### Cuts could come if proposal fails

**Students will vote next week on activity fee rate hike**

**By Mike Kemmeter**  
**Editor-in-Chief**

According to a high-ranking UW-Stevens Point official, the university has a trio of options facing it of the say next week when they vote on a referendum with the student activity fee.

Students will have part of the say next week when they vote on a referendum that would raise the fee they vote on a referendum with the student activity fee. Feingold expressed his concern about keeping the pell "We'd have to re-trench," UW-SP Athletic Director John Jury said that the rate hike is one of the three options. "We could cut programs, which we don't want to do," Jury said. "We could raise prices, but that diminishes (attendance)." Students attending athletic events currently pay three dollars for a ticket, while the cost of Centertainment events vary from one dollar to $5.50. Arts performance ticket costs also vary in the areas of music, dance and theatre from two to five dollars. According to the break-down of the activity fee proposal, unless cuts are made, athletics is projected to lose $10,000 in the 1999-2000 academic year. Feingold expressed his concern about keeping the pell, student loan, work-study, and Americorps programs available to students.

### ACTIVITY FEE RATES AROUND THE STATE

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*UW-Oshkosh is discussing a fee similar increase for 1999-2000 academic year.*

Feingold, Neumann square off

**By Kyle Geltmeyer**  
**NEWS EDITOR**

Editors Note: The U.S. senate race between Russ Feingold and Mark Neumann is a heated one. I interviewed Neumann by telephone from Washington, but Feingold was unavailable. Feingold did speak at UW-Stevens Point on Monday, so I am piecing Feingold's speech and Neumann's interview together in this article. - KG

During his speech on access to higher education, Feingold expressed his concern about keeping the pell grant, student loan, work-study, and Americorps programs available to students. "(Times are) a lot different now than (they were) when I was a young man. Back then if you did the work and you got good grades, you knew even if you came from a poor or even middle-income family that if you (qualified) your education would be paid for. You knew that there would be a scholarship (or) very reasonable loans available," said Feingold. He pointed out that some members of the government want to eliminate these programs. "Many members of Congress who were more than happy to use government loans and see Senate on Page 2"
Non-trad office finds a new home

By Pramela Thigesan
NEWS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point Non-traditional Student Office is now located next to the Wright Lounge in the University Center.

The office aims to provide non-traditional students with resources and support while pursuing their education.

Protest: Picketers plea for a Pentagon shutdown

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"As we gather here this afternoon, the Pentagon itself has been completely surrounded by thousands from across the United States protesting to build solidarity with those who to the steps of the world's best known symbol of militarism," said Smith.

According to Smith, the military eats up 49% of the budget, forcing us to wonder where to find the funds for real threats to world peace, such as poverty, disease and hunger.

Smith said that it is time to halt the militarization of our society and to show by example that cooperation is better than competition.

The event, which lasted from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., drew in many supporters.

"This is a wake-up call for those on Capital Hill and through-out the nation that we do need to re-prioritize our list for spending," said UW-Stevens Point student Angie Gonzalez.

"I hope that some good will come out of this, even if it is only those people who come into our office with questions have become aware of what citizens are thinking."

"We can stop the next arms race before it begins. We can build security through social justice. It is time to proclaim the peace and proclaim 'A Day Without the Pentagon,'" said Smith.

Also at the protest was a counter demonstrator.

"People over there are not living in the real world. To think that if we get rid of the Pentagon and our military that the whole world would be peaceful is totally crazy. The only way the United States is going to stay strong is with a strong military," said Thomas Knowlton.

Protective Services' Safety/Crime Prevention Tip of the Week

- The use of skateboards and roller blades are prohibited in campus buildings and within 20 feet of doors and entryways according to UWS 18.06(29) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. They are also not allowed on ramps, stairs, curbs, ledges, loading docks, entrances road near Thomson Hall.

- Numerous people called to complain about Gideons handing out Bibles. The Gideons had received prior permission.

- A man's red Schwinn mountain bike was found in the 610 block of Isadore Street.

- A loud firework, possibly an M-80, was lit off near the East service entrance road near Thomson Hall.

Senator Neumann tries to unseat incumbent Feingold for one of Wisconsin's seats

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(Grants) as a ladder to climb up when they were going to college, have now repeatedly decided to pull that ladder of opportunity out behind them." This was in reference to the fact that bills that have been introduced to eliminate the financial aid programs that he has supported.

In closing Feingold said, "Whatever it takes, higher education should not deteriorate into something only the higher classes can participate in, it must remain open to all who are qualified."
**Multicultural events coming to Point**

By Erin Sundell

The office of Multicultural Affairs at UW-Stevens Point is presenting “Experience the Colors,” a cultural education arts series. Five events will take place throughout the year representing the five major multicultural groups served on campus: Native American, African American, Asian, Southeast Asian, and Hispanic Americans.

Starting the series, on Friday, October 30, in the UC Melvin Laird Room, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. is a Native American group named Thunderchief.

UW-SP faculty member Francis Steindorf will perform traditional Native American songs as a member of the band

“Students should come because it will be entertaining and enlightening. Experiencing new and different events helps shape your picture of the world,” said Ron Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs.

Tickets are on sale at the Quant Gym ticket office for $3.00 or $2.00 with student ID.

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**Jazzin’ it up in the Basement Brewhaus**

This jazz band can be seen every Wednesday night in the Basement Brewhaus. See story in Features. (Photo by Douglas Olson)
Fighting for free speech

Dear Editor,

I was recently a victim of government suppression. And I really don't blame those who directly silenced me. I blame the setup of the system. Pure and simple, I was infringed of the right of free speech.

The incident I am referring to is the abrupt halt I experienced on my WKSP radio program, Creative Art, on October 13. I was reading a poem I entitled "I Hate the FCC." The program director found my programming inappropriate and shut me down prematurely that evening.

Granted, I am extremely controversial. I have a bold and moral message to be told, and it will be told. I challenge the ills and idiosyncrasies of the system. I see what I am doing as good.

I have a heartfelt belief that commercial radio is a puppet for government and corporate interests. I believe through subtle means, these two powerful oppressive groups mold commercial radio to ultimately assure the promotion of their best interests. Naturally, any voices contrary to the dominant regime will be suppressed as discreetly as possible, to limit detection.

Free speech exists to protect political dissidents like myself. Although free speech does protect such things as pornography, its main purpose is protect anti-government, anti-majority opinions, in other words, unpopular opinions. Popular opinions don't really require such protection. Likewise, political speech serves as a far greater threat than pornographic material. The very nature of today's radio environment is intensely hostile to the concept of free expression.

If a person is unable to criticize the government or the Federal Communications Commission in particular, things are really screwed up. If I cannot read an anti-FCC speech on the air, there is no free speech. When I was suppressed, it just proved that only government complimentary and capitalist complimentary pieces have the possibility of airing. However, they would like you to believe otherwise.

Pirate radio is an awesome art form. The uninhibited uncensored pirates produce wonderfully artistic programs. Programs to stimulate the mind, not muddle in the mind. In the United States of America, a person is a criminal because they operate a radio with red tape and try to use free speech. It cannot be understated how dangerous this suppression is. Furthermore, no one can say the FCC doesn't suppress, I am total proof that it does.

--Andrew Bushard
UW-SP student
By Matt "Bert" Ward
AND THE OUTDOORS STAFF

Last week's issue of The Pointer contained an editorial by Minnetonka Radig, the president of AITF (Association of Information Technology Professionals).

Its purpose was to inform The Pointer staff of his displeasure concerning our inability to cover a Computer Information System career fair, which was held on Tuesday, Sept. 29 in the U.C.

Upon reviewing page three of the September 24 edition of The Pointer, it is our conclusion that students were adequately informed about the event in question.

Mr. Sharma is correct in the fact that no follow up article was written on the event, however earlier this semester a similar student career fair was held by the College of Natural Resources in the U.C. which also resulted in no follow up coverage.

This is primarily because we believe the most important aspect of a career fair is informing students of the fair's existence before it occurs, so students have the opportunity to attend and benefit from the information they present.

The reason the Outdoors section is responding to the editorial is because Mr. Sharma had some inappropriate and unmerited comments referring to the Outdoors section. The first of the two derogatory statements made by Mr. Sharma was, "To the editorial board of the Pointer, consider a guy who caught a ten-pound muskie was more informational and important than an event that was put together by a campus organization."

The only question which comes to mind here is, "Is what we furtcheted way is a computer involvement fair associated with the Outdoors section of The Pointer?" The second of the two derogatory statements made by Mr. Sharma was his concluding statement, "And most important, not all students like to read two pages on hunting and fishing."

Now the main question is, "How is this a summary or conclusion statement?", and "Why is this the most important statement of an editorial based on the topic of computer technology?"

It is our conclusion as a group of writers that for some undiscovered reason, Mr. Sharma is unhappy with the Outdoors section of The Pointer. Mr. Sharma informed the Outdoors staff in a personal e-mail that, "out of 1,000 students attending this university 6,500 are not CNR majors. Now you tell me how wise and rational is it to have four pages of the University Student Newspaper dedicated to the interests of 1,500 students."

We looked into these figures which Mr. Sharma quoted, and currently there are 1,561 CNR majors and 615 biology majors out of the approximately 8,500 students attending this university.

These numbers conclude that over 25 percent of students attending UW-Stevens Point are pursuing a profession involving some aspect of the outdoors.

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As students, we often hear that we don't care about anything that's going on around campus and more so, the nation and the world.

However, a vigil last Thursday night showed once again that UW-Stevens Point students do care.

Approximately 200 people attended a candlelight vigil that night in memory of a man beaten to death allegedly because of his sexual orientation.

This incident, thankfully, didn't happen here or in the state, but almost halfway across the county. People still came out on a Thursday night, some putting the Green Bay Packers game aside, to show their support.

A student, who did not return to UW-SP this year, had racial reparation on his answering machine.

And held a rally at the Sundial.

This one hit extremely close to home and once again, people responded.

And that remembrance of Wisconsin student Matthew Shephard isn't the only time students have shown they care.

Last spring, an African-American student moved to another residence hall on campus after a series of racial incidents. The Pointer

united Students, which formed this fall, is trying to get students to express their voice and vote. And over the last several months, we got hundreds of these so-called apathetic students to register.

No too shabby for a bunch of college kids that don't care about anything, huh?
Turning time for lakes

By Matt "Bert" Ward  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

As the peak of fall colors come to a close, we begin sensing the presence of winter and the inclement conditions it invokes. This late fall period is also responsible for triggering the annual cooling-off processes of lakes known as turnover. Several occurrences aid the leading undergraduate program at the university is "widely regarded as the key ingredient in deciding when and where to go fishing at this time of year."

The last time you went grocery shopping, how thoughtful were you as you threw items into your cart? Did you check the nutrition label, or more importantly, the corporate you're buying from, and in turn, who and what you are supporting. A lot of companies that say they're 'green' are suspect - it's a public relations ploy. I can't help but doubt any corporation that claims full environmental responsibility," finds Scharenhoch. Finally, large corporations, both in the food and cleaning products to a fruit and vegetable wash. Actively in a sense, the lakes in the northern part of the state have completed the turnover process and are completing stabilization, and the lakes in the central and southern regions are still in the homogenization process. Water temperatures at this point in time will definitely be the key ingredient in deciding when and where to go fishing at this time of year. "I think it's safe to assume that as college students, many of us don't have a large paycheck every month. Rent, bills and our extra-curricular activities tend to take priority. Like Eric, many of us don't have the time or resources to consistently shop earth-friendly."

An important question to ask ourselves is, by not shopping in environmentally-friendly manner? According to the College of Natural Resources web page our university is "widely regarded as the leading undergraduate program in natural resources in the United States." Despite what does this reflect or say about our students' shopping habits? "I shop by the pocket book. I don't have enough money or time to search for all the environmentally-friendly products. But true, enough, I could make the time," admits Eric Scharenhoch, a senior at UW-SP.

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CNR receives over two million dollars

By Matt “Bert” Ward
Outdoors Editor

We have unfortunately witnessed an era in CNR history come to a close. No longer can College of Natural Resources students look forward to spending their summers at Treehaven peering through transits that once adorned the decks of the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.

The equipment Christopher Columbus used in 1492 to sail the ocean blue will finally make its way to a historical society as new technology has been approved to be purchased to benefit students.

A new federal appropriations bill entitled, “Improving Natural Resource and Environmental Management Capability via Technology-Enhanced Learning” was recently passed which will grant the CNR over two million dollars.

Congressman Dave Obey, Chancellor George, and Dean Phillips of the College of Natural Resources collectively informed students of this appropriation Wednesday.

The funds this bill provides will enable the College of Natural Resources to purchase computer-based technology and multimedia instructional systems at facilities such as the Treehaven Field Station, Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, Schmeeke Reserve, and on campus facilities located in the CNR building.

“This new instrumentation will greatly help our students to participate in innovative systems approaches for developing solutions to natural resource challenges in the environment,” said Phillips.

Technology will be enhanced in all disciplines of natural resource majors including water, soil, wildlife, forestry, waste resources, paper science, human dimensions of natural resource management and environmental education.

The CNR’s land information management program will specifically receive funding for GIS and GPS tools to broaden students’ horizons.

This new technology provided by federal funding will help the College of Natural Resources in its goal of integrating the natural resource majors and generating a holistic approach of the environment, which will help students lead into the 21st century.

Congressman Dave Obey made an appearance in the CNR Wednesday. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Goose population rising

By Joe Shead
Assistant Outdoors Editor

Bill Wheeler, a wildlife manager with the DNR stationed at Horizon spoke about Canada goose Wednesday in CNR Room 170.

His lecture entitled “Managing Wisconsin’s Increasing Canada goose Population,” dealt with Wisconsin’s giant Canada goose population.

The giant Canada goose, which is the largest Canada goose subspecies, was thought to be extinct after being exploited by settlers in the late 1800s. In 1961, a flock was found in Minnesota. These geese have adapted so well to urban expansion that the Wisconsin population has now exploded to 100,000 birds.

Breeding pairs are now found in every county in the state. There are several reasons for their new breeding success. Giant Canada’s brood sizes number from five to 10. They are able to effectively defend their goslings due to their large size. These birds also adapt very easily. This is what creates problems with geese. Large numbers of geese now live in urban areas, building their nests in backyards and even on top of 40-foot high buildings.

“They’ve gotten into swimming pools and swimming beaches. Their droppings pollute swimming areas. Golf courses are probably number one (as far as problems are concerned). It’s hard to putt across a putting green when every six inches there are goose droppings,” Wheeler said.

Giant Canadas are creating problems in rural areas as well. They feast on everything from farm crops such as corn and wheat to apples and even watermelons. So much crop damage is now taking place due to their large size. These birds also adapt very easily.

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- Study tours within Poland throughout the semester may include: Zakopane and the Carpathian Mountains, Malbork Castle, Gdansk and the Baltic Coast, Auschwitz - Birkenau Concentration Camp, the Wieliczka Salt Mining, and, of course, Warsaw.

- Arrangements are made to have students meet with Polish, Czech, Hungarian and Slovak students to discuss current political issues and life in contemporary East-Central Europe.

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WNRD Wildlife Biologist Bill Wheeler spoke Wednesday on goose management. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)
Outdoor Pointers

Student Jason Sparks and father hold several ducks they shot in the Dakotas last weekend. (Submitted photo)

Baily, the yellow lab of student Chris Merklein, displays a ruffed grouse shot last weekend by Chris. (Submitted photo)

Buena Vista Project Underway

By Kent Cristian
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) completed the first phase of the Buena Vista Project. Volunteers completed the first of many field studies Oct. 10. This is a two-year study aimed at looking at the surface water quality in the Buena Vista Marsh.

Field supervisor Tom Velat, Chris Huff and Josh Running oversee the field portion of the project. The research is conducted on four ditches with individual sites along each ditch for a total of 13 sites.

At each site a variety of measurements are taken. The group uses electronic current meters to calculate the discharge at each site. The volunteers record the temperature and dissolved oxygen with the aid of an electronic dissolved oxygen meter.

A peristaltic pump mounted on a rechargeable drill is used to pump water through a filter to bring the samples back to the university for laboratory analysis. As the data is received it is placed in a public folder and saved to a backup disk. After the project gathers a rather substantial data base, the members will interpret the data to evaluate the surface water quality in the Buena Vista Marsh.

Students gained valuable hands-on field experience, without the pressures of the classroom environment while doing this research. Project director Kent Christen was very pleased with the work the group accomplished.

Every one of the volunteers should pat themselves on the back for a job well done.

The project is always looking for volunteers, so come to the field with us on Nov. 7 or Dec. 5 for the next sampling round. A sign-up sheet is located on the AWRA bulletin board on the second floor of the CNR.
Voetball

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Wiese completed consecutive passes to Martin but went down with a knee injury on the second. Auenhacker entered and four plays later hit Fredrick with the tying score.

“Our offense is coming together,” Miech stated.

“We’ve got a lot of young kids. At one point in the game we had five freshmen on the field,” Wheeler said.

The Pointers will carry their momentum into a 1 p.m. meeting with UW-La Crosse Saturday at Goede Field.

UW-SP has not defeated the Eagles since 1976, including a 1987 victory that was later forfeited.

INFLUENZA, or “FLU” is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. There are two main types of influenza virus, A and B. Each type includes many related viruses or strains, each slightly different from the others. Type A epidemics are generally more severe than those of Type B. Influenza epidemics usually occur between December and March each year. Influenza is spread from person to person when droplets of moisture from a person with influenza coughs, sneezes, or talks are inhaled by other people or transferred by hand to nose contact.

Influenza ranges from very mild to severe symptoms, depending on factors such as the influenza strain involved and the person’s susceptibility and overall physical condition. Most people recover within a week although they may continue to have symptoms for several days beyond that, including cough and lack of energy.

Influenza can last longer and cause life threatening complications in individuals with other serious diseases, the elderly, or in rare cases normal healthy individuals.

Influenza is not the common cold. Influenza is distinguished by high fever of 101 to 104, chills, headache, muscle aches, joint aches, and repeated coughing. Influenza can be complicated by bacterial pneumonia as well as viral pneumonia from the influenza virus. Individuals with diabetes, asthma, diseases of the lungs or heart or kidneys, or chronic diseases that weaken the immune system such as HIV infection are more prone to complications of influenza. The strains of influenza virus change frequently due to mutations that are occurring around the world. The genetic changes in the virus make the new strains capable of causing epidemics in populations of people who have not previously been exposed to those strains.

The Health Center as well as other clinics around the world participate in a program to monitor the strains of influenza which are causing disease. The information acquired is analyzed by the Centers for Disease Control and new vaccines are developed for the summer to be available each autumn.

The Health Center will have a limited supply of vaccine available for individuals who wish to be immunized against influenza. Receiving an immunization usually results in a 70 to 90% decrease in your risk for getting infected with the influenza strains in the vaccine. The people at highest risk of complications from influenza include adults and children with chronic disorders, especially pulmonary and cardiovascular disease, elderly individuals, children and teenagers receiving long term aspirin therapy, people infected with HIV, household members who are contacts of those high risk individuals and people who will be providing care to high risk individuals including people working or volunteering in health clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, or day care centers. In addition, recommendations have been broadened to include anyone who wishes to reduce their risk of getting influenza.

The Health Center is planning to have an influenza immunization clinic on the following dates and times.

Wednesday, October 21st- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
Thursday, October 22nd- 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
Tuesday, October 27th- 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
Thursday, October 29th- 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
Wednesday, November 4th- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
Friday, November 6th- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

No appointment is needed, just come to the 1st floor, Delzell Hall, on one of the above dates.

Jim Zach, MD
UWSP Health Services

Soccer

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by whitewashing UW-Whitewater in a 7-0 Pointer win.

UW-SP forward Laura Gissi led her team with three goals, while Marie Muhvic had two goals and one assist.

Adding to the domination, Jenny Lushine and Michelle Mauel both found the back of the net to finish off the Warhawks.

Senior Jessica Wickenburg led UW-SP with a trio of assists.

By defeating the Warhawks, Point guaranteed themselves first seed at the conference tournament at the end of this month.

UW-SP will travel to UW-River Falls Saturday for their final conference showdown at 2 p.m. Point will wrap up their season at St. Norbert College on Tuesday.

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Spikers fight through WIAC

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point volleyball team held high hopes as they entered their toughest week of the season last Wednesday.

With four consecutive conference games ahead, the Pointers blazed their way through a challenging week, but without the end results they wanted. The Pointers forced their first rival, UW-La Crosse, into a fourth quarter before falling (6-15, 11-15, 15-3, 7-15). According to coach Kelly Geiger, La Crosse's height was too much to get around.

"We could not overcome their height advantage that night," she said. "We didn't play our best match."

Turning around after their loss to the Vikings, the Pointers defeated UW-Stout at home Friday (15-12, 6-15, 7-15, 15-10, 15-5). In their first five game match of the year, the UW-SP victory pleasured their coach. "It was a great match! It helped get our confidence back up from Wednesday's loss," Geiger said. "We didn't let down." The next day proved to be another tough challenge as Point faced UW-River Falls. Falling in four games (7-15, 9-15, 15-10, 10-15), height again played a role in the Pointer loss.

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Tennis slams two in trio of duals

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off three almost back-to-back dual meets, the UW-Stevens Point tennis teams look to finish off their season.

Knocking off two out of the last three teams, the Pointers improved their conference record to 3-3.

Starting off their trio of meets last Wednesday by finishing off Lawrence University, Point shut down the Vikings 9-0 with a full varsity lineup.

Moving full steam into their next dual Thursday, the Pointers welcomed the UW-Oshkosh Titans to the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Up Next:

Regional Tournament in Madison this weekend.

In singles competition, Jannsen is the number one seed among the number six singles, with Jen Derse seeded second for number fives, and Jenny Oelke taking fourth in her No. 4 position.

Additionally, Point's number two and three doubles teams are seeded second and fourth respectively.

Page believes her Pointers are ready for conference, while UW-Eau Claire may run away with the championship. But, coach Page is pleased with the team's standings heading into the weekend.

"I'm pleased with the way the team fared," she said. "All of those players will be playing someone who they have defeated during the regular season. "This team has done very well, every player has improved throughout the season."

Men's soccer earns regional berth

By Krista Torgeson
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point men's soccer team secured a spot in regional action Saturday with a 4-0 victory over Michigan Tech.

The Pointer offense dominated the match, firing 21 shots on goal.

Jim Wiene found the back of the net first for UW-SP. Point proceeded with intensity as Ross Nelson scored off of Derek Bell's first of two assists for the match.

Shawn Bostad then brought the Pointers a comfortable lead, capitalizing on the third goal of the half.

The second half consisted of many defensive stops, as well as the offense applying pressure. Pat Bilot scored the final goal of the match, assisted once again by Bell.

Point raised its record to 3-1-6, which places them third in their conference, securing them a place in regional action for the first time since 1995.

The victory raised Point's record to 3-2 overall and 2-2 in the WIAC.

"Our game plan," Pointer coach John Miech said, "was to have the ability to get behind their secondary and make big plays. "We did it on the first series of the game and we spent the rest of the game trying every three or four plays.

The first big play came with 9:32 remaining in the first quarter when Wiese found a streaking Lance Gast for an 84-yard score. Steuck's point after gave Point the 7-0 lead.

Eau Claire answered back with 1:58 to go in the opening frame as Eric Ostrome scored on a 23-yard pass from Sean Hoolihan.

Big play number two came with 6:13 left in the half when Wiese found a wide open Andy Martin on a 42-yard strike. The Blugolds countered with a big play of their own: 1:13 later when Steuck's field goal attempt was blocked and returned 79 yards for a touchdown by Chad Ludescher to retie the game.

Braun's 18-yard field goal with two seconds remaining gave the home team a 17-14 lead heading into halftime.

Eau Claire stretched their lead to 2-14 on an 8-yard run by Hoolihan and a 30-yard field goal by Braun with 9:46 remaining in the game.

The Pointers forced their second tough challenge as Point faced UW-Oshkosh Wednesday night.
By now, hopefully the majority of UW-Stevens Point students are aware of the student-wide referendum taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday concerning the activity fee increase. Unfortunately, most students are probably unaware of the seriousness of the issue.

For the 1999-2000 school year, the UW-SP athletic department stands to face a deficit of approximately $10,000. Though university officials won't comment, there stands a possibility that some programs may need to be cut if the referendum does not pass.

For a mere 20 extra dollars added on to tuition, students will be able to attend athletic and Centertainment events as well as theatrical performances free of charge. UW-SP is currently one of three schools in the UW-System that charge admission to their athletic events, along with UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh. Oshkosh is currently considering adopting the same proposal.

Having grown up in Stevens Point, I can remember having to show up early to stand in line for tickets to attend a men's basketball or hockey game. Over the past few years there has been a noticeable, steady decline in student attendance at these events. Part of the reason for this, I believe, is that students are less willing to attend an event for only five or ten minutes and pay the $3 to get in the door.

If the resolution passes, students will only need to bring their student ID to the event to have it swiped at the gate. There will be no need to scuff up $3 every time you want to attend. UW-SP currently charges the lowest amount ($95.90) of any school in the UW-System for an activity fee. Even with the increase, Point's fee would still be the second lowest behind only UW-Oshkosh ($111.47).

In a survey taken by incoming freshmen this school year, only 12.7 percent felt that attending athletic events was unimportant. What this says is that students are interested in attending but for one reason or another, they aren't showing up. It's time for the Quandt Gymnasium, the K.B. Willett Arena and other Pointer venues to get filled to the rafters once again.

These teams deserve your support. Students will be able to cast their vote on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at the University Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Debot Center from 4 to 6 p.m.

Please take a couple minutes out of your schedule to cast your vote for the future of Pointer athletics.

Quote of the Week
"Maybe we're just not good enough. I don't believe that, but I just don't know."

-- Green Bay Packers' general manager Ron Wolf after the team's disappointing 27-20 loss to the Detroit Lions last Thursday.

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

How do you describe the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team? Well, two words will suffice: Pure domination.

That's right, the Pointers have gone unbeaten in their conference and continue to do so.

Starting last Saturday, Point knocked off WIAC conference competitor UW-Eau Claire in a 1-0 away game. The win assured the Pointers a third place regional ranking as well as a national ranking of 19th in the Division III poll.

"Eau Claire was up for the game," Head Coach Sheila Miech said. "We had beaten them in the last 12 games of competition. This game was for the first seed at the conference tournament (and) this put us ahead of them." The win, however, took its toll on Point as both senior Kim Cwik and defender Jennifer Schmit left the game with sprained ankles. Despite losing two of her players, Miech wasn't worried.

Packing their bags once again, the Pointers traveled to Superior where they shut down the wise Yellow Jackets 8-1, never losing their focus. UW-SP celebrated their last home game.

Kickers earn top seed in WIAC tourney

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's soccer team is probably hoping that history repeats itself for a second time.

In both the 1996 and 1997 seasons, UW-La Crosse won the early showdown with the Pointers, only to see UW-SP win when it really counts the WIAC Championships.

History is halfway there again this season, as UW-L topped the Pointers 128-54 at the 2-time Jim Drews Invitational in La Crosse Saturday.

"I think what the meet showed is there's not much difference between the top teams," Witt said. "In the top four teams (excluding the Division I Badgers), there was a 24 point difference. In a 2 team invitational, that's fairly miniscule."

Jesse Drake led UW-SP with an 11th place finish in 25:33. Matt Hayes (27th in 26:05), Dan Schwanberger (32nd in 26:11), Ryan Wenos (33rd in 26:12) and Nathan Mechlin (50th in 26:35) completed Point's top five.

The UW-SP women's team traveled to La Crosse as well, finished third behind UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh and No. 7 St. John's (Minn.)."
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For more details, contact Coach Miech.

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❖ 68.7% of UWSP students are doing something other than drinking alcohol for their entertainment.
❖ The majority of UWSP students drink 4 or less times a month.
❖ A mere 7% of UWSP students frequently drink because there’s nothing else to do (which is an excuse often used by students to justify their drinking behavior).

Source: 1998 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Survey, UWSP

Trust the Truth
National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week 1998
Halloween is just a few weeks away—do you know what you’re going to be? What an ironic question, huh? When most “almost 20s” think about Halloween, I would imagine that they just think of little kids dressed in cute costumes going door-to-door asking for candy. Boy, was I wrong. When I was still in high school that definitely was the case, but once you enter college everyone seems to have grown young again.

All over campus I hear the same question: “What are you going to be for Halloween?” Now, before I go any further, let me clear it up for you. Everyone seems to have grown young again. When you were young you do once again. You make prank calls, your mom still worries about you when you are out at night, and you start to appreciate the little things again. And what is one of these little things? Being a kid again. A time when you can act like a kid again, do anything that you want, and not going to go there. However, there are some other obvious reasons that college kids get dressed up for Halloween and just go to “Halloween” parties, but we’re not going to go there.

Dressing up allows you to pretend that you are something other than yourself. You can go incognito so no one has a clue who you are, or you can just be cute or unusual. When you’re in college, I’ve found, sometimes you just need to do something to unwind or relax. Get your mind off that midterm you have in two days that you haven’t started to study for. Dressing up for Halloween allows you to be a kid again. A time when you didn’t have a worry in the world. It more or less adds a bit of fun into an almost never-ending semester.

There are some other obvious reasons that college kids get dressed up for Halloween and to “Halloween” parties, but we’re not going to go there. Instead, you go to “traditional” college “Halloween” parties. I cannot clarify that any more.

Last year, I remember some of the big costumes were the Men in Black or guys dressed as girls. So of course it got me thinking—what is everyone going to be and why this sudden trend toward acting like you were young? What an ironic question, huh?

Well, on my search to find an answer, I turned to some people that I thought would be good sources—my friends. The overall response was this: if you think about college, everything you did when you were young you do once again. You make prank calls, you wear your backpack on both shoulders, you can’t wait until you see your mommy again—so naturally dressing up in ridiculous costumes becomes fun once more.

But I do have one complaint. I do have one complaint. I caught sight of the salad bar out of the corner of my eye. Fresh and full are the two things that came to my mind. Available every lunch hour, it provided yet another enticing option for my enjoyment. After some consideration, I chose the Reuben at the Inn and my counterpart chose the Taco Salad.

The menu at the Mesquite Grill offers many other great sandwiches, including the ever-popular club, prime rib and the huge Burger at the Inn. A unique assortment of salads can also be found on the lunch menu including the Caribbean Salad, Chicken Caeser and such old standbys as the Chef Salad. Our waitress was very efficient and quick to fulfill our every need, although I found her service very outgoing. I must comment on the mountainous Taco salad that was hauled from the kitchen, to the amazement of myself and my companion. As she ordered the salad, I wondered if she would have enough to eat because she chose to have the meat and guacamole excluded. However, my fears were unfounded. My sandwich also was no small feat of culinary talent. Packed with enough corned beef to feed a large predatory animal, I was hard pressed to finish it.

I do have one complaint. I know that it should not be a priority of mine to have a drink with every meal, but when I visit a restaurant of this caliber I expect to have the option. Mortimer’s offers many great taps including Wood- chuck Apple Cider and Newcastle, which I was looking forward to indulging myself in.

Is our education system based on “regurgitation?”

By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR

I know that this is somewhat redundant of me to say, but regurgitation makes me sick. I’ll go right over the top and say that the least effective mode of education that I’ve encountered in my many years at this institution would have to be rote recall and memorization.

While people say that this is the only way to learn some things, like history for example, I think that synthetic learning and analyzing the impact of historical decisions is a hell of a better way to promote understanding in students. I’d rather know why Germany invaded Poland than when. (1939?)

Reading things and analyzing them has always seemed like a vastly superior way of internalizing information. As an English major and student of language, there is obviously no way that I could learn the things that I do through memorization.

Do chemistry majors need to know the periodic table by heart? I knew it once, back to front, but I remember better that chemistry is fun when I’m doing experiments instead of slogging through pages of notes trying to remember that Oxygen is number eight.

So when it comes right down to it, give me a synthesis exam any day. Hey; just means I don’t have to study as much, right?

I don’t know that this way of education is anyone’s fault, but if we are simply memorizing to forget, what are we paying thousands of dollars for? (Besides a document confirming we were here.)

There are some facts I think every student should know. For instance (history majors are excluded), what caused the Vietnam war? Congratulations if you can answer that, most of my peers cannot.

I guess I’ve learned a lot in my time at U-W-SP, but most of it was not in a classroom. Perhaps “regurgitation” is a necessary vehicle for our socialization. I just hope in the future a more effective vehicle will be established.

By Ethan Meyer
RESTAURANT CRITIC

Tastes of the Towne: The Mesquite Grill

Elegant environment, great portions, and concise service are three things that my companion and I were treated to during our lunch at the Mesquite Grill.

The soothing environment was very conducive to good conversation and was easy to relax in. As I perused the menu, I caught sight of the salad bar out of the corner of my eye. Fresh and full are the two things that came to mind. Available every lunch hour, it provided yet another enticing option for my enjoyment.

One thing that still baffles me is the fact that Halloween is supposed to be a scary time, yet so many people wear adorable costumes. What ever happened to a good witch or a dead guy covered in gore?

I guess when you are in college, creativity goes down. On the other hand, you could be like the majority of us who just cannot afford anything other than a $4 headband from Target.

So anyway, if you are a little reluctant to dress up and act like a kid again, don’t be. Throw a shirt over your head and be a traditional ghost. As soon as Halloween hits, you’ll see that everyone is rediscovering their inner child and so should you.

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**Brewhaus features aspiring local talent**

By Tracy Marbal

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It's seldom aspiring musicians receive a chance to play their music in a classy, trendy atmosphere for people who want to listen. These set circumstances, however, are becoming less seldom thanks to the Basement Brewhaus' Open Mic Night.

Holly Williams, who coordinates the event says it provides good exposure.

"Well, it's a chance for any student to come down and show their talent; they have a captive audience," she said.

Open Mic Night is not designated solely for music (however, a piano is available).

Two mics are set up for those wishing to read their poetry, perform an acting scene, etc. Pretty much anything goes—well, not anything.

"I encourage any act to come down—except for strip teases," Williams said jokingly.

Williams, who is the Brewhaus' promotions coordinator, says the audience is very supportive, "Every one has a good time," she said.

Self-employed musician and frequent performer Mike White agrees.

White played cover songs and original music last year during the scheduled Tuesday open mic slot and is a regular again this year.

"I do it because I enjoy making music and sharing it with other people," said White.

White is somewhat famous around the area for one song in particular.

"It's called Rocky Was a Tree Squirrel. It goes along with Neil Young's Rockin' in the Free World," White explained.

Performers can strut their stuff during open mic at the Brewhaus on Mondays from 7-10 p.m. (Photo by Nathan Wallin)

White says Open Mic Night is a good chance to entertain people.

He figures he's doing an okay job because, "people don't turn around and run the other way."

The Brewhaus is located in the basement of the University Center.

"You can show off your talents in the "open" atmosphere Mondays from 7-10 p.m."

**Phone-a-Thon brings in needed dollars**

Students call on alumni to sponsor university

By Dawnette Peek

FEATURES REPORTER

Imagine sitting at a desk for four hours each night calling people. Some people might think of this as telemarketing, but not these two UW-Stevens Point students.

In their third year working at the Phone-a-Thon, co-chairs Leslie Hofstede and Jeremiah Dents both agree that it's a great job, convenient for the college student, great hours and most importantly, it's a good opportunity to help out the university.

The program is run through the Foundation, and was started in 1987. The kickoff date for this semester was September 28. It is a year-long program located in the basement of the Debot Center. It runs Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

What the Phone-a-Thon workers do is call alumni and "friends" of the university to ask if they would like to make a donation. Donations range from $1 to $1000 or more. The donations go anywhere where the donor specifies (colleges, sports, etc). or it can go to wherever the money is needed in the university.

Many of the donations go for scholarship funds. All the new signs that are around campus, some television sets in classrooms and other equipment are provided by the Foundation.

Terri Taylor, the director of Annual Projects and liaison for Phone-a-Thon, decided on a new approach this year. They sent out letters to alumni and "friends" before calling. By doing this, it makes them aware that the students will be calling and them in the near future and sets a friendly atmosphere. The goal for this year is around $158,000.

So, when you receive that scholarship, or see new signs or equipment around the university, think of the alumni, "friends" and the workers at the Phone-a-Thon and thank them. They are the ones that make it happen.

For more information, call Terri Taylor at 346-4027.

In the Debot Center, the phone-a-thon is hard at work to bring in funds for the university. (Photo by Douglas Olson)
All his life, Jim spoke from the heart. But his heart had the last word.

"Now you're in trouble... here comes your father!"

"No thanks! I'm like, watching 'em figure!"

"I'll show you why!"

"Good!"

"I'll watch your figure!"

"Sing, ooh! You big Sally!"

"You were saying?"

"Careful, Darron. You might pop her."

"How romantic are you?"

"Ugh! You don't know what true passionate love is! It's a love to die for!"

"A love best expressed in Leonardo DiCaprio movies can't you understand?"

"Rough day at work?"

"Must... find... tight pair of jeans..."

"Oh, God--not another intern!"

"Hap-py Birth-Day Mr. President... whereee!!"

"Know what else you can find in the ocean? No--seashells..."
Bullock, Kidman movie full of Magic

By Nick Katzmarek

I love movies that manage to incorporate elements from several different genres. Practical Magic is one of those films. Containing fantasy, family and anguish, it blurs the line between sheer chick-flick and male-friendly fantasy.

The movie has one of the finest casts I’ve seen in a while. The headliners are Nicole Kidman and Kate Winslet (who I fell in love with in Parenthood) and Sandra Bullock as the main characters, but the real gems are the supporting casts. Nicole Kidman flies the coop and gets involved in non-believing neighbors. Sandra Bullock comes to the rescue. The movie plays on relationships to harness the females and powers of the Ghost. The plot is simple but elegant. The musical genius known as Phish has always been known for their unique upbeat playing style which makes for a real interesting and enjoyable listen. I guess the reason I’ve always liked Phish in the past is that they have the ability to take their instruments in different directions during a long jam, and then all at once bring the music back together to continue the song. Although they display this ability on the new album, it is much more restricted. Does this mean the band is selling out, trying to find more of a “radio sound?” I really don’t think so. I think it probably means that the band is looking for more diversity in their music.

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Phish “The Story of the Ghost”

By Steve Schoenner

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-Mike Beacon

Rental

Phish

The Deer Hunter

(1978, 183 min)

Before Apocalypse Now and well before Platoon was Michael Cimino’s 1978 Academy Award winning Vietnam picture The Deer Hunter. The film has less to do with the battle grounds of the war and more to do with the pre and post Vietnam feelings of five mill workers from Pennsylvania. The movie has one of the finest casts I’ve seen in a while. The headliners are Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock as the main characters, but the real gems are the supporting casts. Nicole Kidman flies the coop and gets involved in non-believing neighbors. Sandra Bullock comes to the rescue. The movie plays on relationships to harness the females and powers of the Ghost. The plot is simple but elegant. The musical genius known as Phish has always been known for their unique upbeat playing style which makes for a real interesting and enjoyable listen. I guess the reason I’ve always liked Phish in the past is that they have the ability to take their instruments in different directions during a long jam, and then all at once bring the music back together to continue the song. Although they display this ability on the new album, it is much more restricted. Does this mean the band is selling out, trying to find more of a “radio sound?” I really don’t think so. I think it probably means that the band is looking for more diversity in their music.

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The Deer Hunter

(1978, 183 min)

Before Apocalypse Now and well before Platoon was Michael Cimino’s 1978 Academy Award winning Vietnam picture The Deer Hunter. The film has less to do with the battle grounds of the war and more to do with the pre and post Vietnam feelings of five mill workers from Pennsylvania. The movie has one of the finest casts I’ve seen in a while. The headliners are Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock as the main characters, but the real gems are the supporting casts. Nicole Kidman flies the coop and gets involved in non-believing neighbors. Sandra Bullock comes to the rescue. The movie plays on relationships to harness the females and powers of the Ghost. The plot is simple but elegant. The musical genius known as Phish has always been known for their unique upbeat playing style which makes for a real interesting and enjoyable listen. I guess the reason I’ve always liked Phish in the past is that they have the ability to take their instruments in different directions during a long jam, and then all at once bring the music back together to continue the song. Although they display this ability on the new album, it is much more restricted. Does this mean the band is selling out, trying to find more of a “radio sound?” I really don’t think so. I think it probably means that the band is looking for more diversity in their music.

“The Story of the Ghost” is a disc that is definitely worth looking into. It is full of the stuff all you loyal Phish fans have always loved with some new twists and turns to add to your delight.
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Director Frank O'Brien said when asked what he'd have to do if the proposal fails. "We'd have to look at what we're doing and make some decisions."

"Only about 33 percent comes from Student Government," O'Brien said. "Our reliance on soft money and ticket sales is high."

"For a long time, we've wanted to have our students get in for free. We want it for our attendance and obviously the money would help support our program."

Comparing the university to other schools in the system, UW-SP currently has the lowest activity fee of all nine campuses.

Of each UW-SP student's tuition, $95.90 goes towards the activity fee. UW-La Crosse has the highest fee allotment, as students pay $213.70.

"While we don't necessarily want to be like the Joneses," Jury said in the proposal, "it is helpful to look at what other schools are doing.

"Most of the schools in our conference already offer free admission to most events, and all of the other conference schools have a higher activities fee than we do."

Jury said a number of years ago, students at UW-SP decided to do something philosophically different with the fee.

"At first it was we'll pay one buck and then it became two bucks," he said.

"What happened finally was students were being priced out of going. They pay $95 a year for an activity fee and then are priced out."

If the fee would pass, the athletic department would receive $10.00, arts would get $5.90 and Centertainment will be allotted $3.90 of every $20.

According to an annual random survey of half of the incoming freshmen, attending athletic events while at UW-SP is a priority.

Of this year's freshman class, only 12.7 percent said going to athletic contests was unimportant.

In the arts department, 27.9 percent of freshmen surveyed said it is unimportant to attend plays and concerts.

"We think it's going to increase attendance," Fine Arts and Communication Dean Gerard McKenna said if the proposal passes. "Now that the excuse (of having to pay two or three dollars) is taken out, maybe they'll try it."

McKenna said his department will be fine financially if the raise isn't approved.

"If it does fail, we'll have to do what we do now," he said. "We'll keep the same student fees. We're not destitute if we don't do it."

Vote: Group completes drive
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For the past two weeks, members of SGA have been helping and encouraging UW-Stevens Point students to register to vote.

Registration booths were set up in the UC and in all academic buildings. The organizers have also gone to various classes in order to "make it possible for people who wanted to register," said Scharenbroch.

"Overall response from the student body was outstanding," said Halverson. He believes that the number of students that registered were, "overall higher than last year." Halverson also assumes that about 1,000 students actually got registered this year.

After this year's registration drive, SGA will continue to aid students by getting information out about the candidates. SGA is also working on possibly offering a shuttle service to the polls.
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