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Spring Break '98:

Athletes, trekkers, builders
bring the spirit of Stevens
Point across the nation

Pointers one goal from history

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The road there was anything but easy and the ultimate goal wasn't achieved, but the Pointer hockey team beat the odds nonetheless. After a long, treacher-

ous journey both on and off the ice, UW-Stevens Point fell one goal short of the school's fifth national championship.

Middlebury College of Vermont captured an unprecedented fourth consecutive Division III title by outlasting the Pointers 2-1

in the championship game Saturday in Plattsburgh, NY.

"You get in that final game and anything can happen," Pointer head coach Joe Baldarotta said.

"I thought we did a tremendous job. We felt we were ready to go against a lot of adversity."

That adversity included a wild trip both to and from Plattsburgh by land, air, and sea, delays due to inclement weather, and team members traveling at separate times.

Point was also forced to take on host Plattsburgh State in the semifinals on Friday.

On Saturday, Middlebury jumped out to the early lead when Filip Jirousek beat Pointer goalie Bobby Gorman at 12:57 of the first period in a four-on-four situation.

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Bobby Gorman readies himself to fend off a Middlebury attack. (Submitted Photo)

No rest for Habitat for Humanity

By Kyle Geltmeyer
NEWS REPORTER

Over spring break, while most students were catching some sun and fun, twenty-four students from the UW-SP chapter of Habitat For Humanity were hard at work in Albany, Georgia.

Arriving on Sunday, the Habitat For Humanity organization helped those in need build houses.

"It was an extraordinary experience," said Lisa Rothe, Habitat for Humanity member. "While most students were on the beaches, we were building homes for people in need."

Americorps helped coordinate the event. A different Americorps member was assigned to show

chapter members how to do the work, and then workers were left on their own.

Working in coordination with students from the University of New Hampshire, UW-SP student workers worked on three separate housing projects.

Albany elementary schools and churches fed and housed the participants.

Despite no monetary award, Albany's mayor expressed his gratitude to the housing project participants by presenting them the key to the city. During the ceremony, workers were treated to a unique and delicious catfish and cheese grits dinner.

"The locals were very hospitable," said Kristen

Streng, head of the UW-SP chapter of Habitat For Humanity.

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UW-SP swimmers make history

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Many athletes do an excellent job of talking about what they want to accomplish. But more often than not, when the crunch time comes, they don't come through.

But this definitely wasn't the case for a quartet on the UW-Stevens Point men's swimming and diving team.

All season long, Jeremy Francioli, John Stevens,

Randy Boelk and Dave Willoughby talked about becoming the first relay team to win a National Championship in UW-SP history.

And last Thursday in St. Louis they made it happen, and did it in record fashion to boot.

The four-man squad became only the third National Champion in school history, capturing the top spot in the 400 yard medley relay.

The team's time of 3:20.65 was good enough to shatter the NCAA Division III record by nearly a second.

In that record-breaking time, what the four had talked about for months was finally reality.

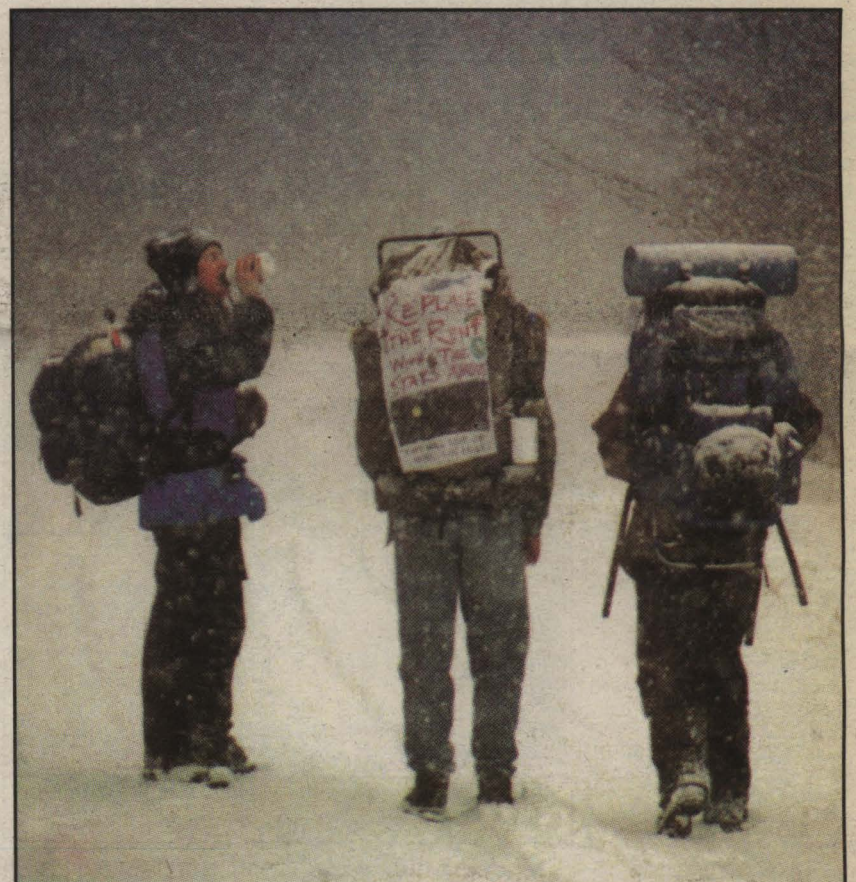
"I can't really begin to describe it," Stevens said. "We've talked about it all year."

"We talked about it a lot and focused together on it," Francioli said. "And we did it."

Francioli started the victorious race with 100 yards of the backstroke. The sophomore from Bra-

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More than just a journey...



Eagle Walkers embarked on the 17th annual 200-mile journey from Stevens Point to Eagle Valley during Spring Break. The journey brought them through various landscapes and unique towns of the Badger State. Along for the trek came blizzards, sleet, rain and sun, but none of the adverse conditions stopped any of the 10 walkers. The walkers raised over \$2,000, a portion which will be doubled by a state grant and then given to the Nature Conservancy. See first-hand story on page 8. (Photo by Kris Wagner)

Boelk wins individual title

UW-Stevens Point men's swimmer Randy Boelk put himself in the school record books Friday, winning the 200-yard backstroke at the NCAA Division III National Championships.

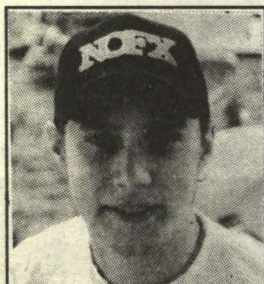
Boelk's time of 1:48.79 was enough to make the freshman only the third individual National Champion in UW-SP history.

"The last 25 yards, I knew I had enough to get in there before anybody," Boelk said.

Photos by Carrie Reuter and Denean Nowakowski

THE POINTER POLL

Do you think that campus food prices are reasonable?



Chris Dietrich
FORESTRY, FRESHMAN

"No, the food prices are too high considering the quality."



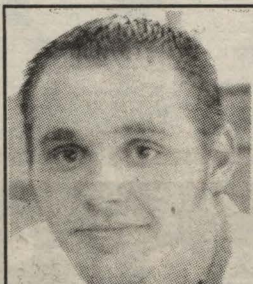
Michael Chicka
BIOLOGY, SOPHOMORE

"We live in America, this is a democracy, why don't we all pull together, join hands, and March on the Whitehouse in Washington D.C. to protest!"



Travis McDowell
BIOLOGY, SOPHOMORE

"Food prices! Let's talk about quality first!"



Stephen Nicker
URB. FORESTRY, SOPHOMORE

"I am a poor college student. I can hardly afford to get up in the morning."

Student leaders lobby U.S. Congress Nationally recognized for postcard campaign

By Matt Mutz
NEWS REPORTER

March 4 marked the end of Student Government Association's (S.G.A.) "Diplomas not Debt!" postcard campaign, which had been running since the start of this semester. The campaign, run by S.G.A. Legislative Issues Director Colleen McArthey, was conducted to educate UW-SP students about current issues affecting the affordability of higher education and urge them to sign postcards to show their concern to legislators.

S.G.A. collected 2,295 signed postcards from Wisconsin Sena-

tors Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, Representative Dave Obey and President Bill Clinton.

attend the United States Student Association's (U.S.S.A.) 29th annual Grassroots Legislative Conference and to deliver the postcards to our representatives. McArthey led the group, which also consisted of Speaker of the Senate Matthew Mutz, and Senator Michael Roth.

At the U.S.S.A. conference the group was educated on issues of concern to students and attended educational workshops covering a variety of student issues. These issues ranged



Student leaders pose outside Dave Obey's office in Washington D.C. (Submitted Photo)

Student government sent three delegates to Washington, D.C. March 6th through the 10th to

from Electronic Organizing to Media Relations and Successful Lobbying.

At a banquet on the final night of the conference, UW-SP student government was recognized by U.S.S.A. for involving more than 25% of the UW-SP population in the postcard campaign.

Before returning to Stevens Point, McArthey, Mutz and Roth hand delivered signed postcards to the offices of Kohl, Feingold and Obey.

They met with student leaders from other UW campuses and together they lobbied Representative Obey about funding for higher education, strengthening the impact of the postcards.

Obey, a long-time supporter of higher education, was receptive to the students' views. However, according to Obey, the current Congressional majority seems to be targeting education for spending cuts.

"We need more allies in Congress," Obey said.

Habitat: Long hours "pay" off

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The future house owners helped pitch in making it more meaningful for themselves and Habitat members. Working hours were typically between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Funding was supplied by SGA and local Albany organizations.

Habitat For Humanity chooses applicants according to need, eligibility and potential ability to repay them for the materials used to build the house. House owners are responsible to repay an interest-free 30-year loan.

The Central Wisconsin and UW-SP chapters are working on a housing project in Stevens Point as part of a nation-wide effort.

Students participating got a little time for rest and relaxation. On Friday, they went to the Okefenokee Swamp and then camped on Jekyll Island off the Atlantic Ocean. Tents weren't necessary as students slept by the campfire underneath the stars.

The UW-SP chapter meets every other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the University Center Mitchell Room. A meeting will take place this Thursday night and those interested are strongly encouraged to attend.

Habitat for Humanity is just one organization like this on campus that seems to be making a difference. Students who have the time and desire, are encouraged find out about campus organizations that appeal to their interests. A big event coming up for any student interested is the Hunger Clean-Up on April 18th.

Freecycle offers free rides Group sponsors community bikes

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Could your daily trek to class be improved by a free bike to speed things up?

That's what a few students from Natural Resources 478 wondered, so they came up with the concept of Freecycle.

"We were concerned about air pollution and the needless driving within our small city," said Lesley Hofstede, a student from the group involved in the project for the Environmental Education, Issues and Investigations class.

Hofstede, along with Matt Kauffman, Liz Vinopal, Diasuke Kawakami, and Nate Harms are in the process of starting a program that allows students to use donated bikes for riding around campus.

"A core element of the class is the student groups choosing a local issue or concern, and envisioning and investigating a possible way to change the issue to better the environment," explained Hofstede.

The program would be similar to the UW-Madison Red Bike program.

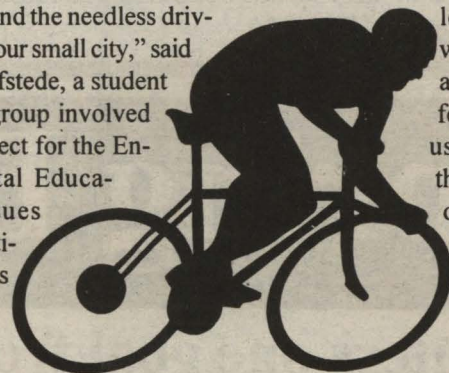
"We're trying to develop a bike program that would remind and encourage people to use more environmentally friendly means of transportation," said Hofstede.

The rules of the Freecycle program would be as follows: bicycles would be placed around campus for any person to use, people ride the bikes at their own risk, the bikes can not be locked up, and of course, Freecycle riders must obey the rules of the road.

"What we need now are people who are willing to donate a bike or two, bike parts or time down the road for repairing bikes," said Hofstede.

The Freecycle program is currently seeking funding from the Student Government Association.

The color for the bikes is not yet set, but Earth Day, April 22 has been set for the program unveiling.



CAMPUS BEAT



Monday, March 22nd

• The first floor restroom in Thomson Hall flooded. A custodian was called.

Friday, March 20th

• A few suspicious individuals were reportedly looking for something they lost in the snow around the Science Building.

Monday, March 16th

• A person was reported climbing into the Sculpture Lab window of the Fine Arts Building. A professor informed the officer that the student had crawled in to turn off a kiln that had been left on.

Protective Services' Tip of the Week

Did you know UWS 18.06(29) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code prohibits roller blades/skates and skateboards from use in buildings or within 20 feet of doors and entryways? Well, it does! Furthermore, they ARE NOT allowed on ramps, stairs, curbs, ledges, loading docks, benches and in parking lots. The current fine and forfeiture is \$141.50 for these violations. Remember: Pedestrians always have the right-of-way.

This tip is contributed by the Crime Prevention Office. For any suggestions or comments please contact Joyce Blader at x4044 or e-mail at jblader@uwsp.edu

The Latest Scoop

World News

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

• Canadian Armed Forces Recruitment Officers made efforts to attract more women into army combat units, yesterday. In 1989, the Canadian Human Rights Commission ruled that women must be fully integrated into combat roles within ten years.

BELJING

• Officials from Red Cross branches in Pyongyang and Seoul met in Beijing for a current round of talks aimed at solving critical food shortage in North Korea. The talks are expected to solve problems associated with distributing 50,000 tons of food aid provided by South Korea.

BANGKOK

• The governor of Thailand's northern province of Chiang Rai reportedly won 33 million dollars in an Australian lottery Wednesday. The Bangkok Post reports Padki Chung paid \$10 for his lucky lotto ticket (\$US 6.50).

National News

CALIFORNIA

• A poll released Wednesday by the American Cancer Society found most people in California support the state's ban on smoking in casinos and bars by nearly a two-to-one ratio. The ban took effect January 1st.

TEXAS

• A teenage boy is under arrest after slashing himself and three teachers at his high school Wednesday in North Texas. Rita Aleman, the Princeton, Texas Court Clerk, says one teacher suffered injuries that could have been life threatening, and the boy may have been trying kill himself upon the teachers intervention.

CHICAGO

• The first defense witness in the suit against anti-abortion groups by the National Organization for Women said (Wednesday) she never saw any violence in the many protests she attended. Eva Edl, of South Carolina, says that Operation Rescue leaders had her and other protesters sign pledges not to be violent.

Local/State News

STEVENS POINT

• Jerome Foods issued a consumer alert to the Stevens Point Copps corporation for at least one case of oven roasted flavored turkey that may be under cooked. Late Monday afternoon they recalled about 9,000 pounds of "The Turkey Store Premium Cooked Turkey Breast Roast," distributed in the Stevens Point and Madison areas in Wisconsin. Jerome Foods Executive Vice President, Greg Gleichart, said there have been no reports of illness.

WAUSAU

• Marathon County Circuit Court Judge, Raymond Thums, ordered Kenneth Knippel, the man accused of holding six girls at knife-point in a laundromat and sexually assaulting three of them, to undergo testing to determine if he's mentally competent for trial. Knippel, 32, told investigators that he is schizophrenic and is currently taking medication for his condition. He will be sent to a mental hospital for testing.

LAKEGENEVA

• Three people are dead after a fire Weds. morning in Lake Geneva. Shortly after eight, fire fighters were called to a burning duplex. The blaze was brought to a controllable level quickly. The victim's bodies were found after fire fighters searched the home. No cause for the fire has been found.

RACINE

• Three men were apparently shot and wounded last night at a Racine county community center. Two of the men involved in the gun battle, Fredrario Brim, 20, and Kevin Krump, 21, were released from the hospital and arrested on attempted murder charges. The third man, 23-year-old Plaze Anderson, is in stable condition.

Technology fee budget approved

By Matt Mutz
NEWS REPORTER

This Monday, the UW-SP Student Technology Fee Allocation Committee approved a \$340,000 budget for spending on technology in the next fiscal year.

The Technology Fee, paid by all UW-SP students, is an additional 2% of tuition that may be spent only

on technology for student use. A committee of seven people, four students and three faculty/staff members, approves the budget, which is proposed by Information Technology (I.T.)

"The items funded will improve our service to students - better computers, more printers, file storage for everyone and computerized group study areas," said Colleen Andrews, Student Computer Lab Manager.

This year's budget includes spending on two new initiatives and a cut to the Technology Tutoring program, which was piloted this year, as well as contin-

ued spending on laser printing, software and personnel.

The Technology Tutoring program was cut after reviewing the results of its first year. It was decided that the program was not successful enough to receive continued funding at this year's level.

The proposed budget included almost \$20,000 for this program, the final budget approved

for floppy disks, or for storing a personal web page. It was originally intended to be a pilot program, but after researching the system, I.T. decided it could be implemented permanently at a low cost to students.

The team workstations will consist of multimedia computers with printers that will be available by reservation for use by two or more individuals.

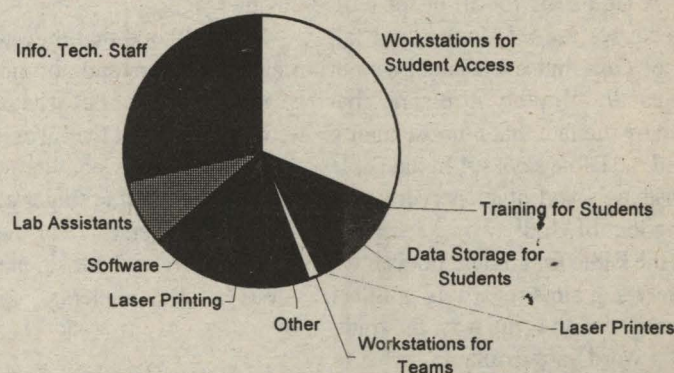
These computers will be located in the Learning Resource Center in private rooms.

Other spending included upgrading 122 lab workstations, so that all 486-based machines will now be eliminated from the labs. Some of the money for

the new workstations came from government funding in addition to money from the Technology Fee. Laser printers will also be added, so each public lab will have two laser printers, virtually eliminating the possibility of an equipment failure causing students to not be able to print.

Student committee members feel the decisions made will be greatly beneficial to the campus community.

Student Technology Fee FY99 Budget



\$2,000 for the 1998-99 academic year.

The new items in the budget are data storage for all students and the addition of two workstations for team computer projects.

The new data storage program will allow each student storage for personal use on the UW-SP network. Storage is tentatively set at 5 megabytes per student. This space may be used for storing data, eliminating much of the need

Hockey: Gorman's performance stellar again

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The Panthers extended their lead to 2-0 when Nickolai Bobrov scored on the power-play at the 11:59 mark of the second.

David Boehm cut the Middlebury lead in half when he got one past backup goalie Chris Farion five minutes later off assists from Mikhail Salienko and Derek Toninato.

Despite furious attempts to tie the game in the third period, the Pointers could never get the equalizer.

Point hurt themselves by playing short-handed a majority of the night due to tight officiating in the first two periods, leaving the Panthers with nine power-play opportunities.

As was the case throughout the post-season,

Gorman nearly single-handedly kept the Pointers in the game by making 43 saves.

Starter Francois Bourbeau and Farion combined for 22 saves for Middlebury.

"We're disappointed, but we're not unhappy," Baldarotta said.

"Everyone kept saying you're not supposed to be here. Well, why the heck not? We were as good as anyone in the country, if not better."

The game ended the Pointer careers of three players, forwards Forrest Gore and Casey Howard, and defenseman Wil Nichol.

Nichol won't stray far though, as he will stay on as an assistant coach next season.

The Pointers ended their national runner-up season with a record of 23-11.

Swim: Relay team breaks national record

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zil never trailed and neither did any of his teammates.

"I think the only thing I was thinking was to get a lead," Francioli said.

Next up was Stevens for 100 yards of the breaststroke.

"I was given somewhat of a lead," Stevens said. "Jeremy's very good about giving me a lead and I went with it."

With the Pointers halfway home to a National Championship, it was Boelk's turn. The freshman added to UW-SP's lead on the butterfly, setting the stage for Willoughby's anchor leg.

Willoughby's competition in

the final 100 yard freestyle leg was Kenneth Heis of Kenyon College, the favorite in the individual 100 yard freestyle event.

But Willoughby swam the best time of his life by a full second and had enough to hold off Heis for the National Title.

"I was nervous as hell," Willoughby said about having to wait and face Heis. "I thought it would come out to a touch."

"I was praying the other three guys would give me a big enough lead that I could hold on. They made my job a lot easier."

Willoughby described his initial sight after touching the wall in record time.

"The first thing I saw was my teammates jumping around behind the blocks going crazy," Willoughby said. "It was great."

Going into the meet, the 400 medley relay wasn't the race the quartet thought they would win.

"During the whole season we thought the 200 medley would be the easiest to win. But it was exactly the opposite," Willoughby said.

With all four returning next season, the quartet is looking for bigger and better things.

"Next year hopefully we can win the 200 and 400 medleys and finish third or fourth overall," Francioli said.

Readers respond to Editor's article with a mixed bag of ideas

Dear Editors:

In the editorial entitled "Hate is everywhere, but not always seen", Chris Keller expresses some pretty profound opinions about homophobia and hate. However, his opinions could not be more unjustified! Israel Haas is an outstanding student, one of the most devoted Christians that I have ever seen and one of the most active students in Student Impact! (a Christian organization on campus) He helped me see the Lord as a close friend and even a companion. Because Israel sees homosexuality as wrong, does not mean that he hates and condemns all homosexuals as hellions bent on destroying our society!

Quite the opposite is true, instead Israel tries his best to show the same love for homosexuals and any other sinners, as God does for all of his children, because indeed, we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God, but even Israel cannot love as God loves us all, infinitely. I'm sorry that people are offended by the fact that homosexuality is a sin, but it is, and the Bible says so! In the Bible it states that homosexuals and other perverts will never enter the kingdom of God!

We cannot edit the Bible for content nor can we censor it to fit society's qualms regarding political correctness. The word of God is the way, the truth, and the life!! God's words are available for us to read!! We need only the curiosity to learn about God's love and forgiveness!

In society today, there is the nasty tendency to think that everything is OK. Homosexuality is OK. Masturbation is OK. So called "Cohabitation" is OK. Abortion is OK. Euthanasia is OK. We are constantly bombarded by images from the media and politicians that tells us this, but it could not be farther from the truth, God's truth! These things are sins and people today desperately need understanding of this simple fact! Society is what we make of it and what good is it if we let sin dictate its rules and direction.

In singling out the phrase from Israel's letter "Homosexuality hurts people" Israel's intended message is lost. The message he was trying to convey is that Christ can heal even the worst of wounds, even old wounds from the worst of sins. I deeply regret that *The Pointer* and Chris Keller misinterpreted this message.

I would hope that they would look more open minded at letters and not pick out what they deem is right or wrong, but what God deems is right or wrong. I pray that they would not single out a person, with Israel's conviction, whom they do not know, and point the finger at them and say "There is a ignorant hater!" For even the Bible says that those who are without sin may be the first to throw stones (at other sinners).

-Chris Race
Student

Dear Editors:

I am sick of people like Mr. Haas giving Christians a bad name. In my opinion what Christ taught us is to be accepting, loving, and caring. He didn't teach us to exclude people. People exclude others in order to try to put themselves in a relatively higher position.

Exclusion and hate hurts others. Israel, by telling a homosexual teenager they are bad and wrong for their feelings you are excluding those people. Teenage

years are confusing enough, in my experience, without zealots passing judgments. Get your nose out of the bible and try practicing what Christ was really teaching us.

The bible is a fine piece of literature and has many truths to be examined and applied to our everyday lives. The bible has also, far too often, been an excuse for closed minded people to act like idiots.

-Gregory A. Geiser
Student

Dear Editors:

In response to Mr. Keller's article, Because I Said So, two weeks ago, it was eminent that Keller was frustrated in regards to how people tell others, especially minority groups, how to live. In correction to Keller's collaborative remarks, reaching out to homosexuals in a loving way, and warning them of their lifestyles, is not necessarily an act of hatred, nor does it justify the labeling of that person as a homophobic out of spite.

I agree with Keller in that God loves and accepts us for who we are, regardless of the lifestyle we live. We all are sinful by nature, and a sin is a sin in God's eyes, no matter how great or small. For

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Dear Editors:

Thanks for a great response to Mr. Haas' letter. It's nice to know that there are sane people out there!

-Laura Thompson
Student

Dear Editors:

Israel never said "Hate homosexuals." He said that "homosexuality hurts," which according to the Bible is very true!! We are not interpreting the Bible however we want. If that happened, the Bible wouldn't have any meaning at all; people would all have their own interpretations, and original message would be lost among the countless human variations.

Therefore, we have no choice but to take the Bible for what it says literally, and it says that homosexuality is a sin. I can un-

derstand people not wanting to admit that; I, myself have friends and acquaintances who are homosexuals.

In our society, we (me included) are all so wrapped up in being open-minded, that we have gotten to the point of accepting what is clearly wrong in God's eyes. However, one can accept the people without accepting the sin that they indulge in! I am no exception!! I sin just as much as anyone. That is why it is important to love everyone, due to the fact that it is not our place to judge anyone.

If I am no better than anybody else, how am I to judge somebody

worse than myself? Israel's letter has the same backbone: love others, but don't love the sin that they commit, just like one shouldn't love the sin that they commit themselves. The only person who can make these sins right is Jesus Christ.

Israel was attempting to spread this message of hope to those who were stuck in the painful sin that controls all of our lives. It was not a message of hate, but rather a message of compassion!

-John Thomson
Student

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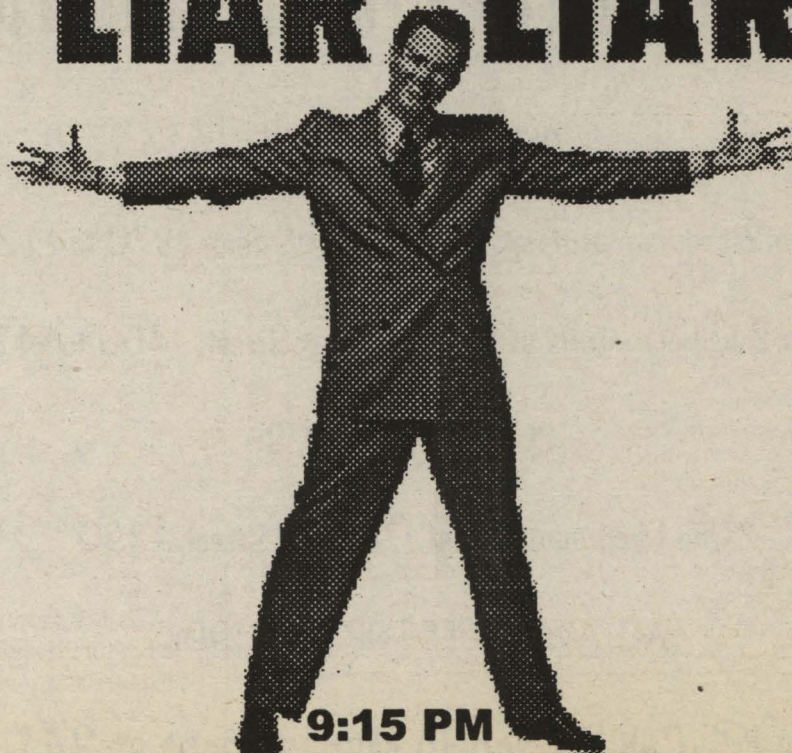
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Hating sin not the same as hating the sinner

Dear Editors:

I've read over Chris Keller's article, "Because, I Said So!" a few times now, but there are some things that I don't quite agree with. The author seems to misunderstand the difference between hating people, and hating sin. God teaches us to hate sin, but to love sinners.

Accusing Israel Haas of discrimination is going too far in my opinion. On the contrary, Israel loves homosexuals, THE PEOPLE, but he cannot agree to homosexuality, THE SIN. Why? Because God clearly says that it is wrong. God also makes clear that we humans are not to judge others. God will judge all in the end. But, on the other hand, God tells us to preach His word, and to tell the world not only of his love, but also of our need to repent from sin.

I know Israel personally, and he is anything but hateful. He happens to be one of the most loving people I know. Maybe you should try talking to him sometime. :)

-S. Christian Collins
Student

Smoking is a deadly habit

Dear Editors:

I'm sure most smokers know smoking is bad for their health. However, it seems like smokers have the attitude that smoking will never really hurt them.

According to the National Cancer Society, cigarette smoke

contains about 4,000 chemicals. Many are poisons, and more than 40 of them cause cancer.

A smoker's chances of getting lung cancer is 10 times greater than a nonsmoker. They are twice as likely to have a heart attack. Cigarette smoke is harmful to all

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Because, I Said So!

By Chris Keller
Co-Editor-in-Chief



Of sin and credit card debt: What to do?

-Editor's note: Whether you agree or disagree, comment and/or criticism is accepted at Pointer@uwsp.edu.

Well it seems that my opinions have caused a stir once again. Two weeks ago, I wrote an article in response to a letter *The Pointer* received.

The letter in question, written by Israel Haas, made a couple remarks that raised some questions in my mind. However, it turns out that maybe I didn't ask the questions I should have.

If you have read the preceding page of this section, you will have seen a cornucopia of responses to yours truly. All in the name of open discussion I say.

Many of the letters that disagree with my opinions have a common theme: that Mr. Haas was not denouncing homosexuals or the practice of, but denouncing the sin known as homosexuality.

Looking at several issues of last week's Stevens Point Daily Journal, I noticed many letters dealing with the very same topic.

Now, the question of whether or not homosexuality is a sin could be debated for years. The two sides involved are very vocal and passionate about what they feel is right.

Yesterday, I received a telephone call from a student here at UW-Stevens Point who was interested in putting together a forum in which to discuss homosexuality. I was intrigued by the idea as it would inform the student body, as well as the community on a factual level.

If anybody is interested in helping to organize this forum, let me know here at *The Pointer* office or by email.

At the Student Government Association meeting, which takes place tonight, a resolution will be introduced aimed at reducing the campus of credit card solicitors in the next three to five years.

The resolution, written by Brett Hazard would put an end to soliciting in academic buildings. The resolution goes a step further to include a discussion during freshman orientation the pitfalls and perils of credit card debt.

This resolution deserves everybody's support, as it might go a long ways in warning just a handful of students how easy it is to fall into a life of credit spending.

While the portrait of the strapped-for-cash college students is very much a stereotype, the majority of students are short on money, after paying tuition, rent and other miscellaneous bills. Some may turn to credit cards to finance a "special treat" for themselves, or maybe a weekend out.

The danger comes when either the "special treats" become too often, or when they spending exceeds the income. The resolution has student interests at heart.

Some opposition has been voiced by student organization who have used the credit card solicitors as a fund-raiser. Banning solicitation may dampen income for organizations, while preserving income for students.

All in all, I think the proposal is a good idea, after all, college takes enough of our money and

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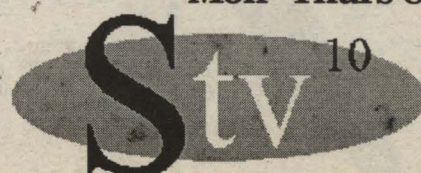
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Riding the wings of the season

By Joe Shead
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Maybe you were too busy studying over spring break to notice, but spring is here. With it comes a multitude of migratory bird species.

Of course, not all species have returned; some have yet to arrive, but other birds never even left the state. Many birds such as mallards, red-tailed hawks and bald eagles remained in the state as long as they could still find food.

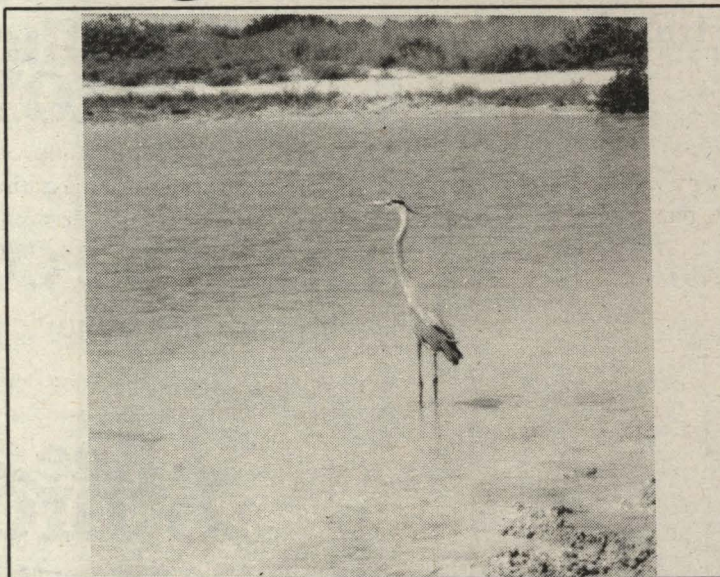
Vincent Heig, Professor of Ornithology, talked about two species that have faced extinction either now or in the not-so-distant past. One bird that has made a comeback from the days of market hunting and plumage markets is the sandhill crane.

These birds started arriving a few weeks ago, but many more will soon make their tremolos heard during the influx of their migration.

The mating dances of cranes are acts of true beauty which are often portrayed in Oriental culture. Cranes leap into the air and flap their wings with the grace of ballet dancers. After choosing a mate, nesting begins.

"Their nest is a hummock in the wetlands surrounded by shallow water that they can probe for food," Heig said.

Cranes lay two eggs, the first



Cranes and herons are in the midst of migratory journeys from warmer climates back to Wisconsin. (Submitted photo)

one coming two or three days before the second. Because of this, usually only one chick survives to maturity.

"One chick becomes dominant and harasses the other," Heig said.

Incubation takes 28-30 days. Three months later they'll be able to fly. The immature cranes will then remain with their parents until the next spring.

Heig also talked about bald eagles. Sightings have been made in the Stevens Point area, but the vast majority of eagles have yet to fly north. This past week, Eagle Walkers saw numerous eagles as well as other raptors. "One person counted over

100 raptors in an hour," said Eagle Walk coordinator Carolin Humpal.

These birds will head north as soon as they can find suitable nesting sites which require trees near open water. Here, eagles will raise two or three chicks in giant nests. Eaglets hatch in about 35 days and will be able to fly 75 days after hatching.

Hard-core bird-watchers will also point out that there are many song birds arriving shortly as well as these larger birds. Now is a good time to observe birds, especially waterfowl which are still in their bright breeding plumage.

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Weekend Escapes: Gov. Dodge State Park

By Lisa Rothe
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Didn't get enough time away during spring break? Consider spending a relaxing and inexpensive weekend at Governor Dodge State Park in Dodgeville, Wisconsin; the second largest Wisconsin state park with over 5,000 acres. Rich Purin, park superintendent, feels the "size and variety of species of wildlife and terrain" unite as the outstanding qualities of Governor Dodge State Park.

The history is as colorful as the oak-hickory forests in autumn. As a series of four glaciers dredged their way through Wisconsin's basement of time thousands of years ago, the land surrounding southwestern Wisconsin was left untouched.

By some geological quirk, "Southwestern Wisconsin was bypassed and encircled by the four glaciers. The area, therefore, stands as an 'island' of hills and valleys amid surrounding plains, a geological monument to a time not known to Man," finds the state park visitors guide.

Miners took advantage of the vast seams of lead ore that lay near the surface. By the 1820's, conflicts had arisen between the Europeans and Winnebagoes con-

cerning the running of the lead ore mines.

"General Henry Dodge, one of the original white settlers, was instrumental in establishing peace in this area. Dodge was later appointed first territorial governor of Wisconsin," states the state park visitor's guide.

By the mid to late 1800's, farmers plowed through the nu-

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As years pass, the land that had once viewed great change is allowed to rest and is slowly metamorphosing into its once natural state.

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Story and Photo
By Kris Wagner
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Editor's Note: Just to give a little perspective to the story, reminisce back to every daylight hour of your spring break and keep in mind that 10 Eagle Walkers were walking the majority of this time to their final destination Eagle Valley near Glenhaven, Wis.

Just under two weeks ago, I started a journey which can be best described as the most physically challenging — pain included — and mentally stimulating experience of my life. Before embarking on the 200-mile Eagle Walk journey, I had experienced numerous backpacking and hiking trips, so endorsing my signature on the walk sign-up sheet came with little hesitation.

A few weeks prior to the trip, I went on a practice walk and at first the trek raised a few doubts about the real walk, but like magic the aches dissipated into the piles of the week's schoolwork. The distance really didn't sink in until the Monday before D-day when someone asked where exactly the walk started and finished. We went over to the Wisconsin map and I pointed out the city of Glenhaven

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Patrolers set to stand guard over the Wolf's sturgeon

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The first thought running through my mind during the pre-dawn darkness of that May morning was, "I can't believe I'm doing this!"

After a typical Friday night

here at UW-Stevens Point, I had gotten absolutely no sleep, but mysteriously found myself crammed in a truck with a couple friends and a guy named Owen.

We were bombing down some forgotten back-road at just shy of the speed of sound, and to make matters worse, as the drive progressed it became increasingly

clear that Owen must have had to bribe his driving instructor to get his license. He seemed to enjoy using every inch of the shoulder on wide turns and sometimes even a little more, all at some ridiculous speed I don't care to remember.

As I dug my white knuckled fingers into the seat, my thoughts turned from my initial feelings of uncertainty to, "We are all going to die!"

The reason behind all of this was last year's Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Watch Program. My friends and I were among the many volunteers that protect sturgeon during their spawning sea-

son on the Wolf River. Every year, volunteers are posted in different areas along the river and maintain a twenty-four hour watch over the lake sturgeon until the spawning season ends.

The spawning season usually takes place during a five to seven day period between April 18th and May 5th. However, it is difficult to count on when the sturgeon will actually be in the spawning areas, as my group found out last season.

During our shift at the Shawano dam, we saw only two sturgeon. Group member Aaron McCullough, veteran Sturgeon watcher, has seen both extremes.

"Some years, I've seen sturgeon literally lined up along the shoreline, but last year they just weren't there."

The program is needed because of the vulnerable nature of the sturgeon during the spawning season. When the water warms to the right temperature the females ascend from their deep-water staging areas and begin to spawn in shallow water right off the rocky shoreline.

During this time the sturgeon, preoccupied with spawning, are fairly inattentive to what is going on around them making them an easy target for poachers.

FRESH TRACKS

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
OUTDOORS EDITOR

One of the easiest ways to escape reality comes from a bottle or tap, but if that ever becomes routine you feel more caged than ever. After six straight days of "escaping," we needed a break from Spring Break.

A cab driver from Georgia took us all over Panama City until we found the place we were looking for. He knew where to go, St. Andrews State Park, but weren't sure until we got there. By Friday, we weren't the brightest minds on the beach.

"Yeah there's a shuttle that runs from the park out to Shell Island," he said in a southern drawl. Shell Island, a barrier island off the shores of Panama City with no clubs, shops or hotels on its 16-mile shore, sounded like a good place to regain our wits.

"Can you really swim with the dolphins?" I asked, thinking of the cruise brochures we saw earlier. He smiled, nodded, then tried to describe the best place to wade out for a chance to do it. Cruise ships circle the island most of the day and used to feed the porpoises as they passed. They can't anymore (by law), but the dolphins kept the habit and still playfully follow their wakes.

"Here's what y'all should do," said the driver. "Take some fish and wrap it up in something so the boat driver doesn't see what you're carrying. Then when the dolphins show up, throw a couple their way."

"Before long, they'll smell the fish and swim towards you looking for more. Just be careful because they can get a little rough. If one bumps you accidentally, he could easily crack your ribs."

"Oh yeah, and watch out for the sharks. Most of them are small, but I watched a guy pull an eight foot hammerhead from the pier. No one's ever been attacked, but be careful. They're out there," he said.

He dropped us off at the wrong end of the park, but eventually we found the shuttle boat. It was a lot like a CNR bus — loud with smoke rolling out its motor. Walls of plastic sheeting didn't keep us dry and made it hard to see the brilliant blues of the sun-brightened water. But, like the busses, it was functional and we got where we wanted to go.

You'll never see whiter sand or greener palms than those on Shell Island. The beach, rippled like a sand bar, rose into great dunes, twisted and carved by hands of the wind. Vegetation sprang up behind every slope or wherever else the winds were calmed.

Just as winds more than anything else shaped the island, winds more than anything shaped the day. After a week of clouds, the sun was finally alone in the sky but wind whipped away all its warmth. Four-foot white caps crashed against a rip-rapp of jagged boulders along the shoreline where the dolphins appeared.

Three of them arched slowly between the waves, right on schedule after a cruise ship passed. Their dorsals looked black glistening in the sun as they surfaced over and over 50 yards away. I wanted to swim out there, it was a once-a-lifetime temptation, but that was just it — I wanted to live even more. If the shark stories weren't enough to keep us dry, watching from shore, the strength of the waves were.

I wandered off for a while over the dunes and around cacti and brush. Deer tracks about the size as those in Wisconsin snaked their way through the island sand. I wanted to jump one to see how different they looked but never caught up to any.

I climbed another dune and noticed a patch of deep blue shining beneath tall palms swaying in the wind. But then, just as I started towards it, I heard a friend yelling my name.

"THE BOAT'S LEAVING!" he screamed. So I left. It was enough of a break for the day. That night, the last of the break in Florida, was one of the best of the week.

Spring turkey season approaching

By Mike Toubl
OUTDOORS REPORTER

As warm air currents blow in with the southerly winds, many sportsmen began to catch a fever. Not the type you get with a cold, but Spring Fever. While most afflicted sportsmen are waiting for walleye, nearly 100,000 are also anticipating the annual Spring turkey hunt.

Wisconsin DNR Upland Wildlife Ecologist Keith Warnke predicts an excellent 1998 season. Several factors strengthen this prediction. The first is the tremendous 1997 nesting season, where hens averaged 2.6 poults, a figure up from 1996. The second is the mild winter. Because of these two factors, Wisconsin's turkey population is around 200,000 birds.

This year, a record 100,678



UW-SP Graduate Adam Hussin with a 25 pound gobble harvested by his father in last springs hunt. (Submitted photo)

permits were issued to winners drawn from a record 110,000 applicants. The highest number of permits issued were in Zones 3 and 23, with 7,800 and 6,900 permits respectively. Landowners, who have first preference like in deer hunting, received 15,584 permits. Second permits were issued to 8,889 lucky hunters, mostly in Zones 2, 4, 5, and 11. The Spring 1998 season consists

of six 5-day periods, starting April 15.

When Wisconsin's modern turkey hunting opened in the Spring of 1983 only four zones were open. That year 1200 permits were issued and 180 birds were killed, a 15% success rate for hunters. In 1997, fifty zones were open, and 20,992 birds were

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A shed season that never was

By Matt "Bert" Ward
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

We have once again reached that point in time when the buds start opening and the forest starts replenishing the foliage it lost five months ago.

This also is the time when the shed antlers dropped over the previous months start disappearing due to rodents and the maturing

underbrush in the woods.

This previous "shed season" was an interesting one for me. It's now officially my turn to join in the current trend and blame something on El Nino.

Due to the unusually warm Spring the bucks made a very quick transition from their winter "bachelor groups," when they usually shed their antlers, to their obscure summer hideouts.

I jumped a bachelor group of

bucks in a thick bedding area around mid-February that contained three bucks. All were mature bucks and my initial thoughts were that it would be another good Spring for sheds.

The following weekend I found two sheds on Saturday that were both from nice two year old bucks, and then I woke up to a blizzard on Sunday that I'm sure you can all recall.

Spring Break then arrived, and after looking for two days straight and coming up empty handed, I was questioning what my fascination with this activity was.

Up to that point in time I had walked over forty hours and had found two antlers, pretty pathetic when comparing it to my previous shed season when I was averaging an antler approximately every 4.5 hours.

Work kept me from looking the next four days, and I wasn't able to get back out in the field until Friday. I decided to get this addiction out of my system, so I spent the entire day looking.

Luck happened to be on my side that day, and I was fortunate enough to find one of my largest sheds. It was half of a ten-pointer that would score approximately 170 B&C points if both sides are symmetrical.

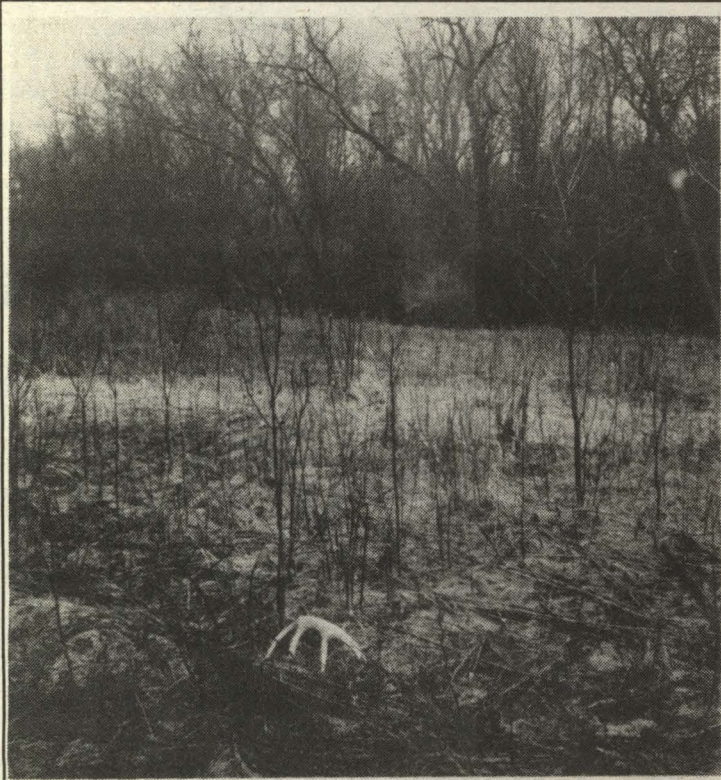
I decided to end my season on a high note, and have not been out again since.



My father ran into the same problem I faced also. So far this year, he's walked over 60 hours and only has three sheds to his name.

One is from an eight-pointer that would score approximately 135-140 B&C if both sides were symmetrical, but this is a terrible statistic when compared to any of our previous seasons.

My only explanation for the season is, as I stated earlier, the quick transition bucks made from their bachelor groups of winter to their mysterious summer hideouts of summer. Or I can just say El Nino.



A freshly dropped shed lies acknowledging the presence of the whitetails that elude us each fall. (Photo by Matt Ward)

Dodge

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bicycle trails open. A bonus to those who seek a great challenge, the trails also connect with the 39-mile Military Ridge bicycle trail.

Also opening on May 1 are the horseback riding trails. For approximately \$14 per hour through a local stable, riders are able to explore remote areas of the park along more than 20 miles of rustic trails.

Purin boasts about the 48 miles of hiking trails; however, "the trails may be a little on the wet side, you might want to wait until mid-April to hike them."

Whenever you choose to explore the rock structures, valleys and hills, meadows and waterfalls, keep a watchful eye for the 150 species of birds observed within the park, especially barred owls and pileated woodpeckers.

Camping is available, but reservations are not accepted for March or April. 3,000 campsites have already been reserved for the summer, but early June and late August still have openings. According to Purin, weekends fill fast, and only 15% of campsites are on a first come, first serve basis.

For questions concerning Governor Dodge State Park, feel free to contact Rich Purin, park superintendent, at (608) 935-2315.

Walk, and walk, and walk

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after searching for it on the map's key. I quickly took a step back as my mind twirled and my leg muscles quivered at the realization of distance. I guess 200 miles is far.

Friday morning came fast and I found myself frantically packing my backpack up to the last minute. I still haven't learned the vital importance of preparation over procrastination. As all of my fellow walkers now know, I'm not the friendliest person in the morning and my rapid packing quickly cast a crabby attitude. My pack transformed into a 35-pound portable suitcase, cupboard, utility drawer and medicine cabinet. I was ready to go and left my temporary college home stressed out with freshly made pancakes made by my supportive girlfriend, who was ready to embark on the Eagle Walk too.

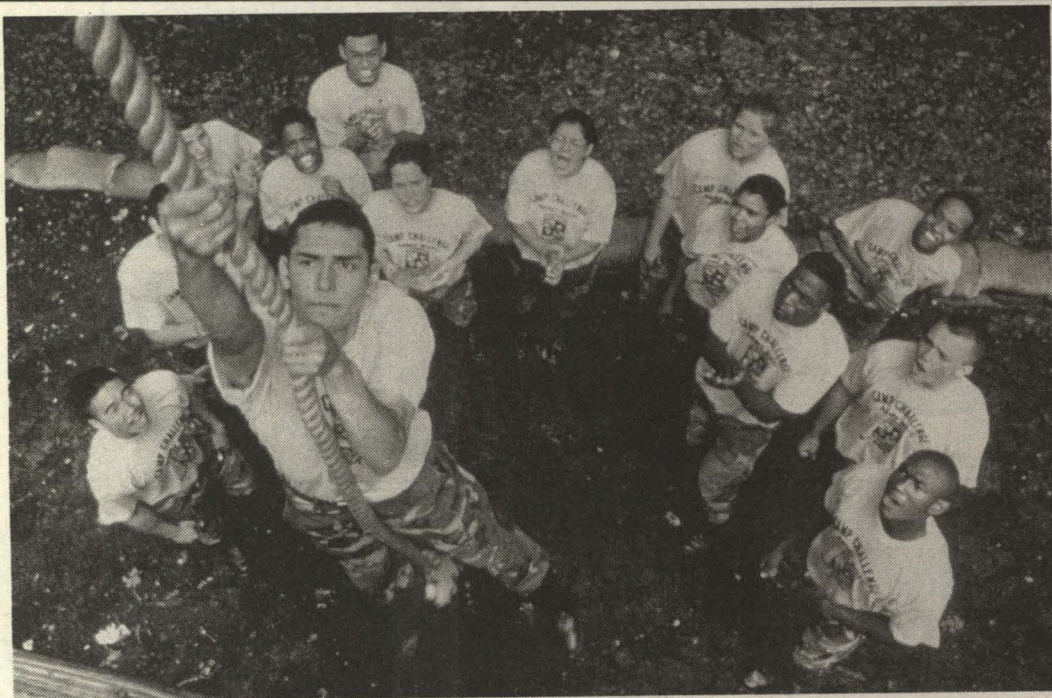
After an interview with Channel 7 and taking group photos, we set out on our first-day, a 20-mile journey. Almost simultaneously the snow began to fall. The white fluffy flakes followed the 10 of us all the way to Wisconsin Rapids. The cold weather may have numbed our fingers and froze our water bottles, but our spirits held high with the help of our red support van staffed by former Eagle Walkers Tim and Cindy. The last couple miles, like everyday, were always the worst because every step translated into a shock of pain.

After the first day, the memories become intertwined with each other and only journal entries help in identifying the specific days, so I'm going to mention some of the highlights, which some may call the lowpoints.

Every morning all of us would wake with joints stiff, muscles cramped, in the end shuffling our own versions of the morning hobbles. These hobble techniques sometimes transversed onto the road.

Much of the landscape becomes a blur after walking miles and miles, except for a few. On the third day a Indian grave marker tells a tale of an old fight. Many days and miles later True Confessions, a long multi-peaked hill, scars itself into the minds of all fellow Eagle Walkers. Traditionally, trekkers run up the hill, but their were no brave takers this year. I personally had a hard enough time just walking up the hill after already walking 170 miles for the week.

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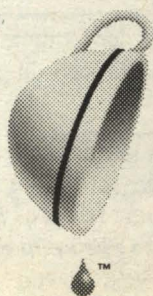
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Judges vote bartender as the best mix

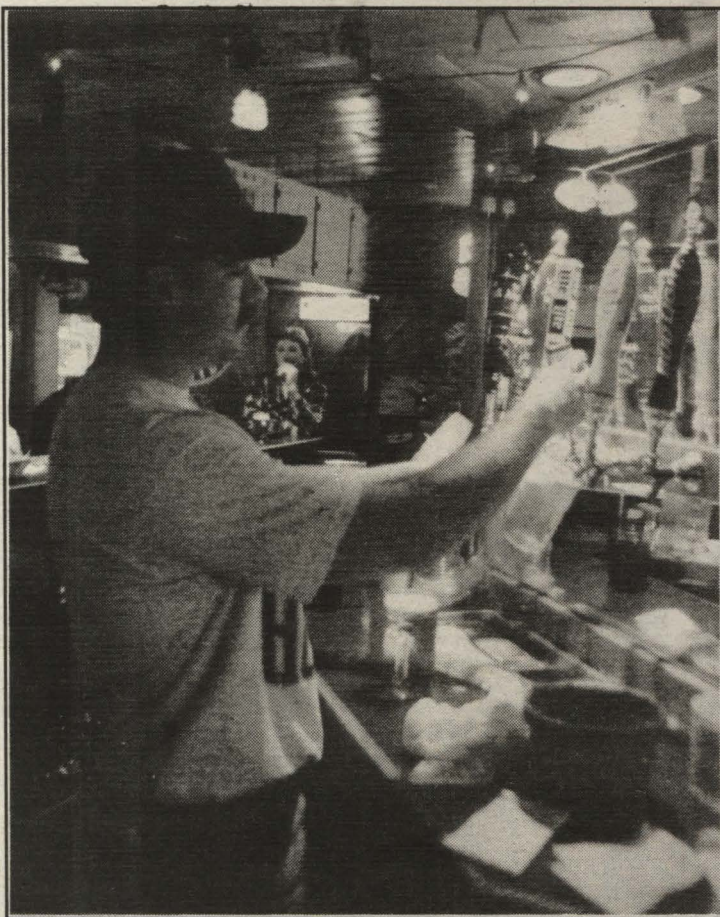
By Kris Wagner
MANAGING EDITOR

Mixing a good drink might be a bartender's best kept secret, but the results of a recent contest spotlights a person who combines quality service and personable qualities into the duties of a bartender, creating the perfect mix.

Behind the bar, the recently nominated "Best Bartender in Stevens Point" mixes the ingredients of an ever-famous Rusty Bloody Mary. As the bartender shakes spices into the drink he recites a new joke, then adds the final touch to the drink — a pickle and jalepeño. Chuckling at the joke, the smiling customer takes another swig of his Point Bock.

After judging the nominees for the best bartender contest, the panel, consisting of six individuals, selected Lance Broecker because of his overall performance around the bar. The panel looked at the bartender's ability to approach strangers (conversational skills), promptness, serving etiquette, and a few other qualities they felt tap the necessities for a good bartender.

One judge felt Broecker deserved the award because he kept "an eye on your drink," plus his inherent, awareness of "reading



Voted the "Best Bartender in Stevens Point", Lance Broecker pours a glass of Miller High Life on Monday night at Rusty's Backwater Saloon. (Photo by Kris Wagner)

persons' moods."

Ten years, four at Rusty's, have allowed Broecker to feel at home behind the bar.

"A joke is always a good way

to break the ice," the nominated "Best Bartender in Stevens Point"

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Renowned journalist to speak on radio and print

By Lisa Rothe
FEATURES REPORTER

There are 502 million radios across the nation. Think back. When was the last time you tuned into your favorite station? Chances are it was fairly recent.

The Awards Committee consisting of Communication Professors: Bill Deering, Pete Kelley, Leslie Midkiff DeBauche, and Mark Tolstedt have contracted Sarah Vowell, contributor to National Public Radio, journalist and author, to speak to UW-Stevens Point students April 2 at 7 p.m. in Room 333 of the Communication Arts Center.

In 1995, Vowell embarked upon a personal journey listening to the radio intently for an entire year.

"Radio is a landscape, a place inhabited by heroes and villains. And I should know, I spent a year in the broadcast badlands of 1995, which is 325 days longer than Christ suffered in the wilderness (and he didn't have to take notes)," writes Vowell in her book *Radio On. A Listener's Diary*.

Vowell finds that radio is a medium of communication frequently overlooked and consistently not covered.

In her radio diary, Vowell took an interesting approach to dis-

secting the public's perceptions of radio by researching how they listen.

Vowell was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and grew up in Bozeman, Montana.

She graduated from Montana State University and attended graduate school at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago for modern art history.

She currently lives in Chicago and contributes to *Spin*, the *Minneapolis City Pages* and the radio series *This American Life*.

Midkiff DeBauche first heard Vowell on her talk show *All Things Considered*.

"I thought she had a fresh new voice. She's a good example of a young person doing radio."

Vowell's presentation, entitled *Shooting Dad and Killing Frank Sinatra: the theory and practice of "that guy" journalism*, will provide insight into contemporary thought rather than raving about the advantages of textbook journalism.

"A lot of times the speakers are middle-aged, which is useful because they're speaking from experience."

"She's an excellent example of a person who is an innovative thinker, one who takes creative risks and knows how to use the media in innovative ways," Midkiff DeBauche said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters reach to campus

By Christina Bando
COPY EDITOR

Imagine wanting a friend so badly that you would wait over three years to get one. Sound far-fetched?

Unfortunately, as many volunteers have discovered, this is a reality for participants in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Over 20 volunteers of all ages were present at an informational meeting Tuesday evening in Big Brothers Big Sisters headquarters.

"We were only expecting about eight people," said Shannon McKinley, one of the interns who conducted the meeting.

Imagine her surprise when over 20 people showed up!

Despite the crowded room, the meeting went well. Participants were greeted by McKinley or Caseworker Dawn Cherek and given an application.

The ten page application made many gasp in the room, but it didn't take long for people to grab their pencils and begin writing.

McKinley and Cherek began the meeting with two video clips.

The first clip showed a short and emotional speech given by a Big Brother at a previous graduation ceremony.

The second consisted of a Big Sister and her "Little" singing together.

The first Trivia contest was held in November of 1969. The questions were written by players, and read over the air for the other teams to answer. The contest was 16 hours long, with each hour containing five questions worth a specific point value. Sixteen teams participated. In the first contest, approximately 70 people.

The contest changed in 1970 when 90FM staffers took over the task of question writing. It continued to grow in popularity from then on and, in 1974, Trivia became a 56 hour contest. It was shortened to 54 hours the next year (each hour now containing eight questions) and has remained at that length ever since.

The Running Question was introduced in 1973. The staff writers at that time wanted to find a way to work all the great trivia around the town of Stevens Point into the contest. They came up with a type of scavenger hunt worth about 150 points. It requires representatives from each team to meet at the designated area, pick up the question sheet, and, on foot, collect the answers to questions such as: "How many inches high is the letter 'B' on the Supreme Bean's sign?"

Teams are allowed 45 minutes to complete the questions and run them back to the pickup point. The teams usually carry ladders and measuring tape with them and sometimes end up running up to a mile. Skateboards and roller skates are strictly prohibited.

In 1979 Jim Oliva, owner of a local computer store and former school teacher, took over writing the contest. He dreamed up the Stone Questions in 1980 as a way to incorporate still more of Stevens Point's abundance of trivia into the contest. The idea was that clues would be given over the air that would lead teams to a specific place in town where a stone marker would be waiting to signify the correct location. When the final clue had been given, teams could drive by the stones they had already found and that path would lead them to the final destination. There, they would be given a ticket to turn in at the end of the contest that would be worth a certain number of points.

Oliva was fearful teams would steal the stones to throw off others, so stones were never actually used. At one time a Trivia Stone was brought to the final destination but, as anticipated, it was stolen and is now rumored to be at the bottom of a swamp west of town.

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The video clips were followed by a question answer session, describing the program.

According to McKinley, the Littles usually fall into three categories: high, medium and low need. The higher the category, the more dysfunctional the home life of the Little.

After completing the application, the process takes about two months and consists of a personal interview, police and reference

checks, and a home interview.

"[McKinley and Cherek] provided insight as to what the program is all about," said Jason Frey, a communication major and meeting participant. "[They] conveyed a lot of information in a short amount of time."

Kids who sign up for the program wait anywhere from 2-4 years for a Big, and volunteers are needed. Interested individuals should call 341-0661.

Cooking Corner Patrice's Italian Chicken

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 cup mozzarella cheese
2 cups fat free Italian salad dressing

- Place chicken breasts in pan and pour Italian dressing over the chicken.
- Cook chicken 20-30 minutes at 350 degrees.
- Check periodically, flipping the chicken halfway through cooking time.
- Sprinkle mozzarella cheese onto chicken.
- Cook until cheese is slightly melted.
- Serve warm.

- Try adding a dash of garlic powder for more taste.
- Multiply or divide the ingredients according to the number of chicken breasts.

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.

Drama opening in Jenkins

"The Glass Menagerie," an American classic by Tennessee Williams, will open at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 3, in the Fine Arts Center of UW-Stevens Point.

The production will be directed by John Shepard, who joined the faculty of the Theatre and Dance Department this year after an extensive professional acting career. "The Glass Menagerie" will be his directing debut at UW-SP.

"The Glass Menagerie" is a memory play, as told by Tom Winfield who is both the narrator and a leading character in the play. Tom is played by Donnie Neufuss.

Tom begins talking in the present but takes the audience back to 1936 in St. Louis, Mo. where the main action takes place.

Tom's memories recreate his mother, Amanda, played by Kimberly Kohn, his sister, Laura,

played by Betsy Skowbo and a gentleman caller, played by Ross Gordon who comes to have dinner with the family.

The title of the play is derived from the collection of fragile glass animals that Laura collects, which symbolize her own fragility and shyness.

Except for the gentleman caller, the characters are isolationists in an America coming out of the Depression. All are trying to escape the reality of their lonely lives.

"The Glass Menagerie" is the last mainstage drama production of this season.

The play will be performed the evenings of April 4, 5, 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students. Tickets are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

WORD OF MOUTH



OPEN HOUSE

UW-Stevens Point is hosting an open house on Sunday, April 5 from noon to 4 p.m. The afternoon will include both entertainment and educational activities.

ACOUSTIC/AFRICAN BLUES

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring Blue Beat, an acoustic and African blues band on Friday, April 3 at 8 p.m. in the Encore. Cost for the event is \$2 with ID and \$3.50 without.

EXTRAORDINIST

Centertainment Productions will present "extraordinist" Craig Karges on Thursday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the University Center. Tickets are \$2 with ID and \$3.50 without.

BARNABY CREEK

Barnaby Creek, UW-Stevens Point's acoustic duo, will be performing their last concert in Stevens Point on Saturday, March 28 in the Encore. Reception will start at 7 p.m. with the concert following at 8 p.m.

Their two albums "Barnaby Creek" and "Moving Less Awkwardly" feature the rock, folk and blues sound that comprises this duo.

Tickets are \$2 with ID and \$3 without.

THE ULTIMATE PSYCHIC FAIR

Centertainment Productions is sponsoring the Ultimate Psychic Fair on Monday, March 30 at noon in the Laird Room of the UC. Students will have a chance to experience hypnosis, numerology, palm reading and tarot cards. Cost is \$4 with ID and \$6 without.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Central Wisconsin will celebrate a new season of cultural events with the 26th annual Festival of the Arts in Stevens Point on Sunday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Interior Courtyard of the Fine Arts Building. There is no cost to attend.

The festival is the exhibition and sale of original art by 60 artists from the Midwest. There will be music and children's activities throughout the day.

Exhibition categories will be painting, graphics, fiber, leather, wood, jewelry, ceramics, photography and glasswork. Participants are selected by a jury.

VIOLENT FEMMES

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

Tickets will go 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.

Restaurant review: Blueberry Muffin

By Jason R. Renkens

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

A glass of water seems such a simple entity. If a restaurant can't even prepare a glass of water how are they expected to create food which is edible?

In reviewing restaurants, quite frequently I have come to realize how a well prepared meal can make poor atmosphere and service wonderful, but the converse can also hold true.

The Blueberry Muffin Restaurant, a block east of Partner's Pub along Highway 66, exemplified the latter Tuesday afternoon.

As already mentioned, one of the people in my party received water with a piece of something floating in it.

When she asked the waitress for a new glass, her eyesight was questioned.

She did receive a new glass when we received our menus and were told the specials. The other person in my party needed a price repeated on one of the items and the waitress needed to look at a sign to remember what she had just said.

The menu itself was pretty impressive in terms of its selection and pricing. The items on the menu ranged from grilled cheese with a side of chips to tenderloin steak, while the prices hovered right around \$5.

We all ordered from the sandwich portion of the menu. I opted for a basket which meant fries instead of potato chips.

The actual structure of the Blueberry Muffin proves that

Our food arrived just after the point in time when one wonders whether or not it ever will.

The rubeen sandwich that I ordered was cut diagonally. It looked as though the two pieces came from two different sandwiches, the two smaller halves of those sandwiches.

One of the people in our party asked for her turkey lettuce and tomato sandwich with a slice of cheese and grilled. When it arrived it had

cheese and was grilled but lacked the lettuce and tomato it is named for.

Our third ordered chicken salad on a croissant. The sandwich would have been done more justice if it had been called onion salad on a croissant.

Once the waitress, a different woman than had previously served us,

brought out lettuce and a tomato slice and my friend picked the onion out of her sandwich the food was fine.

In fact, the food was quite good and the fries were exceptional but when you are busy complaining about poor service

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The "munchkin land" inside of The Blueberry Muffin restaurant failed to compensate for sub par service. (Photo by Carrie Reuter)

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Monday's Academy Award picks left a little to be desired

Nick Katzmarek and Mike Beacom
Co-Editor-in-Chief AD REP

The 70th Academy Awards are officially over. The check marks on the thousands of Academy ballots were once again more political than truthful. Voters went for big productions and well-known names in the major categories. We believe the better performances in a lot of categories were overlooked for one reason or another. Here is our assessment of how the ceremony should have turned out:

BEST PICTURE

NK: The establishment of *Titanic* as the year's best in the mind of the public without a doubt led to its naming as Best Picture. In my mind, the best film of the year was *Good Will Hunting*. But rarely does the Academy agree with me, and that leads to some frustration when I watch the awards. For once I'd like to see an apolitical choice in this category.

MB: The Academy's pick of *Titanic* was both predictable and unfortunate. After last year's independent film domination, I guess a Hollywood big-budget blockbuster was in the cards for the Academy. *Good Will Hunting* was a much better movie and for once a film didn't tie up all of its ends before the credits. *LA Confidential* started great but ended a little weak. *The Full Monty* was good--but never great. *As Good As It Gets* didn't quite fit its title. In a down year for great films, *Good Will Hunting* was the best.

SCREENPLAY (ADAPTED)

NK: *Wag the Dog*, a critically acclaimed movie that really didn't get the attention that it deserved from the public and the Academy, deserves this one. *LA Confidential* may have been a great movie, but the dialogue in *Wag the Dog* works so well in its mission as a movie that it deserved recognition as the best adapted screenplay this year. However, Basinger may have given *LA Confidential* a boost, and so it got the nod.

MB: *LA Confidential* was a close second for me in this category. It was a lock at the Oscars and got away with a negative-Hollywood story. Something about *Wag the Dog* makes it stand out, however. Pairing Dustin Hoffman's confident director with Robert DeNiro and Anne Heche's desperate Washington aides made for a great story. The most comical part of the film was watching strategists Dennis Leary and Willie Nelson try to help the phony war support.

SCREENPLAY (ORIGINAL)

NK: This was one of two awards that I firmly agree with. *Good Will Hunting* was a fantastically written movie that deserves all of the kudos it has gotten. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are two of the hottest things going in Hollywood right now, and their pet project proves that they have talent to go along with their flash.

MB: *Good Will Hunting*'s screenplay was fresh and intelligent. All of the characters were likable, but they were all flawed. And most importantly the film was written

to appeal to everyone who could legally see it. Whether you're seventeen or seventy, there was something about the film you could relate to.

BEST ACTOR

NK: Hmmm... this one is tough. My vote, however, has to go to Peter Fonda for *Ulee's Gold*. This wasn't really a great movie, but Fonda's performance made it an enjoyable one, and I was blown away by his passion and ability to portray this complex man. That, however, was Nicholson's strength in *As Good as It Gets*, and he may have won the award based in part on his potent off-screen personality. DuVall, also, in *The Apostle*, was stellar, but he just didn't really have what it takes to put him over the top. Fonda deserved the award, but I must say I'm happy for Nicholson. And hey, they were both in *Easy Rider*, so I can't really put either one down.

MB: Jack Nicholson stood out in a Best Actor field including three of the profession's all-time greats. Peter Fonda was great in *Ulee's Gold*, but I didn't feel he was as polished as Nicholson. It's rare for Nicholson to receive a role that challenges his genius these days and when he gets one, he delivers.

BEST ACTRESS

We decided that, because we saw so few of the nominated roles, any second guessing of the Academy here would be a tad hypocritical. Mike and Nick both agree that Hunt performance was good, and wish that Stevens Point was a little larger so we could get some more of the smaller films.

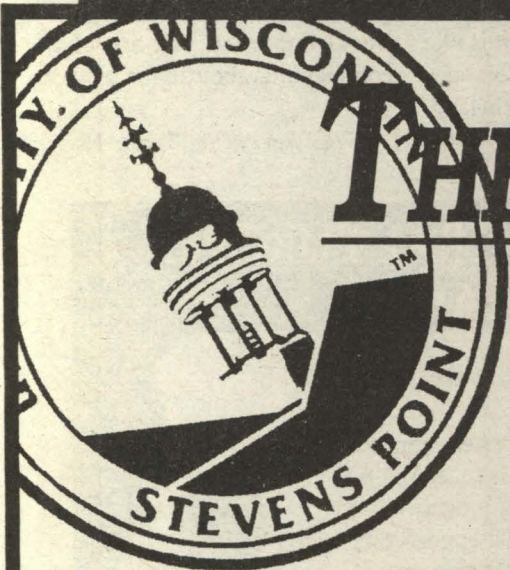
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

NK: The second of the picks by the Academy that I agree with here, Williams turned what may be considered the performance of his career. He was passionate, articulate, and funny, all in the perfect balance. Deserved and well-appreciated. Kudos to the Academy for not going with the only real sympathy pick- Burt Reynolds.

MB: It is common for Academy voters to sympathize with a nominee who has sustained a long, reputable career but has failed to receive an Oscar. John Wayne (*True Grit*-1969), Paul Newman (*The Color of Money*-1985) and Al Pacino (*Scent of a Woman*-1993) are perfect examples. Both Robin Williams and Burt Reynolds could be considered sympathy candidates, but Williams' award was a legitimate victor. Nominated on three prior occasions, Williams turned in as good a performance in *Good Will Hunting* as the other three Academy shutouts (his best work went without a nomination for *Awakenings*).

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

MB: Before all of the film award hoopla, *Boogie Nights* was receiving its attention for Burt Reynolds' acting and Mark Wahlberg's unraveling. But when I watched it, Julianne Moore seemed to take the attention away from the rest of the cast with her subtle acting performance. It's too bad the Academy overlooked her, likely due to the film's subject matter.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Softball, Gopher Invite (T)

UWSP Opera Performance, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

Centertainment Prod.-Club/Variety Presents: CRAIG KARGES, Mentalist, 8:00 PM (Encore-UC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Softball, Gopher Invite (T)

Humanities Forum: "The New Russia", 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (334 CCC)

UWSP Opera Performance, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Softball, Carthage, 1PM (T)

Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)

Schmeeckle Reserve Prog.: Tap Into Some Fun (Steps to Make Maple Syrup), 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Visitor Center)

20th Annual University Antique Show & Sale, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (QG)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

20th Annual University Antique Show & Sale, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (QG)

Softball, Marian, 1PM (T)

Planetarium Series: LIGHT YEARS FROM ANDROMEDA, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

Suzuki Solo Recitals, 2&3:30PM (MH-FAB)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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Counseling Center: Choosing Your College Major, 4:00 PM (Counseling Center-Delzell)

Planetarium Series: SKIES OF SPRING, 8PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Junior Recital: NATE STEVENS, Bass-Baritone & MATT TREDINNICK, Tenor, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Multi-Cultural Affairs Musical & Dance Performance: BALLET FOLKLORICO "QUETZALLI", 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (Sentry)

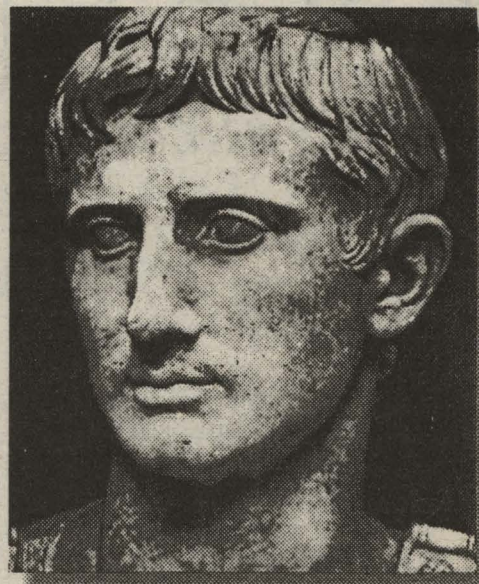
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Basement Brewhaus JAZZ QUARTET, 7-10PM (Basement-UC)

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Milwaukee's success depends on pitching

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Next week, the Milwaukee Brewers will start another era of baseball in the Brew City, returning to the town's roots of National League baseball.

The Brewers are leaving the American League Central with the big-spending Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox for the thrifter NL Central. With that brings a new hope of contention for Milwaukee fans, who haven't sniffed the postseason since 1982.

But for the Brewers to have any chance at a division title or a wild card berth, the team's pitching staff will have to come through.

Cal Eldred (13-15, 4.99 ERA in 1997), Scott Karl (10-13, 4.47 ERA), Jose Mercedes (7-10, 3.79), Jeff Juden (11-6), and Paul Wagner (0-0, 3.94) will have to weather the storm in the rotation until the All-Star Break when Jeff D'Amico returns from shoulder surgery.

Eldred is finally returning to his pre-surgery form and will have to carry the load as the staff's ace. In Karl's case, Manager Phil Garner hopes the lefty can continue his hot streak at the end of 1997, where he won eight of his last 11 decisions after a 2-10 start.

Mercedes, Juden and Wagner are all question marks, which isn't what any team wants from the bottom half of the rotation. But if the trio can pitch well enough to keep the Brewers in the game, Milwaukee will be in good shape.

Hopefully, even if the pitching struggles a bit, a good Brewers' offense should balance things out.

The offseason addition of Marquis Grissom from Cleveland gives Milwaukee its best centerfielder since Robin Yount retired before the 1994 season. Grissom will add speed to the lineup and should return to his old National League form.

Grissom's arrival is coupled by the return of first baseman John Jaha, who had a breakout 1996 season before going down with a shoulder injury in 1997. If Jaha can produce something close to his 30 HR, 100 RBI campaign of two years ago, the cleanup spot will have some added spark.

Combine those two with All-Star third baseman Jeff Cirillo and 1997 surprise Jeromy Burnitz (27 HR, 85 RBI) and the Brewers have a pretty strong lineup that can produce runs in the National League.

And that doesn't even count David Nilsson, who must play leftfield in the absence of the AL's designated hitter. Nilsson will be on the shelf until May because of knee surgery, but if he can stay healthy the rest of the year, Milwaukee will love to have his bat.

But no matter how many runs the Brewers' offense scores, the team's pitchers have to do the job. Otherwise it will be another year of no baseball in mid-October.

Pointer fans say thanks for title run

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For those Pointer hockey fans who didn't get a chance to make the 23 hour trek to Plattsburgh, NY, and for those who did, Tuesday night's celebration at the K.B. Willett Arena was a chance to welcome home the NCAA Division III runners-up.

Among the guest speakers were athletic director Frank O'Brien, Chancellor Thomas George, and Stevens Point mayor Gary Wescott.

"We're so proud of the team getting all the way to the finals. That's just spectacular," George said.

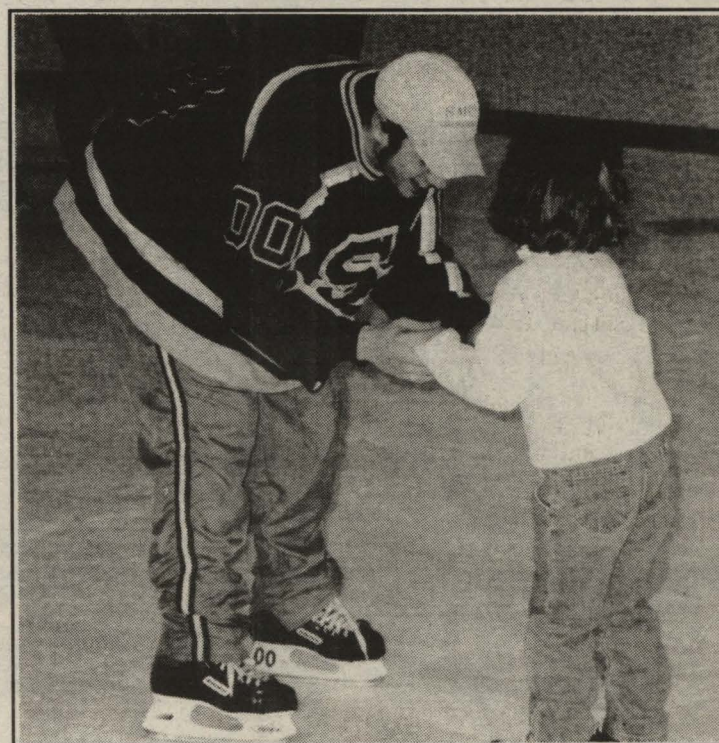
Wescott also spoke of what an asset the team is to the community.

"We're very honored to have a team of this caliber. We have championship caliber competition, we have championship caliber fans."

"The team will carry these memories for years and decades."

An emotional head coach Joe Baldarotta also addressed the fans and thanked them as well as his assistants and seniors.

"They did a great job all year



Forrest Gore skates with a young Pointer fan at the welcome home celebration Tuesday night. (Photo by Nick Brilowski)

long. I'm very proud of them," Baldarotta said of his team.

"It's a real devastating feeling that no one can understand unless you're a player. All of us are in a state of shock and a state of depression."

At the conclusion of the program, fans had the opportunity to skate on the ice with the Pointer

players and coaches and get autographs from each of the team members.

Baldarotta found solace in the evening and encouraged everyone to look to the future.

"This is a part of the healing process. There's a light at the end of the tunnel and this team is an oncoming train."

Hockey crushes host Plattsburgh State to advance to championship game

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointer hockey team didn't have a whole lot of factors in their favor heading into their semifinal match-up Friday night.

First, UW-Stevens Point had to travel by land, air and sea to get to Plattsburgh, NY and not even all of the team was together.

Secondly, the fourth-seeded Pointers had to face Plattsburgh State on their home ice.

So much for adversity.

UW-SP didn't let any of the

potential excuses get in its way though, as they cruised into the championship game with an 8-2 drubbing of the Cardinals.

The Pointers jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Ryan Maxson and Mikhail Salienko.

Maxson notched his second goal of the game at 2:01 of the second before Plattsburgh rallied.

Consecutive goals cut the Point lead to 3-2 before UW-SP came up with two huge goals by

Mike Slobodnik and Ben Gorewich in the final 1:28 of the period to make it 5-2 after two.

Forrest Gore put the game out of reach with a pair of shorthanded goals before David Boehm finished off the scoring with 58 seconds remaining.

Bobby Gorman made 22 saves in net for the victory.

"Friday was the best hockey game I've ever seen a Stevens Point hockey team play," UW-SP hockey coach Joe Baldarotta said.

Second day effort not enough for track

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

A trio of All-American finishes on the final day of the NCAA Division III Track and Field Indoor Championships helped pull UW-Stevens Point into a five-way tie for 11th place.

But it was the team's first day showing that kept the Pointers from contending for a National Title.

"We were disappointed," UW-SP men's track and field coach Rick Witt said. "Some didn't perform well under the pressure very well. And they'll be the first to say that."

Going into the meet, Witt wanted his athletes to focus on the team aspect more than in the past, which he said added to the pressure.

"I think we learned a lot. Last year, when we finished fourth (at Outdoors), everything kind of fell together," Witt said. "They put a little added pressure on themselves. It's something they have to learn for themselves."

The Pointers' first day struggles included some

tough breaks as UW-SP saw its chances for gold disappear.

Point's pair of pole vaulters, Jesse Maynard and Lyle Eiden, didn't have their best days for different reasons.

Maynard finished seventh with a vault of 15-foot-5-inches, but if not for early misses, he could have placed as high as fifth. Four vaulters, including Maynard, tied with 15-5.

"It went down to misses," Witt said. "He got nervous and got some misses at heights that he normally doesn't miss."

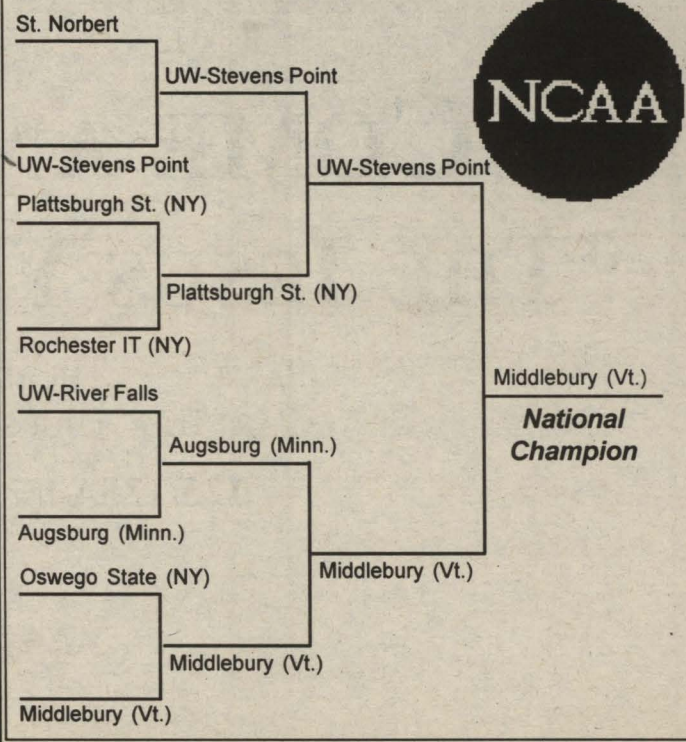
Eiden, who is battling a pulled quadriceps muscle, had trouble gaining speed on his approach, leading to a tenth place finish (15-1).

"Lyle was not 100 percent by any means. He hurt that quad and couldn't run," Witt said.

The Pointers also lost potential points when Eric Miller (400 meter run), Matt Hayes (800 m run), and the 1600 m relay team didn't make it out of preliminaries.

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1998 NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Championships



Swimmers fifth with five at Nationals

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

More isn't always merrier.

Competing with only five swimmers at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships last week, UW-Stevens Point cracked the top five for the first time in school history.

The Pointers, represented by Randy Boelk, Jeremy Francioli, Dave Willoughby, John Stevens and Nick Hanson at the three day meet, finished fifth overall with 256 points.

"It's unprecedented for a team of five guys to go into a National meet and finish fifth," UW-SP assistant swimming and diving coach Jesse Moen said. "Teams that placed above us or below us had 15 or 20 people on their team."

UW-SP was just half a point away from fourth place Claremont-Mudd-Scripps' 256½.

Kenyon College continued its dominance at the Division III level, running away with the title, scoring 726 points. UC-San Diego took home the runner-up trophy with 395 points while Denison finished a close third with 393½.

UW-SP's finish topped last year's previous-best seventh place overall.

"It's unprecedented for a team of five guys to go into a National meet and finish fifth,"
UW-SP assistant swimming and diving coach Jesse Moen.

"We went into the meet thinking we'd finish sixth or seventh," Moen said. "We never thought we'd get more points than last year."

The Pointers were able to top their 1997 performance thanks to All-American finishes in 10 of their 11 events.

Besides National Champion-

ships from the freshman Boelk in the 200 meter backstroke and the 400 medley relay team of Francioli, Stevens, Boelk and Willoughby, UW-SP snagged two second place finishes.

Boelk fell just short of a second National title in the 100 backstroke, taking runner-up to Pedro Monteiro of Kenyon. Boelk's time of 50.68 seconds was less than a tenth of a second from Monteiro's 50.59.

The team of Francioli, Stevens, Boelk and Willoughby also came close to another championship in the 200 medley relay.

The quartet finished second with a time of 1:30.79.

The Pointers also received a trio of third place finishes in individual events.

Francioli was responsible for two of them, the 100 backstroke (:51.35) and the 200 backstroke

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UW-SP softball opens season in Hawaii

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

In order to compete well against tough competition, the more experience a team has against good teams, the better.

And on the UW-Stevens Point softball team's Spring Break trip to Hawaii, the Pointers faced some of the best squads they will see all season.

During their entire time in Hawaii, the Pointers only played against Division II competition in the Kona Softball Classic.

UW-SP finished the tournament with a 2-5 record, losing to Northwest Missouri State in the Consolation Championship.

"Record wise, I don't think it indicated the type of trip that we had," UW-SP softball coach Dean Shuda said.

"We played well defensively,

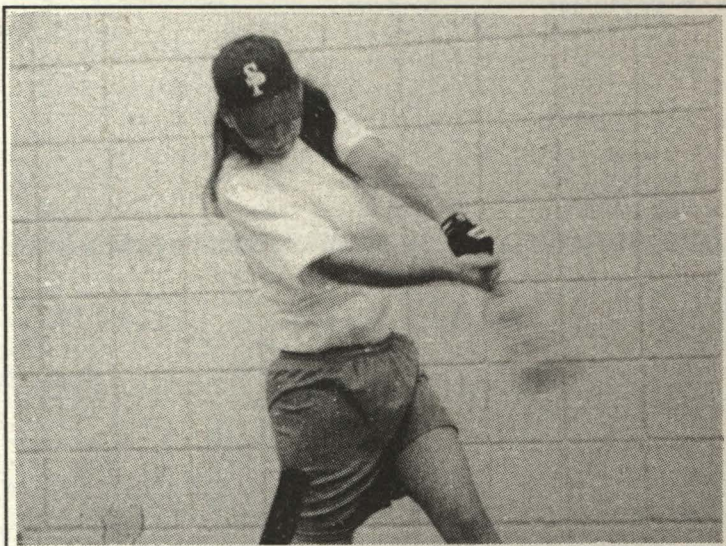
and didn't make any bonehead plays. The biggest thing we didn't do was get key hits with people on base."

The Pointers were able to hang with the Division II teams, as five of the tournament games were decided by two runs or less. Those teams also had 25 to 30 games under their belts.

"Our first game was our first time outside," Shuda said. When you step outside on dirt, it's different.

Seeing the team in its first real game action, Shuda said he really didn't see anything he wasn't expecting.

"To be honest, we're a pretty set ballclub. We have a good nucleus of players," Shuda said. "We've been practicing since Jan. 19, so I know the team pretty well and they know me. There weren't any real surprises or anything."



Kari Rowekamp works on her swing for another season of Pointer softball. (Photo by Mike Kemmeter)

Quote of the Week

"It's like chicken-fighting with a woman. His game is all this flopping-type thing. He weighs only 185 pounds, so you have to be careful, don't touch him, or it's a foul."

-Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan, on guarding Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers.
ESPN Magazine

Pointers hit the playing field in sunny Florida

By Jesse Osborne
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point baseball team got its season underway during Spring Break, travelling to Ft. Myers, Florida.

The Pointers concluded the trip with a 6-5 record, but completed it by stringing together four straight victories.

Overall, UW-SP baseball coach Scott Pritchard was pleased with his team's first games of 1998.

"We got what we expected and we hit the ball better than I thought we would," Pritchard said.

"I also think that we grew up a little bit as a team. We faced good competition and it was just one or two mistakes that made the difference in the outcome of the ballgame.

The Pointers received strong performances from Brian Nelson and Scott Mueller on the offen-

sive end.

Nelson hit .514 with two home runs and 18 RBI, including seven RBI's in a 17-7 victory over Eureka. Mueller also did well at the plate, batting .419 with two homers and 13 RBI's.

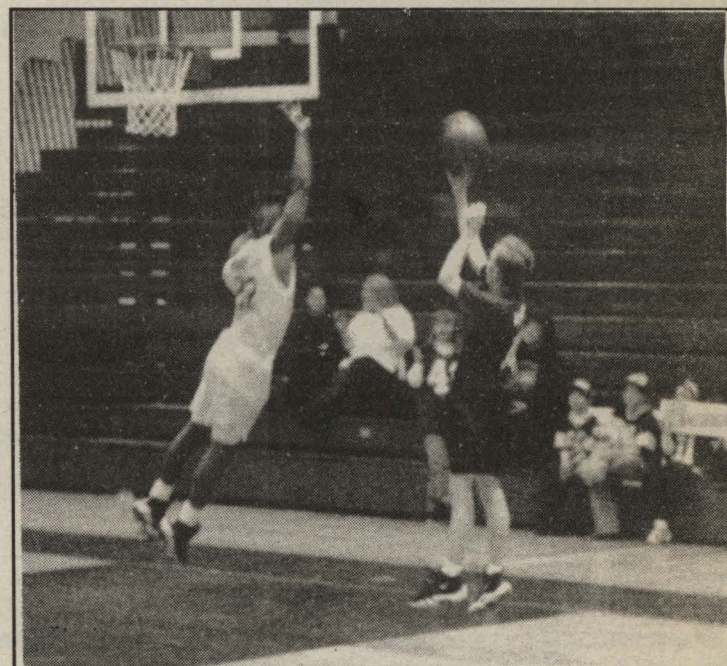
"It's really a pleasure to have Brian back in the lineup. He battled injuries last year and was never 100 percent," Pritchard said. "Anytime you get 18 RBI from your leadoff hitter, you know he is doing a great job."

The Pointers first home game is April 4, but Pritchard said the Pointers still have some work to do before they open conference play with rival UW-Oshkosh.

"We are going to take a couple of weeks and correct our mistakes. We still have six games to get to the level we need to be before we play Oshkosh.

"We know we can play with them. We proved it last year, now we have to go out and do it," Pritchard said.

Hoopin' it up with the Pack



Sports Editor Mike Kemmeter (right) hits the short jumper in the face of Green Bay Packers' defensive back Roderick Mullen in a charity basketball game Sunday. (Submitted photo)

CATCH THE LATEST IN UW-SP BASEBALL ACTION THE SCOTT PRITCHARD SHOW



It's springtime, which means it's time for Pointer baseball! UW-Stevens Point is back and ready to make a return trip to the NCAA Division III World Series and also defend its WIAC Southern Division title, the team's first since 1976. Get all the details right from Coach Pritchard!

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The Pointer Scorecard

Baseball

UW-SP - EUREKA COLLEGE
AT FORT MYERS, FLORIDA
March 13, 1998

Game One

Eureka 0 0 1 0 0 4 2 -- 7 8 5
UW-SP 2 2 10 0 3 0 x -- 17 15 1
2B: Nelson. HR: Nelson. RBI: Nelson 7. WP: Simonson (1-0).

Game Two

UW-SP 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 -- 2 6 3
Eureka 1 0 0 3 0 0 x -- 4 5 1
2B: Krcmar, Molski. LP: Bielmeier (0-1).

UW-SP AT GENE CUSIC CLASIC

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

March 14-21, 1998

UWSP - Aurora

Aurora 0 5 2 0 0 0 2 -- 7 9 1
UW-SP 1 0 1 0 0 1 2 -- 5 9 2
HR: Mueller 2. LP: Adamovich (0-1).

UW-SP - Benedictine

UW-SP 1 0 1 0 2 0 0 -- 4 7 2
Benedictine 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 -- 2 3 1
2B: Nelson. HR: Nelson, Steger. WP: Ray (1-0).

UW-SP - Macmurray

Macmurr. 3 0 4 0 0 1 0 -- 8 9 1
UW-SP 0 0 0 0 4 0 2 -- 6 13 2
2B: Nelson 2. LP: Simonson (1-1)

UW-SP - Amherst

Amherst 1 0 1 0 5 0 0 -- 7 11 2
UW-SP 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 -- 4 8 1
2B: Nelson, Krcmar, Mueller 2. 3B: Krcmar. LP: Zak (0-1).

UW-SP - Rutgers-Camden

UW-SP 0 2 0 0 3 0 0 -- 5 8 2
Rut-Cam 1 1 0 0 4 0 x -- 6 6 0
2B: Berndt, Steger. HR: Berndt, Molski. LP: Adamovich (0-2).

UW-SP - Rutgers-Camden

Rut-Cam 3 2 0 2 0 0 -- 7 11 2
UW-SP 2 4 3 7 3 2 -- 21 17 4
2B: Nelson, Berndt, Govek. 3B: McCann. HR: Hoyhtya. WP: Bielmeier (1-1).

UW-SP - Mt. Vernon Nazarene

Mt. Vern. 0 1 2 2 0 1 0 -- 6 13 2
UW-SP 0 1 0 7 1 0 x -- 9 12 2
WP: Ray (2-0).

UW-SP - Mt. Vernon Nazarene

UW-SP 1 0 2 0 2 0 -- 5 4 0
Mt. Vern. 0 0 0 2 1 0 -- 3 8 1
2B: Nelson, Berndt. WP: Duerkop (1-0). SV: Austreng (1).

UW-SP - Ripon

The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Softball: At Gopher Invite in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday and Friday;
At Carthage College, Saturday, At Marian College, Sunday.

UW-SP 3 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 -- 7 8 3
Ripon 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 -- 2 6 1
HR: Berndt. WP: Simonson (2-1).

Hockey

UW-SP - MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE (Vt.)

NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP

PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

March 21, 1998

Middlebury 1 1 0 -- 2
UW-SP 0 1 0 -- 1

Scoring

First Period

Middlebury - Jirousek (Sealfon and Barnett assist), 12:57.

Second Period

Middlebury - Bobrov (Goldman and LeBlanc assist), power play, 11:59.

UW-SP - Boehm (Salienko and Toninato assist), 17:01.

Shots on goal: Middlebury: 45, UW-SP: 23.

Goalie saves: Middlebury: Bourbeau 21,

Farion 1; UW-SP: Gorman 43.

UW-SP - PLATTSBURGH STATE

NCAA DIVISION III SEMIFINAL

PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

March 20, 1998

Plattsburgh St. 0 2 0 -- 2
UW-SP 2 3 3 -- 8

Scoring

First Period

UW-SP - Maxson (Howard and Capizzano assist), 1:22.

UW-SP - Salienko (Nichol and Toninato assist), power play, 14:39.

Second Period

UW-SP - Maxson (Howard and Capizzano assist), 2:01.

PSU - Silverman (Warren and Seidel assist), power play, 5:41.

PSU - Moffat (Belanger and Deslover assist), 7:18.

UW-SP - Slobodnik (Toninato and Salienko assist), 18:32.

UW-SP - Gorewich (Brown and Drayna as-

sist), 19:36.

Third Period

UW-SP - Gore (Fricke assist), shorthanded, 10:39.

UW-SP - Gore (unassisted), shorthanded, 17:21.

UW-SP - Boehm (Brown assist), 19:02.

Shots on goal: PSU: 33, UW-SP: 24.

Goalie saves: PSU: Erbsland 21, O'Neil 4; UW-

SP: Gorman 22.

Softball

UW-SP AT KONA SOFTBALL CLASSIC

March 16-21, 1998

UWSP - Northwest Missouri

Consolation Championship

UW-SP 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 -- 2 5 1
NW Miss. 0 3 0 0 0 1 x -- 4 6 1

3B: Rowekamp. LP: Lowney.

UW-SP - Hawai'i Hilo

UW-SP 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 -- 2 6 1
Hawai'i 0 0 0 1 2 0 x -- 3 9 1

LP: Blaha.

UW-SP - BYU-Hawai'i

BYU-H 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 -- 4 7 4
UW-SP 1 0 0 0 4 1 x -- 6 10 1

2B: Czappa, Gerber 2, Kristof, Schoenrock.

WP: Prochaska.

UW-SP - BYU-Hawai'i

BYU-H 0 0 1 0 0 0 -- 1 6 2
UW-SP 0 0 4 2 0 3 -- 9 15 2

2B: Morrow. 3B: Briley. WP: Lowney.

UW-SP - Hawai'i Hilo

Hawai'i 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 -- 2 6 1
UW-SP 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 -- 1 4 1

2B: Rowekamp, Zajdel. LP: Blaha.

UW-SP - Northwest Missouri

UW-SP 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 -- 2 5 1
NW Miss. 0 3 0 1 0 0 x -- 4 6 1

LP: Schaper.

UW-SP - Southern California

UW-SP 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 4 1
S. Calif 1 0 1 0 0 0 x -- 2 6 0

2B: Berg, Briley, Rutta. LP: Lowney.

UW-SP - Hawai'i Hilo

March 17, 1998

Game One

UW-SP 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 -- 3 8 0
Hawai'i 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 -- 4 14 2

2B: Gerber. LP: Prochaska.

Game Two

UW-SP 0 0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 2 0
Hawai'i 1 2 1 2 0 2 -- 8 12 0

LP: Schaper.

Swimming and Diving

NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN'S)

At St. Louis

March 19-21, 1998

Team Standings

1. Kenyon	726
2. UC-San Diego	395
3. Denison	393½
4. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	256½
5. UW-SP	256
6. Johns Hopkins	245
7. Union	167
8. Middlebury	153
9. Kalamazoo	104
10. Hope	95½
11. College of New Jersey	80
12. Gettysburg	72
13. UW-Eau Claire	71

Track and Field

NCAA DIVISION III

INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY (MASS.)

March 13-14, 1998

Men's Standings (43 teams scoring)

1. Lincoln University	53
2. Mt. Union	48
3. Christopher Newport	20
3. North Central	20
5. UW-La Crosse	19
6. Amherst	14
6. Augustana	14
8. Bates	12
8. SUNY-Binghamton	12
8. Nebraska Wesleyan	12
11. UW-SP	10
11. SUNY-Cortland	10
11. Rose-Hulman Tech	10
11. Williams	10
11. UMass-Boston	10

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CHRISTINA BERGMAN - BASKETBALL



Bergman

UW-SP Career Highlights

- First team All-WIAC in 1997-98
- First team All-WIAC Defensive team in 1997-98
- 1997-98 WIAC Scholar Athlete

Hometown: Marathon, Wisconsin

Major: Elementary Education

Most Memorable Moment: I'd have to say the last home game this year when we beat UW-Stout. We never did that before and we beat them by 11.

Who was your idol growing up?: My grandmother because she was put through a lot and never gave up. She always did her best in whatever she was doing.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: I would like to find a job somewhere teaching and hopefully, in the same school district, be a coach.

Biggest achievement in sports: Being named the WIAC Scholar Athlete my senior year.

Favorite aspect of basketball: Coming and working hard and having fun but not even knowing you're working hard because you're having fun.

What will you remember most about playing basketball at UW-SP?: I'll remember learning a lot about the game itself from Coach. And all the people that I've had contact with and have become friends with.



On top of their game

Block #3 Intramural Champions

Men's Basketball	Co-ed Volleyball	Soccer
Rob's Rebels	D's Destroyers	Barca FC
Zak Alwin	Darren Hartberg	Jason Feldman
Chris Krenz	Steve Bauer	Jason Deux
Matt Zillman	Gary Vanderhoe	John Crain
Jon Zipperer	Kim Klingeisen	Dave Reynolds
Mike Finnel	Kara Bennett	Julie Meyer
Wes Dutter	Emily Sheehan	Kelly Van Klugen
Chad Messner	Women's Volleyball	Erin Leinweber
Josh Wright	Garden Peas	Brad Nycz
Rob Stealy	Brenda Kubik	Tom Hagbeg
Women's Basketball	Nicci Giordana	Aren Soto
Freedom	Stacy Gorst	Water Polo
Jeana Magyar	Andrea Austin	Ella's Orange Dango
Kristen Hendron	Jenny Timm	Ben Uphoff
Becca Farrar	Stacy Kidd	Corey Pagels
Jackie DesJarlais	Racquetball	Dan Newel
Shari Magyar	Level B	Buzz Owens
Sheila Weiler	Dante Solano	Basey Nye
Jodi Klotz	Level C	Nate Lorch
	Brad Hofmann	Joe Olsen

Block #4 rankings appear in two weeks.

Trivia

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The contest was legitimized when the station began requiring preregistration. Trivia has increased in teams and players every year and the total number of players this year is expected to exceed 12,000.

Players come from as far away as Washington, Oregon, Texas, Spain and Germany to play.

90FM's Trivia contest is listed in Chase's calendar of annual events as the largest of its kind and has media attention from USA Today, Voice of America Radio Network, Chicago Tribune and Minneapolis Star Tribune as well as the Associated Press.

90FM's annual Trivia contest will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 17 and run constantly for 54 hours.

Reevaluate

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this reason, we should focus less on the faults of others, and in turn, place more emphasis on minimizing our own sins. However, combating the temptations of sin as individuals is easier said than done, and sometimes we need to keep each other accountable for our actions.

If it is our goal to become more righteous and to grow together as a community (note there is a difference between being righteous and being religious), then the first step would be to reevaluate our lifestyle. We'd probably find ourselves guilty of condoning too much that is sinful, i.e. the increasing violence and graphic content on TV, avarice and materialism, divorce of loved ones, the way we glorify male and female models from which we place unrealistic standards in society, having too many idols which consume our thoughts and time, and the list goes on...

If we fail to recognize the above examples as sinful, then it's a dangerous sign that we're compromising our values to mitigate the guilt from the lifestyles in which we live.

-Steve Parker
Graduate Student

Smoke

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who inhale it, including non-smokers.

Smoking causes emphysema, cancer of the larynx and lung and chronic bronchitis. When one quits smoking they reduce their blood pressure, improve circulation, increase lung function and decrease risk of cancer of the mouth, throat esophagus, bladder, kidneys and pancreas.

I hope the next time one decides to smoke they realize the dangers they put themselves, and others, in.

-Sara L. Weiss
Student

Bartender

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Broecker, a 1996 UW-SP Aquatic Toxicology graduate, said.

The nominated best bartender commented that a bartender has to "give good service above and beyond because there is no mandatory tip like a waiter or waitress gets.

"I try to figure out what the customer is interested in," he added.

As a bartender, Broecker has a few memorable experiences, but one memory sticks out the most. A few years ago, Lance worked a New Year's Eve with a new bartender until close. Since the annual Polar Bear Festival started the next morning the two of them slept in Lance's car that night.

He mentioned other common annual events that are a good time at the backwater saloon like the Arctic Fest.

"I like the atmosphere out here [Rusty's]," Broecker said.

So what is the secret to a good drink?

"If you ask the customers they'll say the more booze the better," Broecker said.

Muffin

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and muddled orders, who has time to enjoy their food.

Upon completion of the sandwiches it was decided that it would be an injustice if we left the restaurant without trying the very item on the menu that the Blueberry Muffin is named for.

The larger than life muffin comes with Promise and butter and can be warmed up upon request. Ours was heated and looked scrumptious. When we attempted to divide it between the three of us it crumbled like the Berlin Wall in 1990.

The muffin had a corn bread taste and was above average as far as homemade pastries go but I wouldn't go so far as to name my restaurant after it.

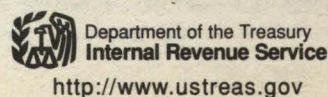
Perhaps my visit to the Blueberry Muffin was a freak occurrence and who am I to question the muffin that the Milwaukee Journal deemed the best in the state in 1993 but one thing is for sure, I will definitely not become a patron of the little diner down on Highway 66.

Credit

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resources while we receive an education. There's no need for Visa and Mastercard to take what is left. Why?

Because I said so!



Still don't know where to live next fall?



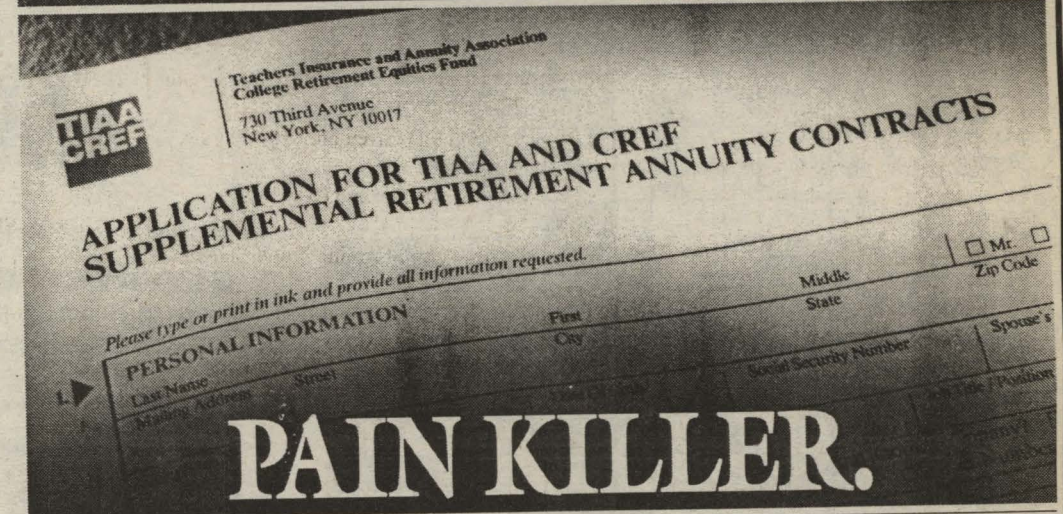
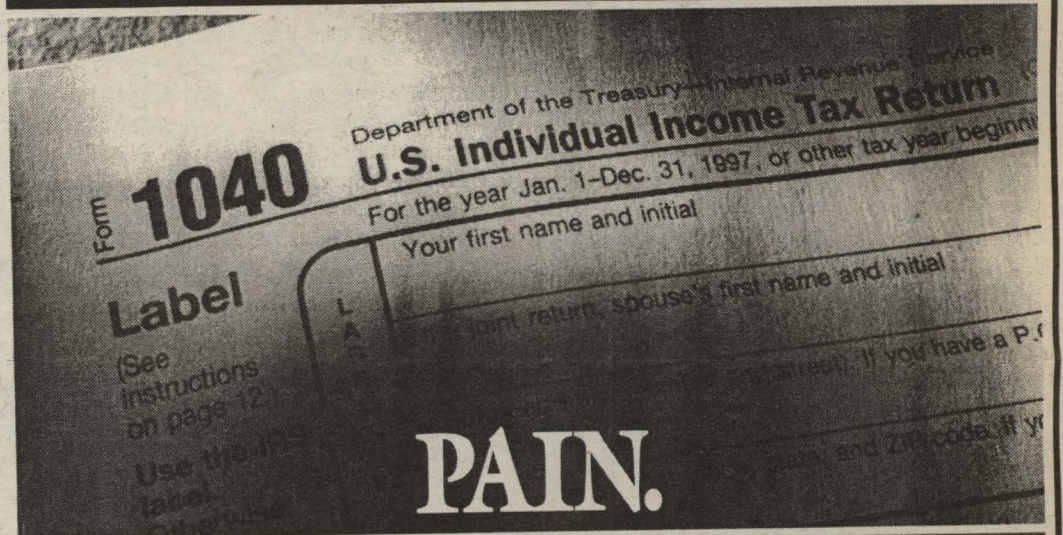
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Tight Corner

By Grundy & Willett



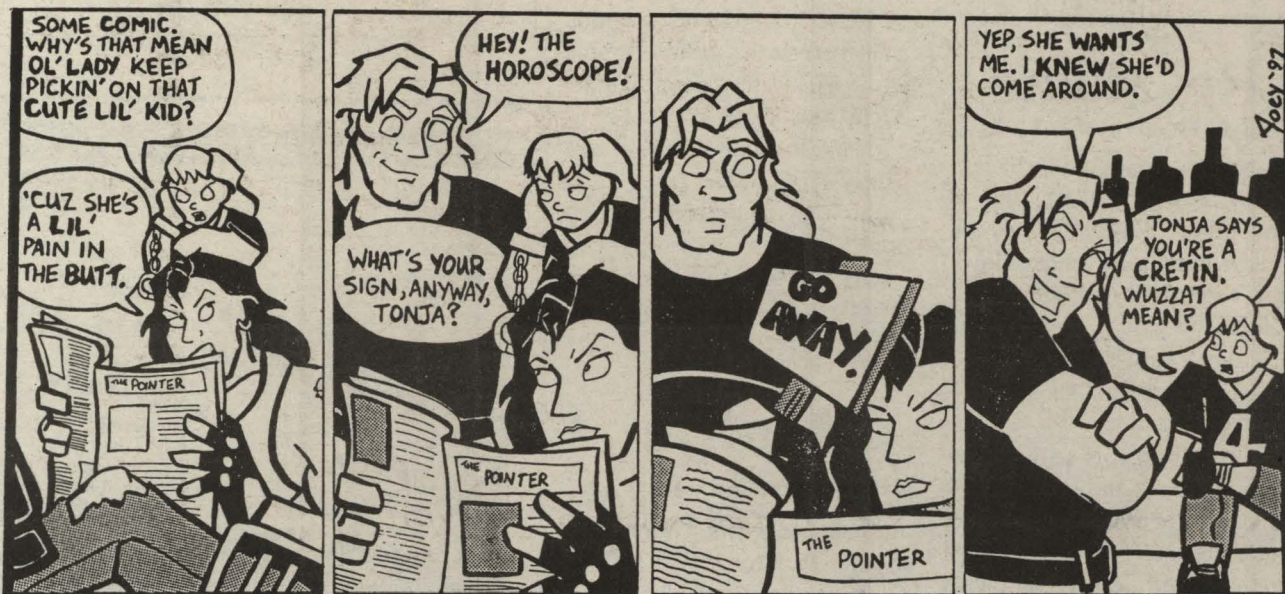
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By Joey Hetzel



TO COVER MY POSTERIOR: "VOGUE" PRODUCED BY MADONNA AND SHEP PETTIBONE. GO WITH THE FLOW!

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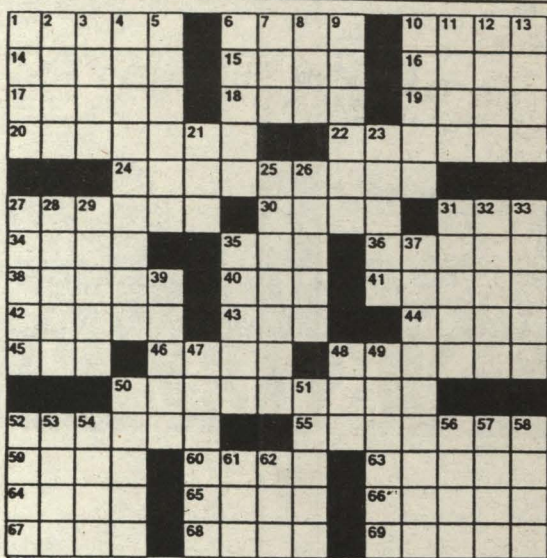


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- 1 More protected
- 6 Exceptional: abbr.
- 10 Subterfuge
- 14 Type of skirt
- 15 — Alto
- 16 Top-notch
- 17 Covers, in a way
- 18 Friend in need
- 19 Express a choice
- 20 No less than
- 22 It may be Spanish
- 24 Estranged
- 27 Desired greatly
- 30 Like cheese
- 31 Scores: abbr.
- 34 Car
- 35 — la la
- 36 White heron
- 38 Active pastime
- 40 Table scrap
- 41 Faced the day
- 42 Past, present or future
- 43 Murray or West
- 44 Nora's pet
- 45 Come to understand
- 46 Aid in crime
- 48 Strengthen
- 50 Kept in mint condition
- 52 Swamp
- 55 Most uncanny
- 59 Teheran's place
- 60 Jacket or collar
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Adam

By Adam Green

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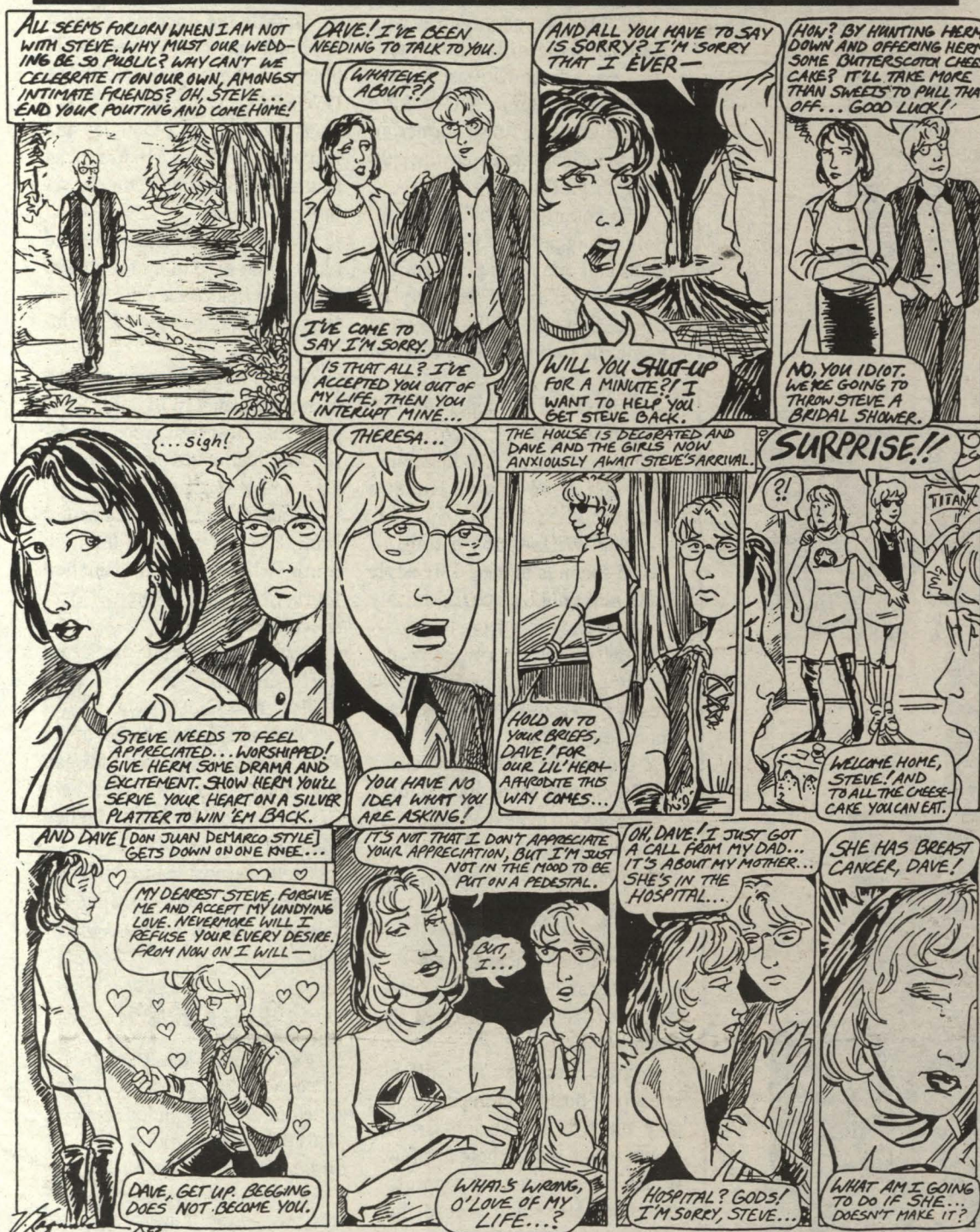
By Bentoni And Ewitski

WITH THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEAR-MISS ASTEROID, WE HAVE TO WATCH FOR SOME VERY IMPORTANT SIGNS.



Dave Davis

By Valentina Kaquatosh

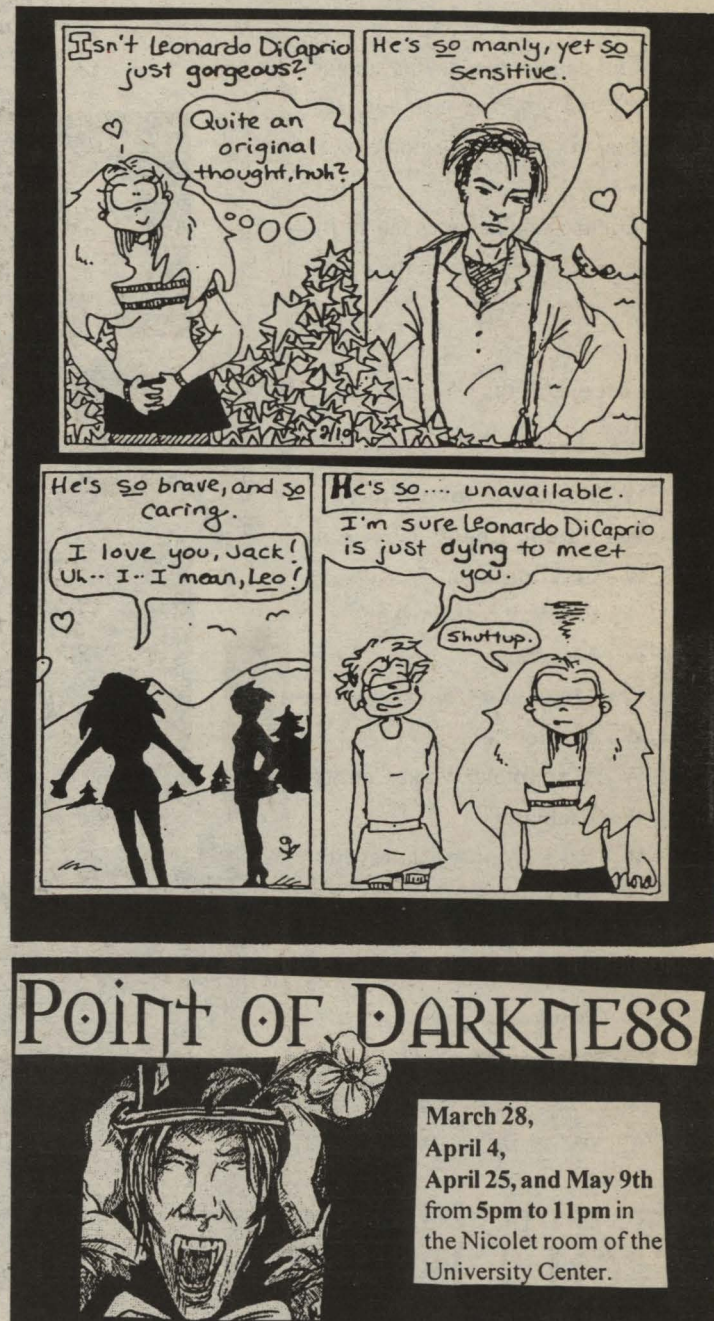


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Next Week: Queer Phenomenon

MUFFIN

By Nora McVittie



POINT OF DARKNESS



March 28,
April 4,
April 25, and May 9th
from 5pm to 11pm in
the Nicolet room of the
University Center.

Right foot, left foot, right foot...

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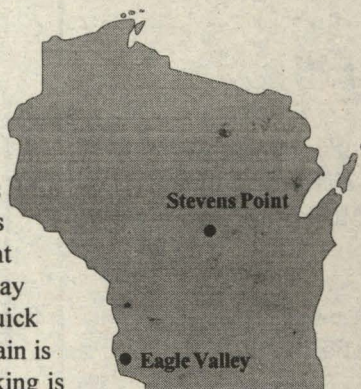
Besides the landscapes many people will be etched into my mind, including Fiddler Bob at Monroe Center who played a few tunes for us and Dick Collins who invited us into his home for freshly made donuts.

Walking in this intensity can place a burden on a few body parts. A few comments stick in my mind. Imagine a bit of yelling followed by "my right knee isn't working." "I really can't feel my feet." "Does anyone have any molefoam, tape or prewrap?" "Twelve blisters" "Does anybody want water?"

Of course us Eagle Walkers have some remedies of the aches and pains, involving a different kind of pain. After walking all day blood pools into the feet and a quick way to get the blood moving again is a cold-ice bath. The art of making is simple. Either gather snow or ice and add to a container filled with cold water. Next, just add swollen feet and ten minutes later, after numerous amounts of pain feet come out a pretty red color.

The final day made the whole trip worth all the pain along the way disappear. During the last couple miles of our journey around 10 eagles, immature and mature, soared over our heads. Later that day the Eagle Valley Nature Preserve recorded over 100 eagles migrating overhead.

Someone once told me if you seen an eagle cross your path you know that you're on the right track. I can't imagine what they would say about the numbers of eagles we saw. Although some called us "crazy," this walk has brought many great people together for a cause that future generations will cherish—the preservation of the land.



"Blue Sky on Mars" not Matthew Sweet's sweetest

The Jayhawks
Sound of Lies



By Kyle Geltmeyer
MUSIC CRITIC

Having loved Matthew Sweet's albums "Girlfriend" and "Altered Beast," I can't help but find myself disappointed by his last two solo efforts. "Blue Sky on Mars," Sweet's latest CD, is an admirable piece of work, like his previous album, but I expected more from him.

Sweet was swept into the airwaves with his very Revolver-era Beatlesque album "Girlfriend" in 1991. It received a bit of critical attention and moderate airplay, mostly on college radio stations. The alternative follow-up, "Altered Beast," solidified his own creative relevance to modern music. I guess this is why I'm mildly disappointed in his last two albums. I expected bigger things from him.

Much like his last album "100% Fun," "Blue Sky" is a pop album with a few beautiful songs mixed with some that don't fit well with the rest. Hardcore Matthew Sweet fans may be upset with this review and I apologize to you. I feel that his work has become progressively diluted.

The first song on "Blue Sky," "Going to California," seems to be mocking Californians with a poppy alternative backbeat. The album's second song, "Back to You," is among the best on the album. It starts with Beach Boys sounding keyboards compliments of producer Brendan O'Brien. Sweet plays a solid, subtle guitar on it as well.

"Where You Get Love" seems like a tribute to the work of Cheap Trick lead guitarist Rick Neilson. Sweet, as is his custom, mixes in his own voice as harmony for a listener-friendly effect. "Hollow"

leaves an echo-like impression on the listener. "Behind the Smile" sounds like it could have been an outtake from his "Altered Beast" album. Beautiful lyrics complement the mellow alternative groove.

My personal favorite, "Until You Break," similarly seems to me that it would have fit nicely on the "Girlfriend" album. It's a beautiful song about a man waiting for the woman he loves. I'm reminded of the song "Nothing Lasts" on "Girlfriend" when I listen to it.

I still believe "Blue Sky on Mars" is a solid album, just not what I expected out of Matthew Sweet. I don't think the album as a whole flows nearly as well as his first two solo efforts that brought him to prominence. Don't be discouraged to buy this album, but it might be a good idea to request a few tunes off it on 90 FM first.

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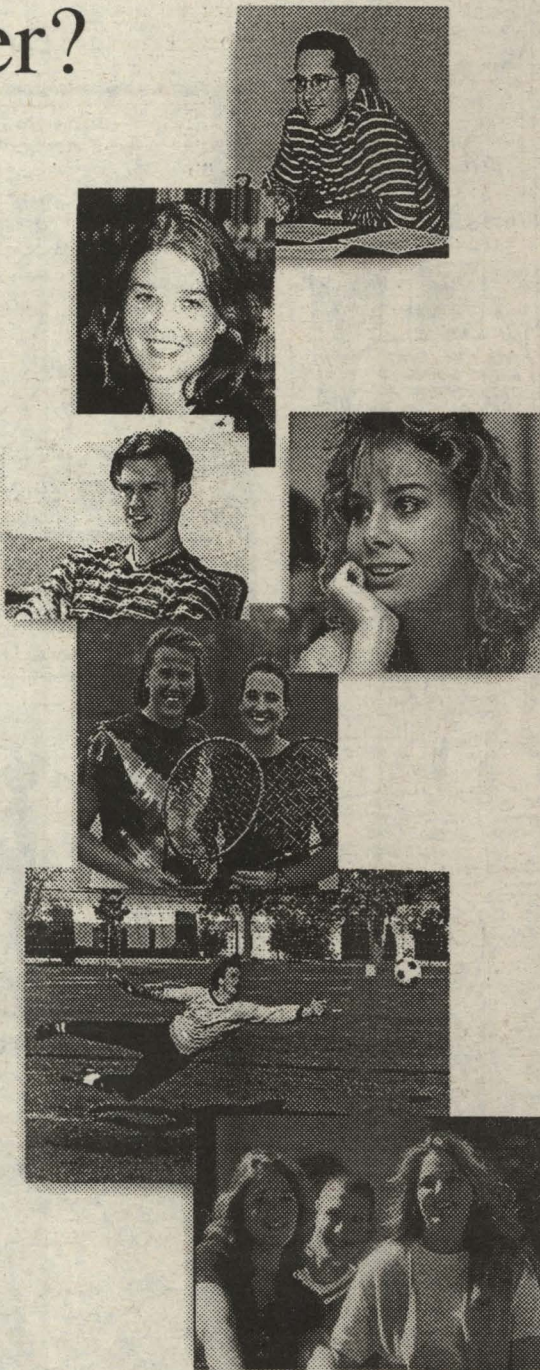
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Swimming

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(1:50.99). The sophomore won National Title in the 200 backstroke as a freshman last season.

Stevens captured UW-SP's other third place finish, garnering All-American status in the 200 breaststroke (2:04.27).

To round out their scoring, Point snagged one fourth, two fifths and one ninth place finish.

The 400 freestyle relay of Boelk, Stevens, Willoughby and Francioli grabbed fourth place in 3:05.20.

Fifths went to Boelk in the 200 individual medley (1:53.26) and the 200 freestyle relay of Willoughby, Stevens, Boelk and Hanson (1:24.05).

And Willoughby's time of 20.95 seconds in the 50 freestyle gave him a ninth place finish, only 1.01 second away from first.

"All of our guys swam really, really good," Moen said. "I was really impressed with how everybody did."

UW-SP first-year head coach Al Boelk and Moen have a lot to look forward to next season, as all five will return to try to improve on 1998.

Cranes

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but bird-watchers should be careful not to disturb birds from their nesting sites.

People interested in a different sort of bird watching can also take place in the spring Crane Count which will be held in a few weeks. Crane counters report to assigned areas and record the number of birds observed and heard.

Track

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Despite the opening day disappointment, three Pointers were able to bounce back and move UW-SP into 11th place.

Brett Witt, Ben Douglas and Mike Mead earned All-American status after finishing in the top six in their events.

Witt (1:52.49) snagged third place in an extremely tough 800 meter run field, where the top five finishers all topped the 1997 winning time.

"Brett ran just about as well as he can run," Witt said. "The guys that beat him were the defending National Champion and the number one seed."

Douglas and Mead teamed to bring UW-SP points in the high jump, where the pair finished fourth (6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$) and sixth (6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$) respectively.

"Those guys came back and performed like we knew they could," Witt said.

The lone representative of the Pointer women's team, Megan Lundahl, finished sixth in her flight of the shot put (41-8 $\frac{1}{2}$) and failed to qualify for the finals.

Both Pointer teams have the weekend off before hitting the outdoor track at Luther College April 4.

Turkey

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killed- a success rate of 23%. Top zones of 1997 included Zone 3 (1,699 birds), Zone 7 (1,042 birds), Zone 22 (1,154 birds), and Zone 23 (1,601 birds).

The success of turkey hunters has obviously improved with the increase in the turkey population and the range they now cover. To compensate for the expansion of the turkeys' range, the DNR has established two new zones, which may open in 1999.

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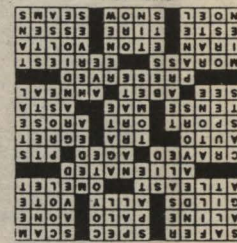
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