If you ever came across one, you could walk within five feet of it and it wouldn't even flinch."

The bird is then taken inside and watches with enormous orange eyes as the person records its size and weight, fits an aluminum band loosely around its ankle, and marks the inner wing feathers with blue spots. Occasionally it snaps its tiny beak, hoping to intimidate the handler, but generally remains unfazed.

Then depending on the owl's health, it is either released or placed into a holding pen. Underweight owls are fed mice, which along with insects, make up the bulk of the opportunistic hunter's prey base.

The recorded data is sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and kept for by Jacobs for further research. Nine years and over 4,000 banded owls are be-

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Point's glass slipper shatteres in final seconds

By Joshua Morby  
CONTRIBUTOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team's hopes for a trip to the Final Four and a chance for a national title were shattered Saturday as they lost a heartbreaker against Nebraska Wesleyan, 69-66.

The Pointers' "Cinderella" season came to a halt when Nebraska's Mitch Mosser canned a three pointer with 1.1 seconds to go in the fourth round game of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"We were asked to do what no one else in the tournament had to do. We had to travel to play nationally ranked teams in their own gyms," said UW-SP men's basket-

ball coach Jack Bennett, whose team finished with a 22-7 record. "This place tonight was about as hostile an environment as I think you will find," added Bennett.

The crowd noise crescendoed with one minute left following a Pointer timeout.

With 56 ticks left, UW-SP senior Jim Danielson showed his experience when he sank a triple bringing the Pointers within two, 66-64.

After Mosser's shot drew iron, the Plainsmen lost control of the ball and mugged Mike Paynter.

Paynter sank both free throws, knotting the score at 66-66 with 7.2 seconds left.

Nebraska called a time out as head coach Todd Riordan plotted the course to victory.

After Mosser's three, the Pointers quickly called a time out and hoped for one last miracle. However, Bennett's team just wasn't able to pull it out, and their season came to a screeching halt.

"We didn't lose this game, they won it," said Bennett.

The game also marked the end of the college careers of Point seniors Paynter and Danielson.

"We're really going to miss Paynter. Mike really picked up his game this year and played with a lot of enthusiasm.

"We'll also miss Jim who is as good a sixth man as there was in the conference. I think Jim saved the best ball of his career for the last game.

"Both these guys really went out in a blaze of glory," said Bennett.

Austin's clutch three pointer puts UW-SP in Elite Eight

By Joshua Morby  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Pointer men's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament with a thrilling overtime victory over Mt. Union College Friday, 68-67.

Russ Austin was the hero for UW-Stevens Point, nailing down the game-winning three pointer with 9.1 seconds left in overtime to culminate a six point rally in the extra session.

After a timeout, Mt. Union's Mike Lower picked up an offen-

sive foul by running down the floor and slamming into Point's Dan Denniston.

Denniston was immediately fouled on the inbound and had the chance to put the nails in the coffin, but came up short twice from the charity stripe.

When Mt. Union's desperation attempt at the buzzer failed, UW-SP found themselves one victory shy of the Final Four.

The fans went crazy as the score teetered back and forth with more than six lead changes in the last seven minutes of regulation.

The intensity heightened at the one minute mark when Mt.

Union took a time out leading 58-57.

After the time out, Point's Mike Paynter hit two clutch shots from the free throw line bringing UW-SP ahead by one.

Following a Pointer timeout, Mt. Union's Scott Endsley sank a three pointer that pulled the Purple Raiders up by two.

With just nine seconds left, Derek Westrum stepped up big and sank a lay-up, keeping the Pointers' hopes alive by sending the game into overtime.

"As you can tell, these kids play their best ball in big games," commented coach Jack Bennett.

Uphoff places at Nationals

Pointer swimmer Becca Uphoff came away with two place-winning performances at the NCAA Division III National Meet at Wooster, Ohio last weekend.

Uphoff grabbed a fourth place medal in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:07.46. She swam to her other top eight finish by taking seventh in the 100-yard backstroke.

The Pointers finished 30th in the team standings with 27 points.

Quote of the Week

“He has to look in the mirror one day and ask, ‘Where would I be without Michael Jordan?’”

-New Jersey Nets' forward Xavier McDaniel, speaking of Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen after the Nets' 99-98 win over the Bulls Friday.

-ESPN Sportscenter

IN THE ZONE

By Mike Kemmeter  
SPORTS EDITOR

On Tuesday night, the Wisconsin State Senate kept the Milwaukee Brewers' new stadium Miller Park alive, but not without another fight from objecting lawmakers.

The Senate voted on a bill that Brewers' owner, Bud Selig, said would kill the stadium project and again jeopardize the future of major league baseball in Milwaukee.

The bill, pushed by Sen. Joe Wineke (D-Verona), would have limited the Brewers' on leasing equipment for the new stadium. The legislation was sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and could be reviewed again in May.

However, Wineke said the bill will probably not get out of the committee, and that the 18-15 vote essentially killed the bill.

And thankfully for Wisconsin's major league baseball fans, the bill was killed instead of baseball in Milwaukee.

Unfortunately, these loyal fans continue to be made to stand around and worry while our legislators, who passed the stadium deal themselves, whine over what they've already agreed to.

Many fans remember what it was like when the Braves left Milwaukee for Atlanta, and they know the city won't have a third chance for major league baseball.

These Brewers backers have one man to thank for the team still existing in Milwaukee: Selig.

He has said on many occasions that his life would be a failure if the team left Milwaukee, which is a stunning statement considering he is the acting commissioner of baseball and a multimillionaire.

Selig has done all that he can to keep the Brewers in Milwaukee, when any other owner in the majors would have packed up his team and left.

He has wanted to replace the old and outdated Milwaukee County Stadium since the late 1980's, but has had to sit and wait for almost ten years while people kicked around ideas of where the ballpark should be located.

Selig has committed more money to Miller Park, 90 million dollars to be exact, than any other team has to their new stadiums despite their small market status.

Selig and the Brewers fans have been waiting almost a decade for a new stadium, and finally when ground was broken and construction started, the legislature had to step in and try to jeopardize the project.

The legislature signed the stadium deal themselves, so they need to stick by it and let construction on the world's first convertible roof stadium continue.

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Men's Basketball Top 10

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2. Caucasian Persuasion	7. Blue Balls
3. NBA	8. TAPPI
4. Little Too Tight	9. Run 'n' Gun
5. The Posse	10. Beer Guzzling Jerk Offs

Women's Basketball Top 5

1. Freedom	1. Last Chance
2. Lot D	2. Spartan Spirit
3. Shannon's Shooters	3. No Fat
4. Pumpkin Pushers	4. TAPPI
5. Tirty Pointers	5. Valerie Wegner's Team

Men's Volleyball Top 3

1. Rocky Mountain Oysters	1. Sideout
2. TAPPI	2. Friction
3. No Fat	3. Baked Lays

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

1. Scrubs	1. AC Milan
2. The Butt Plugs	2. Eric's Team
3. 2 Short	3. Mike Costello
4. This Time	1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
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Teams are ranked for play beginning March 16.

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## Softball looks to continue magic of last year

By Nick Brilowski  
CONTRIBUTOR

It will be anything but easy for the Pointer softball team to match their accomplishments of last season.

UW-Stevens Point's 1996 outfit finished with a 33-12 record and made the school's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III World Series.

Fourth year head coach Dean Shuda has lost two All-Conference performers from last year's team, pitcher Amy Prochaska and second baseman Erin Buenzli, but returns a solid nucleus in the hopes of repeating last year's success.

Heading the list of returnees is infielder/outfielder Kari Rowekamp. The junior led the team last season in hits, RBI's, triples, home runs, and total bases while batting .457.

Emily Keup returns at third base after earning All-Conference honors as a sophomore while pacing the team in doubles and assists.



Pointers' junior Kari Rowekamp leads the list of returning players from last season's NCAA Division III World Series squad. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

Kelli Harms returns to the outfield for her senior year after earning All-WWIAC honors in each of her first three seasons. Harms enters the year ranking in the top five in 14 categories in Pointer history.

Catcher Dena Zajdel is also back after making the All-WWIAC team as both a freshman and

sophomore. The junior led the '96 team in runs scored and sacrifice hits.

Becky Prochaska heads the pitching staff after posting an dazzling 13-2 record and 2.99 ERA as a freshman.

UW-SP kicks off their season Saturday as they travel to California for a week-long set of games.

## Pointer baseball's new faces hope to bring success

By Ryan Lins  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the addition of a new head coach, an ex-major leaguer as an assistant and three freshmen pitchers, the Pointer baseball team turns their eyes toward the future. That future is now.

A 16-20 record from last year haunts the team, including a seven game losing streak to end the season, and a dismal 3-9 finish in the WSUC.

One thing the team is abundant in this season is leadership as former UW-Stevens Point catcher Scott Pritchard begins his first season with the Pointers as head coach.

Former Cincinnati Reds pitcher Steve Foster brings a plethora of experience from the "Big Show," along with an excellent repertoire of pitching knowledge.

As far as on-the field leadership, former letter-winners Ryan James (3-1, 7.02 ERA), and Chris Simonson (1-5, 3.88 ERA) return to the mound.

First baseman Gary Kostuchowski (.328, 5 HR) and outfielder Brian Nelson (.310, 23 RBI) assume their leadership roles at the plate.

"We need these guys to help carve the team," stated coach Pritchard.

As far as an overall team weakness, it may be found on the little mound of dirt in the middle of the infield.

The team recorded a rather hefty 6.77 ERA last season, and gave up 38 round-trippers to their opponents.

The team will try to work around this problem with returning veterans, coupled with the freshmen contingent.

Pritchard felt that the three freshmen pitchers needed to come in right away and "step up" into a big team role.

On offense, the team is in much better shape with five returning full-time starters.

They also have the offensive firepower to match, bringing back a .264 average and 25 homeruns into the boiling cauldron known as Pointer baseball.

About his prognosis for this year, Pritchard took this stance, "If we're competitive game in and out, it will lead to winning. Whatever it takes to win."

The Pointers travel to Ft. Myers, Florida over Spring Break to sniff out the competition in Division III.

There they are set to duel with Allegheny College Friday, starting off a grueling ten game week.

UW-SP faces five teams that are ranked in the Top 15 in Division III in their nine day stint in Florida.

"The competition we're playing is top competition," said Pritchard.

The Pointers are scheduled to open their home season Tues. April 8 at 1 p.m. against Concordia University.

## Thomas shows his stuff at pro combine

By Mike Kemmeter  
SPORTS EDITOR

Every season, thousands of seniors in small college football programs aren't given a chance to show they can play professional football.

UW-Stevens Point's Jason Thomas, a four year letterwinning defensive back, had that shot last Saturday when he was invited to the Regional Football Combine in Chicago, Ill.

Thomas was among 300 participants in the combine that was attended by scouts from the National Football League, Canadian Football League, and Arena Football League.

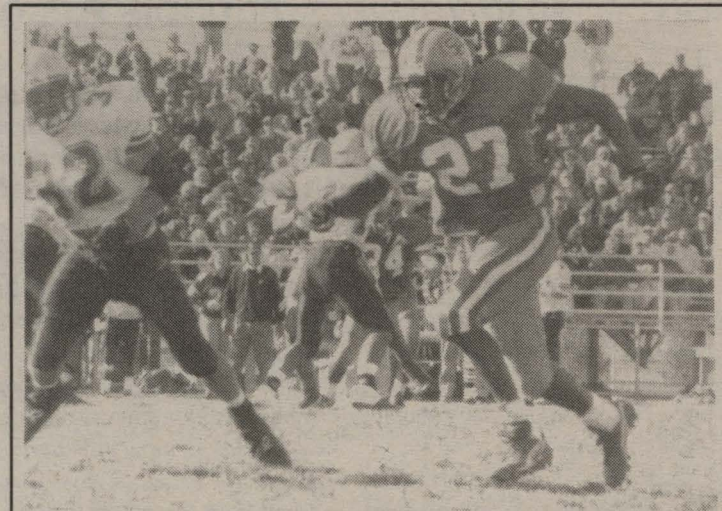
About 2,000 football players applied to the combine, in which each professional hopeful participated in five drills to test their gridiron skills.

Thomas topped the combine averages in all four general events, and knocked down two of the four passes he defended in the specialized one-on-one receiver/defensive back drill.

"It's my dream to play at another level, and I gave it all that I had," said Thomas.

Thomas' performance caught the eyes of at least two profes-

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Jason Thomas (#27, shown here on special teams) attended the Regional Scouting Combine. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

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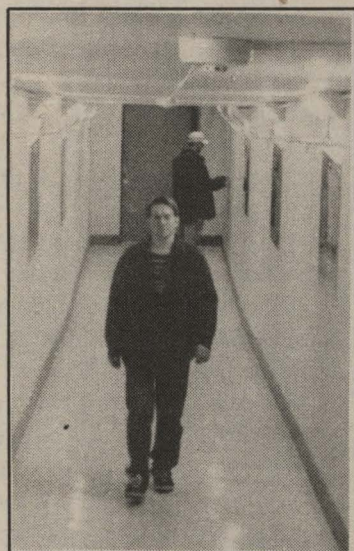


# A walk through time

## Tunnel captures 100 years of student life in Point

By Kris Wagner  
News Editor

Hidden underground between the University Center and the Student Services Building resides a tunnel of time. A worn path of dips and bumps in the tunnel's



Students utilize the tunnel.  
(Photo by Carrie Reuter)

concrete floor illustrates years of footwear scrambling off to the next class.

A closer look at the warped, crooked tunnel walls reveals 11 decades of higher learning encounters.

In about 30 walking strides, a portrayal of the university's history hangs in designated areas, each with their own stories to tell and memories to reminisce.

Fifteen students from UW-Stevens Point History Club hand-picked every picture and piece of written history by thumbing through pages of yearbooks and *Pointer* newspapers. The final project portrays a diverse history of the Stevens Point campus.

"We wanted to try to get the pictures that best suited students' life," History Club President Michael Runge said.

He estimates that at least 500 hours spread out over a year and a half were put into the time tunnel project, which was finished last semester.

"There were quite a few images to work with and they (History Club) starting combing through them," History Club advisor and History Professor Eric Yonke said.

The club retrieved most of its material through the university archives.

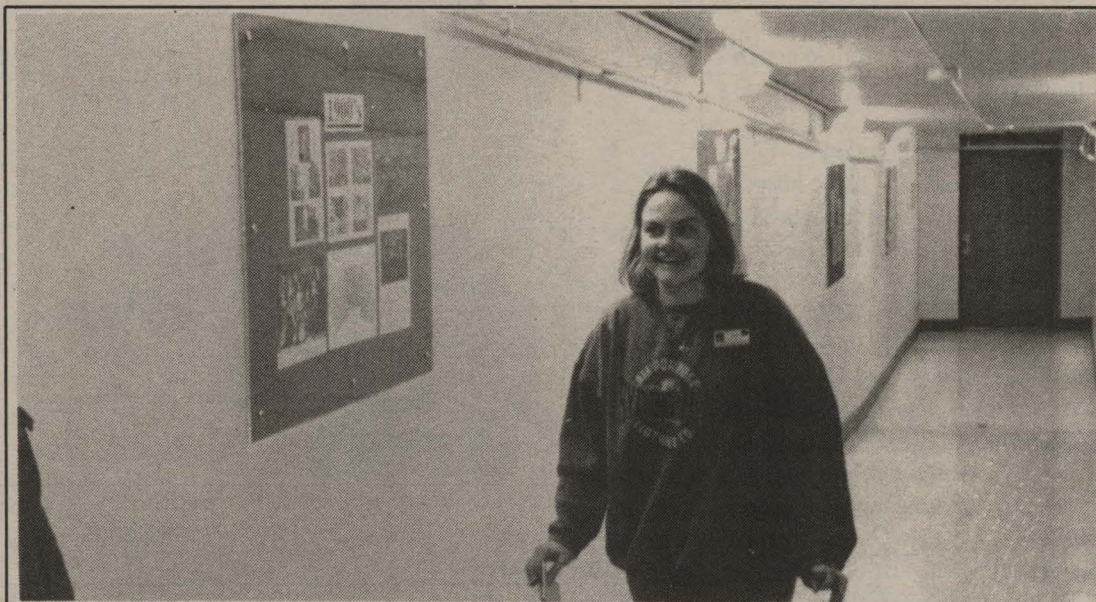
Since the university's opening day in 1894, in which 250 professional students enrolled, students have wrestled with some of the exact same issues that currently top the list of concerns.

A piece of paper found from the 1910's exhibits interest in allocation of the school's money. A sentence from the 1890's cites that "the U.S. is the only country in the world that spends more on education than on war equipment."

"The overall attitude of school and events were similar," Runge said.

Early scholars at Stevens Point didn't like attending classes at times either. Individuals even used a little wit when filling out absentee slips. One excuse card from the 1900's states "I was absent because I was not here."

Sporting events and achievements dot throughout the time tunnel. According to Runge, sports played "a much more important role in the past than they do now."



A student employee walks through the tunnel while pieces of history light her path.  
(Photo by Carrie Reuter)

He pointed out one of the great sport triumphs. In the 1930's the Pointer basketball team beat the Wisconsin Badgers 28-24.

Many pictures on the walls of the tunnel reflect other key sports of the past, including a women's hockey team of the 1920's and a boxing team of the 30's. Also pictured is the basketball team that dissolved due to World War II.

Many images and students' opinions prove that America's involvement in war influenced the university.

Some of the posted material on war in the tunnel include: a student's opinion on the Spanish-American War, pictures of people protesting the Vietnam War, and individuals' support of the Persian Gulf War.

Pictorial images and written history reflect many other aspects of pupils who chose to study and abode at Stevens Point, even though curfew in the 1920's was 10:30 p.m.

The best way to understand some facets of students' life is to take a stroll through the tunnel that has captured time.

## Feature Organization : UCAN

### University Cannabis Action Network

By Cindy Wiedmeyer  
Assistant Features Editor

The controversial issue of marijuana is hotly debated across America. Misconceptions lead many to believe that cannabis is used mainly in an illegal fashion.

While it is unlawful to grow marijuana in the US, many people make use of the leaves and stems in the form of hemp. Hemp can be used to make jewelry, paper, boat sails, rope, and other personal products.

University Cannabis Action Network (UCAN), an active UW-Stevens Point organization, works to educate the UW-SP campus and the surrounding community about the beneficial uses of hemp.

Through education and communication they are working to make cannabis legally available for industrial, medicinal, and personal use.

Despite low membership, UCAN members strongly voice their concerns over important issues such as the bill to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes. Members have set up booths encouraging students to write in or sign prewritten letters to legislators.

UCAN is involved with the campus and community. Each year UCAN is a part of the Involvement Fair. Last year they worked with the co-op in town promoting hemp products in their store.

Throughout the semester UCAN sets up booths in the UC. They give away informational handouts and sell hemp products such as: lip balm, jewelry, patches, hats, shirts, hacky sacks, wallets, hemp seeds for cooking, and watch bands. These promotions allow others to view the multiple purposes of hemp.

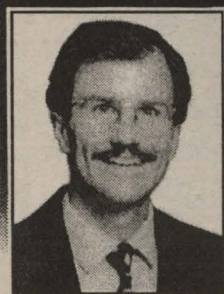
UCAN also sponsored a concert at the Mission Coffee House last semester. Thaddeus Brown, The Marmadukes, and Aqueous Groove rocked the Mission while UCAN sold hemp products at the door.

Proceeds go toward UCAN's mini library located in the lower UC. The library consists of the yearly published book *The Emperor Wears No Clothes* by Jack Herer, *Medicinal Marijuana*, the video *Hemp For Victory*, ironically put out by the Dept. of Agriculture during WW2, and a subscription to *High Times*.

UCAN recently began sponsoring a Drum Circle in the Encore. This event will take place every other Monday at 7 p.m.

"Everyone is welcome to come and play or just listen," said Trevor Evans, UCAN vice-president.

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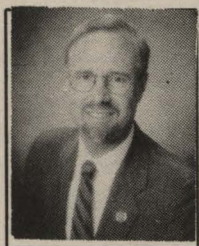
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## Q&A With Chancellor Tom

### What are your plans for Spring Break?

Sorry to give you a boring answer, but since I anticipate a somewhat lighter schedule in terms of appointments with students, faculty, staff and various university events during spring break week, I plan to be right here in the office catching up on work to which I have not been able to address immediately. However, I do plan to visit my parents Easter weekend in Philadelphia.

### Who is in charge of cancelling classes, and why weren't they canceled last week during the blizzard when other universities were?

The Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor and others have the authority to cancel classes. In the case of last week, given the efficiency with which most roads were cleared and the fact that the bulk of our student body lives close to campus, we elected not to cancel classes. Since tomorrow is the first day of spring, hopefully this issue will not come up again this semester.

### Do you do your laundry on campus? Where? *Bryan Sullivan, Senior*

I used to do my laundry regularly in selected residence halls until I was questioned by a CA one night who did not know I was the Chancellor. I now drop it off at a couple of laundromats in town and they do it for me. I do take the liberty of doing laundry in the residence halls during breaks.

If you have questions for the Chancellor please e-mail them to [mrst493@uwsp.edu](mailto:mrst493@uwsp.edu)

## Student pilots take flight

By Michelle Ristau  
FEATURES EDITOR

Imagine sunset over Lake Michigan, or viewing the curvature of the earth at sunset in Australia. These are the experiences of two student pilots, Sally Roberts and Mike Case.

Both Roberts and Case are students at UW-Stevens Point, training to get their private pilot's license while receiving credit through the university.

Roberts is a Communication Disorder and Spanish major who hopes to get her license to fulfill a childhood dream. Though the dream hasn't been easy to come by financially, she perseveres.

"I decided I had to just go for it. If I waited until I had enough money or time, I would never get around to it," she said.

Case, a CNR major, has dealt with financial problems as well.

"I fly in between part-time jobs. Ideally a person should fly at least once a week, but it can get expensive," he said.

Roberts and Case admit that there are other options than flying according to the amount of their paycheck.

Students may take out loans or use left over financial aid money for the program.

As a young boy Case always wanted to fly helicopters. He plans on getting his rotorcraft (helicopter) license in addition to his private license.

With sweaty palms, Case landed the plane and never looked back.

Roberts' recollection of soloing is quite similar.

"The day I soloed I felt as though I had been doing stupid landings; I never thought I was

going to get the hang of it."

"My instructor asked me if I wanted him to get out, I said no! Of course we pulled over and he got out," she said.

Roberts landed

the plane, and exclaimed "Down and clear of all runways, and boy does that feel good!"

The recent plane crashes in the news don't cause either one of them any worries.

"Anyone who loves to fly flies even when you're watching the news and there are crashes. There are risks in everything," Roberts said.

Case agrees, "Crashing, no. Hell, I don't worry about crashing. At first it is up front and in your face, but it gets pushed back and it is eventually an everyday situation."

Both agree that if a person has even the slightest desire to fly, they should take a trip to the Stevens Point Airport. Anyone can tag along for a flight.



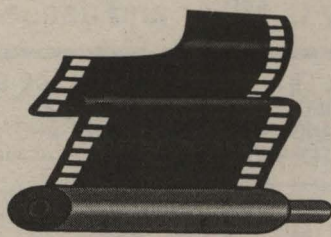
Sally Roberts and Mike Case after soloing (Photo Submitted)

"Getting your private license is the hardest because the FAA is so strict. After that it is easy," Case explained.

Roberts and Case soloed for the first time in Feb. after ground training and numerous pattern (taking off and landing) flights with their instructor.

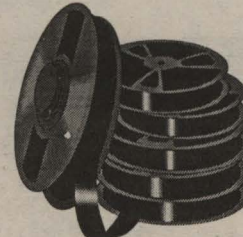
"The day I soloed was stressful since I had two exams. My instructor and I did pattern work about four times. After we landed he put the brakes on and said 'Let me out.' I told him I was getting out too, until he revealed that I was going up alone."

"My face went white and my mouth dropped. If I would have had more time to think about it I wouldn't have done it," Case recalls.



## And the Oscar goes to... Critics make their picks for Oscar night

Professor Roger Bullis-B  
Kerry Liethen-L



### Prof. Bullis explains

*Jerry Maguire* will win Best Picture because it is the only film that wasn't independent. Hollywood must maintain its integrity. I don't believe this is necessarily the best picture, but it is the only one with a big Hollywood star. *The English Patient* is my personal pick, along with *Fargo*, and then *Shine*.

I chose Tom Cruise as Best Actor, for the same reason I chose the movie as Best Picture. He is the only Hollywood star nominated in this category. The other nominees would be sentimental favorites-Hollywood actors win. Again, I don't necessarily believe that Tom Cruise had the best performance.

Best Actress is tough; none are well known names. I went with Frances McDormand because she is the sentimental favorite. Diane Keaton in *Marvin's Room* is another possibility, but very few people saw the movie.

Cuba Gooding, Jr. will win for *Jerry Maguire*, for the previously stated reasons.

Lauren Bacall will win for *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (despite the fact that Hollywood dislikes Barbara Streisand, who directed the picture) because she has been around the longest.

I chose Milos Forman for *The People vs. Larry Flynt* because he is the sentimental favorite. My second choice would be Joel Coen, since he is admired, though not well known, in Hollywood.

### Best Picture

*The English Patient* (L)  
*Fargo*  
*Jerry Maguire* (B)  
*Secrets and Lies*  
*Shine*

### Best Actor

Tom Cruise, *Jerry Maguire* (B)  
Ralph Fiennes, *The English Patient*  
Woody Harrelson, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*  
Geoffrey Rush, *Shine* (L)  
Billy Bob Thornton, *Sling Blade*

### Best Actress

Brenda Blethyn, *Secrets & Lies*  
Frances McDormand, *Fargo* (B)  
(L)  
Diane Keaton, *Marvin's Room*  
Kristin Scott Thomas, *The English Patient*  
Emily Watson, *Breaking the Waves*

### Best Supporting Actress

Joan Allen, *The Crucible*  
Lauren Bacall, *The Mirror Has Two Faces* (B) (L)  
Juliette Binoche, *The English Patient*  
Barbra Hershey, *Portrait of a Lady*  
Marianne Jean-Baptiste, *Secrets and Lies*

### Best Supporting Actor

Cuba Gooding Jr., *Jerry Maguire* (B)  
William H. Macy, *Fargo*  
Armin Mueller-Stahl, *Shine*  
Edward Norton, *Primal Fear*  
James Woods, *Ghosts of Mississippi* (L)

### Best Director

Milos Forman, *The People vs. Larry Flynt* (B)  
Joel Coen, *Fargo*  
Scott Hicks, *Shine*  
Mike Leigh, *Secrets and Lies*  
Anthony Minghella, *The English Patient* (L)

### The student critic explains

I chose *The English Patient*, for Best Picture because it was an epic romance picture with magical cinematography; which makes it highly fascinating to watch.

I picked Geoffrey Rush for *Shine*, because I felt this film was reminiscent of Daniel Day Lewis and *My Left Foot*.

Best Actress will be Frances McDormand because I felt the accent was impeccable. Plus, she did a great acting job considering she was pregnant.

James Woods will win for Supporting Actor because he morphed over a period of years-the Academy likes this for some reason!

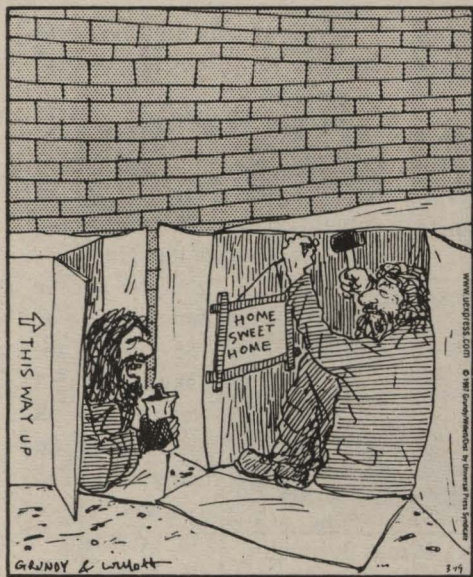
Best Supporting Female will go to Lauren Bacall because she has been in the business for years, and this could be her last chance to win an Oscar.

Finally, Best Director to Anthony Minghella for *The English Patient*. So much was captured in this film!



## Tight Corner

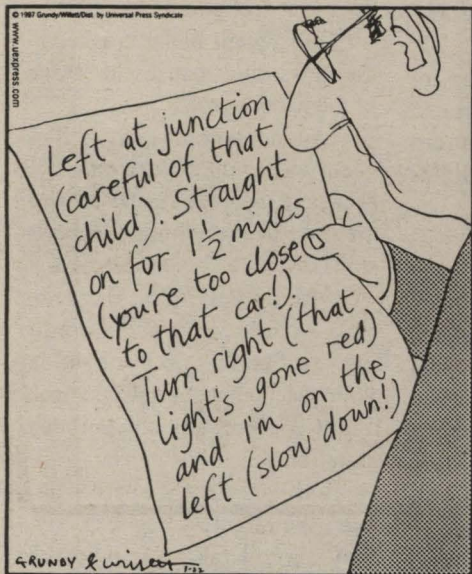
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and Willett



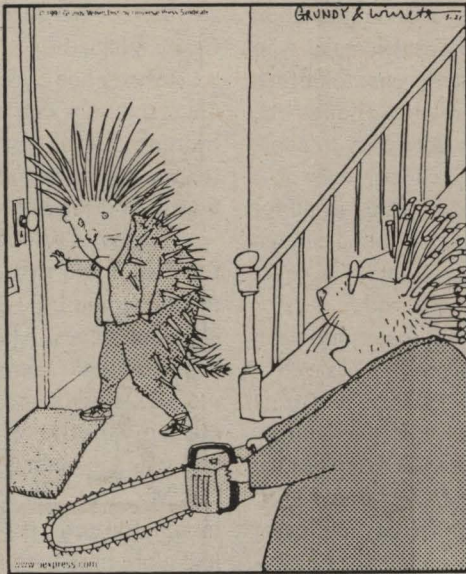
"Red, you've got a lot of class ... low, but a lot of it."



Ma Barker's gang surrenders.



Directions from a back-seat driver.



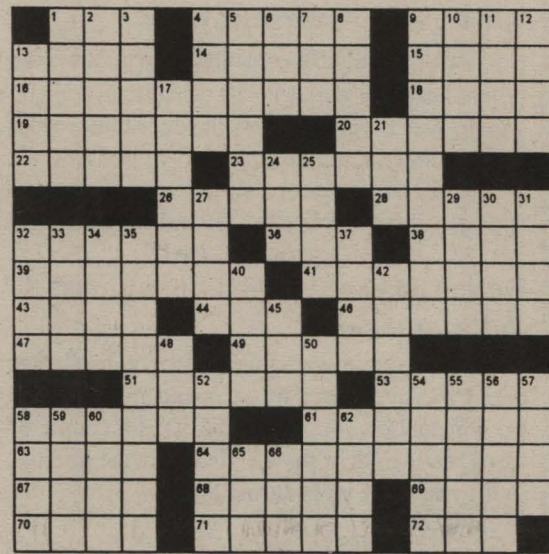
"You're not going out like that!"

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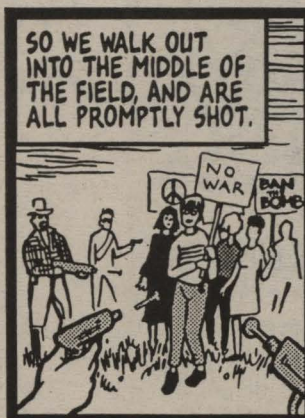
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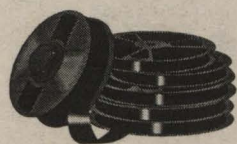
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By Nicole Kamrath

## Depp, Pacino shine in Donnie Brasco



By Mike Beacom  
FILM CRITIC

The lifestyle and dangers of being an undercover agent are exposed in Mike Newell's latest film, "Donnie Brasco."

Johnny Depp plays Joe Pistone, an FBI agent who becomes Johnny Brasco in order to get in with members of New York mob in the late 1970s.

Depp is accepted by Lefty, a wise guy played by Al Pacino who gets Depp accepted into the mob family.

The two develop a tight bond as Lefty is enthusiastic about showing his new found friend the ropes. Lefty has given his life to organized crime and is constantly passed over when a job at the top of the mob opens up.

At the same time, Lefty deals with moving up the mafia ladder, Depp's character is torn between Pistone, the family man and Brasco, the gangster.

His family rarely sees him and his wife threatens divorce unless he gives up his assignment of bringing down the mob. But Brasco realizes if he does leave, Lefty will be murdered because he vouched for Brasco.

Donnie Brasco, based on a true story, is a fresh look at the crime scene. It breaks away from the mafia film mold built by directors like Martin Scorsese.

Solid acting jobs from Pacino and Depp make this film worth theatre prices.

**Supporting Cast:** Michael Madsen, Anne Heche, Bruno Kirby, James Russo.

Rating (four possible):



### Rentals

**The Program**  
(1993; 112 min.)

This is an inside look at the corrupt, action-packed world of upper-echelon college football. Not exactly packed with stars, this movie's crown jewels are James Caan and Halle Barry.

There are some hard hits and some great football scenes here, and I actually felt bad for some of the players on the team. Tough to find a movie of this ilk that actually manages to evoke some genuine emotion.

Not a movie for all people, The Program is one of those "bad" movies that I really enjoy.

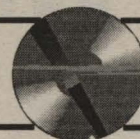
Having been a football player in high school, I can live vicariously through these people. An excellent choice for a boring night when you need some adrenaline.

**Supporting Cast:** Craig Sheffer, Kristy Swanson.

-Nick Katzmarek

## U2 pops back onto the concert scene

90 FM's Pick of the Week



By Patrick McGrane  
MUSIC CRITIC

Is rock dead? Today's volatile rock-n-roll music industry is a conglomerate of styles and sounds - from the raw edge of hard core and pop-punk to the moody soundscapes of trip-hop and electronica. U2 is practically a household name these days.

This Dublin-based quartet emerged onto the rock scene somewhere back in the age of new wave, and have continuously pummeled us with their talented songwriting and blitzkrieg of multi-media enhanced imagery.

Their latest release (11 so far) continues the quest for their musical vision. Appropriately titled,

"Pop" combines their well known use of retro grooves and hip new sounds, complete with a lyrical message that pierces deep into the thoughtful mind.

This has been called a make-it-or-break it album for U2. In the face of R.E.M.'s recent failure at maintaining the favor of the masses, and in the wake of many disappointed consumers that were stuck with "Zooropa" purchases, U2 is giving the system another shot.

Their new tour features \$60 ticket prices, the controversial opening act of "Rage Against the Machine," and plenty of the expected media-hype and sought after publicity. Quite simply, you will either love their new album, or you will hate it.



## Dog

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past summer to learn more about being a mascot. He placed sixth out of 35 mascots, including many from the Big Ten.

Earlier this school year, Lietz brought a four minute skit to UW-SP's own cheer and dance competition and took second place.

"Bucky Badger gave me some suggestions on my routine," said Lietz. "I worked on the things that he talked to me about and I ended up taking first place at AmeriCup."

There will be tryouts later this spring for all the UW-SP mascots.

## UCAN

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During Earth Week, April 21-24, UCAN will have a booth set up in the UC selling a variety of hemp products.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in the Garland Room, UC.

"We encourage people to come to our meetings and events to learn, relax, make some friends and find out what beneficial uses there are for hemp," explained Evans.

## Owls

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ginning to hint at answers, but Jacobs admits that even now, little is known about the reclusive cavity nesters.

The owls migrate twice yearly across the entire state. Ten years ago, researchers believed the birds followed concentrated funnels along natural barriers such as Lake Michigan from thickly forested regions in Southern Canada and the upper Midwest, to areas below the snow line as far south as Tennessee.

## Illinois

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and waste done by his compatriots.

As a guest he should respect the beliefs that we hold dear.

These beliefs being a strong work ethic, environmental awareness, respect for our heritage, and the toleration of visitors that do not take 10,000 lakes and public hunting lands for granted.

Ryan Lins  
Assistant Sports Editor

## Thomas

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sional coaches. The head coaches of both the Hamilton Tigers of the CFL and the AFL's Iowa Barnstormers expressed interest in giving Thomas a personal tryout.

The results of the combine will be sent to all the teams not in attendance, so even more teams may have interest in the defensive back.

"I felt when I was going there, the people would be better than me. But I left feeling I was just as good, if not better," said Thomas.



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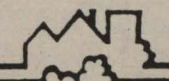
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