Students will decide fate of activity fee proposal

Additional funds would give students free admission to certain events

By Mike Kemmeter
Editor-in-Chief

In two weeks, UW-Stevens Point students will decide if they want to get into certain campus events for free.

The Student Government Association is holding a referendum that, if passed, would allow students into arts, athletics and certain campus events.

The referendum, which student will vote on in the last week of Oct., asks if students want an extra $20.00 added to their tuition bill.

Voting will take place on Oct. 27th and 28th. SGA Communication Director Chris Keller said the organization is planning an e-mail survey and it may also hold informational forums.

Under the proposal, athletics would receive $10.00, which could net more than $75,000 for the program.

The arts area, which includes the music, theater and performing arts departments, would receive $5.90 for a total of over $44,000. And in the contemporary entertainment area, Centertainment aims to get over $23,000 by receiving $3.10 from each student.

Twenty-five cents would be used to offset other expenses and the extra 75 cents would be used to fund student organizations.

"I just think the benefits to the students are incredible," said Greg Diekroeger, the advisor for Centertainment Productions.

"We're expecting a 10 to 20 percent raise in attendance, at least. You can go down and see a movie, half a movie. You can check out some of the comedians Centertainment brings in," SGA Vice President Jeff Bubrandt said.

Under the proposal, students would just need to bring their UW-SP identification card to the events to gain admission.

UW-SP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien said admission to athletic events would be free, with the exception of playoff games.

"Even if you want to go to a basketball game for five minutes, you can just swipe your ID card," Clint Wos, SGA budget director, said. Wos said if the referendum passes, students who purchased four year All-Sports passes would receive refunds.

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Computers may be in new students’ laps

By Jen Lueck
News Reporter

Incoming freshman of the future may be closer to the millennium than they think.

Discussions have begun to provide laptops to students at UW-Stevens Point.

"As of right now, this is only exploratory," said Chancellor Thomas George.

This project, which is still in its infancy, will be the topic of discussion among selected faculty and administrators in the upcoming months.

The preliminary setup is based on programs used at other schools, such as Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

If enacted, the program would provide every incoming freshman with a laptop computer. The cost and upkeep would then be paid for by a raise in student tuition fees. The cost would be divided by eight semesters, although if a student was to attend the university for more than four years, they would still have to pay the fees to cover upkeep of the laptop.

The question of compatibility has been raised among supporters. Computer labs and classrooms would be updated to provide hook-ups for the laptops.

According to Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer, it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the current computer labs.

Eco-Hall starts environmental action

By Christina Summers
News Editor

Students living in UW-Steven Point’s first ecologically-minded residence hall have begun their fight to help save the earth.

The Eco-Hall, located in Knutzen Hall, began its fall and was designed to foster community involvement and self-motivation by professors.

EARTH (Environmentally Aware Residents Thinking Holistically) started their fight to help save the earth.

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West: I know what we shouldn't do. Have more govern­ment involvement, which was a huge issue in the 70s and 80s, so two digit years were used and were added to the core of a huge system.

"Fixing Y-2K will introduce new bugs into software. I don't think that anyone will be left un­affected, but I don't believe the tabloid scare stories," she said.

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Putting the final touches on ‘Pippin’

Students rehearse for the theatre production “Pippin” which will be showing Oct. 16-18 and Oct. 21-24. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Eco: Knutzen Hall taking steps to help the earth

The Eco-Hall is basically serving as a test site for these plans. If they work out, we eventually want to incorporate these environmentally sound ideas into other halls,” said Totman.

“I like living in the Eco-Hall a lot. It’s great participating in helping to save the Earth, no matter how small the actions are. Some day, these actions will add up to something greater,” said Melissa Theusch, an environmental interpretation major.
Dear Editor:

Apathy. It’s the scourge of our generation. Our parents. Our leaders. Our professors. Even our peers.

All of them claim that we don’t care about what’s going on in the world. They say we would rather watch MTV, drink beer, anything that requires little or no thinking. We’re apathetic, they say.

Are we the only ones who see the danger in this? Is anyone else outraged by this? Does anyone feel the need to prove them wrong?

--Anonymous UW-SP student

Dear Editor:

We know of some students right here on this campus that are trying to prove the apathy argument wrong. We know students are interested in issues and we know many students want to act...to make a change.

How about the state of the environment in Wisconsin? How about ensuring that our campus receives enough money to offer adequate programming?

READER ON PAGE 9

Dear Editor:

I hope you all become educated and open-minded voters by attending this forum.

Fortunately, you will be given a chance to learn...to make a change.

--Hope Klingler

Bike owners beware

Dear Editor:

I would like all would-be thieves and bike owners to take the time to read the following.

I received a note attached to my bike (which was locked up) on Monday evening stating:

You are a dumb (expletive). We debated about whether or not to steal your bike for three hours. You’re lucky you caught us in a good mood.

I could use a Cannondale. You can pay me back later. Front tire lock your bike again and it’ll be gone in a heartbeat.

Love You,

Bob-bye

P.S. Use your (expletive) head.

Well, I am using my head informing my fellow colleagues.

I thought we were attending college to better ourselves. We are supposed to be concerned about the issues of the world today.

Instead, we have people looking to harass others and steal property that is not rightfully theirs. I know others, like myself, have more important things to do with our time than to look for bikes that are not locked up the “right” way.

--Anonymous UW-SP student

AITP president not happy with coverage

Dear Editor:

I am writing you because I am very disappointed with The Pointer.

Correct me if I am wrong, but my understanding is that the primary purpose and objective of The Pointer is to inform the university members about the activities/events going on at UW-Stevens Point and the local community. In other words, “pass on the information” (along with other features/stories).

If you may recall, I stopped by The Pointer office a couple of weeks ago. (Not to mention I had to make several trips before I could get ahold of an editor.)

I informed you about the upcoming Computer Information Systems career fair and AITP (Association of Information Technology Professionals). I also handed you a copy of past coverage. In spite of all this, The Pointer did not cover the event.

To the editorial board of The Pointer, covering a guy who caught a 10-pound muskie was more informational and important than an event that was put together by a campus organization.

The career fair not only saw 32 prestigious employers, but provided students an opportunity to learn about careers and internships in the field.

About 300 students and several faculty members visited the fair. Of course this was not interesting enough for you guys.

I can therefore safely deduce that the printed material is decided by personal friends and who-knows-who rather than by content.

It is sad that we do not have the right people serving us. I hope you take this letter as a learning opportunity and not criticism. And most important, not all the students like to read two pages on hunting and fishing.

Respectfully submitted,

--Labu Sharma

President of AITP

Editor’s note—The September 24 edition (issue 3) of The Pointer included a story on the CIS career fair. The Page 3 article, “Windows open for computer careers,” previewed the event and informed students of where and when it would take place.

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If we had our way, you'd never get sick. But of course, all of us still do.

That's why the new Saint Michael's Hospital-Rice Medical Center health care campus is such exciting news.

Saint Michael's Hospital is part of Ministry Health Care, a network of leading hospitals, clinics, physicians, home care and long-term care facilities in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Rice Medical Center is Portage County's largest independent physician group, with 50-plus doctors providing a multitude of specialty services.

Now, by way of the new health care campus, physicians from Rice—occupying a new, six-floor clinic—will share resources from parking to entranceway to technology to communications with Saint Michael's.

What this means is, health care here will become more convenient. More accessible. More integrated. And therefore, more effective.

In fact, the highest level of health care in our area's history.

You and your family are invited to join us as we mark this monumental occasion in our area's health care and see firsthand, how we'll be caring for you. Well into the future.

THE LOCATION
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THE INSIDE LOOK
New Rice Medical Center
New Joint Lobby

THE HEALTHY MEASURES
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THE GOOD TIMES
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For more information, please call Shannon Semmerling at 715-346-5174.
Outlook for pheasant season optimistic

"The good news is that summer brood observations indicate that pheasant productivity this year was the best it has been in several years."

—Keith Warnke
Department of Natural Resources

Grassroots Coordinator Appears

National Wildlife Federations’ Jodi Applegate speaks

By Dave Miller
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Last Friday Jodi Applegate came to the College of Natural Resources to speak to students about the newly introduced Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1998.

Applegate is the National Grassroots Coordinator for Teaming With Wildlife, which is part of the National Wildlife Federation. She spoke at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s meeting held in Stevens Point on Saturday and took the time while in town to do media interviews.

Applegate works with the Teaming With Wildlife (TW) initiative, which is a grassroots campaign to protect the environment. The PWF noted for commitment to environmental issues, and Don Young, an Alaskan Republican who is generally scorned by the environmental community.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act has three parts which are all funded by offshore drilling revenues. The deviation from the original TW Act concept, distrust of the sponsors and motives of the bill, and funding by oil and gas companies did not die even if this bill were passed because there is a need for a long-term funding source for non-game wildlife.

Applegate emphasized that the National Wildlife Federation does not support the way the bill is currently written but they are committed to working with this legislation.

She also said that the Team­ing With Wildlife campaign would not die even if this bill were passed because there is a need for a long-term funding source for non-game wildlife.

To learn more about this legislation, check out the Teaming With Wildlife home page at http://www.teaming.com
The renewal of the Stewardship Fund
Spencer Black proposes fund to conserve wetlands

Ten years ago, I proposed a broad initiative to protect the best of what remained of our state's natural lands and wildlife habitat. I made that proposal because development pressures were threatening the scenic beauty, biological diversity and outdoor recreation that makes Wisconsin so special. With the support of conservation groups across the state, my proposal - The Stewardship Fund - was passed by the Legislature in 1989. The Stewardship Fund is the largest land conservation effort in Wisconsin history. My proposal authorizes spending $250 million during the 1990's to protect natural areas and wildlife habitat, expand state parks and forests, and provide outdoor recreational opportunity.

It has been a great success. To date, almost 160,000 acres of Wisconsin's outdoors have been protected. Examples include the purchases of the Turtle-Flambeau and Northwood Islands and protection of the Wisconsin Dells and Lower Wisconsin River.

The Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area, Pheasant Branch Marsh and the Ice Age Trail are other examples of areas protected by stewardship. Unless the Legislature acts, the Stewardship Fund will end in July, 2000. I am now proposing 'Stewardship 2000' to continue Stewardship, double the size of the Fund and place a renewed emphasis on protecting our water based resources and wildlife areas.

While $25 million per year was a large appropriation in 1989, skyrocketing land prices have eroded the buying power of the Stewardship Fund. With development pressure threatening the future quality of fishing and availability of wildlife habitat, a strong Stewardship Fund is more important than ever.

Stewardship 2000 would place a priority on protecting wetlands, acquiring shoreline of wild lakes and preserving many of Wisconsin's most scenic rivers. The Fund would also focus on the protection of conservation, recreation and wildlife habitat through purchase of conservation easements to ensure permanent protection of our land resources.

The Stewardship Fund has helped conservation groups protect lands that have been threatened by development. For example, the Madison Audubon Society used Stewardship grants to help protect the Goose Pond Sanctuary in Columbia county. Stewardship 2000 would allow even more conservation groups to participate by increasing the flexibility of Stewardship grants.

Protecting our inheritance of Wisconsin's natural beauty, abundant wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities is one of the wisest investments we can make.

The Stewardship Fund investments we've made over the last eight years will continue to pay big dividends to ensure our kids have the same opportunity to enjoy the outdoors that we have had. We must renew our commitment to leaving a beautiful and biologically rich Wisconsin for future generations to enjoy by continuing and expanding the Stewardship Fund.

Representative Spencer Black is the author of the Stewardship Fund. He also is author of the Mining-Abandonment and the Recycling Law.

Baiting: A question of ethics

By Bob Nack

OUTDOORS REPORTER

The health of the deer heard could also be put in jeopardy. If the bait pile is large enough, the deer may depend on it as their major source of food. When winter comes and the bait pile is gone, the deer may have to rough searching for an alternative food source. Not to mention the disease from moldy bait piles. With high densities of deer using a bait pile, disease can spread rapidly.

Lastly, baiting may not enhance sport hunting in the eyes of non-hunters. Many hunters say they hunt for the sport of it, myself included. People ask how is baiting deer any different from bear hunting? My opinion is that baiting bear is one of the only ways to control the population.

The terrain in northern Wisconsin doesn't allow us to spot and stalk a bear as they do out west. Without baiting bear, it would be very difficult to harvest enough bear to prevent an overpopulation problem. Especially with legislation trying to ban the use of hounds.

Many young hunters are being brought up using bait piles. In their eyes, there are no disadvantages to baiting. We should take pride in showing a young hunter the proper way to "read the woods."

I am not saying all people that bait deer are lazy or slob hunters. Some hunters work very hard on their bait piles and are very out door oriented. Non-hunters enjoy seeing a deer at the feeder in their yard. Feeding deer in the northern counties provides much needed nourishment during harsh winters.

I've often heard the remark, "I bait, I don't agree with it, but I have to compete for deer with those hunting around me." This is the way it is getting to be in much of northern Wisconsin. The solution may be to set certain times of the year when baiting is allowed, primarily during the winter months. It will be interesting to see what will happen on this subject. I urge people to re think the reasons why they are baiting. Are they the right ones?
Crane Counters Needed

Once each fall and spring, a census on the statewide crane population is taken. This fall, students and community members will head out to marshes, fields and other staging areas to count cranes as they migrate south. The count will take place on Oct. 3-4. For more information, come to one of our informational meetings in room 170 CNR on Mon. 5 P.M. or Wed. 5 P.M. and find out what the crane count is all about!

Gun ownership amendment on the ballot

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Hunting was traditionally a way of life for people. For thousands of years, people killed animals to survive. Even into this century, hunting was a major source of food for people in this country. One need not go back more than a couple generations to find examples of the necessary role hunting played when it came to putting food on the table. Times have changed. Hunting is no longer necessary for survival. Meat is now associated with domestic rather than wild animals. Since hunting is no longer important as a food source, many people have tried to do away with it completely, reasoning that it is cruel, violent, unnecessary or any number of reasons.

At a time when hunting seems to be under fire, the state of Wisconsin is taking action to try to preserve this age-old ritual. An amendment is in the state legislature to protect the right of the people to bear arms. The proposal states: The people have the right to bear arms. This federal power is protected in the constitution. If you attempt to take this away, you are destroying a part of our heritage. It is time we protect this right.

Wisconsin is one of seven states: Hawaii, Oregon, Alaska, New Mexico, Wyoming, and New Hampshire that currently does not have a law allowing citizens to bear arms. The vast majority of Wisconsin's population falls somewhere in between these two categories. And since this is a public referendum, their opinions count just as much as a hunter's or an anti-hunter's. These are the people who will decide the outcome of this referendum.

Unfortunately, just when it seemed as if Wisconsin gun owners were going to have more protection in the books, a major blow to the cause occurred this week. A protected tundra swan was shot this week in the Horicon Marsh. Several sportmen witnessed the shooting but were unable to catch up with the poachers who left the bird lay in the marsh. Incidents like this give sportmen a bad name. As always, it's the minority that ruins it for the majority. This incident could influence the neutral public in a negative way.

If hunters and other gun owners want to protect their right to bear arms, they need to take action. The most important thing anyone can do is be a model. Make your actions show how responsible the majority of sportsmen are. Make your voice heard and rally other sportsmen to do the same. And come election day on Nov. 3, vote. Your rights may depend on it.

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343

Amer. Suzuki Foundation Music of the Masters Dinner, 6:30PM (Holiday Inn)
Mainstage Theatre Prod.: PINPIN, 7:30PM (JT-FAB)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
POINTER PERSPECTIVE DAYS
Volleyball, UW-Stout, 7PM (H)
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Suzuki Solo Recitals, 2:30-3:30PM (MH-FAB)
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Mainstage Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)
Assoc. for Community Tasks MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, 11AM-1PM (Various Locations)
Wom. Cross-Country, Todd Neubauer Invite (Away)
Men's Cross-Country, Jim Drews Invite (7)
Wom. Soccer, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)
Wom. Tennis, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)
Football, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)
Volleyball, UW-River Falls, 2PM (H)

The Week in Point!
Vigil: UW-SP remembering Wyoming student who was beaten

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Participants will have a chance to send condolences to Shepard's family and friends. "We at Stevens Point don't support hate crimes. This happened 200 years ago and shouldn't be happening," said a member of the UW-SP's I 0% Society who asked to remain anonymous.

Despite the short notice, 10% Society members are expecting three speakers to address problems with hate crimes and discuss legislative issues surrounding hate crimes.

"We can take a stance on this. This does frighten the university... we aren't going to stand for it," said Angela Gonzalez, legislative issues director for Student Government Association. "No matter what you believe, we are all still humans."

Students at UW-Madison held a candlelight vigil on Tuesday night at Library Mall. "I personally think it's a travesty. It really hits close to home here in Madison," said Tim Treffinger, events and publicity coordinator for UW-Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender campus center.

Since the incident, President Clinton and activists have urged Congress to pass legislation on hate crimes. Forty-one states have hate crime laws, 21 states specifically cover offenses motivated by the victim's sexual orientation, including Wisconsin.

"The vigil is going to raise awareness about this hate crime bill," said Erik Hedeman, vice president for 10% Society. "If this (federal) bill goes through, it's a pretty big step for the gay community (and other diverse groups)."

The 10% Society is welcoming anyone, homosexual or not, to attend the vigil.

"There's plenty in the local community who this affects. We're comfortable in SP - not much stuff happens," said a member of the 10% Society. "It's a wake-up call."

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**The Only Alternative**

**90 FM WWSP**
NBA needs to end lockout for sake of their image

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

As the scheduled beginning of the National Basketball Association season nears, the main question that fans are asking each other is not, "When will the lockout end?" but rather, "Who cares?"

Just when the NBA had seemed to reach their peak in popularity, they found a way to screw it up.

The current labor dispute seems to be a debate of "We want a bigger percentage of your billions" between the players and the owners.

Not exactly a great way to gain new fans.

The NBA has reached a point where they had become the most popular professional sport in the world. With the incomparable Michael Jordan still hanging around and fresh, young, overrated talent like Kobe Bryant stepping in, the league had everything going for them.

Obviously the NBA has forgotten the hit that Major League Baseball took after their forgettable strike of 1994.

The only problem is Jordan won't be around to help the league make a comeback and they don't have a Mark McGwire or Sammy Sosa-type player to carry the game.

The fact of the matter is that the NBA has become dull and predictable to watch.

I can only view so much one-on-one play and pick-and-rolls before I'm forced to turn the channel.

Personally, I'll take a great college showdown like North Carolina against Duke any day of the week before I'd watch an uninteresting pro game.

As quickly as the NBA has seen their popularity rise over the past five years through marketing, they shouldn't be surprised to see how quickly it will fall.

Commissioner David Stern is going to have his hands full trying to put fans back in the stands, at least let's hope so.

Women's hockey club takes to the ice

As we all begin to feel the cold of winter approaching, one UW-Stevens Point club prepares for their season.

The women's hockey club began practicing a few weeks ago and face the UW-Madison club team in the season opener Saturday.

Taking the ice with her teammates, club President Michelle Pouliot joins the ever-growing number of women hockey players in the United States.

"I had no experience," Pouliot said. "I came out with a friend and was brand new to the sport."

With a few years behind the newer club, the UW-SP women's hockey team is ready to go the distance and prove their dedication through late night practices. The team will host their first home game Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

"It really is no surprise in comparison to the other conference teams."

Last Thursday saw the Pointers amnillate conference competitor UW-Oshkosh in a 5-0 victory.

UW-SP teammates Jenny Davis, Marie Muhvic and Michelle Mauel all nailed one past the Titan's goalkeeper, with two more goals by forward Hope Wadel to close out the game.

After they took out the Titans, the UW-SP hockey club stepped up to host Gustavus Adolphus College Saturday.

A goal by Laura Gissiil and a gift goal by one of the Gusties clinched the close-2-1 victory for Point and Miech believes this win helped them attain their rankings.

"To play with that caliber of a team," said Miech, "things would be different if we had lost. But the win insured us our ranking."

Looking ahead, the Pointers need to finish their WIAC play before anything else.

In a conference where every team is looking to knock them off, UW-SP must continue their six-year conference winning streak.

"You want to get that number one spot in conference and we have four more games," said Miech.

"We have to really stay focused and stay hungry. There's really not any easy games left."

The Pointers hunger for their next win Saturday when they travel to UW-Eau Claire to take on the Blugolds.

Quote of the Week:
"I started feeling some spasms in my back. I think it was on my 13th or 14th punt. Boy, that's something you don't hear all the time."

-- Oakland Raiders punter Leo Araguz who set an NFL record with 16 punts Sunday in the Raiders 7-6 victory over the Chargers.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Warhawks drop Pointers
Fourth quarter comeback falls short

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a matter of too little, too late for the Pointer football team in their game at UW-Whitewater Saturday.

A valiant fourth quarter comeback attempt fell short in the Warhawks 21-12 defeat of UW-Stevens Point.

Trailing 14-0 heading into the final 15 minutes, Point finally got on the scoreboard with 11:09 remaining when backup quarterback Ryan Aulenbacher found Larry Aschebrook with an eight-yard pass.

Jason Steuck’s extra point failed, leaving the score 14-6.

Larry Aschebrook with an eight-yard pass.

UW-SP quickly took advantage of the miscue, as Aulenbacher hooked up with Wally Schmitt for a 20-yard gain down to the Warhawks’ 2.

Three plays later, Clint Kriewaldt rushed one yard to make it 14-12 with 8:36 to go.

Unfortunately for the Pointers, the ensuing two-point conversion attempt failed.

“Managed extra point kind of took the wind out of our sails,” UW-SP Coach John Miech said.

On fourth down of Whitewater’s ensuing series, punter Chris Korr had trouble getting off the punt and only managed to get the ball to the Warhawks’ 22 yard line.

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SEE FOOTBALL ON PAGE 13

Runners battle the Titans

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITORS- IN-CHIEF

While the UW-Stevens Point men’s and women’s cross country teams both traveled to UW-Oshkosh Saturday, their respective coaches had different philosophies for the small invitational.

The men’s team had just completed the Notre Dame Invitational a week earlier.

Coach Rick Witt chose to give his first ten guys the weekend off so they could rest for the huge UW-La Crosse Invitational this Saturday.

But with the women’s team coming off a week with no racing, Coach Len Hill decided to run his team hard.

In their first racing action in two weeks, the Pointer women finished third overall with 80 points.

The host Titans won the meet in La Crosse.

In a decisive 7-2 victory, the Pointers knocked down another conference competitor.

“Was encouraging,” she said.

Coach Page said.

“All these guys ran better but we didn’t run as well as we could have,” Hill said.

Lisa Fiza paced the Pointers with a 11th place finish in 19:15.

Sara Holewinski (13th in 19:19), Leah Jone (15th in 19:24), Erin Dowgwill (21st in 19:49) and Alisha Garbe (28th in 19:39) rounded out UW-SP’s top five.

“They ran great,” Hill said of the whole team. “We have 21 on the roster and 14 had personal bests.

“We had a hard week (of workouts). If they can do that with a hard week, I’d like to see what we can do with a little rest.”

Rest was just what the UW-SP men’s top runners did and the Pointers finished fourth with 103 points.

UW-La Crosse was first with 22 points.

UW-Oshkosh took second with 45 and UW-Parkside finished third with 76.

“If the guys, our guys ran better but we didn’t run as well as we could have,” Hill said.

SEE CROSS COUNTRY ON PAGE 13

Tennis nets WIAC split

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Pointer tennis split their weekend with a win and a loss for the record books.

Heading first to UW-La Crosse Friday, the UW-Stevens Point team dropped their dual meet 6-3.

Head Coach Nancy Page was pleased with her team despite the defeat.

“La Crosse was the tougher team and to come away with three wins was encouraging,” she said.

Point’s Tammy Byrne and Heather Janssen won their two singles matches. Janssen joined teammate Anne Renken in a doubles victory.

Heading home, the Pointers turned their game around for Saturday’s dual meet against the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

In a decisive 7-2 victory, the Pointers knocked down another conference opponent.

“The team knew how important it was to win the dual match,” Coach Page said.

“I was very pleased with our play in both matches,” Page said.

UW-SP will host UW-Oshkosh at the Allen Center courts Thursday beginning at 4 p.m.

Get ready to drop the puck

Getting ready to drop the puck

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

To finish out their fall season, the UW-Stevens Point women’s hockey team traveled to the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Hitting the links in Minnesota, the Pointers placed fifth at the Winona State Invite with a two-day team total of 771.

Lea Haas led the team, shooting a 96 on Saturday and dropping seven strokes for a Sunday score of 89.

She finished first for UW-SP with a combined 185.

Playing on greens along the mighty Mississippi, Head Coach Scott Frazier made some changes from his usual starting lineup, and took only three of the usual top six golfers.

Starters Chris Hungerich, Jenny Roder and Kathryn Carlson missed the Invite, but Kelly Schroeder, Jill Brenegen and Shelly Paul stepped up to join the remaining starters Haas, Kelly Rogers and Abby Hall.

Hungerich was the low average for the team, while Haas earned All-Conference for the Pointers to close the fall season.

Golfers wrap up their fall season
Senior Spotlight
KELLY GRAHLINSKI - VOLLEYBALL

UW-SP Career Highlights
- Team Captain (1998)
- Honorable Mention All-Conference (1997)
- Led team in total blocks in 1997 (118)
- Fifth on UW-SP's all-time list for total blocks in a season (1997) and block assists in a season (1996)

Grahlinski
Hometown: Greendale, Wisconsin
Major: Health Promotion and Wellness
Most Memorable Moment: This season when we beat Eau Claire. The team just clicked and everything seemed right in that moment. It was even better because we were at Eau Claire.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting my break-dancing caught on video.

Greatest achievement in sports: For me, being elected Captain means more than any other award, it says more about me as a person, that my team has confidence in me to lead them.

UW-SP Men's Invitational Oshkosh, WI
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Team Standings
1. UW-La Crosse 36 1-0 14
2. UW-Oshkosh 33 1-0 9
3. UW-Parkside 76 0-1 4

Women's Golf
WISCONSIN STATE INVITATE Wisconsin State University
OCTOBER 10-11, 1998
1. Winona St. I 365 350 715
2. St. Thomas I 368 357 725
3. Macalaster 383 361 746
4. Winona St. 2 370 377 747

Women's Tennis
WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY Tulip Time, UW-La CROSSE
LA CROSSE, WI
OCTOBER 9, 1998
Singles:
1. Byrne (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-1, 6-0.
2. Renken/Janssen (SP) def. Lundquist (S), 6-2, 6-2.
3. Byrne/Hen (SP) def. Johnson/Ander­son (S), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

Women's Volleyball
Cross Country
UW-OSHKOSH MEN'S INVITATIONAL Oshkosh, WI
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Team Standings
1. UW-La Crosse 36 1-0 14
2. UW-Oshkosh 33 1-0 9
3. UW-Parkside 76 0-1 4

Football
UW-SP - UW-WHITEWATER SUMMARY
WHITEWATER, WI
OCTOBER 10, 1998
UW-SP 0 0 0 12 - 12
UW-Whitewater 7 0 7 21

Team Statistics
UW-SP UW-WSP
First Downs 12 27
Net Yards Rushing 232 60
Net Yards Passing 174 160
Total Net Yards 406 220
Fumbles-Lost 4-2 0-0
Penalties-Yards 10-67 9-88
Sacks-By-Yards 3-9 5-18
Interceptions-Yards 1-0 1-0
Time of Possession 36:13 22:14

Scoring
UW-SP: Holingsworth 2-28, Tenhagen 1-14.

Tennis
UW-OSHKOSH, Thursday; At UW-La Crosse, Saturday.

The Week Ahead...
UW-Stevens Point Athletics
Football: At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 1 p.m.
Soccer: At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 1 p.m.; At UW-Superior, Sunday 1 p.m.; UW-
Whitewater, Wednesday 7 p.m.
Volleyball: UW-Stout, Friday 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls, Saturday 2 p.m.; UW-Platteville
(Senior Night), Wednesday 7 p.m.

On top of their game
Intramural Top Teams

Women's Soccer
UW-SP - GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS STEVENS POINT, WI
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Gustavus Adolphus 1 0 -- 1

Women's Tennis
UW-SP - UW-STEVENS POINT
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Women's Tennis:
No. 1: Mader (S) def. Oswald (SP), 6-2, 6-3.
No. 2: Byrne (SP) def. Jackson (S), 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Renken (SP) def. Lundquist (S), 7-5, 6-4.
No. 4: Oelke (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-3, 6-1.
No. 5: Dorse (SP) def. Janssen (SP), 6-2, 6-2.
No. 6: Janssen (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-2, 6-2.
No. 7: Byrne (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-3, 6-4.

Women's Volleyball
TRIANGULAR AT MIQUON, WI
OCTOBER 10, 1998
UW-SP 15 15 15
UW-La CROSSE 15 15 15
Cardinal Stritch 15 15 15

Women's Tennis
UW-SP - UW-STEVENS POINT
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Singles:
No. 1: Byrne (SP) def. Oswald (SP), 6-2, 6-3.
No. 2: Byrne (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Renken (SP) def. Lundquist (S), 7-5, 6-4.
No. 4: Oelke (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-3, 6-1.
No. 5: Dorse (SP) def. Janssen (SP), 6-2, 6-2.
No. 6: Janssen (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-2, 6-2.
No. 7: Byrne (SP) def. Johnson (S), 6-3, 6-4.

Women's Basketball
UW-SP - UW-LA CROSSE
LA CROSSE, WI
OCTOBER 9, 1998
Singles:
No. 1: Byrne (SP) def. Stephens (L), 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2: Movrich (L) def. Renken (SP), 6-0, 6-2.
No. 3: Mashberg (L) def. Oswald (EL), 6-0, 6-2.

Men's Basketball Top 10
1. Stuool Samples
2. Big Nutz
3. Smooth Like Butta'
4. Team Tapps
5. Stars
6. Pink Elephants w/ Afros
7. Air It Out
8. The Pipes
9. Many Nations
10. Women's Basketball Top 2

Outdoor Soccer Top 2
1. Mixed Nuts
2. Mixup

Women's Soccer
UW-SP - UW-STEVENS POINT
OCTOBER 10, 1998
Singles:
No. 1: Gannon (W) def. Derse (SP), 6-0, 6-2.
No. 5: Renken (S) def. Janssen (SP), 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.
No. 6: Fisher (L) def. Henn (SP), 6-2, 6-1.

Doublings:
No. 1: St. Thomas (2) def. Derse (SP), 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: The Vipes
No. 3: Captain Morgan
No. 4: Outdoor Soccer Top 2
1. The Boyles
2. PBMRMEASAP
3. Thompson

Flag Football Top 5
1. Scrubs
2. Air It Out
3. Girth
4. Baldwin
5. Flying Spears

Co-ed Beach Volleyball Top 5
1. R.A.W.
2. So Far So Good
3. Tequila Slammers
4. The Schroeders
5. Erin Schroeder's Team

Co-ed Indoor Volleyball Top 3
1. Bobjeeson
2. Duncan
3. The Gets Full O' Rubbers

Ultimate Frisbee Top 2
1. Gravitrons
2. Puff Down
Football
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11
pass attempt failed, leaving Point as close as they would get the rest of the way.
"We were in a great position that we could have stole the game from them," Miech stated.
UW-SP mounted one final attempt to win the game with just over four minutes to go but Jake Wolter picked off Aulenbacher's pass attempt and returned it 40 yards for the score.
The ensuing extra point accounted for the final margin.
"The story line," Miech said, "was defensively and special teams wise we played well enough to win but offensively we didn't play well enough to win."
Whitewater began the game's scoring on quarterback Ty Grovesteen's three-yard run at 6:31 of the first quarter.
The lead stretched to 14-0 when Grovesteen connected with Geon Hollingsworth on a 16-yard scoring strike.
"(Offensively) our young people are working hard to get better and our defense has played well all year.
The loss dropped the Pointers to 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC.
UW-SP travels to arch rival UW-Eau Claire for a showdown Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

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as well as we're capable," Witt said.
Andy Bushard led UW-SP, finishing 17th in 26:22. Casey Cook (27th in 26:51), Curt Kaczor (29th in 27:21) and Dan Texidor (38th in 27:28) rounded out the top five.
Several Pointers ran their personal bests for times but Witt is more concerned about the bigger picture.
"We lost sight at the fact that it's a competition and not a (personal best). I was happy but I also feel we have to be a little more competitive."
Both UW-SP teams will see plenty of tough competition at the UW-La Crosse Invite Saturday, a meet packed with ranked teams from throughout the midwest.
"We get to find out what we're made of," Hill said.

Is it your friend's birthday?
Want to say hi to someone?
Get a Personal ad in The Pointer classifieds.
Call 346-3707

SPOOF OF THE SEXES
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Bring in your Gold Card & receive a 10% discount!
**Spoof of the Sexes**

Men can participate in events such as the Yoga Pose competition, while women see if their cardio work is paying off in the Arts, Wrestling, challenging during Spoof of the Sexes. WICF's Dave Callaway hosts the event this Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

Women will receive $100 and knowledge of skills previously unknown.

Contact Kera Glass at Centertainment Productions x2412 or sign up to compete at Campus Activities.

**Rake-a-Thon**

The Association for Community Tasks is looking for volunteers for Rake-a-Thon.

Volunteers are needed for registration, raking and preparing lunches.

Rake-a-Thon is an individual or team event. For more information, contact Kate Lawton at 346-2260 or email klawton@uwsp.edu.

**Faculty Recital**

Violinist Steven Bjella, associate professor of music, will perform at UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for students.

**Non-Traditional Office Open House**

This Thursday and Friday are the last two days for the open house at the Non-Traditional Student Services and Referral Office.

Stop in and register for prizes, ask about "Kiss the Critter" and more. For more information, contact Karen Cross at 346-2260 or email kcross@uwsp.edu.

**Make a Difference Day**

The Association for Community Tasks has found sites in the Stevens Point area that needs your help! Cleaning, yardwork, babysitting, pet sitting while women see if their cardio work is paying off in the arts.

**Class Reunion**

The session will be held in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Admission is free and the session is open to the public.

In addition to his appearance at UW-SP, Baumann will open the season for the Marshfield/Wood County Symphony on Friday, Oct. 16 at the Helen Connor Laird Fine Arts Building at UW-Marathon County.

Baumann has appeared as a soloist with the major orchestras of the world, including Chicago, London, Tokyo, Houston and Berlin. He frequently conducts master classes in conjunction with his concert appearances.

**You're Wrong!**

By Nick Katzmarek

Hmmm... let me rephrase that question. Does education get in the way of socialization? If you can answer yes to this question then read Tracy's opinion first, then come back to me.

Done? Alright. Let me tell you a bit about the nature of being in school. Socialization does not necessarily mean drinking. Why does everyone have to equate the two in their twisted little minds? I'll be the first to admit that drinking is certainly the easiest way to hang out with friends.

But there are other ways to socialize. Pot lucks, bowling, biking, hiking and just chilling' are a few that come to mind.

The point of coming to college is arguably to network. The connections that a person makes during their years at a university can be the most productive in terms of making friends and contacts in your life. And let's face it, it's not what you know it's who you know. It's sad, but that's the way it is.

What do you think is more important, going to your eight o'clock business writing class or talking with someone over coffee or a few drinks that can maybe give you a job later on down the road?

My vote goes to the chat time. Sorry, Dan, but my education in this case is second to networking.

Thanks anyway.

**So Are You**

By Tracy Marhal

Hmmm... let me rephrase that question. Have any members of my reading audience ever skipped a class due to a hangover because you just had to go out for one drink--just one--(that somehow turned into five or fifteen) the night before?

If you can answer yes to this question, I'm right.

Even if you simply feel like crap cause you stayed out or up to late, then you've socialized yourself beyond the mentality you need the next morning to attend the class you're (or your parents or the government) is paying for.

Staying up super late to study sucks and causes the same results as late-night socializing. Studying, however, is unavoidable at times.

Where as staying up to fraternize with your buds can be cut short so you don't peel your eyes open the next day hating the world and your eight o'clock class cause you've only had three hours sleep.

I know it's just not that easy to say "good night" sometimes, especially when you need to unwind--or drink or gossip or whatever.

Well, life's not easy. But it can be easier if we learn to say good bye/good night at around 11 p.m. instead of deciding the dreaded morning after that Healthy American is a blow off class anyway.

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**Restaurant Review:**

**China Garden**

By Ethan Meyer

Tucked away in the University Plaza next to KMart, one may find the China Garden. Efficiently easy to reach from campus, this restaurant also offers yet another quick alternative to the fast food garbage that too many of us live on.

I was greeted promptly by a representative of the restaurant and shown to a table. The decor was sparse but tastefully done. The waitstaff were hand painted and original. Soft Oriental Music served to enhance the overall calming effect of the establishment.

Because I arrived later in the afternoon, I was not able to sample the buffet. This was a bad thing. I opted instead for shrimp in hot garlic sauce.

I ordered Egg Drop soup to go with my entree. I have never met the equal of this soup. Because it would take a while to explain, I will say only: Try it for yourself.

My salad consisted of chopped lettuce and a very tasty garlic pepper vinagrette dressing (also worth a try). When I received my meal, I was instantly attracted by two things. First, the portion size was very generous. When I say generous, I really mean it.

I have been known to pack away a considerable amount of food and I couldn't finish my plate. Secondly, as I first looked at it, I began to notice the freshness of the vegetables and the overall presentation, which was certainly the least. The moment I tasted my entree I knew that my return trip was assured.

The China Garden offers a daily lunch buffet from 11:30 to 2, Monday through Friday. For the very reasonable price of $4.50, you can gorge yourself on the buffet or any of the special lunch plates, which are all priced at about the same rate.

The China Garden also offers a taste of Imported Chinese beer. I sampled a bottle of Tsingtao. I found it comparable to Heineken with a bit more body; very good, in my opinion.

The China Garden also offers a blow off class anyway.

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- Regular $4.25
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Ethan Meyer has over three and a half years of experience in cooking around the United States and a total of 13 years in hospitality.

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**Restaurant Review:**

**China Garden**

By Tracy Marhal

Tucked behind KMart, makes for a great lunch or dinner destination and is easy on the wallet. (Photo by Cody Strathie)
Military Science students enjoy weekend at Fort McCoy

By Amy Mason
FEATURES EDITOR

Last Friday, 174 military science students and instructors traveled to Fort McCoy, Wis., for the annual Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Fall Leadership Lab. The weekend-long event was attended by a majority of freshman and sophomore UW-Stevens Point students.

According to Capt. Eric Killian, a freshman/MSI instructor, many of the students had never visited a military post.

"This is an introduction to the Army lifestyle for these kids," said Maj. Tabb Benzinger, ROTC admissions officer.

Eric Fee, a freshman majoring in forest management, said that he didn't know what to expect from his first visit to an Army post. "I had no clue what it would be like," said Fee. "It looked like a town. I expected more camouflage.

Besides being an introduction to Army life, the occasion was a chance for cadets to experience leadership training and team-building by going through a conditioning or obstacle course, rappelling off a 55-foot tower, jumping out of a 34-foot airborne tower and constructing a rope bridge.

Students are divided into platoon-size groups and then are further divided into smaller squads. The conditioning course and construction of a rope bridge are timed events with platoons competing against one another.

Fee added that the events inspired team-building between everyone.

"It was one of the best things about the weekend, and everyone should experience it. You don't know what you're missing. No matter where you go, you have to learn to work with and rely on other people," said Fee. "This prepares you for your life and job. They should make this (ROTC) a requirement for everyone." Unit cohesion was encouraged even more, because everyone, even the freshmen, wore camouflage/BDU (Battle Dress Uniforms) to get them more into the military mode.

Traditionally, only upperclassmen wore the camouflage uniform.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Gray, the new professor of Military Science, said the reason for the change from past years is that wearing a uniform helps foster a team atmosphere.

"Put everyone in BDUs," said Gray. "The football team has a uniform. The tennis team has a uniform. This is the ROTC team. Everybody's on the team. Let's get everybody on the team in uniform.

Not only did the cadets get to wear Army uniforms and participate in physically challenging activities, they also had a chance to eat Army food. Students had the opportunity to eat in an Army dining facility, and some were surprised at the setting.

"They were amazed at how nice it was," said Selle. "The group of students and instructors returned on Sunday morning. Jana Rudrud, a junior biology major, said one of the best things about the weekend's events was meeting new friends.

"It was really neat to see the students come together," said Rudrud. "Some of them even went out after we got back. This weekend was the most fabulous time of my life."
**Tight Corner**

By Grundy & Willett

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**Tonja Steele**

By Joey Hetzel

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**Jackie's Fridge**

By BJ Hiorns

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**Tazia Teller**

Benetti & Ewinski

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**Jobeth**

She welcomed before she left.
Somewhere, he gets hooked up with Jo, played by Gretchen Mol, and she does a good job playing a nagging ninni that really does a good job of, well, ticking off the audience.

Then an old friend named Worm (Edward Norton) is released from prison for fraud, and quickly, Mike's world is flipped upside down.

Worm is sunk deep in debt and Mike is forced to come to his aid. This is where the film gets interesting, as Mike has to decide exactly how to help his friend without alienating his wife.

Another character that bears mentioning is Teddy KGB, played by Kevin Bacon and Fred Ward as the main characters and Reba McEntire and Michael Gross (remember "Family Ties"?) in supporting roles.

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By Nick Katzmarek

FILM CRITIC

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