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C-store convenience rates higher than price

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

Doing a little comparison-shopping revealed that the UW-Stevens Point C-store has higher prices on milk, cereal, Tylenol and many other basic items offered at similar outlets.

"A lot of stuff here is pretty expensive," said sophomore Bridget Sabo while shopping at the C-store Wednesday. "If I didn't have food

points I definitely wouldn't shop here."

Comparing C-store prices of seven basic items to the two closest convenience

popular items like milk, cereal, 12 packs of soda, and pain reliever, the same for chips and a 16 oz. bottle of Snapple, and less for two

liter bottles of soda.

According to the Director of the University Centers, John Jury, the C-store tries to keep prices consistent with other convenience

SEVEN ITEM PRICE COMPARISON			
Item	C-Store	Super America	The Store
1/2 Gallon Milk	1.66	1.49	1.49
14 oz. Lucky Charms	4.80	4.69	4.39
Extra Strength Tylenol	4.95	4.29	4.09
13 1/4 oz. Sour Cream and Onion Lays	2.99	2.99	2.99
12 pack Coke	2.99	3.49	2.79
16 oz. Snapple	.99	.99	.99
2 Liter Coke	.99	1.49	1.59

stores, Super America and The Store, reveal that students at UW-SP pay much more for

convenience stores in UW-SP proximity. When presented

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A student waits patiently among the racks of soda while on a recent visit to the C-store. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

S.G.A passes responsible research resolution

By Chris Keller
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Over the past months, much discussion and thought has been given to the issue of whether or not the UW-Stevens Point faculty should participate in research for the Nicolet Minerals Corporation, the company wishing to bring a mine to Crandon, Wis.

Last Thursday's Student Government Association meeting saw a resolution urging responsible research by UW-SP's faculty pass unanimously.

The approved resolution opposes any restriction on the publication of research by the "funding organization." It went on to say that any information from research be made available to students, the university and community. This resolution was loosely based upon an earlier attempt to allow students a voice in the matter of research.

On March 15, a resolution was brought before S.G.A. authored by Kevin Lahner, a senator from the

College of Natural Resources. The resolution called for two major points. First, it asked that S.G.A. "oppose any involvement between UW-SP faculty and the Nicolet Minerals Corporation." Secondly, the resolution asked S.G.A. to support student boy-

cotts of all classes and protests against professors that may accept research proposals from Nicolet.

"I wrote the resolution because when I was studying the issue, I saw personally that a lot of students were upset because Nicolet Minerals was going to try to use the university as a public relations tool," Lahner said. "Furthermore, I saw that it was an issue that could rally a rather inactive student body and

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see page 6

Students lose jobs early

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Several UW-Stevens Point students have experienced changes in their original work schedule due to unexpected closings of their places of employment, Tremors, The Basement Brewhaus, and Copies Plus.

The first shift of plans came March 12, the last day Tremors was open, but the news was of little surprise for employees.

"It's not a shock that it closed. There wasn't anyone there, and with no one coming, it wasn't feasible to keep it open," said former Tremors employee, Justin Anderson.

Former Tremors' Student Manager, Matt Scannel added, "The first semester of last year, we had over 200 people a night. First semester this year, it was 60-70 people a night,

and that dropped down to 30 a night by second semester."

Tremors plans to open again next year after some considerations on how to improve attendance.

"The jobs are open for the students who want to come back," Scannel said.

The early closing of the Basement Brewhaus is the cause of an elevator being

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A Brewhaus employee serves coffee to a waiting customer Wednesday. (Photo by Denean Nowakowski)



Students have the opportunity to participate in a record-breaking swim attempt. See story page 2.

Photos by Carrie Reuter

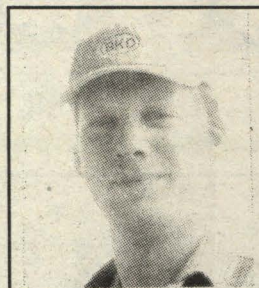
THE POINTER POLL

Do you think *The Pointless* issue was tasteless? Why or why not?



JoAnn Johnson
ENG ED; SENIOR

"Yes, but that's the point. It was damn funny!"



Matt Shaker
POLI SCI; SENIOR

"Yes, but so is eating babies. The shock value on both is declining."



Dana Knaut
UNDECLARED; FRESHMAN

"Yes, but it was funny as hell!"



Jackie Wickert
URBAN FORESTRY; JUNIOR

"Yes, I thought it was extremely funny. Take a joke!"

Students attempt to break swim record

By Kyle Geltemeyer
NEWS REPORTER

An attempt on the world record for the most people on a one-day swim relay is being organized by UW-SP student Bill Taylor, to take place on April 24 at 6 p.m.. The event will attempt to raise money for local charitable organizations.

The history making event is open to UW-SP students as well as the general public. There will be a one dollar fee for students

and two dollar fee for nonstudents. T-shirts will be sold for five dollars a piece and entry fee for the event included.

Taylor expressed concern about people coming in late, possibly intoxicated. He stated, "Be safe, responsible and have fun." Life guards will be on duty to ensure safety.

Time slots will be distributed for sign-up in the residence halls. Participants will have to sign in before entering the pool. Each

swimmer will start at one end of campus pool and swim to the other, with the next swimmer replacing the last. The intention is to keep a constant flow of swimmers.

The record very well may not fall, but it's a great opportunity to participate in something special and for a good cause.

It may be a dream to think that the record will be broken, but without hopes and dreams, what are we?

S.G.A.: Research resolution draws mixed reviews

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bring attention campus-wide, community-wide and state-wide to the issue. I think I did that."

Several faculty members in the College of Natural Resources were opposed to Lahner's original resolution. Richard Wilke, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Alan Haney, Dean of the College of Natural Resources were two such opponents of the original resolution, which he said, carried several flaws.

"The resolution would cause students to punish themselves, by removing themselves from class when they wanted to punish the company," Haney said. "The only person who would get hurt would be the student."

In addition, Haney felt the resolution was not even handed, as mine research would be conducted by CNR professors, thus only those professors' classes would be boycotted or protested.

"Only those students in the College of Natural Resources would miss class; they're the ones that would hurt themselves," Haney said.

The resulting displeasure in Lahner's resolution offered a chance to discuss and debate the

issue of research for Nicolet Minerals, and a side issue of academic freedom, or the ability of a professor to pursue teaching, research and service to the university.

According to Lahner, a major argument against the resolution was that it would prevent professors from performing research, thus infringing upon faculty's academic freedom.

"The faculty did a tremendous job of clouding the issue of what is right and what is wrong to an issue of academic freedom, and students supposedly hurting themselves. The funny thing is the resolution did nothing to infringe academic freedom, and I don't think professors would teach to empty classrooms," Lahner said.

Robert Wolensky, Professor of Sociology, felt Lahner's resolution was an excellent chance for students to take a moral stand against Nicolet Minerals and its parent company, Rio-Algom, and would not prevent research.

"I certainly support issues of academic freedom, but I think that students could have sent a message that there are certain lines that students do not encourage faculty to cross," Wolensky said. "And while students could never

stop faculty from doing (research), and I wouldn't be in favor of that, there was a chance to make a strong moral statement. I was sorry that S.G.A. passed such a watered down resolution."

Concurring with Wolensky was Angie Gonzalez, a UW-SP student and a member of the Wisconsin River Greens. She remarked the new resolution lacked a definite stance on the issue of mine research.

"The original resolution had some wording problems, but the effect was there," she said. "However, it would be better to change the wording rather than the meaning."

The new resolution was accepted by Wilke, Haney and others who lead the fight for academic freedom. Wilke stated that S.G.A. constructed the resolution well, and in a way that would not infringe upon a professor's rights.

"They were able to let faculty and others know their concerns...yet they're stating their views efficiently," Wilke said.

Lahner sees it differently.

"I think the new resolution states concern, but has been transformed into a universally accepted document, rather than one that stands up for student rights."

Campus Beat

Monday, April 6th

- An obscene phone call was reported by a faculty member in the science building.
- A fire alarm was pulled accidentally in Hyer Hall.

Sunday, April 5th

- A person in the Fine Arts Building reported a missing child. The child was found.
- A person dislocated her elbow on the indoor track of the Health Enhancement Center. An ambulance was called.

Saturday, April 4th

- A resident in Steiner Hall reported a strange man with dreadlocks walking erratically down Isadore Street and lunging at people. An officer found no one in the area matching the description.
- A CA received complaints of a loud room in Neale Hall. No one answered the door when the CA, or campus security knocked. Hall staff dealt with the problem.
- A person in Lot Q was counseled about open intoxicants. The person was cooperative.

Friday, April 3rd

- A person reported manhole covers on Isadore Street, near Debot, were removed and placed next to the manholes. SPPD was contacted.

Thursday, April 2nd

- A maintenance person in the University Center reported an obscene word written in chalk outside of the Encore. The word was rinsed away with water.
- A person reported high school kids throwing cigarette butts out a car window in the Schmeckle visiting parking lot. No one was found in the area matching the description.

Wednesday, February 25th

- There was a hit and run accident in Lot Q.
- An SPPD officer hit a parking meter in Lot X. No damage was done to the car, but the pole was bent.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

To guard against theft on campus: (1) Make sure all expensive electronic and sports equipment is engraved with your driver's license number and the two letter code of your state (i.e. WI). Keep an inventory of those items and their serial numbers in a safe place. Leave more expensive items at home. (2) Always lock your dorm or apartment door, even if you are just going down the hall for a few minutes. (3) If you live off campus with other people, always lock your bedroom door during a party. (4) Don't leave your backpack unattended at the library. (5) Always report any suspicious activity to Protective Services and/or Stevens Point Police Department.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at x4044 or e-mail me at jblader@uwsp.edu

The Latest Scoop

World News

PARIS

• The French government promised Wednesday it will not reduce its financial aid to developing nations of Africa. The assurance comes after a top U.S. official said America wanted to cooperate, and not compete, with France in Africa.

BELFAST

• Leaders of the Irish and British Republic are pressing hard in last minute talks aimed at bringing peace to Northern Ireland. The chairman of the talks made it clear Wednesday that the deadline for peace talks is midnight Thursday.

BELJING

• China's real-time earthquake warning system was disrupted by a mysterious electromagnetic wave, which is also disrupting stock brokerages nation wide. The powerful wave will not paralyze the early warning system, said the Seismological Bureau, Wednesday night, but has slowed the flow of information to earthquake experts.

National News

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• Attorney Janet Reno is meeting today with Corretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Junior. King wants to convey her doubts about the original FBI investigation into her husband's death. A new probe into the investigation was called for by the King family. The slaying took place 30 years ago.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

• Sebastian Zegran, a Pennsylvania resident, has pleaded guilty in a New Jersey federal court Wednesday on charges of attempting to import \$130,000 of stolen artifacts from a church in Lille, France. In December, 1996, Zegran sent three packages to his home, claiming they were candle holders, when they were really two altar objects and remnants from a French saint.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• President Clinton will be discussing relief for tobacco farmers on Thursday when he travels to Kentucky. The tobacco growers are opposed to the proposed \$500 million tobacco settlement, now jeopardized by the pullout of several tobacco companies involved.

Local/State News

STEVENS POINT

• The Stevens Point Plan Commission approved, Monday, that a 240-acre Shave/Olsen property, fronted by Highway 10 and bordered to the west by Brilowski Rd., can be partially zoned for commercial development. The plan still needs to be approved by the Hull Town Board and Stevens Point Common Council.

STEVENS POINT

• Last Monday the Stevens Point Plan Commission tabled a request from First Financial to rezone property at 1409 Main St. from multiple family use to controlled business transitions. The move would allow the firm to use the parcel to create 28 new parking spaces.

DANE COUNTY

• Friends of a Dane County priest who was murdered are planning a reward fund for the capture and conviction of the killer. Alfred Kunz was found murdered March 4, inside of a school near St. Michael's church in the village of Dane. No suspects have been identified.

MILWAUKEE

• A Milwaukee County judge went too far this week when he granted three kids a "divorce" from their parents, said a state appeals court. The children cited abuse from their father and asked the circuit court for the divorce, they were even allowed to change their last names, a decision also reversed by the appeals court. Their father is currently in the Jackson Correctional Institution until February, 1999.

S.G.A. puts kabosh on credit cards

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR

In response to concerns from some UW-Stevens Point Deans and students, the Student Government Association passed a resolution that urges the ban of credit card vendors in academic buildings.

The resolution's author, Brett Hazard, cites the fact that credit card vendors are a distraction, and credit cards are responsible for much student debt.

"From all the problems we've had, I thought we should just end up getting rid of them (credit card vendors)," Hazard said.

Although the resolution was amended to not encourage banning credit cards altogether, it does limit

where vendors can be and how many applications a vendor can give to each student.

Hazard called the resolution "a good start" but was disappointed

Concerns raised from members of organizations, especially fraternities and sororities that use the credit applications as a major fund raiser, caused some to vote against the bill.

"I support the fraternity and sorority stance," said Speaker of the Senate Matt Mutz. "They sell doughnuts in the morning, that's as much a distraction as a credit card application."

Hazard says the benefit is to the whole student body.

"This is something that is more beneficial to the whole student body as opposed to just fraternities and other organizations," Hazard said.

Also included in the resolution is a counseling session on the dangers of credit cards at freshmen orientation that received

wide support. It didn't call for a ban of credit card vendors in three to five years.



Jobs: Students to return to work in the fall

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"I knew we were ending in May, but I didn't think it would come this early," said Brewhaus employee, Heather Clingan.

May first is the day of departure for the coffee-shop staff, but everything will be back to normal come Fall.

"We must close down early so that the contractor may begin work on the elevator project and stay on their timeline," said Greg Diekroeger, Assistant Director of Campus Activities.

The only final closing this year is that of Copies Plus, located in

the upper level of the UC.

Taking its place will be, "The Point Card Office, The Nontraditional Student offices, and University Travel Services,"

"I knew we were ending in May, but I didn't think it would come this early."

**-Heather Clingan,
Brewhaus Employee**

said Student Manager for Copies Plus, Stephanie Zunker.

The employees of Copies Plus will not, however, need to

search for a new job, as the University Center has made employment arrangements.

"Two of our employees are going to the Information Desk, two are going to work at the Brewhaus, one will go to Rec Services, and one will work at the Bookstore," said Zunker.

The closing of places of service to UW-SP will only be a temporary change, as Tremors and the Brewhaus will open again for students at the beginning of next school year. Not only will students get their jobs back, but two of Point's hangouts will be back.

C-Store: Lower volume means higher prices

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with the numbers he was concerned.

"I will ask for a complete review of why we are not consistent with other C-stores," Jury said.

Food Services Director Jerry Wilson also suggests the volume that our C-store can buy at is much more limited than other convenience stores in the area, and thus is forced to charge higher prices.

"We do not buy at the volume other places do," Wilson said.

Wilson also notes that the prices are set by the food product contractor, in the university's case, the Copps Corporation, and the C-store has reduced prices on 67 different items.

On-campus residents, by far the highest user of the C-store, are required to be on meal plans that include a certain number of food points per student. The place where they can spend their points is the Wooden Spoon, Pointer Express, and the C-store

which is located just below the Debot Dining room. Closer proximity to residence hall students means more food points are spent at the C-store.

Some residence hall students have a problem with the prices and the selection.

"It's insanely expensive and incredibly impractical," said Sarah Tompkins. "You can't find health food on campus anywhere."

According to Jury, the problem with providing students with healthier foods, is the fact that most college students simply don't buy foods that are nutritious. Some of the biggest selling items from the C-Store include pizza, soda and candy.

Despite complaints from some students, Knutzen Hall Director Joe Totman, says that he thinks students will pay a little more for the convenience. He also believes that C-store business will actually increase when County Market, the closest grocery store, moves up the street a few blocks.

Totman also mentions that students often put more points on their cards to be able to use the C-store more often.

When compared to County Market, a five to ten minute walk for most residents, the C-store and other convenience stores in the area are much more expensive.

In a price comparison of the seven basic items, County Market charges significantly less for everything except two liter bottles of soda.

Those affected by the higher prices are not talking with their wallets, however. According to Wilson, 73% of students on meal plans use the C-Store regularly.

Although some students like Laura Vanderkinter think the prices at the C-Store are "outrageous" students continue to use the C-store regularly, and find little incentive to walk that extra five minutes for an extra twenty cents jingling in their not-so-deep pockets.

Credit peddlers should stay on campus "Financial responsibility a GDR for all students"

Dear Editors:

While I agree that a discussion during freshman orientation would be a good idea in theory, I absolutely resist "ridding the campus of credit card solicitors." But what can we expect from a student government that wants to protect us from the evils of the world? If we outlaw a legal business pursuit because a few people go in debt, will this stop all students from ever going in debt? Don't those credit card companies have policies that identify risky people?

My main point in all this is that students came here expecting to be educated. Financial responsibilities are a GDR of all students. If we hold their hand and never let them mess up, what happens

when they graduate? This resolution smacks of Big Brother or censorship. Perhaps the smoking policy preceded this and now the Senate feels the need to be my Momma.

Just because you said so, Chris, isn't good enough. Maybe if you told me a shocking statistic, like 90% of the students on campus have maxxed out their credit cards, I would be more willing to risk limiting students' rights to choose. But instead, you imply that the VISA and MC corporations have inflicted this damage. It was self-inflicted. Don't look to Big Brother to protect you, because as you know our government is in Big Time Debt.

-Mike Meshak

Parking Services enjoyed the laugh on April Fool's

Dear Editors:

To the student body:

I don't know who you are, just wanted to thank you for making April Fool's Day a great one.

Imagine the surprise when the campus parking office staff began finding "Free Parking" signs on all 216 meters on campus. It made our day!

All year long the staff has been out diligently enforcing parking regulations, and unfortunately "getting some of you." This time "you got us."

Thanks for making us laugh. We all need that.

-Anita L. Godin

Director, Revenue, Liability and Parking Services

Mixed bag of ideas on homosexuality missed one

Dear Editors:

I am always impressed by the grand hypocrisy and arrogance which a fair number of Christians seem to exhibit. In not one of the responses to Mr. Keller's article did any of the Christians seem to be aware that homosexuality could quite possibly be genetic. If one accepts that, as I do, the question is how can you condemn someone for something they cannot help but be? Condemning even just the act is condemning the whole, since one can't separate out a person in that manner.

Furthermore, "open-mindedness" as several called it, is not about accepting ideas but accepting people for who they are. Christians would do well to remember that there are billions of people who do not see the world as they do and whether Christians think that those people are wrong or right, the people deserve the right to live their lives as they see fit without being moralized and condemned for their actions.

-Aaron Onsrud
Student

Bible doesn't call homosexuality a sin

Dear Editors:

I would like to straighten a few things out. The last few letters to the editor have stated that homosexuality is a sin and that it specifically says so in The Bible.

This has been the basis for most of their arguments. So, let's take a look at this book of rights and wrongs according to Christianity.

The Bible was written by human hands. Already we have the human error factor to consider. Whenever something isn't written first hand, things can get messed up. Even if things didn't get messed up between God and us there is a language barrier. Let's face it, no original language translates exactly to another as it should.

The "original" Bible was either in Greek or Hebrew, both of which

translate poorly into English. Now, think about how many different versions of The Bible there are. Probably over 50, each of which is different in some way.

tion gap between Christ and the Bible actually being written. Exactly how well will you remember this year 50 years from now.

One more thing: The Bible is

inconsistent. We don't even have a single story of Christ's life (the four gospels). So Christ's life is a grey area. Wouldn't it seem reasonable that if the most important person is a grey area, that other things in The Bible are a grey area

Now, if we go back to the oldest text we can find, read it in its original language and take it in its cultural

context, The Bible says nothing about homosexuality. Even in today's versions, Christ himself never once says anything about homosexuality (see "What The

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"... The Bible says nothing about homosexuality. Even in today's versions, Christ says nothing about homosexuality."

-A Truth Seeking Christian

Somehow we got from one text to all these different texts.

Now let's consider the "original" Bible. Not much to consider seeing as how there is no single original. We only have scraps of some written at least 50 years after Christ died. There is a genera-

Can the university cut back on salt use?

Dear Editors:

The article written on February 19, 1998, "Ice removal leaves the land feeling salty" was informative and should be brought to everyone's attention. The article gave an excellent overview of the harmful effects on the environment due to the application of road salt. We feel that this topic is important because it is a major source of non-point pollution, which affects soil and water quality.

UW-Stevens Point is regarded highly as a natural resource and wellness institution, and should pay particular attention to environmental concerns. According to the previous article, 45% of the road salt spread over Stevens Point ends up in the Wisconsin River. It is because of this and other environmental concerns that we feel the university should use less road salt.

On March 4, 1998, it was quite obvious that an excessive amount of salt was used around campus. We are questioning the grounds crews' practice of salting. We understand that it is necessary to reduce snow and ice on the sidewalks and parking lots, as well as eliminate injury and liability. The problem we are addressing is the excess use of the salt. Are there ways in which the university can effectively cut back on salt use? Adopting new salting practices would not only reduce the pollution of local waterways and soil, but it could also save money. It would be a win-win situation for all if we could only use less salt until a safer alternative is available.

-Seth Ponschock,
Neil Hendricks, Ross Buchinger
Students

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---Polka &
---More!

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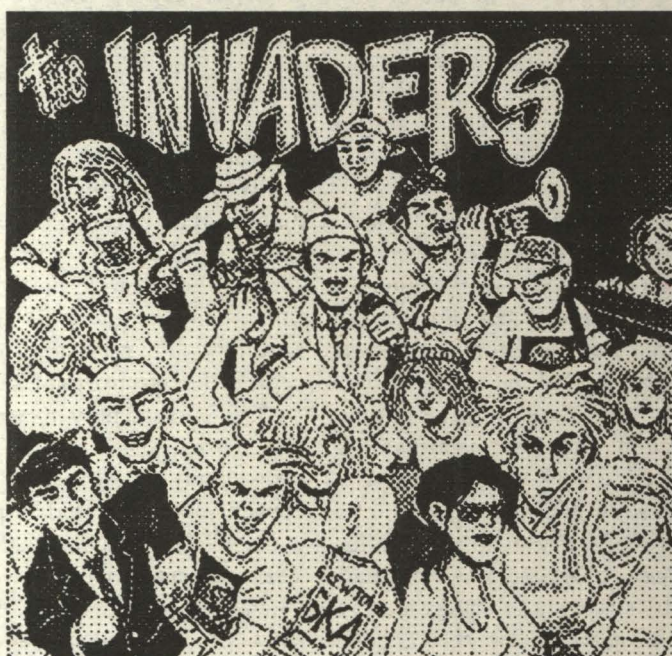
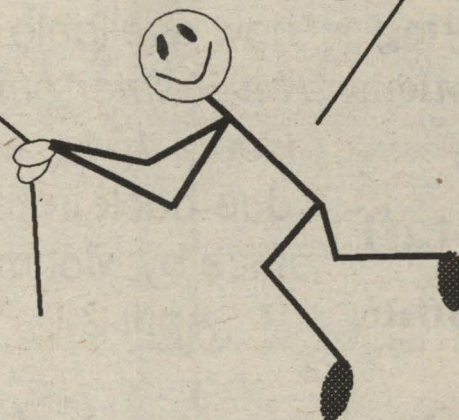
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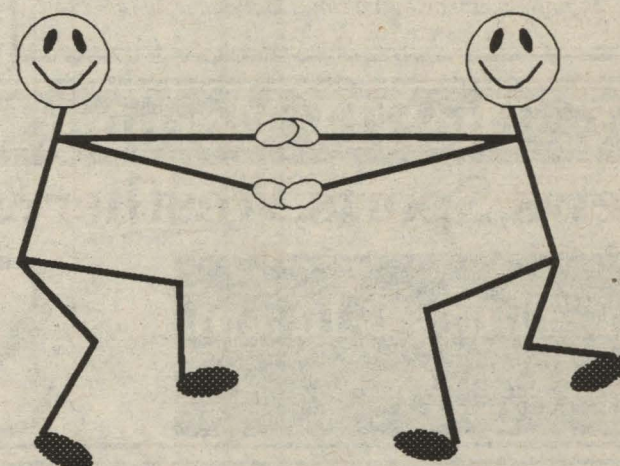


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APRIL 17
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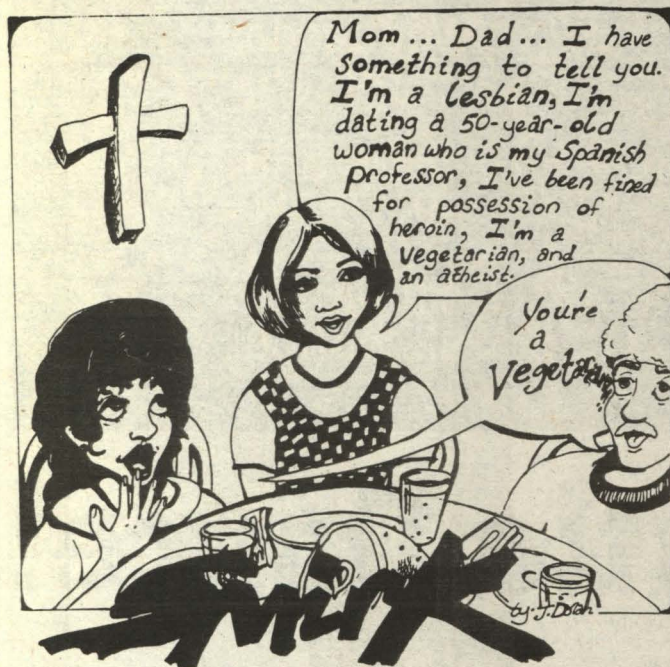


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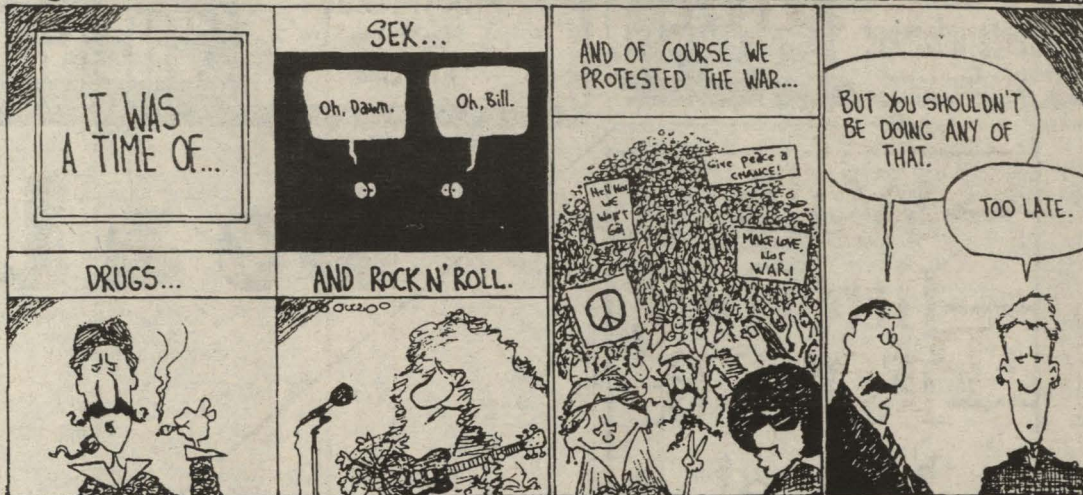
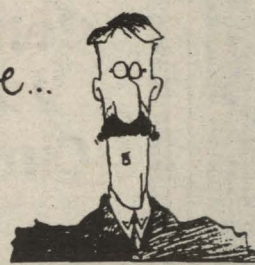
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Because, I Said So!

By Kevin Lahner
NEWS EDITOR



S.G.A. needs to live up to its name

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Recently, the Student Government Association passed the "Responsible Research Resolution." Although good in intent, the vastly watered down version of my resolution does what S.G.A. has a long history of doing. A whole lot of nothing.

Despite a few bright spots in my tenure with S.G.A., I have seen student government time and time again back away from controversy.

Instead of taking a stand we "compromise." Instead of protesting we "sit down and talk." Instead of demanding we "encourage." The long line of resolutions that do little if anything to help the average Joe student is astounding.

Don't get me wrong. S.G.A. does do great things. We were incredibly responsible funding student organizations this year for example. The efforts for student rights in Madison and Washington were some of the best in the nation. But what happens on a week to week basis in S.G.A.? A whole lot of mediocrity.

Do you remember the infamous Kmart issue? When Kmart officials promised change and did nothing, what did we at S.G.A. do? We backed down. We were not willing, or courageous enough to stand up for students. A recent letter to the editor in *The Pointer* proves that nothing has been done.

Let me be the first one to say I am part of the problem. I have voted, and probably will continue to vote for resolutions that sound great on paper, but in reality have no teeth. Maybe it makes me feel good to go through the motions of a legislator. Maybe intent is better than real action.

Maybe the real problem is simply a lack of accountability. When a senator can win a seat in an

S.G.A. election with less than 100 votes from a campus of 8500, what kind of accountability does a student representative have? I can raise that many votes down at the bars on a Thursday night. If I don't have to worry about re-election why should I give a damn about what students on this campus actually think?

The lack of responsibility to students also extends to the executive board. I can't count the number of times executives have simply not shown up, or left early for scheduled office hours, the time when students have the opportunity to express their concerns to the Executives of S.G.A.

The few students who need to ask questions or voice their concerns simply have to wait until it's convenient for the student government folks to get back to them. The argument from executives is "Students don't come to see me anyway." Doesn't that mean they have the responsibility to be there for the few students who need them. I think so, but hey it's only my opinion.

I know that I am part of the hypocrisy that runs rampant in student government. I, as a senator apologise for my mistakes in the past, and make a pledge to continue to promote change and real student action. I support others who already are trying to make that change, and hope more will join us.

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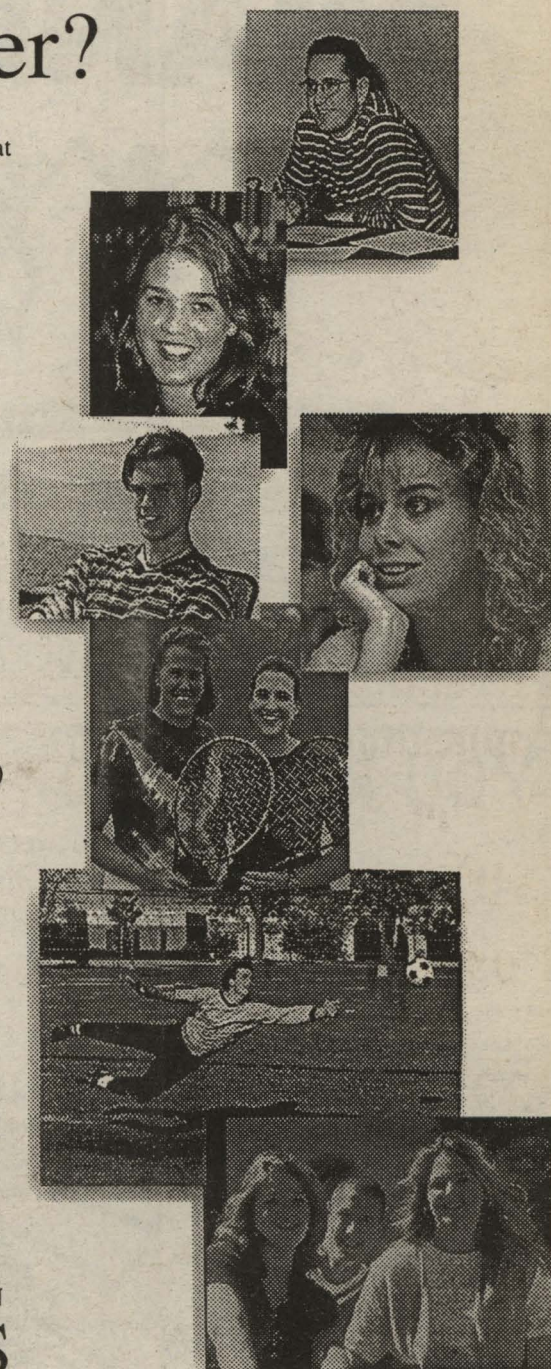
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Bible Has To Say About Homosexuality"). The word homosexuality didn't even exist until very recently. I think if anyone is going to interpret God correctly it would be his son. Maybe we should listen to him.

I'm not saying that The Bible doesn't contain the outline of God's ideas for us. I'm just saying that it is only an outline. Nothing came word for word from God's mouth. We need to keep in mind that we are human and can't possibly interpret God perfectly. I would look for something more solid to base my arguments on. It is up to God to judge us so let's just let each other do our best for him, homosexual or not, until his final judgement day.

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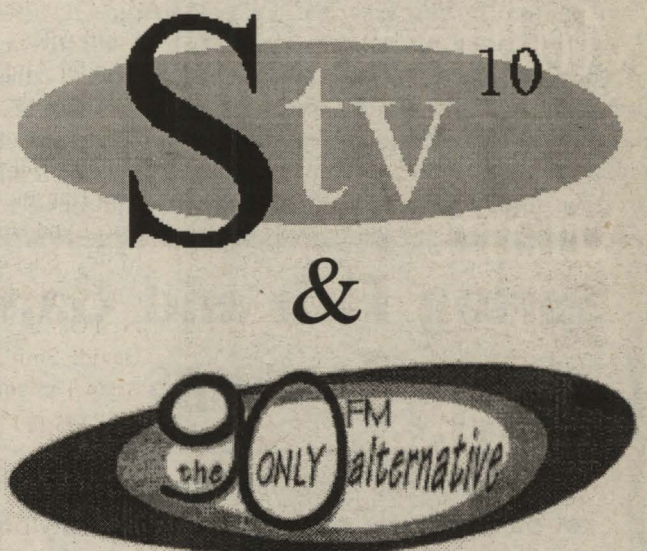
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Spearfishing the heart of a controversy

By Matt "Bert" Ward
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

This past Wednesday evening I had the opportunity to attend a presentation given by Tom Maulson who currently is the president of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa Indians. He spoke on the topic of the spring spearfishing season, which is one of the native Americans off-reservation treaty rights.

The topic of spearfishing is a very controversial one, especially in a state that regards its natural resources with such respect. I am a large advocate of catch and release, and can actually say I haven't intentionally killed a fish in a couple of years. Therefore my opinion on this issue need not be stated.

In 1985, the Supreme Court declared the 11 Ojibwe nations which reside in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan could once again participate in off-reservation spearfishing under the Treaties of 1837 and 1842. The first site of spearfishing was scheduled for Butternut Lake in Vilas County.

At that point in time, I more than likely would have been on the Butternut Lake landing protesting such activities and shouting expletives with the rest of the protesters if I was old enough to drive there.

However, my opinions on this matter have somewhat changed in the past twelve years. Instead of being stubborn like most individuals, I chose to research this topic and see what this dilemma was all about.

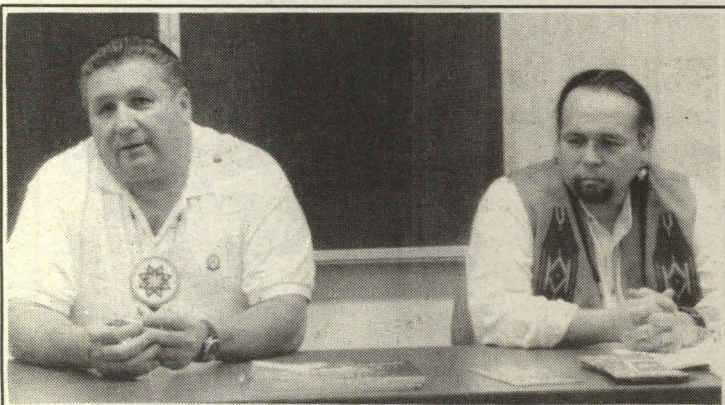
The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission represents 11 Ojibwe nations in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Known as GLIFWC, this organization contains a group of individuals known as the Voit Inter-Tribal task force.

This group of fisheries biologists obtain current population data through fall electrofishing assessments and analyze the data to determine age classes of fish, growth and relative abundance of the sport fish that exist in our northern waters.

With the cooperation of federal, state and tribal organizations, which all have limited budgets, our lake systems can now be more extensively assessed. In 1985 when the spearfishing began, approximately 20 lakes in the ceded territory were being analyzed on an annual basis. By 1996, over 200 lakes were being annually assessed by electrofishing each fall.

The data obtained from these surveys through cooperation has made more extensive assessment work a reality. This data helps determine Safe Harvest Levels for each lake. The Safe Harvest Level calculates the number of fish that can be harvested from each lake on an annual basis without being detrimental to the

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Representatives of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa Indians discuss the treaty rights. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Commentary

Cast your votes Monday before they re-write the rules

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is holding their annual Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings on Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in each of the state's 72 counties. Among the issues to be discussed and voted upon are regulations on motor trolling, turkey season hunting

hours, spotlight deer shining and wild bait harvesting.

According to the DNR's News report, the proposed bait harvesting rules would "give the Department the authority to quickly close waters to wild bait harvesting if DNR staff determine that exotic species exist in the water."

On the surface, this sounds like an excellent proposal to most voters; however, there are deeper implications to consider.

Is the proposal intended to curb the transfer of exotic species or is it an attempt by bait hatcheries to eliminate their competition?

Closing the state off to bait harvesting would effectively close the doors for good on countless "Mom and Pop" bait shops throughout Wisconsin, many of which have served anglers for decades.

Bait shop owners claim that no exotic species are transferred through their operations. Before the source of their business is outlawed, there should be definite proof that they are guilty and options enacted to protect them.

Everyone, from die-hard musky fanatics to once-a-summer bobber & worm anglers, has at least one great memory that began at one of these bait shops.

They stand as idyllic reminders of a simpler past with a valuable place in our hearts and a valuable place in our state.

It is imperative that anyone with the slightest interest in recreational fishing, or any other outdoor sport for that matter, attend the Fish and Game hearings on April 13 to decide for themselves what rules should be law.

NATURE NEWS AND NOTES

Nation

Colombia is most threatened river

The last untouched stretch of the Colombia River known as the Hanford Reach was recently declared our nation's most threatened waterway due to the increasing threats of development, dams, pollution and other numerous man-made pollutants. Concern centers around expanding factory hog and chicken farms result in a massive influx of manure. After the long battle area residents have endured by fighting off major industrial pollution, they are now posed with threats of huge livestock operations. Now after much debate, a 51 mile stretch of the Colombia River at Hanford Reach is fighting to preserve the fishery that made it famous.

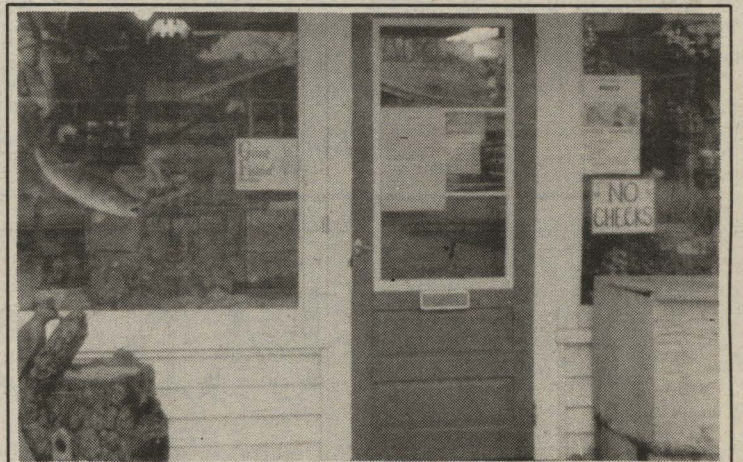
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Forested land donated to UW-SP

Last fall, Harriet Himes of Three Lakes transferred the title to a parcel of forested land to a trust established with the assistance of the UW-SP Foundation. Proceeds from the sale of the Himes land, which is valued at more than \$200,000, will eventually be used to establish an endowment with the Foundation to support teaching and learning the wood products and utilization program of the College of Natural Resources.

Campus wins annual AROW Waste Reduction Award

The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin has selected the UW-Stevens Point as the recipient of the 1998 Waste Reduction Award. The award was presented to Sharon Simonis, Campus Recycling Coordinator. The program promotes reducing material consumption, reusing materials and recycling material as allowed by current technology, involving university students and employees in efforts to purchase materials made of recycled fibers.



Bait shops all over Wisconsin may soon find themselves struggling to stay afloat. (Photo by Denean Nowakowski)

Open Letter...

Editor's note- The following was submitted by Renee Vollert of Northern Bait and Tackle in Stevens Point. She is concerned over the proposed ban on bait harvesting and wants to alert as many people as possible to the situation.

There is a proposed rule to close bait harvesting at the upcoming April 13th DNR hearing. They are misleading the people by saying that exotic species are being brought in with bait, while in reality, this is absolutely NOT TRUE!

Go down to your local bait shop and ask them if exotic species are coming in with their live bait and you'll hear a resounding NO! This is a move by the live bait hatcheries to take over the business. They will inevitably try to convince you; do not fall for it.

With only hatchery bait which is often weaker, diseased and more expensive available to fishermen, bait shops will soon be a thing of the past. If you enjoy fishing with live bait, please pass the word because this is extremely important. Watch the wording and vote carefully, your fishing future depends on it.

Thank you,
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Reflecting upon the trout fishing waters

By Jeremiah Heitke
OUTDOORS REPORTER

A friend asked me the other day "why do you fish?" I glanced at the clock and saw there were only 45 minutes before my next class, so I replied, "we will have to have this conversation later." After rolling the question in my mind, I wondered how I could explain.

No matter how perfectly my words are arranged, I can never capture what exactly and how much fishing is to me. Instead of simply talking, I wish I could grab onto her arm and let the feeling that races through my veins pass into hers, then she would know.

Why do I pick up a fly rod? Probably for the same reason my friend Jon picks up his camera, or Rick picks up a paintbrush, or Eric or Nat pick up their guitars. It is one of many ways that passion can overflow and spill from the soul. I may enjoy college and not mind working, but my heart and soul will always be with fishing. It isn't a way of keeping busy or an excuse to be outside, it's a part of my life.

Life is a collection of moments, ranging from blissful to excruciating with everything in between. For me, fishing is a way of ensuring that I will have more

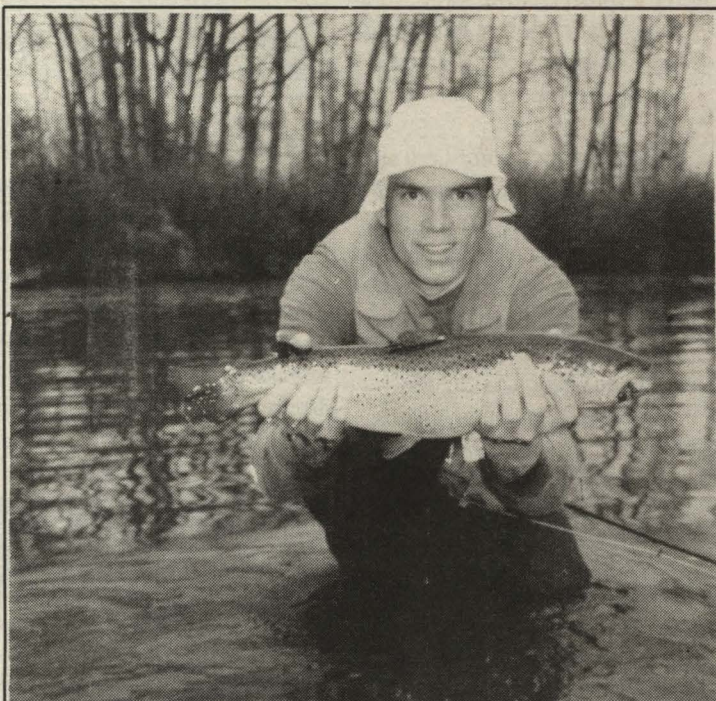
of the former and fewer of the latter.

Flyfishing isn't always like a scene from "A River Runs Through It," but sometimes, enough of the time, things work out perfectly. Symphony, synergy, synchrony, pour into a single moment, a moment that makes life worth living, that makes up for the fact that often life can be unpleasant and hard.

I guess that is what it is all about, that's the magic. The magic is in the take of the fly, in holding a fish like this one.

There is magic in being so enveloped in the moment that everything else melts away and the world becomes only as large as what is in sight. There is magic in seeing a ballet of insects that only once a year perform over a cold liquid stage, witnessed by the eyes of eager trout and my own if I am lucky. There may be more thought in the handshake with a friend after a nice fish is caught and released to swim away.

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Jeremiah Heitke displays a beautiful brown trout which fell for one of his personally tied flies. (Submitted Photo)

Weekend Escapes: Chequamegon National Forest

By Lisa Rothe
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Chequame what? Jim Umhoefer, author of *Guide to Wisconsin Outdoors* jokes that "some first time visitors could probably tell you where the muskies are biting before they could say the name correctly, much less spell it."

Pronounced SHO-WAH-HA-GON, the name is derived from the Ojibwa language meaning, "land of shallow water." Chequamegon Bay, extending from Ashland to Lake Superior, is this national forest's namesake. Glacial history is important to the Chequamegon, as it is to many state parks in Wisconsin.

This national forest survived the great glacial push 10,000 years ago, and lived to tell a tale of beauty. Hills and valleys, lakes and kettles, lay stake to the 853,000 acres of virtually untouched, unregulated wilderness.

The land, native to various Indian cultures, missionaries and the logging and fur trading industry, boasts diversity not uncommon to a land that has experienced great change.

The logging industry began in the late 1820's and ended at the

turn of the century. The once virgin, breathtakingly vast forests were nothing but stumps and rocks. Farmers attempted to utilize the land, but in 1933 Chequamegon became a national forest in order to conserve and protect its timber resources and navigable streams.

National forests are not

acting district ranger of the Glidden Ranger District of Chequamegon National Forest.

Chequamegon is the epitome of every avid hiker's dreams. Adjoined to the Ice Age Trail, the Rock Lake National Recreation Trail and the North Country Trail, the nature enthusiast is guaranteed diversity around each bend and over each hill.

Exploration of the forest will lead you to the two wilderness areas, Porcupine Lake and Rainbow Lake, totaling 11,000 acres.

"Both of these wildernesses are quiet places reserved for foot travel and only the plaintive call of the loon breaks the silence and tranquillity," finds the Great Outdoor Recreation Pages.

Camping is available year round; however, the 24 developed sites will not open until May 3. If it's complete solitude you're looking for, primitive camping is available throughout the forest.

"Modern-day voyageurs can paddle down rivers that the Indians, missionaries, traders and loggers might still recognize," finds Umhoefer. The Chippewa, Jump, Yellow, Flambeau, Bad and Namekagon rivers are frequently used by canoeists.

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managed like state parks or forests. Whereas state parks are confined and thus highly regulated, American people own the national forests.

"We're just the custodians," comments Steve Holdsambeck,

FRESH TRACKS

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
OUTDOORS EDITOR

After an hour and a half of driving, we finally made it to Stanley, a little town off Highway 29 half-way between Eau Claire and Nowhere. It's the kind of place that never seems to change. The same "down-town" strip of bars with a few gas stations and a sporting goods store in between has looked the same way forever. Which is one reason I like it.

Another is the land. It's beautiful to me — still raw and wild with graveled roads, beaver ponds and rolling hills. It's the kind of place where you never know what eyes might be watching or ears listening to you through a thicket of tag alders or jungle of aspen. We know there are deer, bear, coyotes and fishers roaming around because we've crossed paths with them in the woods. But we don't know how many are out there, or how big they might be or where they are at any given moment.

I looked out the window as we neared camp, thinking the way you think just before meeting a friend you haven't seen in a while. I was happy just to see it, but not exactly sure what to do first.

We carried our stuff from the car to the trailer then ventured out for a hike. It was a beautiful afternoon with brightest sky and warmest air I remember of Stanley in April.

But it takes a while to slow to the pace of a woods. We stepped across a beaver dam, tromped over forest-choked hills and sloshed our way through spring-flooded puddles at a late-for-class kind of pace.

I was half out of breath when we found a beaver pond spilled over our path in the lowest part of the "back 40." Instead of turning back, we stupidly tried to push on through the ankle deep water. Then I stepped into a sinkhole no bigger than a volleyball, but deep enough to plunge in past my knee without hitting ground. We barely hopped across a dark, deep-watered stream and made it to drier ground laughing with waterlogged feet.

Eventually, we found a hill to sit on high above the lowlands with a perfect view of a beaver pond and a pretty good look at the rest. It was a different world without the noise of our steps drowning everything else.

The land held its breath in silence. For a minute, even the frogs were still. You could almost feel the world looking at us, intruders on the land.

But they couldn't hold it in long. Eventually, wood frogs started to grumble, sounding like a bunch of old men laughing under their breath. Cranes trumpeted their weird calls and a hawk soared high overhead.

The flies were out — biting every once in a while and acting annoying in ways only flies do. I felt like PigPen on Charlie Brown for a while, but they were slow and easy to kill; groggy I guess, from the winter.

Then somehow before I noticed, time began to slow down. We walked a lot more that day and the next completely free of pressure. We saw wood ducks and mallards floating on their silver ponds and phoebes singing from trees. We saw the first red-winged blackbirds of the year, heard the first snipe of our lives and found the place where neither time or direction matter — off in the middle of Nowhere.

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Spearing

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lakes population.

GLIFWC and WDNR biologists conclude that 35% of a lakes fish population can be removed on an annual basis without jeopardizing the ability of that population to maintain itself.

GLIFWC also maintains a Law Enforcement division staff of 24 full-time wardens and 40 part time wardens to assist during the spring spearfishing and other activities. Off-reservation conservation officers and wardens help enforce the 400 tribal members that spear on 248 lakes in the ceded territory each spring. In 1996, these wardens issued 29 citations for spearing excessive amounts of fish, or fish over the size limits.

Lakes in the ceded territory that are to be speared each year are given a quota of total fish that can be harvested by this method. Depending upon the size of the quota, each native American is given a permit allowing the harvest of ten walleyes including two fish over twenty inches, consisting of one fish between 20" and 24" and one of any size.

Other species of fish are also speared. Over the course of the past five years, an average of 26,000 walleyes, 250 muskellunge, 116 largemouth bass, 42 smallmouth bass and 28 northern pike, were speared on an annual basis.

As tribal members return to the designated landings after spearfishing, their fish are counted, measured and sexed before they can be removed from the site. Size limits are enforced on walleye to reduce the over harvesting of spawning female fish. Data trends have shown that approximately 80% of the speared fish are male.

GLIFWC also maintains a fish hatchery to fertilize eggs taken from speared fish and hatch and rear fingerlings that are stocked back into ceded territory lakes. In 1996 they produced over 200,000 walleye fingerlings and around 700 muskellunge fingerlings.

After many heated debates over the past decade or so, many concerns still exist regarding the maintenance of our states fisheries.

A conclusion must be reached that a cooperative effort between federal, state and tribal fisheries managers is necessary. So whether or not you agree with the issue of spearing, education concerning all aspects of the issue must take precedence before expressing your opinion. For further information concerning this issue, please contact the GLIFWC at pio@win.bright.net.

Managing Wisconsin deer DNR expert speaks to students

By Joe Shead
OUTDOORS REPORTER

One of the hottest topics in Wisconsin outdoor news today is deer management. The DNR constantly struggles to keep both hunters and non-hunters happy with the size of the deer herd. People concerned with how the system works got the chance to learn about what criteria are used to determine how to effectively manage deer populations throughout the state at the CNR colloquium yesterday.

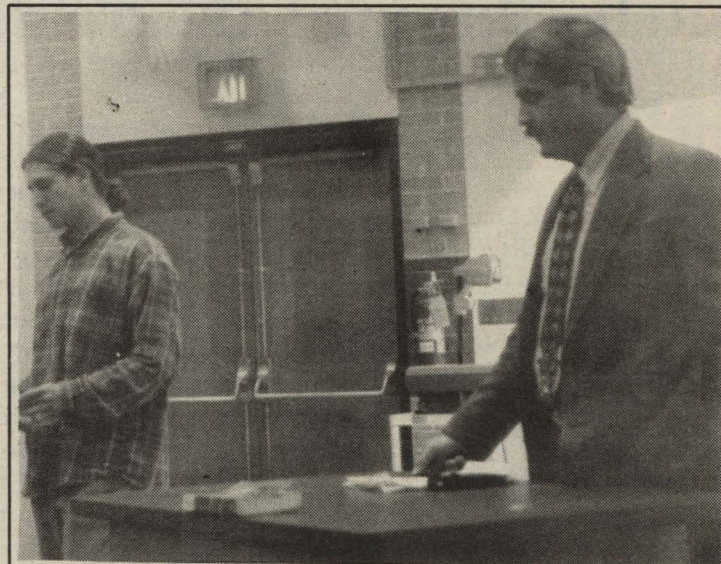
Wisconsin deer and bear ecologist Bill Mytton spoke in front of a crowd of over 60 people concerned with deer management. His presentation, "Deer Management in Wisconsin: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" dealt with the decisions the DNR has to make when determining how to manage the deer herd.

"The problem is there's no one solution. This is a game that

many different players. All these different mismatches come into play," Mytton said, referring to wildlife watchers, farmers, hunters and car insurance sellers among others.

Mytton claimed that it's hard to please all these different user groups saying that the social as well as the biological aspect of deer management must be considered. For instance, in northern Wisconsin, people want to see deer numbers similar to the southern part of the state, but the carrying capacity of the land simply cannot support that many deer.

The fact that the northern and southern regions of the state differ biologically provides the public with a choice of what type of deer to pursue. Deer in the north may live longer because there are more places for them to hide from hunters and thus could conceivably grow larger racks. However, in severe winters, energy normally devoted to antler growth



Bill Mytton of the DNR spoke to students on the difficulties of deer management. (Photo by Denean Nowakowski)

may be called upon simply to survive, resulting in smaller antlers. The south has better food and can support more deer, but high hunting pressure combined with fewer places to hide prevents deer from living very long.

The north and south are also managed for different reasons. The north focuses mainly on the carrying capacity of the land and tribal rights. Much of this range

falls into the ceded territory where Native Americans aren't restricted to the laws concerning the general bow and gun seasons.

The DNR has to consider tribal wants when deciding how to manage these areas.

The southern part of the state is managed more for social reasons. This area has a larger car-

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Spring turkey tactics: Early morning toms

By Mike Toubl
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Editor's note- This is the first of a two part series, watch for more tips in next week's issue.

Over the past two turkey seasons, my hunting partner Scott and I teamed up to bag three nice toms. We failed to draw tags last year and as luck would have it, called in two nice toms so the count could have been higher.

I attribute our success to practicing the right techniques and keeping our approach simple.

Since the Wisconsin turkey season limits hunting hours from daylight to noon, the actual time available to hunt turkeys is narrowed to around 12 or 14 hours. Within that time frame, I believe there are two distinct approaches to finding and hunting these birds. There is the early morning period and the mid-morning period.

There are two basic steps to follow when hunting turkeys during the first few hours of daylight. These steps are locating the birds, and then setting up. A possible third step, calling, is largely up to the hunter and how well they know the call and the vocal sounds of a turkey. Although these steps may sound too fundamental, it is usually a mistake during one of these steps that blows the whole hunt.

STEP ONE: Locating the Birds

The most important step in hunting turkeys is knowing where they are. For morning hunts, it is even more important because you don't want to be fumbling around the dark woods

without a clue. It is important to know where they are roosting and to hunt near this roosting site. There are two ways to determine where they are roosting: "putting them to bed" or what I call "waking them up."

The first approach takes place the evening before, usually as

a coyote yip. These sounds are familiar to turkeys and they often are induced to gobbling back to these noises. Hopefully, you get a response or two and this will determine the area you want to hunt early in the morning.

The other approach, "waking them up," is to arrive in the

time where turkeys will become vocal on roost, but only for a short time before flying down. It is essential to give a few owl hoots and listen to the birds as they announce their whereabouts.

Determining which bird to go after is restricted to the distance and the amount of darkness left. I feel that there is usually ten to fifteen minutes available to find a setup location from the time the toms first begin gobbling and when they actually fly down. This leads to my second step.

STEP TWO: Setting Up

Once you have located the birds, you now must position yourself in an area that will give you the greatest chance of harvesting a gobbler. Myth or no myth, my experience has shown me that birds will not come into a caller who is downhill from their position.

With this in mind, place yourself uphill from the roosting tree, but avoid making noise and getting closer than 150 yards. Turkeys have excellent hearing and any foreign sounds will spook them.

Scott and I try to position ourselves twenty or thirty yards inside the woods from a field edge, and we try to take advantage of the natural cover in the area to break up our outline. Turkeys have a tendency to travel towards feeding areas after they fly down.

This is also where they display for the hens. If your area doesn't have fields nearby, locate a small clearing either inside the woods or between woods.

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Following the three major steps discussed in this article could lead to a tom like this. (Submitted Photo)

dusk settles in. Veteran turkey hunters refer to this as "putting them to bed." You want to find an area that offers you the advantage of good hearing in most directions, preferably a high point out of the wind. As the sun fades into the horizon, make a few owl hoots with your voice or a call.

Nine times out of ten, you should get a response after a few hoots. If there is no response, try

woods early in the morning well before light. Again, find an area that offers you great hearing range and could possibly have a roosting area nearby. Approach the area as quietly as possible, because you never know where they may be roosting and you want to avoid busting them out of there.

As light begins to filter into the woods and the birds start to chirp, this is when I consider it the "magic time." It is during this

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UW-SP salutes employees

By Tara Zawlocki
FEATURES EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point has an elite group of student employees, all of which are being recognized for their outstanding work during Student Employment Week.

Student Employment Week began April 3 and will run until Thursday, April 9.

According to Susan LeBow Young, at the Student Employment Office, students have earned over \$2,430,300 this academic year through on-campus employment. Over 1600 students have worked on campus this year, and approximately 100 students work in service positions at non-profit agencies in the community.

Student employees are an integral part of the university.

Cindy Engstrom, director of the University Bookstore, feels "dependability, enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, honesty, flexibility, good work ethics and problem solving" are what makes a good student employee.

"Students bring 'fresh' ideas as to what the Store/Text Rental should offer, new services and processes that need improvement," she added.

Students also get the chance to earn money while developing opportunities to learn new skills, to network and to gain solid references.

During the week, students were rewarded for their work on campus. Students were given free treats when they picked up their paychecks and free popcorn and

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Nitro comes to the Encore Professional wrestling fever hits UW-Stevens Point

Don't be surprised to find professional wrestlers "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, Kevin Nash or Ric Flair in the Encore this Monday night.

WCW Monday Nitro, a popular pro wrestling show on TNT will be shown on the big screen as part of a series of "Nitro" parties, sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

Ryan Lins, Travel and Leisure Coordinator for Centertainment, said similar Nitro parties on other college campuses around the nation have resulted in famous wrestling personalities appearing at the winning schools.

"I saw other campuses having Nitro parties and I knew there was a demand for it here," Lins said. "There are a lot of crazy people who love professional wrestling, WHOO!"

Fans will be treated to soda, beer and free snacks, as well as their favorite wrestlers on the big screen. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are being made to tape the event for a Nitro party contest. The winner receives a visit from "Mean Gene" Okerlund and the world famous Nitro girls.

New duo Jesse James steals the show Former UW-SP students sling talent at Final Score

By Carrie Reuter
PHOTO EDITOR

Jesse James is a two piece dynamic lyrical masterpiece. This band's musical talent is undeniable. Chad Hessen enchants you with his flamboyantly soothing voice, while Grant Spencer rhythmically strums his guitar, creating melodic perfection.

Jesse James plays an acoustic mix of country, rock, and a whole lot of folk. For the most part they are an eclectic mix that doesn't hold to any genre.

Jesse James collectively writes most of their songs with intense lyrics that excite any listener.

This exceptional duo has been playing together for two years.

Both musicians attended UW-Stevens Point; Spencer graduated in psychology, and Hessen majored in communication.

Jesse James has played shows at Witz End, the Brewhaus, The

Amherst Coffee Shop, and The Final Score.

At their most recent concert Sunday, April 5 at the Final Score, I asked Spencer "What drove you to play music?"

Spencer eagerly responded "The unsatiable quest to conquer one's own fears while staying in the sidelines of society and simply enjoying being alive."

various renditions of anything from Bob Dylan to the Counting Crows, so don't be afraid to shout out a request. This aspect of their performance only heightens listening pleasure.

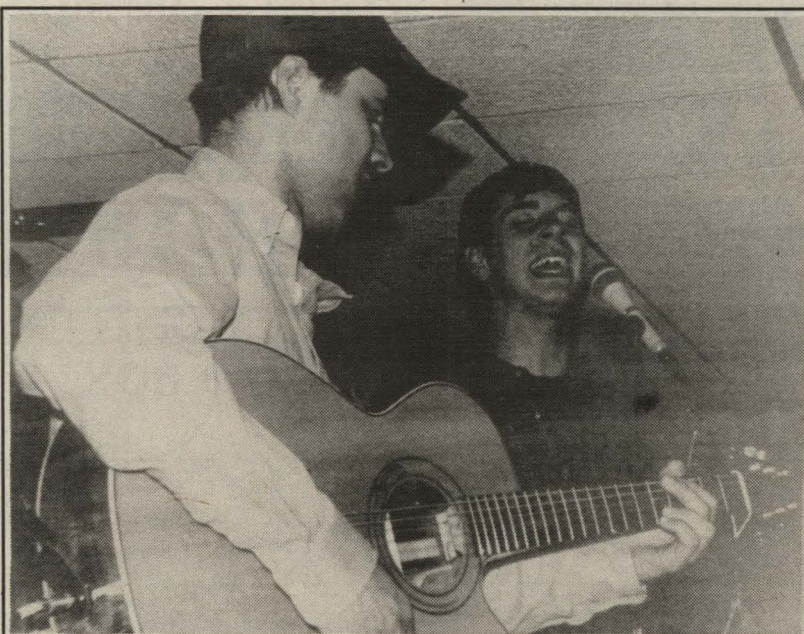
In the future, Jesse James hopes to add a piano and percussion to their fiery mix.

Jesse James will likely be moving their musical performance to

Madison in a couple months.

Jesse James definitely has a sound like no other. The combination of Hessen's voice and Spencer's guitar creates a clear unique sound.

I asked Hessen as a new band "How do you feel when you're on stage?"



Jesse James performs their unique sound last Sunday night at The Final Score.
(Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Along with their smooth acoustics, Hessen spices up a song or two with the harmonica. Jesse James also has the tendency to enthrall you with captivatingly sensitive songs. The lyrics are soulful and desirable.

It is possible to catch Jesse James playing a song familiar to the average ear. They perform

Hessen responded with a smile, "I'd rather be a musician than a performer."

I strongly encourage you to check out Jesse James; they play every Sunday night at The Final Score, 8:30 p.m. sharp.

Your ears won't be disappointed and you'll get a chance to hear some great music.

UW-SP opens doors to community

By Jason R. Renkens
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Hundreds upon hundreds of Central Wisconsin residents took advantage of UW-Stevens Point's open house this past Sunday.

The event, entitled "UW-SP: 105 Years of Service to Wisconsin," opened on campus from noon to 4 p.m. and gave the many diverse areas of the university a forum to display what constitutes them.

"I felt like the open house was designed to let the public get a feel for what the university is all about," said Paul Bauman, Vice-President of the Herpetology Society.

The Herpetology Society was just one of many organizations that geared their efforts towards children. They sponsored a reptile show in the College of Natural Resources.

"Things like the bear cub exhibit were aimed at the children," said Tom Richardson, member of

the open house committee, "but, (the open house) was also targeted at college students without majors. It can be used as a tool to help peak interest in majors for those students."

Organizations from nearly every academic building on campus hosted some sort of informational program or booth while the Uni-

versity Center (UC) housed the majority of booths for non-academic organizations.

The programs ranged from making your own sheet of paper with help from the Paper Science Department to fencing reenactments in front of the UC.

The Learning Resource Center also indulged in the activities,

offering such activities as a genealogy workshop where visitors could find their ancestry and a look at historic UW-SP photos and memorabilia in the Nelis R. Kampenga Archives.

heated.

The open house also gave a lot of students the chance to interact with people in a manner pertaining to their given field.

Students in the Human Physiology Lab took blood pressure readings, displayed blood cells,

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"The purpose is always to share with the community what the university has to offer; share being the key word."

--Tom Richardson

Cooking Corner

Kristene's Scrambled Eggs

2 tablespoons butter	2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon minced onion	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt	dash pepper
1/2 cup chopped green pepper	4 eggs beaten
1 small tomato, chopped	1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese if desired

- Melt butter in frying pan. Cook onion, garlic salt, green pepper, and tomato until vegetables are tender.
- Beat together eggs, water, salt and pepper.
- Pour into frying pan with vegetables and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally.

- If desired, sprinkle eggs with cheddar cheese.
- Serves approximately 1-2 people.

Editor's Note:

Look for more recipes in upcoming issues of *The Pointer*. And as always, send your recipes to *The Pointer*, room 104 CAC or e-mail tzawl584@uwsp.edu.

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WORD OF MOUTH



SPEAKER

John Stauber will discuss "Public Relations and Environmental Advocacy" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in Room 170 of the College of Natural Resources. Stauber is the author of "Toxic Sludge."

The event is sponsored by the Division of Communication at UW-Stevens Point.

MOVIES

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring two movies on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. in the Encore. *Kiss the Girls* will be showing at 7 p.m. and *The Game* at 9:15 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$1 with ID and \$2 without.

BLOOD DRIVE

Donate blood for the American Red Cross. The blood drive will run from April 20-24. Volunteer your time; sign up in Campus Activities office.

BREWER TRIP

Centertainment Production's Travel and Leisure is sponsoring a trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds at County Stadium, Friday, May 1. Sign-up at Campus Activities by Friday, April 24. Cost is \$15 with ID and \$20 without.

VIOLENT FEMMES

The Violent Femmes tour is scheduled to stop at UW-SP on Thursday, April 16.

Tickets went on sale Monday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the University Center Information Desk and the Arts and Athletic Box Office or by calling (800) 838-3378.

MEETING

An orientation meeting is scheduled for all students planning on student teaching or interning for the Fall 1998 semester. Attendance at one of the following meetings in Room 116 of the College of Professional Studies is mandatory: Thursday, May 14, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Friday, May 15, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested students must bring a copy of *The Handbook for Student Teaching* to the meeting. If unable to attend report to Room 112 CPS to schedule a meeting with the director.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Stevens Point Rotary Foundation, Inc. scholarship applications are available in the Alumni Relations Office, 208 Old Main.

Applicants must be residents of Portage County. Criteria for the \$1,000 scholarship include financial need, community involvement and rank in class.

Application deadline is April 17. If you have any questions, call 346-3811.

Eating disorders increasing on campus

Learn the warning signs to these growing disorders

By Lisa Rothe
FEATURES REPORTER

It's that time of year again when the sun is shining, and the summer clothes we sadly packed away last season are begging to be pulled from the depths of our dresser drawers.

Summer is upon us and many students are looking to shed more than their winter wardrobe.

Instead of imagining warm sunny days on the beach, the travesty of fitting into a bathing suit is remembered and abhorred.

The Eating Disorder Recovery (EDR) Online found 10-15 percent of Americans suffer from some serious type of eating disorder such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and compulsive overeating.

"Anorexia Nervosa is characterized primarily by self-starvation and excessive weight loss," defines EDR Online.

"Bulimia nervosa is characterized primarily by a secretive cycle of binge eating followed by purging, vomiting, and using laxatives, diuretics, or compulsive exercise. Compulsive overeating is characterized primarily by periods of impulsive gorging or continuous eating-binging without any purging behavior."

Colleen Thompson, contributor to Eating Disorders Shared Awareness (EDSA) writes, "It's not surprising that eating disorders are on the increase because of the value society places on being thin."

"In North America, women are given the message at a very young age that in order to be happy and successful, they must be thin."

Jodie Pfiffner, senior lecturer

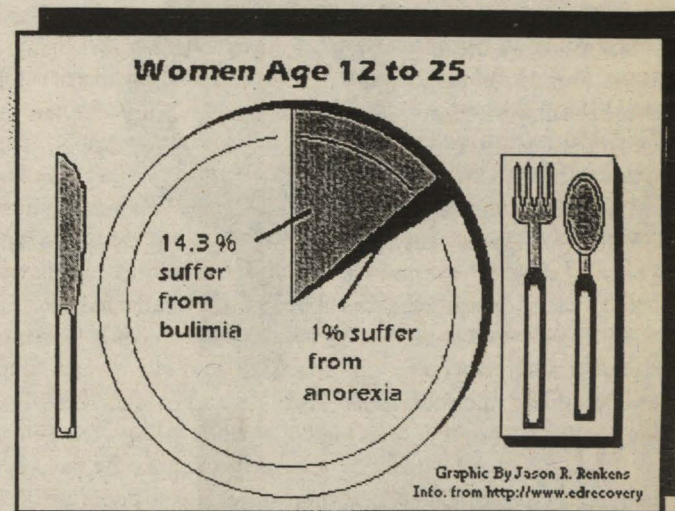
at UW-Stevens Point and a registered dietician is adamant that there is definitely a problem on campus.

"I teach basic nutrition classes. In every class, I ask how many of (students) know other people that have an eating disorder."

the better the chances are for recovery," states Pfiffner.

Counseling is available at the Rice Clinic Medical Center in Stevens Point.

Dr. Dougherty, at the Counseling Center in Delzell Hall third floor, is also available to students.



der. Two-thirds of the class raise their hands."

It's unfair and nearly impossible to compile a stereotypical profile of a person tortured by an eating disorder.

However, esteemed health professionals have developed a list of tell tale warning signs surrounding the three serious disorders.

The Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Association, ANBA, found that an infatuation with "feeling fat when [their] weight is normal or even low and a need for perfection and control is inherent in those who suffer from an eating disorder."

"Victims are plagued with a fear of eating in front of other people and they are extremely concerned about their appearance."

"It's so important that they get help. The sooner you get help

Warning Signs

Anorexia Nervosa

- noticeable weight loss
- becoming withdrawn
- always being cold
- obsession with food
- cooking for others, but not for themselves

Bulimia Nervosa

- noticeable weight loss
- bathroom visits after eating
- vomiting
- laxative, diet pill abuse
- fatigue
- tooth decay

"There are a number of other symptoms and they may vary from person to person"

Contest winner celebrates Easter early

Winning a Weber Smokey Joe grill is no easy feat, especially when you need to guess how many jelly beans are in a glass jar.

Junior business major, Brenda Kubik, was the lucky winner of the "Guess the number of Jelly Beans in the Jar" contest sponsored by the University Bookstore.

Kubik's guess of 3074 fell just one bean short of the 3075 beans actually in the jar.

"I was surprised I was off by one (bean)," she said.

Kubik was unsure of the motives for choosing the number 3074, but didn't want to end with a number like five or zero.

"That would be too easy," she added.

Kubik plans on getting a lot of use from her new grill.

"I have five roommates who love to grill out. I'm sure we'll use it at my house here and again next year."



Brenda Kubik poses with her new prizes, a Weber Smokey Joe grill and 3074 jelly beans. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Red Cross gives assistance

By Tara Zawlocki
FEATURES EDITOR

DID YOU KNOW?

This year in Portage County the Red Cross has:

- instructed 1,695 people in CPR techniques.
- taken 905 pints of blood.
- helped 13 people with emergency assistance.
- performed 10 Armed Forces emergency service messages.

community members.

The Red Cross offers classes through UW-Stevens Point including classes in CPR, first-aid and swimming. All classes are available for college credit.

The American Red Cross is always looking for volunteers. An informational booth will be in the University Center on April 21, 22 and 23 to give additional information.

Most likely when you think of the Red Cross, you think of blood drives and other blood related things. While the American Red Cross probably is well known for collecting blood, they serve us in ways we aren't as familiar with.

The Red Cross of Portage County has brought HIV/AIDS education into the community and the schools.

Health and Safety classes in CPR, First-Aid and babysitting have been added to the Red Cross' programs as a result of a demand from

Another timeless debate: which is better, boxers or briefs?

By Tara Zawlocki
FEATURES EDITOR

Which is better, boxers or briefs? This is an interesting topic, really. I'm going to go out on a stretch and say that "boxer-briefs" are better.

Think about it guys, boxer-briefs are all the rage right now. They are in, they're cool and trendy.

Not that those are the only reasons you should run out to the nearest clothing store and snatch up a pack of three.

I'm sure you can find the best deal from the nearest Shopko or Wal-Mart. And if you want to pay the big bucks, Calvin Klein knows all about underwear. Advertisements are everywhere for the "new" boxer-briefs.

Boxer-briefs allow you to go the "middle-of-the-road." You don't really have to decide if you are a boxer or brief kind of guy.

I really can't say which style is more comfortable for obvious reasons. But, I can talk about how the different styles look.

Boxers do have a nice look to them, obviously they are similar to shorts and you can walk around in some locations not feeling like you are revealing too much.

Another nice thing about boxers is that there are variety of colors and patterns. So if you want to go all out, you could match your clothes to your boxers.

Briefs are another story. While I've heard they are comfortable they just aren't fashionable anymore. I'm thinking of

the "classic tighty whities," I guess. I have noticed the classic briefs are trying to make a comeback though.

Back to the boxer-briefs. These shorts may not be able to be worn alone like their friend the boxer, but they sure look good on well defined legs.

Even if your legs aren't rock hard, don't worry about it, they will only enhance the size of your thighs. Which, I might add, looks pretty cool.

I've heard the reason some guys like briefs is because of the support they give, but you should try boxer-briefs. I can't imagine that they would be that much different from briefs. I'm sure they still offer the same support as the original briefs because they are so similar in style.

While boxers act as shorts, they don't give much support, at least that is what I'm told. Boxer-briefs can act as shorts while still giving you that added support throughout the day.

Boxer-briefs are becoming more popular and are offered in different colors. I imagine when their popularity really takes off, some ingenious company will start to put some kind of pattern or print on them. I'm sure they wouldn't want to leave you guys, who love prints so much, out of the underwear loop.

If you really hate boxers and you can't bring yourself to wear briefs, try something new and maybe a little different.

Boxer-briefs are the way to go, they act as shorts, give you the support you need and are stylish all in one.

By Jason R. Renkens
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

This week's debate, not totally off last week's topic, revolves around male underwear. Men have the choice of briefs, boxers and the under garment phenom relatively new to the market, boxer-briefs.

I could immediately answer that boxers are the best without even thinking because they are near and dear to my heart, and another certain unmentionable organ for that matter. I am a boxer guy and very proud of it.

Why exactly am I a boxer guy would be a much more relevant question. Also, why exactly aren't I a briefs or boxer-briefs guy.

Well, boxers are by far the most comfortable of the three. Both briefs and their boxer mocking counterpart restrict the male figure in a way that is very uncomfortable.

A good pair of briefs can definitely come in handy when indulging in physical activities that would act as a catalyst to certain extremities experiencing more than their fair share of abuse.

Boxers under these circumstances prove virtually useless and can actually make the problem worse if any snags come up.

The freedom that boxers provide under "normal" circumstances is a definite attribute that both the brief and the boxer-brief lack.

All men may be created equal in terms of such intangibles as individual rights and value to society, but the exact opposite holds true when it comes to the human figure.

Despite both briefs and boxer-briefs containing at least some degree of cotton, flexibility and malleability are things to be desired.

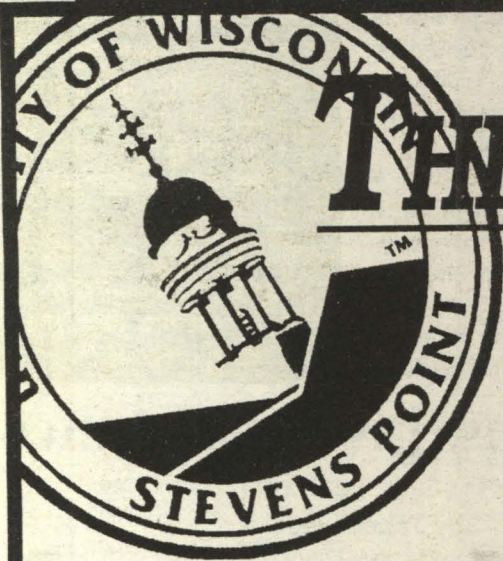
These two types of underwear are made to be snug, but to whom. The sizes are designated according to waist size. That is like judging whether someone is overweight or not based only on their height.

Who are the underwear manufacturers to say who's male physique is the norm and on the other end of the spectrum, who are we to demand that they custom fit every pair of underwear according to our specifications?

The only way to have a truly comfortable fit is to nix the snug idea all together. Boxers are fitted according to waist size as well, but their acceptance of the heterogeneous human form create a pair of underwear snug in the waist but roomy in those areas that need to be: front, back or both.

So although I fully understand and accept that every male differs, I stand by my conviction that boxers stand alone atop a high mountain of dirty laundry.

If you've never been officially weaned off of briefs since your mom started dressing you in them or you've made it to the mutated-brief-gone-bad, spring for a nice pair of boxers.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK

Campus Act./Stu. Involvement, RHA & SGA WORLD

RECORD SWIM on 4/24-25 (SIGN UP BY APRIL 17th)

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OFFICE-UC

Baseball, St. Scholastica, 12N (H)

Counseling Center: Recognizing Attention Deficit

Disorder, 3:00 PM (Green Rm.-UC)

Softball, Milw. School/Eng., 3PM (T)

UWSP Vocal Jazz Concert, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK

EASTER RECESS BEGINS, 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Baseball, UW-Oshkosh, 1PM (H)

Men's & Women's Outdoor Track, North Central Quad (T)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

EASTER SUNDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CLASSES RESUME

POINTER PERSPECTIVE DAY, 10:00 AM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

Student Composers Recital, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Planetarium Series: SKIES OF SPRING, 8:00 PM

(Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Softball, UW-Whitewater, 3PM (T)

Centertainment Prod.-Issues & Ideas Mini-Course:

BALLROOM DANCING, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Centertainment Prod.-Center Stage Spotlight Series

w/BEN ULMEN, 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM (Encore-UC)

Basement Brewhaus JAZZ QUARTET, 7-10PM

(Basement-UC)

Centertainment Prod.-Centers Cinema Presents: KISS

THE GIRLS, 7PM & THE GAME, 9:15PM (Encore-UC)

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Toms

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If you have a hen decoy, place it in the clearing where it will be visible to both you and any approaching toms.

Hunting as a team, we try to face the "hen" so that its head is facing slightly away from the caller and in a position so that it is between the caller and the shooter. This gives the shooter more leverage on a bird that might "hang up" outside the normal shooting range.

The important thing to remember during the setup process is to be quick, yet quiet. There is only a small amount of time before the birds will depart from their roosts.

This turkey season, don't go out "cold turkey." Instead, try to learn as much about turkeys and their habits as you can. Practice with your calls and become confident in your ability. With this knowledge and a simple, but aggressive approach, you can turn your hunt into a success.

Next week, I will discuss the approach for midday gobblers.

Deer

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rying capacity and can support more deer, but agricultural damage and car-deer collisions must be considered.

"In addition to user groups and tribal interests, the other big one is what is happening in the agricultural field. The tolerance for deer agricultural damage is decreasing," Mytton said.

In order to keep deer numbers at a level that will please wildlife watchers and hunters while not exceeding the land's carrying capacity, the DNR developed deer management units (DMU's).

The state is split into 122 DMU's which have different goal levels. In the past few years, levels in agricultural areas were well above the goal causing the DNR to implement a 'Zone T' season. In these areas, hunters were issued antlerless tags which allowed them to harvest more deer. A special four-day hunt was also scheduled in October to give hunters more opportunities to tag deer.

"Zone T was a result of public pressure to do something about deer. We changed public behavior by getting the recreational landowners to go out there at a time of year they didn't want to be there and it made a huge difference," Mytton said.

So what is the key to successfully keep the deer herd at its goal level? "It's getting more and more complicated because the management tool, the hunter, is losing accessibility (to hunting land). The bottom line in this state is you'd better consider it as a management tool because it's the only one we've got."

Open House

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and described the various uses of the heart using pig hearts as a model.

"I think (the open house) was a beneficial experience for me," said Sunu Cherian, a human physiology lab assistant.

"It helped me to teach people and explain what I do. It was a great experience for my future."

The College of Fine Arts and Communication planned their annual "Festival of the Arts" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to coincide with the open house. The festival included children's art activities in addition to the exhibit and sale of fine art.

Student

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pens for students who completed a student employment survey.

Throughout the week, the Student Employment Office staff randomly called student employees every hour and gave away prizes donated by community businesses.

Names of students nominated for Student Employee of the Year award were posted on Tuesday, April 7 and employers nominated as Student Employer of the Year will be posted at the booth on Thursday, April 9.

National studies indicate that students who work on campus less than 20 hours per week do just as well academically, and in some cases better than their non-working counterparts.

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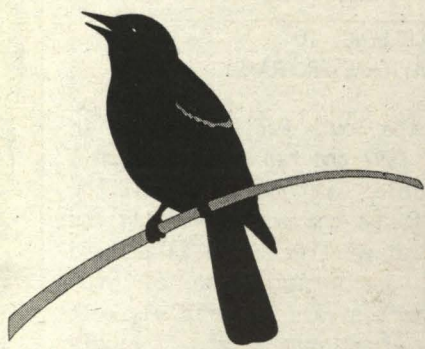
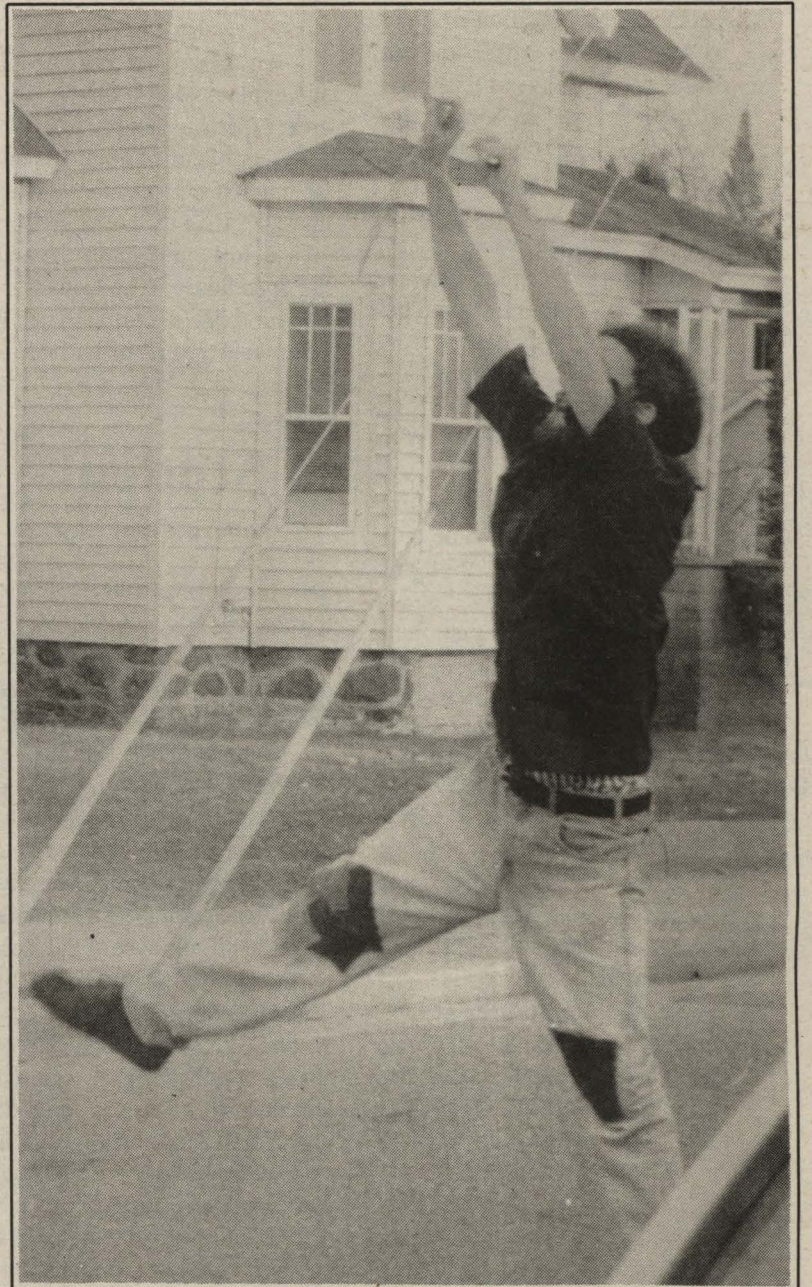
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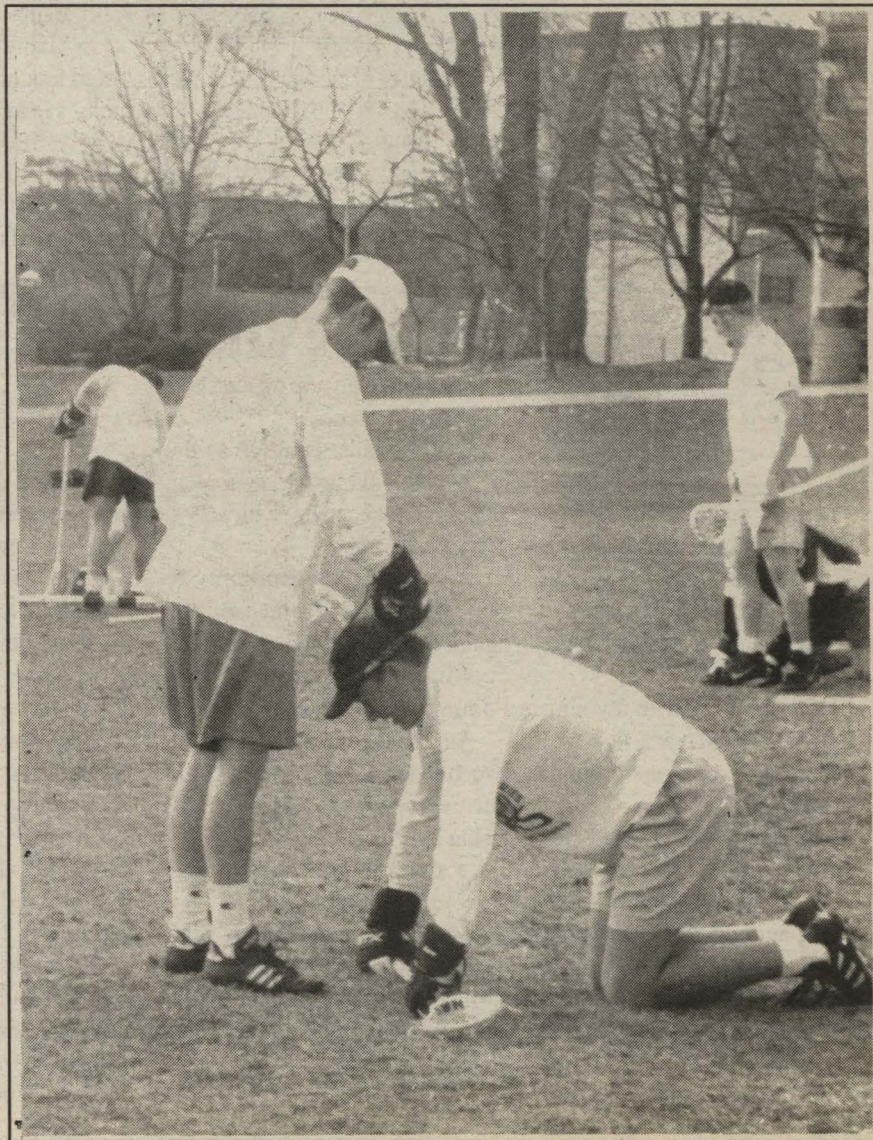
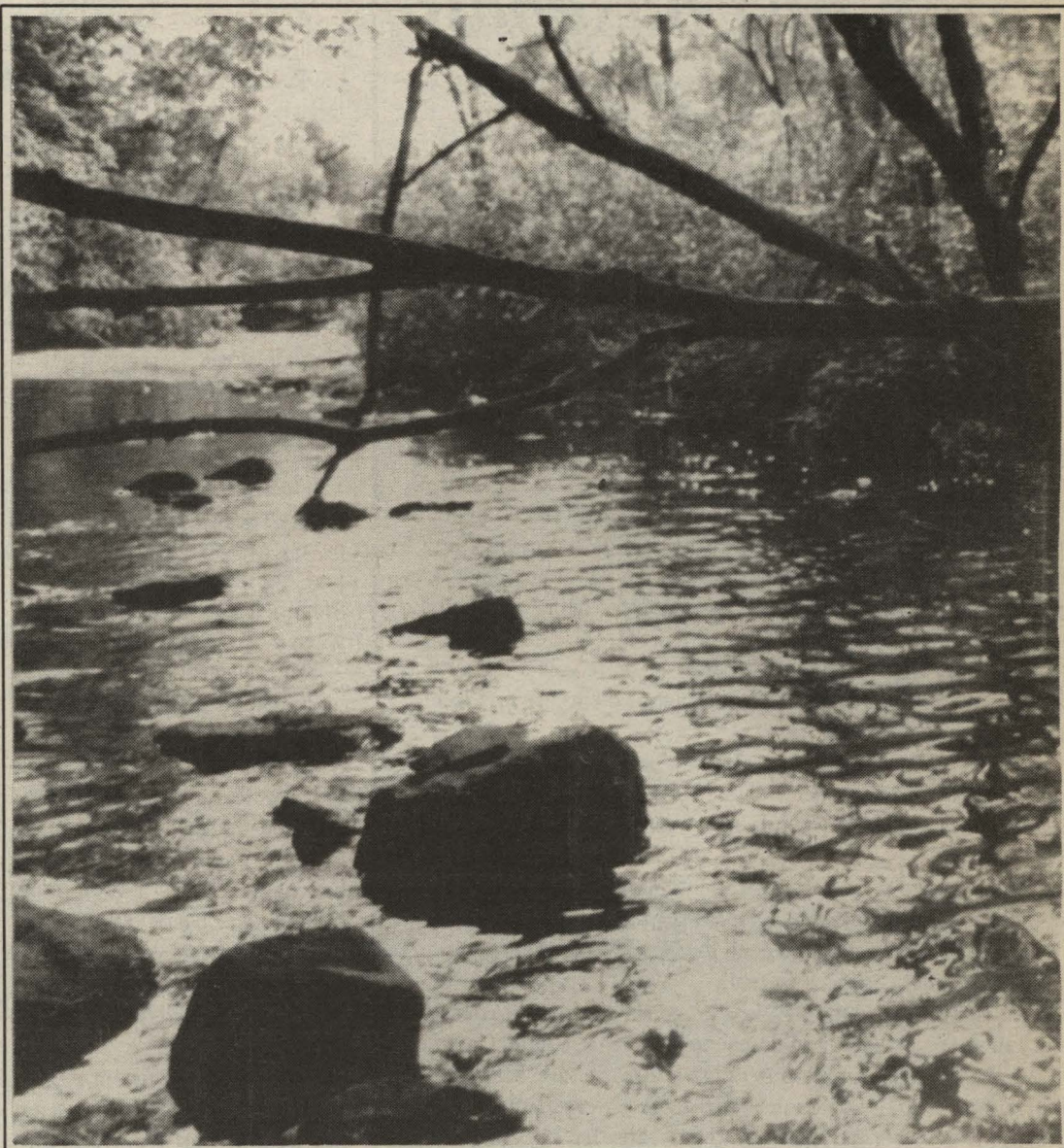
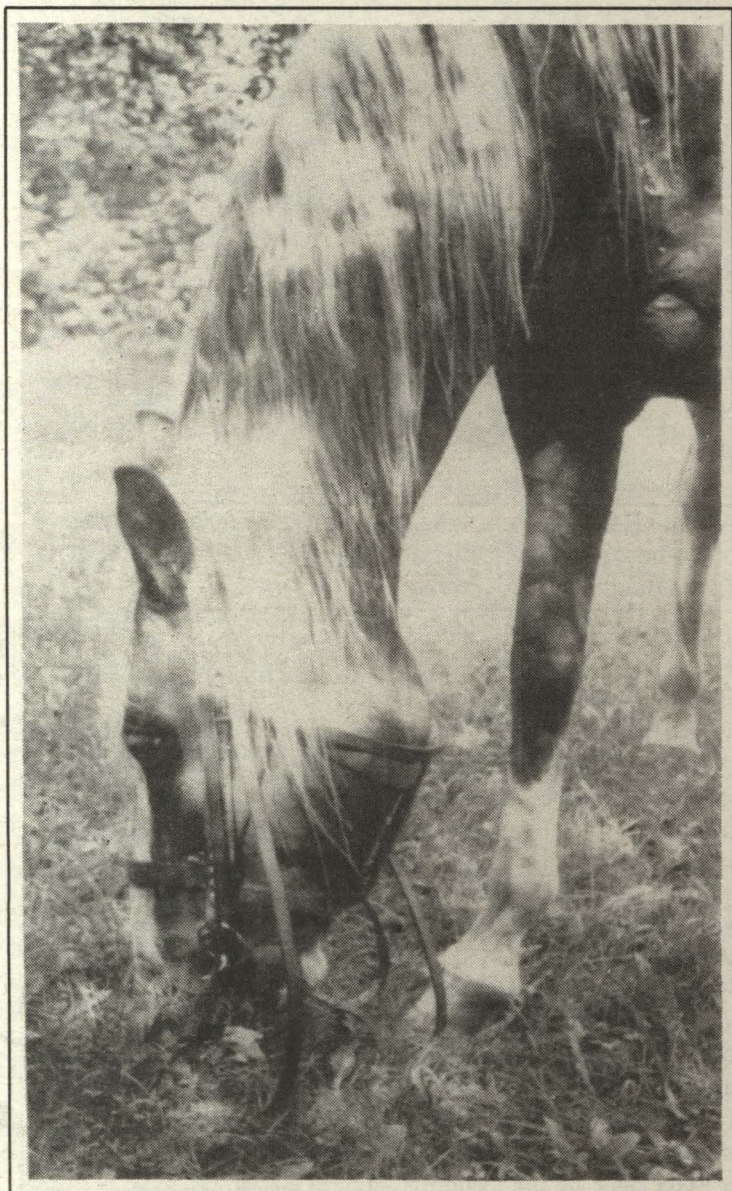
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Opening Day more than just baseball

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to attend the home openers for the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Bucks.

But even though I've been a baseball fan my entire life, making it to Opening Day for the Milwaukee Brewers has eluded me for 20 years. Whether it was because my dad had to work or school or whatever, I've never made it to Milwaukee County Stadium for the big day.

That all changed Tuesday when a few friends and I made the trek to Brew Town to see the Crew in the 1998 home opener. The circumstances were perfect: the Brewers' first game in the National League and just one class to skip.

To take full advantage of the pregame festivities outside the ballpark, we took off extremely early, 6:30 to be exact. When we arrived at the stadium, it appeared like it would for any other Brewers' game: lots of brats and beverages were being consumed by tailgaters.

But once we started walking around, there was a certain buzz among the baseball fans and, even better, plenty of free food for college students to feast on.

Even *The Pointless* archival, *The Onion*, was there with a tent offering free food and entertainment. Besides them, almost every radio station in the Milwaukee area was there with live broadcasts and giveaways.

After we had all the brats, subs and barbecued fried chicken we could handle, it was time to enter the game.

Throughout my life I've been to countless Brewers games, but this one would be much different.

It's not everyday the All-time home run king Hank Aaron is at the game, as well as National League president Leonard Coleman.

And due to the numerous tailgating festivities, it seemed the majority of the 51,000 people in the stadium were a little more ram-bunctious than normal. Brewers rightfielder Jeromy Burnitz even commented that he'd look back in the outfield bleachers to watch fights between innings.

Sure, the Brewers won the game over the Montreal Expos 6-4 thanks to a three-run home run by Burnitz and a solo shot by Jose Valentin. With the victory, Milwaukee even moved into first place in the NL Central by a half-game over the Chicago Cubs.

But the experience of my first Opening Day, unlike the trips to Packers and Bucks openers, was not what happened on the field. Instead, my memories will be the surroundings of the game that signifies the start of spring.

Rugby 1-2 at Platteville

By Joe Mrozinski
SPORTS REPORTER

Traveling to Platteville for the third annual Mudfest tournament, the UW-Stevens Point rugby club hoped to fare well against the other collegiate teams from the state.

Mainly playing with a young and inexperienced team, Point realized it would face an uphill climb to earn a trophy.

In the first game against UW-Platteville, Point gave up three quick tries and fell behind 17-0. Tackling and general knowledge of the game proved to be the downfall as UW-P broke tackle after tackle.

As the game wore on, Point settled down and played good

ball, but still came up on the short end of a 22-5 score.

UW-Parkside came in as the next opponent but was no match, as Point walked away with a 29-0 victory.

Point had the opportunity to play in the third place match against UW-Whitewater, but the opening minutes proved that Point was overmatched.

Again, lousy tackling led to two quick tries and Point could not overcome the early deficit, losing 29-0.

St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Georgia

The Point men's rugby club traveled to Savannah, Ga. over spring break to compete in the 20th annual St. Patrick's Day Tour-

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Softball continues domination

Sweeps of Platteville, Ripon run win streak to 16

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Buoyed by strong pitching and excellent defense, the UW-Stevens Point fastpitch softball team is on a roll.

After coming home from a Spring Break trip to Hawaii, where the Pointers finished 6-7 against Division II competition, UW-SP has dominated its game back home in Wisconsin.

And following doubleheader sweeps against Ripon College Monday and UW-Platteville in the WIAC opener Tuesday, the Pointers are in the midst of a 16 game winning streak.

"This club knows what it takes and is executing," UW-SP fastpitch softball coach Dean Shuda said. "We're doing a lot of things right, but by no means have we peaked yet."

"That's an encouraging thought for a coach, especially when you've won 16 in a row."

The recent run can be attributed to stellar pitching and strong defense, and combined with a potent lineup, UW-SP has been unbeatable.

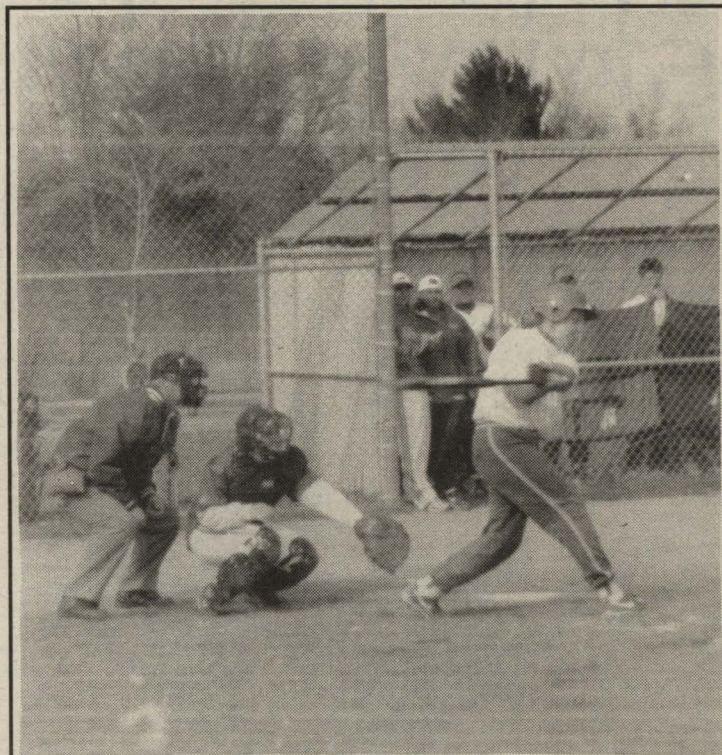
"The pitchers have been making good pitches and the defense has been great," Shuda said. "This is the best fielding team we've had in five years."

"When you have those two things working together, you're tough to beat."

On Tuesday against UW-Platteville, the Pointers used strong outings from starting pitchers Becky Prochaska and Kelly Blaha to improve to 22-7.

In Game One, Prochaska allowed four hits and one run in four innings in a 6-3 victory.

UW-SP jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second inning, highlighted by a Kelly Rutta two-run double, and never looked back.



Another Ripon College batter goes down swinging against one of the best pitchers in the conference, Kelly Blaha. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

Senior catcher Dena Zajdel's two-run homer to right field in the fourth inning put the Pioneers in a hole too deep to dig out of.

Then in Game Two, Blaha continued her dominance, one-hitting the Pioneers for her ninth win of the season. Blaha, a senior transfer from Division I UW-Green Bay, nearly picked up her second no-hitter in four days.

Blaha, a Stevens Point native from Pacelli High School, carried the no-no through five innings before Jodi Nelson's RBI double in the sixth gave the Pioneers their lone hit.

Rutta came up big again for UW-SP, knocking in a pair of runs in the fourth with a 2-run single in the 6-2 win. Zajdel also picked up three hits in four at-bats for the Pointers.

The story was the same in a Monday twinbill against Ripon

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Blaha fires no-hitter

UW-Stevens Point senior pitcher Kelly Blaha put her name in the school record books Saturday at the UW-Stout Tournament.

The transfer from UW-Green Bay puzzled the St. Scholastica hitters, throwing a five inning no-hitter.

Blaha's no-hitter was the first since Coach Dean Shuda's arrival at UW-SP five years ago and was the first of her college career. She threw a pair of no-hitters while at Pacelli High School.

"I was hitting my spots, my balls were moving and everything was working," Blaha said.

"She just overpowered them," Shuda said.

Baseball bullies Lakeland, Edgewood

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a rough 2-5 start to the season, the Pointer baseball team has gotten into a groove.

Since returning to the Badger state from Florida, UW-Stevens Point has won each of their four games, in addition to the final four games of the trip.

The Pointers have ridden impressive pitching performances and clutch hitting en route to their eight game win streak.

Edgewood College was twice UW-SP's victim in the Pointers' home opening doubleheader Saturday afternoon by scores of 6-2 and 6-1.

In the opener, redshirt freshman Josh Zak struggled in his three innings of work, surrendering four hits and four walks, as Edgewood jumped out to the early 2-0 lead after two.

Point was able to jump back in the third inning as they took advantage of three Edgewood errors to score three times and capture a lead they would never relinquish.

Scott Mueller led off the fifth with a solo home

run that struck a red minivan parked beyond the leftfield fence, increasing the UW-SP lead to 4-2. A two-run shot by Chris Berndt in the sixth wrapped up the game's scoring.

Zak picked up the win to even his record at 1-1. Mueller, Thom Steger and Jason Rockvam collected two hits each.

In the nightcap, the Pointers scored three runs in the opening inning and didn't look back.

The Eagles cut into the Point lead with an unearned run in the top of the fifth, but the hosts responded with three in the bottom half to put the game away.

Sophomore Justin Duerkop earned the win for the Pointers as he combined with Adam Adamovich on the two-hitter. Duerkop also picked up eight strikeouts in his five innings of work.

Brian Nelson, Ryan Krcmar, Mike Terch and Mueller led UW-SP with two hits apiece.

On Tuesday the, Pointers traveled to Lakeland College and rang up another sweep, 11-8 and 7-0.

It was "The Sam Molski Show" in the opener as

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Pointer Profile

Nichol is more than just a hockey player

By Rob Whitmire
SPORTS REPORTER

Many observers to the UW-Stevens Point hockey team realize senior defenseman Wil Nichol is one of the best in the conference.

But while Wil's passion on the ice is to make the opposition as miserable as possible, his passion off the ice is working with kids.

The main beneficiary of this passion has been Kyle Koback, a third grader at McDill Elementary School.

"I met Kyle my freshman year," Nichol said. "He must have been five or six years old. He'd hang around after practices and always told me I was his favorite player, so I'd sit and talk to him.

"His mom, dad, brother and sister invited me over for supper one night, I accepted and after that we started hanging out.

"I always wanted to do the Big Brothers/Big Sisters, but I didn't know if I had the time with the season and all. I try to see Kyle every couple of weeks at least, so I do it unofficially I guess."

Koback said while the pair are together, they do various things.

"We play Sega, get ice cream and Wil introduces me to all the college girls he knows," Koback said.

"He plays hockey and baseball, we've been to SPASH hockey games and Wil has come to a couple of my practices and skated with us and a couple of my games," he continued.

"Last year Wil came to visit at Mrs. Evans' class at McDill school. She made him sit in the

bathtub and read to us," Koback recalls.

"It's fun to have him come to McDill to visit and spend time with us."

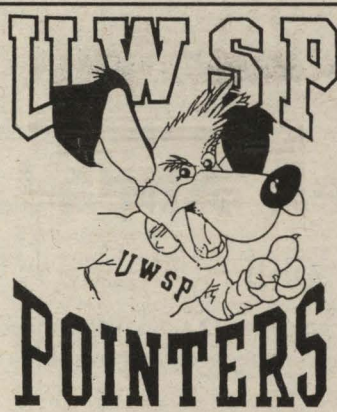
Evans finds Nichol's stops at the school beneficial for Kyle and the entire class.

"Wil Nichol and Kyle have developed quite a bond that began with their common interest in hockey," Evans said.

"He made frequent visits to my classroom and talked with the class about hockey and the importance of doing well in school.

"On the ice he may be a no nonsense defenseman, but in the primary classroom he was warm and caring and I found his visits to be special for everyone."

Nichol also takes time to read to a second grade class at Jefferson Elementary School each week and works with kids at the



Lincoln Hills school near Tomahawk.

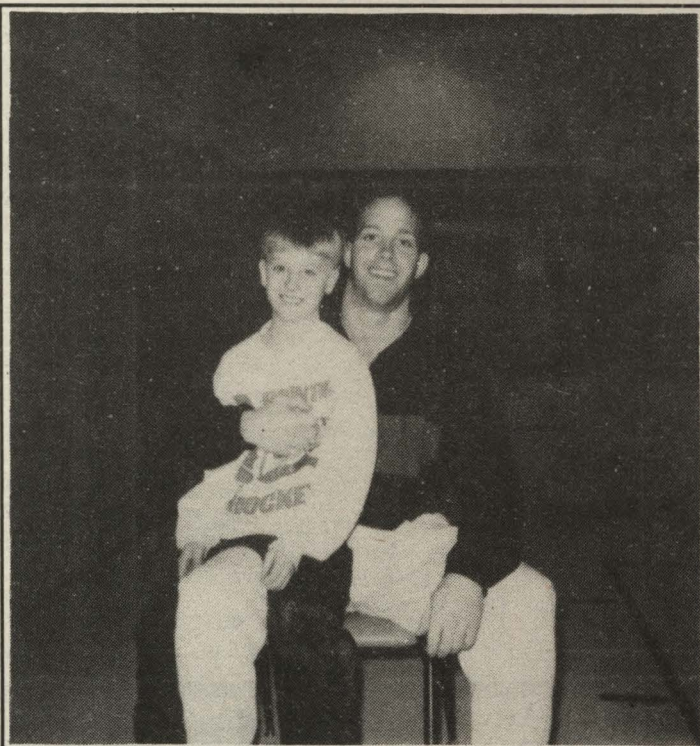
The senior English major said as a kid himself, he hung around the UW-Madison hockey team.

"The reason I like to do this is because when I was seven or eight years old, growing up in Madison, the Badger hockey players spent lots of time with the kids.

"Number 10, John Newberry, was the one who spent a lot of time with me and that is the reason I wear number 10."

"That's why I wear number 10 also, to take after Wil," Koback piped in.

Wil Nichol, a special hockey player on the ice, a special human being off the ice.



UW-SP senior Wil Nichol and his friend Kyle Koback, a third grader at McDill Elementary School. (Photo by Rob Whitmire)

UW-SP track teams hit the outdoors

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track teams made their debuts outside last Saturday at the Luther College Norse Relays.

And if the results have anything to say about it, both Pointer squads look to be in good shape for the outdoor portion of their seasons.

The men's team breezed to top honors, outdistancing the rest of the five team field to score 186½ points. Augustana finished second with 127, while Wartburg (101), Luther (83) and Coe (76) rounded out the field.

On the women's side, UW-SP was a single point short of a second place finish, taking third with 153 points. Wartburg took runner-up honors with 154, while Luther kept the first place trophy at home with 175 points.

Both teams were competing after a three week layoff between the indoor and outdoor seasons, which was even longer for athletes who didn't compete at Nationals.

"You could tell we were a little bit rusty," UW-SP men's track and field coach Rick Witt said. "The

performance was not quite as good as we had hoped. But I trained them pretty hard the last two weeks and they were tired-legged.

"We were able to win the meet quite easily, which I am quite pleased with. It's a good way to start outside."

The men's team was helped by a quintet of first place individual finishes: Mike Hamilton in the long jump (21-feet-0-inches), Matt Hayes in the 3,000 meter steeplechase (9:30.63), the 4x1,600 relay (17:51.8), the 4x100 relay (:42.55), and the 1,600 medley relay (3:28.10).

The Pointers also captured six second place finishes from Kevin Springer in the shot put (47-5¼), William Porter in the long jump (21-8¾), Brian Buege in the triple jump (44-6¾), Mike Mead in the high jump (6-7¼), Jason Kelly in the 110 high hurdles (:15.29) and the 4x400 relay (3:17.24).

The UW-SP women brought home five first place finishes as well: Sara Groshek in the javelin (135-11), Christina Bergman in the discus (135-5), Missy Heiman in the triple jump (34-2¼), Amanda Schmidt in the high jump (5-1) and Kate Eiring in the pole vault (9-0).

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Quote of the Week

“OK, you can sing like Harry. Now let's hear you say Grudzielanek backwards.”

-Chicago Tribune sportswriter Joe Knowles on Harry Caray's wife Dutchie singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" on Opening Day for the Cubs. Mark Grudzielanek is a second baseman for the Montreal Expos and is also a Wisconsin native.

-Chicago Tribune

All-Conference honors

Men's basketball

First-Team All-WIAC: Dan Denniston

Women's basketball

First-Team All-WIAC: Christina Bergman, Jessica Ott

WIAC All-Defensive team: Christina Bergman

Scholar athlete: Christina Bergman

Hockey

First-Team All-NCHA: Bobby Gorman, Forrest Gore, Ben Gorewich

All-Academic team: Wil Nichol

Men's swimming and diving

First-Team All-WIAC: Randy Boelk, Jeremy Francioli, John Stevens, Nick Hansen, Tim Benjamin, Jon Tereby.

Women's swimming and diving

First-Team All-WIAC: Becca Uphoff

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First-Team All-WIAC: Ross Buchinger, Perry Miller

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Rugby

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nament. Drawing 85 teams and over 5,000 people makes this tournament one of the largest in the nation.

Starting play Saturday morning, Point quickly showed they had a team that could do some damage in the tourney.

Playing an overmatched Appalachian State team, Point rolled to a 29-0 victory.

In the next match, Point faced a tough task taking on the #22 team in the nation, Georgia Southern.

After a close first half in which Point trailed 10-0, Georgia Southern took control and won going away 22-0.

With a 1-1 record, Point made the Collegiate third place match against Mary Washington.

Taking control in the first half, Point jumped to a 21-0 lead. But in the second half, Mary Washington stormed back and knotted the score at 21-21.

With less than five minutes remaining, Point flanker Matt Bittner gave Point a 28-21 victory.

Bittner's scoring try, which gave Point the third place trophy, came after he knocked the ball out of the opposing scrumhalf's hands and picked it up to score the winning points.

Track

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Earning second place medals for the Pointers were Groshek in the hammer throw, Heiman in the long jump (16-11¼) and Angie Micucci in the triple jump (33-7¼).

"All around, we had a very good performance," UW-SP women's track and field coach Len Hill said.

"We did an outstanding job in the field events. We're a much older team there. There's not a lot of seniors on the team, but the ones we have are in the field events.

"We performed well on the track also. We did a very good job in the relays.

"I think we were hungry to compete. It's been a month since the last meet for many of them."

Both Pointer teams hit the road again this weekend, traveling to the North Central College Invitational in Iowa.

Why

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There are other reasons too. Fishing provides the perfect setting and a good excuse to admire the appearance and disappearance of the sun.

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Why do I fish? I guess I have a lifetime to think about it.

Chequamegon

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Chequamegon promises numerous opportunities, but it's what's hiding underneath pine boughs, in the lakes and streams and singing from the tree tops that draws nature enthusiasts from all over Wisconsin. Holdsambeck is particularly excited about the growing wolf population. "The wolf typifies national forests.

"In Chequamegon the wolf population is growing because of its undeveloped character."

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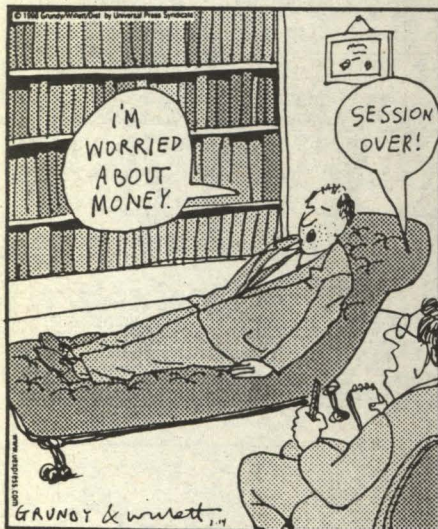
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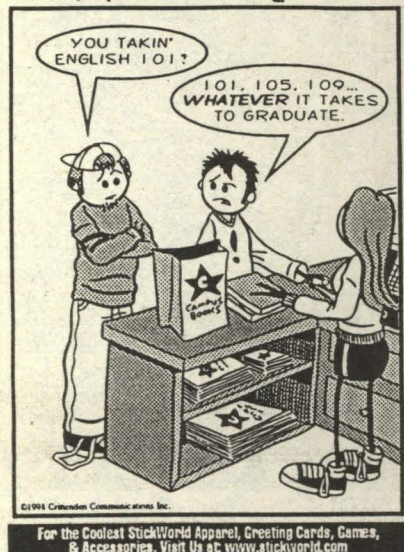
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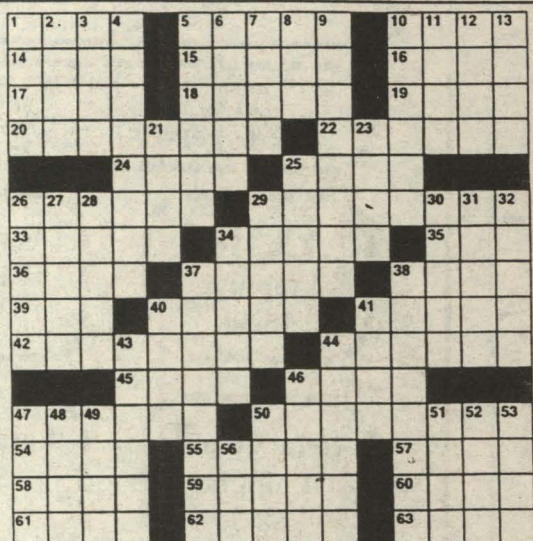
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Various Artists
"The End of Violence" Motion Picture Soundtrack

By Kyle Geltmeyer
MUSIC CRITIC

"The End of Violence" is a movie out in theatres right now. I wish that I had the opportunity to see the movie before writing the review. However, I am so into the soundtrack that I have to do it this week.

The movie is a Wim Wenders creation. He wrote and directed the movie, as well as serving as an executive producer and the executive music producer. Wenders is a German director internationally renowned for such movies as "Wings of Desire," "Faraway, So Close," "Until the End of the World," and "Paris Texas."

From Jeff Shannon, Cinemania OnLine, I discovered that the movie is not a violent film, but a film about violence and its causes. Hollywood stars include Bill Pull-

man (Serpent and the Rainbow), Andie McDowell (Four Weddings and a Funeral) and Gabriel Byrne (Usual Suspects).

The soundtrack is a blend of prominent and obscure representing a wide variety of musical tastes and influences explored. Excerpts of dialogue from the movie are woven in between the songs, tying them to the movie.

The CD's first song, "Define Violence" by Ry Cooder is a mystical instrumental. The dialogue that follows strengthens it. The next song, my favorite, "Every Time I Try," by Spanish, is an excellent love song with stringed instruments. It may be too sappy for most! Makes me think!

"Untitled Heavy Beat" by DJ Shadow is another instrumental with a rave-style backbeat, emphasizing upright bass and drums. "I'm Not Your Baby," by U2 and Sinead O'Connor, has already re-

ceived airplay and should be a bona fide popular hit. Tom Waits' "Little Drop of Poison" is a very dark song, sung only like he can. Medeski, Martin and Wood do a great jazzy little ditty called "Disrobe."

"Injured Bird," my second favorite song, by Michael Stipe on R.E.M. and Vic Chesnutt (Sweeter Relief). The two exchange lead vocals and create a beautiful balanced harmony. Chesnutt's voice reminds me of Cat Stevens'. Two excellent Latino songs on the soundtrack, "Bailare (El Mercumbe)" by Raul Malo and "Me Estas Matando" by Los Lobos add some spice.

"Mr. Wobble" by the Latin Playboys is a raver's dream. Although rave music is not really my thing, I love this song. "Theme for a Trucker," by my new band of

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The End

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fancy, Whiskeytown, as the name suggests, is a lonely ballad. Intense dialogue from Andie McDowell wraps the song up. A gem by Roy Orbison, "You May Feel Me Crying" gains richness from haunting vocals and orchestral background music.

"Bad News" by new band Eels is very timely and college radio friendly. "Don't Even Know She's Got One" by Howie B. is techno-sounding with a lovely flute resonating in the background. The CD is united by the ending dialogue, "In A Heartbeat," which led me to believe that the CD is meant to be listened to in loop format so as to learn something extra from each listen.

I intend to see this film as soon as I can. Other suggested

soundtracks are "Dead Man Walking" and "Until the End of the World." Both also use various artists. I would also recommend viewing other films by Wim Wenders. Anyone interested, check out web pages on the Internet, request songs on 90 FM, see the movie, and buy this soundtrack. The End of Violence... nice thought, huh?

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College, where the Pointers brought out the brooms with 3-0 and 8-2 victories.

Blaha again cruised in Game One, shutting out Ripon while allowing two hits and striking out 13.

Charity Czappa led the Pointers with 2 RBI's and two hits and Zajdel added a pair of base-knocks too.

In Game Two, it was Jamie Lowney's turn to dominate on the mound, no-hitting Ripon through four innings.

Rutta paced the Pointer offense with two RBI's and two runs scored. The freshman from Pacelli High School finished 3-3 at the plate.

Baseball

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the redshirt freshman and Stevens Point native had four hits in four appearances including two home runs and five RBI.

Point raced to a 10-3 lead with three in the top of the sixth before Lakeland fought back with five in the bottom half to make it 10-8.

The Pointers were able to add an insurance run in the top of the seventh and hold on for the win.

Chris Simonson raised his record to 3-1 on the season with the mound victory.

In the second game Jesse Ray, Tony Austreng and Troy Bielmeier combined on the five-hit shutout.

Single runs in the first, second and seventh innings and two in the third and sixth accounted for the Pointer scoring.

Nelson led the UW-SP charge with his third home run of the season.

Ray gave up just three hits in his five scoreless innings to get the win.

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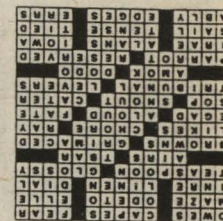
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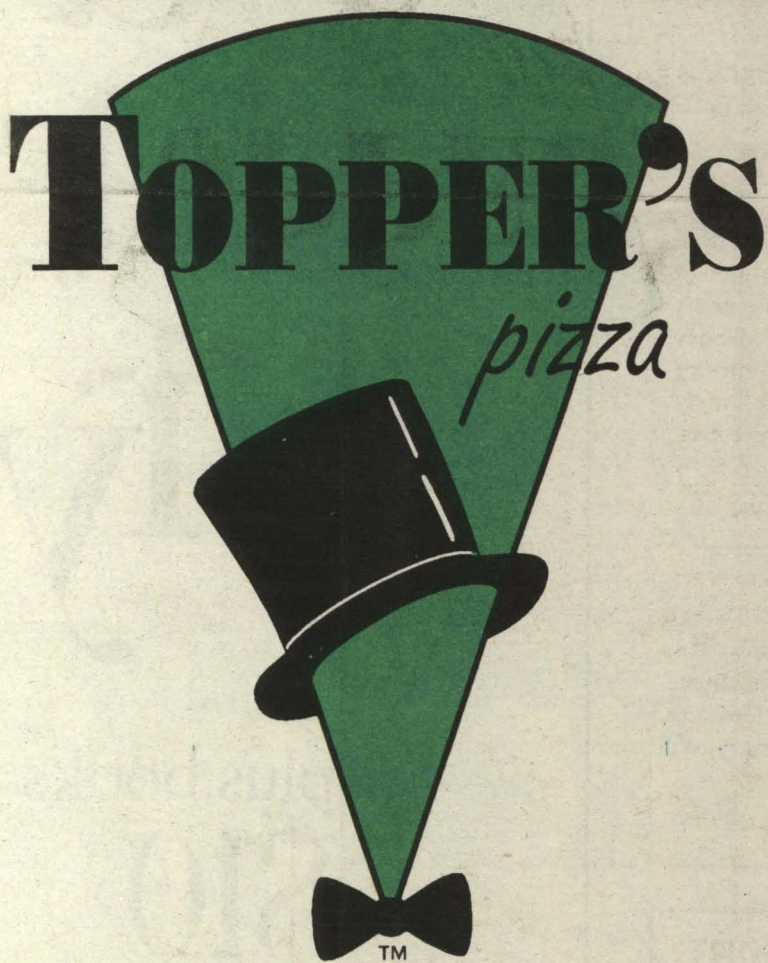
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