By Joshua Wescott
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point officially kicked off the new school year last Thursday by holding its 20th annual Convocation ceremony. Students and faculty packed the Berg Gymnasium for the Convocation address delivered by world-renowned environmental activist Captain Paul Watson.

Watson was one of the co-founders of Greenpeace, but now heads his Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. In doing so, Watson literally fights for the environment, and has done so for the past 20 years. He sometimes goes as far as ramming and sinking illegal whaling ships.

Despite his work, and the efforts of the over 300,000 members of his organization, Watson said the environmental movement is regressing. "I think we're actually making less headway as far as seeing real positive change...the reason being there's this illusion being presented that things are being done when in fact they're not being done."

"We're right now looking at major reverses in wildlife protection out of trade considerations...whaling is escalating, the seal hunt is back in Canada, the impact upon world fisheries is increasing and this is a result of incredible demand due to expanding human populations.

"We're aware of the problems but the fact is we're not doing anything about them." Watson said the movement's victories are temporary, while defeats or the loss of a species are permanent.

Watson represents what many feel is the radical wing of the environmental movement. Watson said, "What I'm trying to emphasize is the strength of any movement...the conservation movement lies in a diversity of approaches and I represent one type of approach."

"I'm considered sort of a radical environmentalist although as a conservationist I consider myself very conservative. I think these various approaches complement each other and make for strength in the movement."

Watson talked at length about the power possessed by the media to change people's attitudes. "We live in a culture which is defined by media. Therefore solutions have to be brought about by utilizing the media as a tool and understanding how media manipulates and defines reality."

To illustrate his point, Watson and the Sea Shepherds' campaign are the focus of a major motion picture in the works, in which Watson will be played by Woody Harrelson.

"So everything that I've done in the past 20 years has not really been real. It's a look at alcohol consumption on campus

A national study recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that during a 30-day period in 1995, 34 percent of college students consumed five or more drinks on at least one occasion. Slightly more than four percent said they had drank alcohol on at least 20 of the 30 days.

Universities across the country are trying to combat this problem, with little success. At Louisiana State University, administrators tried to combat their "party school" reputation by banning alcohol from all student functions on campus.

But this strict policy, it seems, wasn't enough. A week later a 20-year-old fraternity pledge died after consuming an estimated 24 drinks in one sitting.

When police found Benjamin Wynne passed out on the floor, his blood alcohol level was 0.586, six times the legal limit. Three other students who celebrated with him were hospitalized.

"The tragedy is compounded by the fact that in recent years, we have worked very hard to educate our students about the consequences of alcohol and substance abuse," said LSU Chancellor William L. Jenkins.

Wisconsin has not been exempt from these tragedies. Over the past five years, binge drinking related deaths have been reported at UW-Eau Claire and Madison. At UW-SP binge drinking has become part of the college culture.

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Chancellor George praises Bill Deering, before awarding him with the Excellence in Teaching Award. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Faculty receive awards
By Joshua Wescott
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last week's Convocation marked the 20th time students, faculty, and staff have gathered to commemorate the start of another school year. The ceremony not only featured the confrontational speech of Greenpeace co-founder Captain Paul Watson, but it also gave the University a chance to honor a few of its prestigious faculty members with various awards.

Bill Deering, Associate Professor of Communication; Min Deng, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computing; Stephen Bonderson, Professor of Chemistry; Evelyn Merrill, Associate Professor of Wildlife; and Karen Lemke, Associate Professor of Geography and Geology, were presented with Excellence in Teaching Awards by Chancellor Tom George.

The Chancellor also handed out Scholar Awards to Diane Canfield Bywaters, Associate Professor of Art and Design and William Wrench, Professor of Mathematics and Computing. Service awards were given to William "Pete" Kelly, Professor of Communication and Edward Miller, Professor of Political Science.

Award winners were nominated by department colleagues and students and then selected by a university committee last spring.

Students hit the bottle on UW-SP campus

A look at alcohol consumption on campus

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, throngs of UW-Stevens Point students flood to house parties and downtown bars. The vast majority of these people have one thing in mind -- GET DRUNK!!!

UW-SP students are not in a minority. The vast majority of college students across the nation participate in this weekly ritual.

"We live in a culture that is dominated by the media as a tool and understanding how media manipulates and defines reality."
I hope to achieve the ability to gain friendship and the knowledge, to last a lifetime."

"I hope to achieve the ability to run around the school's track once this semester."

"The Conference Championship!"

"Party, have a good time, but still make it through with decent grades, which isn't always easy!"

Second high school shut down
Local residents vote, say no to new school
By Joshua Wescott
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Voters in the Stevens Point School District overwhelmingly shut down several referenda questions on Tuesday that, among other items, called for the construction of a second high school.

Following voter support after an advisory referendum on the ballot last November, the school district constructed a series of six questions that were asked on the special ballot.

The big issue at hand was space needs at Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH), where overcrowding has been a concern of many, including several school board members, for years.

Voters were given several options on ways to handle the overcrowding. The first question asked whether or not the district should go ahead and construct a second high school at a cost of almost $30 million. In convincing fashion, almost 70 percent said they would not be willing to construct and furnish a new high school at that price.

The second question, which requested permission to spend over six million dollars to remodel, renovate, and upgrade SPASH was easily rejected by more than a three to one margin.

Student reps testify in Milwaukee
By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

Student leaders descended on Milwaukee Wednesday to testify in front of the Senate Education Committee in favor of the "Tuition Cap Bill."

The bill, designed to cap tuition at 33% of the cost of instruction is expected to be up for a vote in the committee soon.

The contingent of six UW-Stevens Point representatives joined student activist from across the state, in voicing their overwhelming support for the proposed legislation.

The concerns raised over the bill, stem directly from the rising cost of tuition.

"At two times the rate of inflation over the past 15 years, tuition has increased far faster than any other costs such as property tax, housing, and food. Can you imagine if taxes were to increase at the same rate the tuition has?" said Jamie Kuhn, President of the United Council of UW students.

The trend in rising tuition rates has continued steadily since the merger between the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin State University system.

At that time the resident undergraduate paid 20% of the cost of instruction, after the merger it increased to 25%, in 1986 the percentage was 31%, and is now currently 35.8% of the cost of instruction.

"The cost of instruction that students are currently paying and are projected for today's children to be paying over the next decade is alarming," said John Grabel United Council's Academic Affairs Director.

The critics of the tuition cap bill claim that the cap will damage educational quality, and limit the ability of the legislature to raise revenues. A lone UW System representative spoke against the bill at the hearing.

Currently, tuition will raise another 7.5% if the current version of the state budget is passed by the legislature.
Several university buildings get technology upgrades during summer

Students embarking on yet another semester may notice several changes made in their absence.

In fact, during the summer, several classrooms were remodeled to take advantage of multi-media capabilities, including computer technology and links to the Internet. The rooms that were remodeled are in the College of Professional Studies Building (CPS), the Fine Arts Building, the Communication Arts Center and the College of Natural Resources (CNR).

The most significant addition was the installation of computers and video projection equipment. Each of the rooms now have teaching consoles equipped with a video presenter. Where needed, old furnishings were replaced and new wall finishes were added, according to Carl Rasmussen, UW-Stevens Point facilities planner.

"All of these changes are a move toward using the latest technology and creating comfortable classrooms for our students," said College of Professional Studies Dean Joan North. "The video presenter is an exciting new tool. It is definitely the tool of choice for teaching in the future."

The video presenter replaces the overhead projector, but because it contains a miniature camera it can also be used with three-dimensional objects.

It can be used to magnify project and anything onto a screen so students can see an object or book in addition to traditional transparencies and slides.

Equipment taken out of some of the rooms has been recycled to other areas.

New students make smooth moves

By Jason R. Renkens
Assistant Features Editor

Freshmen and new students at UW-Stevens Point moved into the residence halls on the last Saturday of August. Despite poor weather, the students were excited and energetic as they took their first steps onto the campus.

"The move-in went very smoothly," said Suna Cherian, a Community Advisor in the residence halls. "The freshmen seem very friendly and outgoing, qualities that are essential for survival at the University."

New students were assisted in the moving process by community advisors, hall directors and staff. Through the efforts of these individuals, the new students moved in their belongings, checked into the halls, and were given information about the weekend and the rest of the academic year.

"The move in process was well planned by the university and the halls," said Bryan Sullivan, a Community Advisor on campus.

A cookout was held inside Debot on Saturday evening. Before eating, students were greeted by important figures on campus, including Chancellor George. "The start of the year is a huge undertaking," said Chancellor George. "Making students feel at home is crucial in keeping students enrolled."

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Student athlete takes exception to Pointer sport’s top ten list

I would like to take some offense to your Pointer top ten stories of the year. I am a runner of the Men’s Cross Country team, and ran on the team at nationals, and I feel that ranking us sixth in your little poll is a slap in the face. I admit that Perry Miller’s national title is a most worthy story, but that is about the only one that deserves to be ranked above us.

First of all, the Men’s basketball team didn’t make the final four. And even if they did, they would have been destroyed. Beating every team that they did was a fluke, and so what, they were top 8 in the country. We were top three, and conference champs. Not to mention from the basketball players I know, they are much more interested in combing their hair inbetween periods than they are in basketball or representing this university.

Then the baseball team. The baseball team was division champs, not conference champs. Their sweep of Oshkosh was, once again, a fluke. They will more than likely not win the conference tournament this weekend, and from players I have talked to on the team, if they do not win the conference title, it is unlikely that they will even receive a bid to the post season.

The swimming team seems to have accomplished as much as us, although I admit I know very little of their program. And although I am sure that Coach Blair has made numerous contributions to the university and its athletic programs throughout the years, and his retirement needs to be acknowledged, it does not rank higher than what our team accomplished this year.

This season, Cross Country was conference champs for the first time since 1981. We had seven all-conference athletes. We took second by 2 points at regionals, and had six competitors who were all-region. We took third at nationals, just 13 points from the top spot, and had three All-Americans, and seven Academic All-Americans. Coach Rick Witt was conference, regional, and national coach of the year.

I am sick and tired of hearing that cross country doesn’t matter because it isn’t as well-known a sport as basketball or baseball. But let’s face it, baseball is not the sport it once was. I don’t think I know anyone who has watched a Pointer baseball game all year. I know that basketball draws well, but I have never attended one of their games, nor do I have any desire to. I feel that the members of the Pointer athletic staff have to learn to judge our programs by the amount of true success they are having, and not just on how popular the sport is or how well it draws.

In conclusion, when we are Pre-season #1s and are National Champions, I hope that we are higher on your list than just sixth.

-Christopher M Krolick

In remembrance of Kevin Voss

The family of Kevin Voss, who died in an automobile accident on Sunday, August 3, 1997, and who would have been entering his senior year at UW-Stevens Point, wishes to thank everyone that helped in comforting us through this difficult time. Kevin knew many instructors, students and staff over his three years at UW-SP. He looked forward to his future career in teaching elementary education and enjoyed being with his college friends.

In our recent bereavements, we found comfort in the thoughtfulness and sympathy of Kevin’s college friends. The memory of your kindness and memorials you gave will always remain with us.

Thank you for your care and concern.

-Godwin, Alice, and Cindy Voss

New faces join the 1997-98 Pointer staff

This issue marks the beginning of The Pointer’s 102nd year of publication, and with it, a new staff.

Last April, the publication board, comprised of communication and English professors, members of last year’s Pointer staff and members of the Student Government Association selected Nick Katsmarch and Chris Keller as Co-Editors in Chief.

Both are starting their fourth year on campus and second year with The Pointer.

Returning to the staff are Christy Bando, Copy Editor; Mike Beacon, Advertising Representative; Eric Elzen, Business Manager; Val Kvaqasonto, Arts and Review Editor; Mike Kemmeter, Sports Editor; Mike Marasch, Graphics Editor; Michelle Ristau, Copy Editor; Carrie Reuter, Photo Editor; Steve Schoenmer, Advertising Representative; Charlie Sembemnner, Outdoors Editor; and Nate Wallin, Photo Assistant.

New to this year’s staff are Nick Briliwaski, Assistant Sports Editor; Rebecca Farrar, Copy Editor; Kevin Lahner, News Editor; Jason Reskens, Assistance Features Editor; Bryon Thompson, Assistant Outdoor Editor; Josh Wescott, Assistant News Editor; and Tara Zawlochi, Features Editor.

We hope you enjoy your semester.

Remember to look for the fruits of our labors on Thursdays, and look forward to serving you, the student body, to the best of our ability.

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Expectations need to come back to earth

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't too long ago when Packer fans suffered through losing season after losing season, the 4-12's and the 3-13's. But now the Packers are back at the top of the National Football League again, and it seems fans are becoming spoiled with success.

Expectations coming into the 1997 season were astronomical, and it seems if the team doesn't repeat last year's Super Bowl victory, the entire season would be worthless.

There was heavy talk of an undefeated 19-0 season, something only the 17-0 Miami Dolphins of 1972 have accomplished. "Best Favre: Three-time Most Valuable Player" and "Best receiving corp in the history of the league" were also muttered by Packer fans.

After the offense "struggled" in the Packers' 38-24 season opening win, fans griped on radio talk shows about what's wrong with Favre and Company.

Just five years ago, a 14 point victory over the hated Chicago Bears would have been followed by cheeseheads jumping in the streets for joy.

And even if Ryan Longwell's potential game-winning field goal wouldn't have sailed wide-right, "Packer backers" would've lit up the phone lines with complaints.

"John Michels this, and Antonio Freeman that" filling the airwaves after a Packer victory and a 2-0 start.

Of course the field goal was no good, which brought out Chris Jackie's name call after call.

In 1991, a 10-9, one-point loss on the road against a playoff team would've been looked at as a good game in which the Packers just came up short.

So who are these so-called fans who complain at every little thing they see go wrong in a Green Bay game?

Are they the same fans who sat through 29 years of futility, the Perry Kemp's and the Walter Stanley's?

Are they the bandwagon jumpers who only know the Robert Brooks' and the Antonio Freemon's?

Most likely it's a decent mix of the two.

These fans need to sit back and enjoy the ride of Green Bay's success.

The days of 3-13 and 4-12 will likely come again (hopefully later than sooner), so the Packer faithful should live it up while they can.

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Opinion

Convocation XX shows school spirit

By Nick Katsmerek
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Berg Gymnasium was absolutely bursting at the seams for last Monday's Convocation, the academic beginning to the year.

As the first Convocation that I have ever attended, I must say that my first impression was a very positive one.

I finally, after years of shaking my head at the apparent lack of student support for the University, felt a glimmer of social identification with the place that has been my home for three years and counting.

It was, quite simply, a great feeling.

I saw people outside the doors talking about Captain Paul Watson and his infinitely debateable actions, one person passing out a small unassuming paper of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) in the ceremony, and the crush of people that were just there.

Voting is not a right but a responsibility

By Chris Keller
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Tuesday, voters in Stevens Point and outlying areas were asked if they were in favor of building a second high school, a new alternative high school, upgrading SPASH and the related costs of these projects.

When the votes were tallied, the referendum was defeated by a 2 to 1 margin.

The thing I find most interesting is not the resounding "no" that voters sent through the community, but that of 15,817 registered voters in Stevens Point, only 5,405 let their voice be heard.

Grassroots in a referendum seldom pulls more than 30 percent of the registered voters to the polls; I still find it disturbing that only 34 percent of Stevens Point's eligible voters took the time to vote.

If the referendum had passed, it would have undoubtedly affected more than those who voted in Stevens Point and the other 4,429 who voted in Witten, Whitby, and beyond.

Voter apathy is not something found only in city secession elections. In the last Student Government Association elections here on campus, some 800 students voted. Eight-hundred and 8,000 students took one minute from their day to fill out the ballot.

This turnout was called a record number compared to previous years. Since when does a ten percent turn out constitute record numbers?

The right to vote was considered paramount by the founders of our nation. People died as they fought to be free from England and for the right to choose who should make their rules. Now it seems that the right to vote has lost that importance.

There are many countries throughout the world where citizens are not allowed to vote, where citizens have killed or been killed trying to vote. How do they look at the people in the United States who have the right to vote but choose not to?

Voting has long been called a civic duty among Americans, yet so many of those able to vote don't or simply refuse to.

Even the numerous campaigns used by MTV and the League of Women Voters over the past four or five years have fallen on deaf ears, and have failed to bring voters out.

Like I said, small things in the face of a positive event.

One has to wonder if Bill Clinton has a free Thursday. But then he might not draw like Watson.

I was, however, a little frustrated at the number of people that got up and left as Watson drew his speech to a close a little later than expected.

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Fishing in the dark for trophy muskies

By Matt "Bert" Ward

It’s once again that time of year to strap on those headlamps and head out for the night-bite, one of the most successful ways to catch a musky is nightfishing. Due to heavy use of lakes by recreational vehicles during the "dog days" of summer, fishermen must adapt and head out for the night-bite.

No longer do muskies have to be known as the "fish of ten thousand casts," but patience is still required. Fishing in the dark requires an extensive knowledge of the body of water you are fishing, and your equipment must be in perfect working order. Make certain all hooks are presharpened, a big landing net and all unhooking tools are ready, and most importantly, always have an organized boat. Accessible cameras that everyone in the boat knows how to use are a must.

Confidence is an essential ingredient for nightfishing. Catch and release is necessary to maintain a healthy musky fishery, so please try to limit the time the fish is out of the water.

Carefully choose a lake to fish at night, the higher the water clarity the better. Water temperatures this time of year will generally be in the low to mid-seventies, so the fish will still be active. Luers should still be worked slowly, due to the fact that the fish’s visibility is limited under low light conditions. Crankbaits, bucktails, and surface lures generally have provided the most success at this time of year.

The crankbaits I’ve gotten the best results from are the Depth Raider, Ernie, and the nine-inch Grandma. These lures should be retrieved at a slow but steady pace. The most effective bucktails are ones like the Super Bucharttail, which has a large blade for maximum vibration, and a large amount of hair, which provides a big silhouette.

I have found surface lures to be the most successful, and frustrating. Hawg Wobblers, Creepers, and Tallywackers have provided me with the most action. One important key to remember when using topwater lures is to set the hook only when you feel the fish, not when you hear it strike. Also remember to always do a figure eight at the end of every cast. You never know what might be following.

A musky strike near the side of the boat in total darkness is one of the most exciting events you could experience. Night fishing for muskies can be one of the most successful ways to boat a legal fish this time of year. Hopefully some evening you’ll choose to venture out after dark. The results might just surprise you.

If you don’t believe in the value of night fishing, take a look at this 44 inch, 25 pound monster or any one of the others in a photo book full muskie caught by Matt Ward. He must be doing something right. (Submitted photo)

Nature News & Notes

One of the biggest things potential employers will look for if and when you ever get out of here is hands on field experience. Everyone knows that, the problem is where to find it while you’re here.

A great place to start looking is The Wildlife Society Project Fair. Check it out Tuesday, September 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the UC Alumni Room.

Anyone interested is invited to come talk with project leaders and find out more about the year’s projects. If you find one that suits your interest, you can sign up on the spot.

Most people won’t have any trouble finding something that sounds right for them. There are over 20 active projects including the Waterfowl Project, Sandhill Crane Project, Prairie Chicken Project, Wolf Tracking with the WDNR, Salamander Studies, and many more.

• The Department of Natural Resources has announced a drop in the deer population from a year ago. State biologists estimate 1.17 million animals in the herd this year as compared with 1.5 million deer last year. Deer numbers are at the established over winter goals due to the effects of last year’s T Zone hunt, winter loss, and a high deer harvest overall. There are still plenty of deer out there and prospects remain good for the upcoming hunting seasons.

• A rock climb is scheduled for outdoors women on September 27-28. Becoming an Outdoors Woman invites outdoor enthusiasts to join them at Devils Lake State Park.

A team of expert instructors will guide participants in two days of rock climbing on the gorgeous glacial bluffs overlooking Devils Lake. We will explore basic camping skills as they set up camp at a state park. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn knot tying, belaying, rappelling, and climbing techniques. Then settle in for an evening around the campfire. All equipment, meals, and instruction, are provided. Canoe rentals are also available.

• The DNR urges all deer hunters to double check all their tree stands and to make any necessary repairs now before the seasons start. One out of every three hunters are likely to fall from a stand at some time. Don’t be that guy (or girl)!

Swans trumpeting a comeback

By Charlie Sensenbrenner

Even if you’re not a duck hunter, pretend for a minute that you are. You are hidden in a stand of cattails at the edge of a marsh west of Point. Mist is hanging like ghosts over the water, fogs of your breath roll out into the cool, October air.

The sun is finally starting to peak over the golden maples and crimson oaks. Mallards are squawking in another marsh somewhere off in the distance, but for the moment, the one you’re watching is silent.

Your decoys are nodding slightly with the touch of the slight morning wind. Then you hear it.

In the far end of the marsh a trumpet rings out snapping the spell of the morning. Out of the mist rises two giant wings with a giant long neck in between them and behind the one flies another.

One of the pair trumpets again, ringing the air with what sounds like the sound of a triumph.

The pair soars directly over your head, circling the air with what sounds like the sound of a triumph. The pair soars directly over your decoys, then you, your eyes open wide. Their wings, with a span near eight feet, shake the cattails and reeds with their wind. You notice a solid black bill and a big yellow collar.

The trumpeting call, incredible size, and solid black bills are good hints, but the collar is the most obvious clue. It identifies the pair as part of Wisconsin’s recovery program for the federally threatened trumpeter swan.

In 1880, after hunting pushed the majestic birds to the brink of extinction. Their feathers were used on hats and powder puffs and their meat was considered a delicacy. Even the famous naturalist, John James Audubon, preferred using their long feathers for writing and sketches.

Last year 18 pairs nested in Wisconsin and produced 20 cygnets, or young. There are about 100 free-flying swans estimated in Wisconsin.

Hunter’s Calendar

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* Bag limit 1/day Oct. 18-19. Remainder of the season 2/day
It may have been the best summer of my life for a lot of reasons, but looking back, it took a set of tracks to set the tone. I was groggy early in my first day at Whitefish Dunes State Park, so when the wind was smooth by the wind, so the few tracks there caught my eye.

I decided to close the beach to tourists; the lake had stolen all but a strip of the beach beneath the dunes. Most of the sand was wiped smooth by the wind, so the few tracks there caught my eye. They trailed straight down a dune to the water, then back up a dune to the forest. Whatever left the tracks walked alone with a long stride and paws as wide as they were long. The four toe marks were clear, but claw marks never pierced the sand. My heart jumped and my imagination soared. I wasn't groggy anymore. I scrambled off the deck down to the beach for a closer look, near the water's edge where the sand was more firm. Dry sand has trouble holding tracks and tends to exaggerate the truth, so sometimes a fox track can look like a wolf's.

None of the tracks were perfect, but some were pretty clear. I never found the slightest hint of claws. Whitefish Dunes has a legend of sorts that surfaced a couple of years back. Instead of Bigfoot or UFO's, some people swear they saw a cougar.

By Adrian Weydevan, a rare mammal ecologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, investigated many of the reports through the years. In June he, told a group of state naturalists, "I don't find any more weird tracks or other clues that made me think we have cougars in Wisconsin, but after years of chasing without finding any conclusive evidence, I no longer believe we do." I'm not sure I believe it either, but I can see why people wonder. Cougars are secretive. When they take a deer, they gorge themselves on it and conceal what they can't finish under brush and forest litter. They stay by a kill for days and return repeatedly until the job is done and the deer is gone. So the chances of coming across a cat-killed deer, if there is one, are slim. They don't like having their presence known.

Whether a set of yellow eyes ever watched me during the summer or not is irrelevant. It doesn't matter if it was a cougar or a retriever that left the tracks on the beach. It's the mystery that got me.

I didn't find any more weird tracks or other clues that made me think about the legend of the cougar in the park. But every day I came across something new. I found that nature is full of mysteries, some more explainable than others, and the same sense of wonder carried on.
Chasing Ghosts of the Conservation Legacy

By Robert Steele

Not many people are aware of the leadership role that Wisconsin has played throughout the history of the national conservation movement.

We are all in debt to a long line of distinguished Wisconsin citizens whose visionary, often courageous actions have allowed us to enjoy wild and scenic rivers, prairie chickens booming in the spring, and bald eagles soaring overhead today.

A lot of people are quite proud of this heritage and would like to educate the rest of us about Wisconsin’s illustrious position in the annals of conservation history.

A book is in the works to bring Wisconsin’s conservation story to life. For the past two years, research has pulled the scattered fragments of this colorful history to life.

Forgotten photos and papers yellow with the stain of time were unearthed from libraries and archives all over Wisconsin. I met scores of interesting people, all intimately connected with these pioneers of conservation.

It is important to develop various types of media to tell this story. A book, written in a scholarly but active manner is an effective way for the public to learn about this history and the people involved,” said Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeeckle Reserve.

The project is a partnership between UW-Stevens Point and the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Foundation (WCHF).

Founded in 1982, the WCHF is a non-profit organization composed of twenty-two diverse clubs, associations, and organizations from all over the state. They share a passionate interest in conservation and a desire to have Wisconsin’s progressive conservation legacy carried on into the future.

The WCHF museum, located in the Schmeeckle Re­serve Visitor Center, allows visitors to explore Wisconsin’s dramatic conservation past through interpretive exhibits, and an inductee gallery overlooking the 210 acre reserve.

There are currently 33 men and women inducted in the WCHF for their accomplishments in protecting Wisconsin’s natural resources.

Their experiences have come to life through the stories they left. The best part about doing this research has been meeting these people. Most spoke through words on yellowing documents with faces on black and white photographs. Others I have been fortunate to meet in person.

I found so many great role models. Individuals such as Increase Allen Lapham, Carl Schurz, E. M. Griffith, John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Wallace Grange, Wilhelmine Lashbude, Fred Schmeeckle, Virgil Muench, Gaylord Nelson and others have shown me the power of passion and dedication towards an ideal.

For instance, back in 1968, a Milwaukee housewife by the name of Lorri Otto noticed the robins and nuthatches around her home going into convulsions and dying soon after her neighborhood was sprayed with DDT.

Her inerrimable conviction to find the truth behind the supposedly safe pesticide led to the first national hearing regarding its effects on the environment and public health.

A crucial event in environmental protection happened because of the actions an ordinary concerned citizen. Eventually led to Wisconsin becoming the first state in the country to ban DDT.

Other state’s as well as the federal government were soon to follow Wisconsin’s lead. However, this was not the only time that Wisconsin led

Harvest Moon Fest kicks off Treehaven’s Autumn schedule

A new outdoor amphitheater at Treehaven, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point field station, will be the sight of the Annual Harvest Moon Festival on Friday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. in the amphitheater, guests will find themselves nestled into a hillside overlooking the Pickeral Creek Valley.

The festivities will include a harvest meal, an award-winning performance of poetry and prose, 12-string guitar acoustical music with Dave Dall and Jules O’Neal and an interpretation of the moon’s natural history.

The performance costs $15 per person, and will be held rain or shine with indoor space available to accommodate poor weather. Participants should dress for fall weather. To register or get more information, call Treehaven at (715) 633-4106.

Fall Programs

September 19 Fourth Annual Harvest Moon Festival; enjoy a harvest meal and fine entertainment under the light of the autumn moon, rain or shine.

September 19-21 Champions of the Forest; “Big” tree ecology and Wisconsin natural history.

Sept. 21-Oct. 3 Elderhostel—Creating Memories; outdoor photography, painting and sketching, or creative writing.

October 5-10 Elderhostel—Legends; legends and lore of the Northwoods.

November 1 Snowshoe Furniture Weaving

November 7-9 Snowshoe Weaving

One minnow waiting for tournament glory

It’s out there right now, swimming with a mob of brothers, sisters, and cousins.

The only thing on its mind is the next swish of its tail. It has known idea that it’s descended for generations.

In a few weeks, it will travel miles over Wisconsin highways in the back of truck until it reaches its destination, Northern Bait and Tackle.

Rene Voltter will see it as a Milwaukee Shiner, a Wisconsin River walleye’s favorite, but nothing more.

She has seen too many minnows in her life to notice individuals.

“I’ve got minnows in my blood,” she said.

Vollert took over Northern Bait and Tackle from her parents 16 years ago after they ran it for a quarter century.

Had the chosen minnow arrived in Stevens Point forty years ago, it would have found itself in almost the exact same sur-

roundings. Not much has changed since that time.

Northern Bait is still a small shop with a feel for the needs of local anglers.

Customers have grown accustomed to finding tackle they need for a successful outing and generous helping of minnows.

With the Vollert home attached, Northern Bait has a honey feeling entirely uncharacteristic of most businesses.

Vollert is almost always ready to dish out minnows and tips to take to the river.

“Right now the walleyes are still in their summer mode and scattered all over the river,” she said.

“When the temperature starts to fall, the colder air will cool the surface and turnover will start to happen. After that, the fishing will really start to kick in.”

The fishing action looming around the corner brings us back to the shiner, still swimming in aimless direction.

Its calling will come with the scoop of a net. Someone wearing a Monsters of the Wisconsin tee shirt will carry him away in a styrofoam minnow bucket.

Later that afternoon it will find itself at the end of the angler’s line near the bottom of the Wisconsin River.

A 17 pound walleye will cut its way through the dark straight to the shiner.

A few minutes later, pictures will be taken, stories be told, and the shiner will live on forever.

Summer’s Last Stand

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Binge
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"With the exception of two people, everyone I know gets wasted whenever they can," said one UW-SP sophomore. "It's kind of sad really."

Underage drinkers are having no problem with access to alcohol. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights it is common knowledge among students living in the residence halls where the house parties are being held.

"When you are new on campus, you don't drink because you want to, you drink because you feel like you have to," said Sara Houfe, a UW-SP senior. "I don't think underage drinking will ever stop, it will always be here."

Despite a grim outlook, a few steps are being taken to combat these problems in the residence halls.

In Burroughs Hall for example the first and second floors are "alcohol free" living spaces. This means that no alcohol is allowed on the floor regardless of age, no guests may consume alcohol, and you may not come back to the hall after having recently consumed any beer or liquor according to Burroughs Community Advisor Heather Herman.

Despite this innovative living arrangement and other alcohol programming on campus, little progress is being made.

"The freshmen coming in are definitely bigger drinkers than we were last year," said one Roach Hall sophomore.

What UW-SP can do to prevent binge drinking remains a mystery. Until new and innovative methods emerge the house parties and bars will continue to be packed full every weekend of the semester.

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will be real next year, once Harrelson is me I will become real. That again is the definition of a media culture" he said.

Watson uses any means available to stop what he called, "criminal operations."

Over the years, Watson has rammed and sank eight whaling ships across the world, including the entire whaling fleet of Iceland and three in Norway.

Being called a pirate doesn’t bother Watson. He claims sometimes the best way to stop piracy is to be a pirate yourself. Watson said, "but at the same time you don’t protect life by taking life."

Watson said he is proud of the fact that no one has ever been injured or killed by an environmentalist.

"We protect life...we sink their toys in the process or damage their property but it has to be remembered that this property is being used illegally."

Watson’s fleet consists of one ship, a former Coast Guard patrol boat, and a submarine purchased from the Norwegian Navy.

Aside from whales Watson has also worked to save seals, Siberian wolves, and other threatened and endangered species.

He is also a professor of ecology and teaches courses at UCLA and the Pasadena Art Center College.

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Chancellor George embraces future
Push for technology leads to improvement

By Jason R. Renkens
Assistant Features Editor

Chancellor Thomas George has noted his accomplishments from the past year and has now set new goals towards which he feels the university must strive.

George says the evolution and growth of the university is an endless process. When he first arrived to Stevens Point for the fall semester of the 1996-97 school year, George identified three major directions in which he planned on leading the university.

The first direction was faculty-led improvement. The faculty has made great strides by planning the university’s first ever term between semesters—the winterim. Action is also being taken towards collaboration efforts with regional two-year colleges and foreign universities.

The faculty also played a key role in accomplishing the goal of increasing student retention.

“Number of freshmen has gone down from last year by design,” said George.

The university made during his first year as chancellor, as well, George said.

“Push for technology was broadening the financial base. George said the way to accomplish this goal was to voice the university’s concerns to the Legislature.

Through the efforts of the entire university, including students, we are getting the message across that education is worth the investment,” said George.

George’s biggest push was in the direction of technology-enhanced learning.

George strives to keep UW-Stevens Point along the forerunners in technology-aided learning.

“We’re on the leading edge,” claimed George.

“We are not just following where technology takes us, but taking technology with us as we lead the pack.”

George is proud of the accomplishments that the university made during his first year as chancellor, but he does not bask in the glory for too long.

The university must continue in the directions it is going and must now focus on several other goals as well, George said.

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Students getpunked at picnic

By Tracy Marshl
Contributor

Food, friends and funk (music, that is) were just some of the features of the Student Government Association’s (SGA) picnic on Saturday.

The band Atomic Funk played jazz tunes as deans, line officers, SGA members and the Chancellor helped serve burgers, brats and the like.

Junior Beck Ashes commented, “This is a good way for SGA to present itself. I think it’s good that so many students are taking advantage of this opportunity.”

Mike Hansen was also impressed, “I think this shindig is really cool!”

Some students were a bit more intrigued with the band, or their shimmery attire.

“This band rocks, I want those pants!” said an excited Sara Haddock.

“I haven’t been exposed to this much funk since I opened up my gym locker,” commented sophomore Alex Haddock.

The band, Atomic Funk, was formed two years ago, and all members are alumni or students of UW-SP.

“I hope our music aids on the festivities, along with mass quantities of beer,” said one of the band’s trumpet players, Gunnar Brune.

Chancellor Tom was impressed with the turnout.

He feels more weekend activities would be beneficial for student involvement with SGA.

Some of his goals for this year are to, “maintain good relations between SGA and the administration,” and “work with SGA for budget direction.”

This second annual picnic was of little to no cost to SGA, as sponsors such as The University Center, University Relations, Point Brewery, and Coca-Cola donated food and beverages.

All of the set-up, serving, and take down was done by volunteering faculty and students.

The event ran smoothly and the guests were satisfied.

The Association for Community Tasks (A.C.T.), a student organization, will hold both Tutor Sign-Up and the Community Volunteer Fair in the University Center on Thursday, Sept. 18.

The Volunteer Fair, which is bringing in representatives from local agencies to answer questions, will be held at the same times as the Tutor Sign-Up in the Wright Lounge.

Hey students, got milk?

College Press Services
WASHINGTON-Away from home? Sure, order in pizza at midnight.

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A river runs through it

A babbling brook enjoys a summertime romp in the woods. (Photo by Andy Kroening)

Word of Mouth

BOWLING LEAGUE

Centertainment Productions has organized a co-ed bowling league open to all student organizations.

The league will accommodate sixteen teams at $6.50 per week which includes shoe rental. Prizes will be awarded for colored pin strikes and spares.

A happy hour immediately follows the league play with $3 pitchers of beer and soda and discounted pizza from Aldo’s Pizza.

The league begins on Wednesday, Sept. 17 and runs every Wednesday until Dec. 3 (excluding Thanksgiving week).

Call Ryan at Centertainment to sign up your team at x2412.

CONCERT

The Verge Pipe, a Michigan pop-rock group, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

The group’s new RCA album, “Villains”, is rapidly climbing the charts. Their two highly praised independent records, “I’ve Suffered a Head Injury” and “Pop Smear” have collectively sold more than 40,000 copies.

General admission tickets are on sale at the UC Information Desk, the Arts and Athletics Box Office or by calling (800)838-3378.

Prices are $16.50 in advance and $18.50 the day of the show for the public and $14.50 in advance and $16.50 the day of the show for students.

CD RELEASE PARTY

PUSH, a power acoustic, modern rock band, has a new, but unreleased album entitled “Dukhka”.

The album contains a genre of musical instrumentation and vocals including a guest violinist, cellist, pianist and ex-Broadway singer.

The album will first be available on Saturday, Sept. 13 in the Encore where the four band members and guests from the album will take stage at 8 p.m.

Listen for ways to win tickets from 90 FM or purchase tickets for $2 with a student ID and $3.50 without.

OUTDOOR ACOUSTICS

Centertainment Productions and the University Centers are presenting two area artists under the stars free of charge.

Guest performers include Michael John Voight on Sept. 16 and Owen Samori, lead singer of PUSH, on Sept. 23.

The performances will be from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. outside the Debob Center.

VOLUNTEER GROUP

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As soon as students are away from home, they turn to soda instead: 65 percent report drinking the fizzy stuff regularly. That disturbs health experts, who say students should spend their college years guzzling milk for its bone-buildingcalcium.

The league begins with college-age men and women don’t think before

SEE MILK ON PAGE 19
Everyone knows your name at Brewhaus

By Tara Zawlocki  FEATURES EDITOR

Having a beer in the University Center last year was only a dream, but thanks to the new Basement Brewhaus it is now a reality. Point Special, Amber, Pale Ale, Miller Light and Genuine Draft Light are the brews served. Thirsty for a microbrew? Try the microbrew of the month, Gray's Black and Tan. The Brewhaus, located in the lower level of the UC, not only serves beer, but offers specialty coffee, soda, bagels, subs, pizza and various other things. The Brewhaus also has a relaxing atmosphere to do homework or enjoy with friends. A game of foosball, pool or darts can pass the time between classes. "I found this place four days ago and I've been here all four days," said freshman John Adams. According to Brewhaus promotions coordinator, Heather Sturm, "The atmosphere here is not like anything in Stevens Point on or campus. We wanted everyone to feel comfortable with friends and for it to be a cozy place to hang out." "It adds a lot of atmosphere to the college setting, it's a really mellow place to hang out," said senior Erin Curless. To appeal to every kind of student and faculty member, the Brewhaus offers a different special every day of the week. Pool leagues, jazz night (featuring live jazz on September 17), dollar bottles of beer and a drawing to win a Trek mountain bike are just a few of the specials the Brewhaus has to offer. The Brewhaus will have its grand opening Sept. 26 and is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

Rec. Services movin' on up to east side

By Jason R. Renkens  ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Recreational (Rec.) Services has moved from the basement of the University Center to the upper level of the Allen Center, but their location is not the only thing that has changed. Rec. Services has undergone a facelift that includes eliminating indoor rentals and expanding their outdoor services.

"We were pushing for a long time to get strictly outdoors," said Angela Realit of Rec. Services. “There is a big difference between arcade games and back-packing,” she said.

When they were located in the University Center, Rec. Services offered billiards and arcade games in addition to hiking, camping, and outdoor sports equipment. The move changed Rec. Services’ philosophy as well as their location according to Realit.

“We are trying to not only offer outdoor rentals, but also outdoor experiences,” she said.

“We can now focus on outdoor mini-courses and trips.” Rec. Services is facilitating several trips per month and has been leading a welcome back canoe trip last Sunday. There are tradeoffs involved in the move, according to Realit.

“We are more accessible to students in the residence halls but it is hard to get those students living off campus to the Allen Center,” she said. Rec. Services has added the sale of a limited variety of groceries to their services. "We wouldn’t sell groceries if we had a choice but going solely outdoors makes it worth it," said Realit.

Although they are currently open, Rec. Services plans on a grand opening the week of Sept. 22. The grand opening will include an outdoor related activity or mini-course each day of that week.

Q&A With Chancellor Tom

What was your greatest fear as you entered college as a freshman?
I was concerned about being able to juggle everything that I wanted to do. I was a double major in chemistry and mathematics, participated in intercollegiate freshman soccer and wrestling, was a pledge in the TKE fraternity, was in Army ROTC, and was a pipe organ student. I survived and actually had a great time during my freshman year. In fact, most of what I remember is the fun stuff like the water battles and pranks in the residence hall.

What do you think of the new Basement Brewhaus on campus?
The Provost, Executive Director of the UW-Stevens Point Foundation and I took a break on Friday afternoon to check it out—it is superb! I like the way everything is laid out, including the pool tables and various pieces of furniture, and I of course heartily approve of the excellent bagels delivered there from Temptation.

Being on campus this summer provided plenty of excitement. We had a record number of students attending summer session and a continuous stream of people participating in a wide variety of conferences, ranging from Wellness to Suzuki to athletics. I had a blast right here meeting many people from all over the world who came to Point for the outstanding programs available on campus.

What was your reaction to Captain Paul Watson’s speech at Convocation?
We wanted a provocative speaker, and indeed Captain Paul Watson delivered! He is a fascinating individual sincerely dedicated to his beliefs and principles, and he is definitely making a difference in this world. I was delighted to see the huge turn-out for Convocation, and for those who had to stand in the hall outside, we will consider moving this to a larger place for the next Convocation.

If you have any questions for the Chancellor, e-mail tzren584@uwsp.edu

Reno warns students about date-rape drugs

Robynol seen as dangerous

College Press Services

SANTA MONICA, Calif. Attorney General Janet Reno launched a national effort Aug. 11 to warn college students about the dangers of “date-rape” drugs—dangerous substances used by sexual predators to knock victims out before attacking them. Reno appeared at the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center to kick off a campaign to distribute posters, flyers and bookmarks to college campuses. The material provides information on two illegal drugs, Robynol and GHB, that have been linked to an increasing number of rapes. In many cases, the odorless, nearly tasteless drugs are slipped into a victim’s drink, causing them to pass out and have little memory of the crime or the attacker’s identity.

“It’s time for everyone to wake up to the threat,” Reno said.

Robynol, also known as "roofers," is 10 times stronger than Valium and can cause memory loss, muscle relaxation and rapid sleep onset. GHB, also known as GHB, can cause vomiting, dizziness, tremors and seizures. The drugs are used by some college students to get a quick high from alcohol and marihuana.

"That is why the educational campaign we are announcing today is so very, very important," the Attorney General said. "When mixed with alcohol, these drugs can be as lethal as a gun or a knife."

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SPOTLIGHT TRIVIA

Q: What did the license plate on Anthony Michael Hall’s character’s car say in The Breakfast Club?
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Battle of the sexes: The pros and cons of bandwagon fans

By Nick Katzmarek
Co-Editor-in-Chief

So let's talk about the phenomenon that is the Green Bay Packers. Apparently, their success has gotten to some people, inviting comments that they are now a "bandwagon" team. My response: jump on when there's medially want to be a "bandwagon" team. People on TV wearing hats, their success has large national fan base is crucial. Still room. We've suffered through years and years of absolutely dreadful Packers football, and I say it's time that something like this happened.

There were times when I would say to people that I was a Packers fan and a Cubs fan, and they would look at me as if my head had suddenly zoomed into the air. Now, I still get the same look when I mention the Cubs, but when I say that I'm a fan of the Packers, I get a high-five and something to talk about for the next five hours.

And what if they are successful? In five years, if the talk of a dynasty starts up aloft with that big, infectious grin on his face. "It's not whether you win or lose," anymore. Instead, they're talking about the West Coast offense, and about the zone blitz. Good old Vince is probably spinning in his grave, but I'm sure there was a smile on his face when Reggie held that trophy aloft with that big, infectious grin on his face.

And Holmgren hoisted throughout the confetti? The heart melts to remember old men looking at that picture with tears rolling down their eyes. The Pack is Back, to coin a phrase. The bandwagon is rolling. All aboard? Last stop: San Diego.

By Tara Zawlocki
Features Editor

What is the big deal with the Green Bay Packers anyway? They won their first Super Bowl in nearly 30 years, for that I give them credit, but I am getting so sick of listening to everyone jump on the Packers bandwagon.

Since "America's Team" has won the game so many call the "big dance" it seems to me the players' egos have been enlarged. Some members of the team have their own clothing lines, clothing stores and even candy bars. Not to mention the fact that since they won the Super Bowl many have appeared in product endorsement commercials. Maybe the Packers were always like that. Or maybe they think they are "all that" and deserve to be treated like royalty anywhere in Wisconsin. But it's not just the players who have changed. Fans have become Packer maniacs.

As Wisconsinites, do we really want to portray ourselves as cheeseheads to the rest of the nation? I am all for fans showing their support of the Pack, but there is no need to go overboard. It seems everyone wants a piece of the Packers. Why does a Green Bay aalon have to change its name to Titletown Hair Salon? Do they really get more clients by having the word "Titletown" in their name? And the music that is created, for the Packers, is terrible. Who is going to remember the "Packerena" five years from now? I hope I won't.

Mike Holmgren is a great coach who has done wonderful things for the Packers. But does he really need a street named after him? Pressure is on the Pack to perform and if they don't, what happens next? Are we, the loyal Packer fans that we are, going to drop them as fast as we jumped onto their bandwagon?

What would happen to those hair salons that rely on the word "Titletown" to sell their product? I hate to think of all the unnecessary chaos that would create.

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**Sports**

**Pointer football cruises in opener, 28-2**

Both offense and defense click against Northern State

By Nick Brilowski  
Assistant Sports Editor

Any time a team can get a win in their first game of the season, they have to be happy.

For the Pointer football team, that was the case as they opened their 1997 season with an impressive 28-2 victory over Division II Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, Saturday.

UW-SP showcased an impressive ground game, a new quarterback, and one of the top Division III defenses in the country while rolling to the win.

The Pointer running backs rushed for 129 yards on 44 carries behind a massive offensive line that averages over 315 pounds.

Todd Goodman led the attack with 55 yards on 13 carries, while backfield mates Stan Strama and Wally Schmitt added 51 and 42 yards respectively.

Schmitt, a sophomore from Stratford, opened the scoring with 5:21 to go in the first quarter when he hauled in a 12-yard pass from quarterback Ryan Aulenbacher. Fred Galecke converted on his first of four extra-points on the night for the 7-0 lead.

Aulenbacher, in his first career start, completed 15 of 28 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns. He was also picked off once.

Early in the second quarter, the Pointers took an opportunity to display a new wrinkle in their offensive set.

From NSU's seven-yard line, Point gave the ball to their all-conference linebacker Clint Kriewaldt who dodged and weaved his way in for the touchdown.

"That's our elephant set," said UW-SP head coach John Miech.

"We put four 300-pound linemen on one side of the ball, then Joel Horby, who's another 300-pounder, at fullback, and either Stan Strama or Kriewaldt at tailback."

**Soccer topples to two of nation's best**

By Mike Finnel  
Contributor

The UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team ran into some stiff competition this past weekend in Minnesota.

The Pointers dropped a pair of games in the tough non-conference portion of their schedule to the University of St. Thomas Saturday and Gustavus Adolphus Sunday.

Against St. Thomas, Jenny Luchine scored UW-SP's only goal in the first period on a direct kick.

The team as a whole didn't get many opportunities to get clean shots on goal in the 2-1 loss.

The Pointers could muster only four shots on goal the entire game, compared to nine by St. Thomas.

"We defended ourselves in the second half of the game," said UW-SP coach Sheila Miech.

Point's freshman goalie Abby Rabinovitz saved seven shots.

The Pointers faced a strong test Sunday against seventh ranked Gustavus Adolphus, and were shutout 3-0.

Gustavus outshot UW-SP 32-10, as All-American forward Alecia Tromiczak scored two goals to lead her team to victory.

Pointer goalie Rabinovitz saved 15 Gustavus Adolphus shots.

UW-SP's record fell to 1-2 after the weekend, but Miech said playing a tough non-conference schedule is nothing new for Stevens Point.

"You have to play the best teams in the region to go anywhere in the NCAA," said Miech. "We play five or six of the toughest teams in the country.

The Pointers open up their home schedule this weekend with a pair of games, Saturday against Gustavus and Sunday against St. Thomas."

**Quote of the Week**

Hey George... It's Hideki I Robbed You.

-Anonymous New York Yankee fan, who let his feelings be known about Japnese pitcher Hidecki Irabu by holding up a sign at Sunday's game at Yankee Stadium. New York owner George Steinbrenner has also made disparaging remarks about the high-priced pitcher who was recently de-noted to the bullpen.

-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
UW-System conferences merge into one

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

A new era is beginning for athletic teams in the UW-System. On July 15, 1997, the Wisconsin State University Conference and Women's Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference became one, merging into a single conference. The new Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference consists of the same nine member WSUC/WWIAC schools, with Dr. Gary F. Karner as the commissioner.

Both of the former conferences are rich in tradition and history. The WSUC was formed 84 years ago in 1913 before undergoing several expansions and name changes. Several state universities were added to the conference over the years, including UW-Stout.

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Men's rugby smokes UW-La Crosse

By Tom Fischer
CONTRIBUTOR

This past Saturday the UW-Stevens Point rugby club started their season with a win against UW-La Crosse. Point took control of the game very early, scoring most of their points in the well played first half. Jason Young led the scoring with four tries. Tom Lemeke and Josh Van Gompel also scored. The second half was not played as well as the first, but many substitutions were made, giving the younger players a chance to get some experience.

La Crosse, which is a young team, had problems on the defensive and offensive sides. They should prove to be more effective as the season goes on.

Though La Crosse did manage to score one try towards the end of the game, Point did manage to come away victorious by the score of 39-7.

Women's rugby club joins new league

By Jessica Burda
CONTRIBUTOR

Starting off the 1997 fall season, the Stevens Point women's rugby club will compete in the newly established Wisconsin Women's Rugby League, which is the A and B league. All teams are with strong, established programs.

Rounding out the "B" league will be Northern Michigan University, UW-Crosse, and UW-Whitewater in the "A" league, all teams with strong, established programs.

The Wisconsin Rugby Union, the governing body for all rugby in the state, set up the new league this past summer. It was created to generate a better competitive field, more organization between teams, and even greater exposure for the sport.

Many other collegiate Wisconsin teams, most of which were recently formed, will join Stevens Point in this new league.

There will be two sub-leagues encompassing all of these teams, the "A" and the "B" league. Point joins Marquette University, UW-Crosse, and UW-Whitewater in the "A" league, all teams with strong, established programs.

UW-SP All-American linebacker Clint Kriewaldt will be seeing the ball on offense too this season. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

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The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Men’s Cross Country: At UW-Stout Invite, Friday
Women’s Cross Country: At UW-Oshkosh Invite, Saturday
Football: At Monmoming College (IA), Saturday

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(First place votes in parenthesis)

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3. North Central | 1 | 186
4. UW-SP | 1 | 177
5. Williams | 1 | 172
6. Whitewater | 1 | 156
7. UW-Oshkosh | 1 | 140
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15. UC-San Diego | 1 | 76
16. Loras | 1 | 74
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19. RIT | 1 | 58
20. Keene St. | 1 | 55
21. Bates | 1 | 38
22. St. Thomas | 1 | 34

Practice area renamed

UW-Stevens Point is renaming the football practice area after a former coach.

The area will become Eddie Kotal Field, with the renaming coinciding with festivities for the 11th annual Spud Bowl on September 20th. Kotal coached several Pointer football and basketball teams to conference championships in the 30’s and 40’s. Known as “The Builder of Champions,” Kotal also coached track and boxing for UW-SP.

He played halfback on the first Green Bay Packers championship team in 1929, and later became a scout for the Los Angeles Rams.

On top of their game

Intramural Top Teams

 Editors note: “On top of their game” will appear weekly throughout the school year with rankings of the campus’ intramural teams.

Readers can follow how their teams stack up in bas­
ketball, volleyball, soccer, broom ball, and the other in-
tramural sports.

The first edition of the 1997-98 rankings will appear next week.

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“Three of our top six golfers are freshmen,” added Frazier.
The mix of freshmen and returnees like senior co-captain Jodey Juddberg have translated into a 30 stroke improvement in the team’s total scores.
“Some of it’s experience and some of it’s bringing in the first recruiting class,” said Frazier.
“The golfers we have now, all ten are committed to golf. They love to play and that’s what you need to have.”
Another year under Frazier also allows the team to learn what to expect from his coaching style.
“We’re familiar with one another. They know how to react to me and know what I’m looking for.”
All improvements aside, Frazier is happy to lose the inaugural season tag.
“I’m happy we’re no longer a first year program because I know where to go.”
“At least we’re at a point now where we’re competitive with the other teams.”
The Pointers host the Central Wisconsin Invitational this weekend at Indianhead Golf Course in Mosinee.

Soccer
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UW-River Falls and on Sunday they play host to St. Benedict College.
River Falls finished second in the rankings behind UW-SP last year in regular season play in the WWIAC.
“The game against River Falls will be an early season test of where we sit in our conference,” said Miech.
The UW-River Falls game kicks off Parent’s Weekend at 1 p.m. Saturday, and the St. Benedict contest begins at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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The mix of freshmen and returnees like senior co-captain Jodey Juddberg have translated into a 30 stroke improvement in the team’s total scores.
“Some of it’s experience and some of it’s bringing in the first recruiting class,” said Frazier.
“The golfers we have now, all ten are committed to golf. They love to play and that’s what you need to have.”
Another year under Frazier also allows the team to learn what to expect from his coaching style.
“We’re familiar with one another. They know how to react to me and know what I’m looking for.”
All improvements aside, Frazier is happy to lose the inaugural season tag.
“I’m happy we’re no longer a first year program because I know where to go.”
“At least we’re at a point now where we’re competitive with the other teams.”
The Pointers host the Central Wisconsin Invitational this weekend at Indianhead Golf Course in Mosinee.

Soccer
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UW-River Falls and on Sunday they play host to St. Benedict College.
River Falls finished second in the rankings behind UW-SP last year in regular season play in the WWIAC.
“The game against River Falls will be an early season test of where we sit in our conference,” said Miech.
The UW-River Falls game kicks off Parent’s Weekend at 1 p.m. Saturday, and the St. Benedict contest begins at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Active or Ininactive?
For legal and practical reasons, student organizations need to be re-recognized each fall to maintain formal recognition status. To complete the re-recognition process, the following is required:

1. A list of current officers with addresses and phone numbers.
2. An Advisor Contract Form which your advisor needs to sign stating that he/she will advise your group (forms are available in the Campus Activities/Student Involvement Office).
3. A copy of your constitution if changes have been made within the past three years. (Note: Constitutions need to be updated a minimum of once every three years.)
4. MANDATORY ATTENDANCE at ONE of two re-recognition meetings (PRESIDENTS or DESIGNEES) scheduled on Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24 at 7PM in room 125/125A of the University Center.

Please re-register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE In the Campus Activities/ Student Involvement Office, University Center.

Groups not re-recognized by Friday, September 26 will appear under the INACTIVE SECTION of the Student Organization Directory and will not be able to use university services.

Please visit the Campus Activities/Student Involvement Office to remain active!
**Tonja Steele**

By Joey Hetzel

**TIGHT CORNER**

"Hey, which button do I push for a robbery? There's no little picture on the register!"

**THE CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**
1. Apple throw-away
5. Ordinary writing tool
10. Nightclub
14. Norse god
15. Endures
16. Prong
17. Sandwiches
18. Book of maps
19. First man
20. Book of maps
22. Religious musical work
24. A Hayworth
25. Roman
27. Formerly Christiania
28. Mexican coin
29. Iron or tin
30. Hinder
31. Midges
32. Things lacking
33. Heaps
34. Addendum
35. -de-France
36. Russian mountain range
37. Bay window
38. Sudden forward movement
39. A Huxley
40. Egg dish
41. Russian czar
42. Wrinkle
43. Vocation
44. Addendum
45. Addendum
46. "Hey, which button do I push for a robbery? There's no little picture on the register!"
47. Addendum
50. Drives
52. Odors
54. Water wheel
55. School breaks
56. End of the line
57. Odors
58. St. Vincent
59. Edith
60. "Hey, which button do I push for a robbery? There's no little picture on the register!"
61. Not of the clergy
62. Nail polish
63. -de-France
64. Religious musical work
65. Bay window
66. Male-bonding party.
67. Serve with a spoon
68. Farm structure
69. Lariat
70. Vocation
71. Observed
72. Vultures
73. Peruse
74. School breaks
75. Russian mountain range
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79. Vultures
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81. Male-bonding party.
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87. Male-bonding party.
88. Farm structure
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90. Observed
91. Vultures
92. Bay window
**DOWN**
1. Nightclub
2. Horse god
3. Great review
4. Come out
5. Umpire's call
6. Slot of sulfur
7. Areopagus
8. Christiausia
9. Greek
10. Eskimos
11. Anaconda
12. Against
13. Mexican coin
15. Feet
16. Inches
17. Midges
18. Come to terms
19. Things lacking
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FOR ANSWERS SEE CLASSIFIEDS

**THE U.P. CHRONICLES ON VACATION**

"When was the last time you had a 24-hour detour?"

"In your case, "wasted" is a polite term."

"Did you ask him this?"

"... and already Sharp one at that price!"

"If you can go now. For me, the chase is everything."
Seagal doesn’t fail a loyal fan

By Nick Katzmarek
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ahhhh...finally, Steven Seagal again on the big screen. As far as actioners go, his movies are my favorite, for the simple reason that they are bad. Who else can flatten six or seven guys with his bare hands in six seconds? Van Damme can’t hold a candle to this bead wearin’, enviromental carin’ and hard glarin’ man.

Now I know that I’ve been tough in the past, but it’s kind of nice to write a good review every once in a while. I’~

still only going to give this one two cameras, but that’s pretty good, considering the movie.

There is just something about watching Seagal that makes me want to learn martial arts. He speaks to my suppressed rage, I guess. The thing is, however, that it’s difficult for me to see a movie without doing a little complaining. Ever seen On Deadly Ground? Then you’ve seen Fire Down Below. It’s an absolute copy. No bones about it. Seagal is in an enviro-rage, and he takes it out on the people that are poisoning the Earth. Paul Watson and Seagal would get along great. A lukewarm directorial effort by Felix Enriquez Alcala, and tepid supporting roles by Kris Kristofferson and Harry Dean Stanton make a viewer wish Seagal would just get down to it and shoot ‘em.

All in all, a pretty terrible movie, but golly, it’s fun.

Rating:

Rentals

Bang the Drum Slowly (1973, 98 min.)

In one of his earliest roles, Robert De Niro plays an at best average major league baseball catcher. When De Niro is told he only has a short time to live, he turns to the team’s star pitcher and his best friend (Michael Moriarty). Determined to live his final year well, De Niro gives a showcase performance. A great baseball film with a stellar performance from Moriarty. This story may lead to death, but it is filled with love, compassion and hope.

Director: John Hancock
Additional Cast: Vincent Gardenia, Danny Aiello

Mike Beacon

Low-Fi mastery
Artist delivers in tough medium

“Red Apple Falls” Smog

“Whenever I get dressed up/I feel like in ex-con/Trying to make good,” our loner narrator intones at one point, in what might be termed personal gallows humor. “When I go to your house/I feel like I’m/Casing the joint.” The music is equally disarming, as Callahan has lined up a few hired hands to color his sparse and moody tunes. Tasteful pedal steel puts a sprightly sway into a few songs, while a cascading, muted trumpet adds a French Horn accent others. Rarely does a low-fi disc sound so complete.

Other Picks:
“Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating in Space,” Spiritualized.
“Rentals” Smog.
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Fall
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I have decided to take time off while I can even, though I really can't afford it.

This point is illustrated in another one of my collection pieces, "Gene's Gems."

It is written by Gene Hill in his column Hill Country which appears in Field & Stream.

This special article of his collection of "helpful hints" is framed and hangs in my study area above my computer.

Hill recommends, "When that once-in-a-lifetime trip opportunity comes up, grab it, even if you think you can't afford it."

So I'm grabbing it and now Fall is coming a little earlier for me.

For the elk hunter, Fall is mid-September during the breeding season.

For the berry picker, it's early September when the berries are ready. For the deer hunter, it's November during the rut. For the duck hunter, it's whenever the flight of northern birds begin to arrive.

And for the nature watcher, it's mid-October when the leaves "just add up too." No matter what your passions are, fall means something different to everyone.

While I passionately agree with Heiting that "there's magic in the air," I feel that there's magic in all of fall, not just November. Let's enjoy it.

Legacy
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The nation in progressive regulation and conservation practices.

Looking back through the pages of history, you'll find Wisconsin enacting legislation creating a Forestry Commission to investigate the effects of logging on the soil, water, and climate as early as 1867.

At this time few states had even begun address the economic and ecological damages 1800s. In 1911, Wisconsin passed the most comprehensive natural resource legislation in the country, "making it unlawful ... to waste a natural resource."

The use of airplanes for detecting forest fires was a first in the nation.

Oneida County passed America's first rural zoning ordinance in 1927. These are just a few of a long list of firsts that characterize Wisconsin's conservation history.

If you aren't aware of the who, what, when, where and why of Wisconsin's rich conservation heritage, it's time to learn about it.

We are all benefactors of the dramatic events caused by the work of these visionary people.

Swans
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the recovery program, but it takes between four and six years before they are ready to breed.

For the past nine years, the Department of Natural Resources released young trumpeterf rom Alaska into suitable swan habitats.

A record total of 41 swans were released at four different locations throughout the state this year in the final-to-last release of the program.

With the recovery goal of 20 nesting pairs well within reach, biologists completed their final Alaskan egg hunt last summer.

Trumpeters typically nest in shallow lakes or wetlands with both open water and emergent vegetation.

They build their nests on old muskrat homes or make their own by pulling out and piling up surrounding vegetation to form a structure six to 12 feet wide and 18 inches high.

They are hard to miss for biologists airborne in Alaska, where over 16,500 birds currently nest.

Each nest holds four or five eggs of which three will survive.

The egg hunters candle each egg to determine if it's viable, take one with them, and leave a full healthy nest behind.

The eggs are transported in specialized cases to incubators at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

When the cygnets hatch, they are raised by one of three methods all designed to ensure minimal contact with humans.

In the "captive rearing" method, young swans are raised in a fenced pond with minimal human exposure. When they reach adult size they are released.

In another method, "decoy rearing," the cygnets imprint on decoys at specifically chosen wetlands.

They are kept in fenced pens at night for protection and led around the pond all day by a college intern disguised as muskrat lodge pulling a swan decoy behind them.

In the "captive-parent rearing" method, cygnets are matched with live surrogate swan parents.

Adult swans with their wings clipped stay in a private landowner's pond and raise the young brood.

All three methods have proven successful. The swans raised in captivity have about a 90 percent survival rate. Cygnets in the wild have about a 60 percent mortality rate.

"We are well on our way to restoring this majestic bird to Wisconsin's landscape," said Sumner Mattison of the Department of Natural Resources.

Maybe someday the booming sound of a trumpeter swan overhead will reach your ear a few times even if you never go duck hunting.
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