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Bye-bye laptops Authors withdraw proposal

from consideration

By Chris Keller **News Editor**

As suddenly as it first appeared, a proposal that would eventually require all students to purchase a laptop computer has been withdrawn from consideration.

In a memo from Chancellor Thomas George and Vice-Chancellor/Provost Bill Meyer, the authors of the proposal, discussions across campus factored into the decision. Student

and faculty concerns, such as the cost and the configuration of one laptop for everybody, weighed heavily in the decision.

"Both those opposed, and those in favor of the idea, everybody agreed that cost was a major issue," said Chancellor Thomas George.

Two weeks ago, students and faculty took part in a forum to discuss the proposal and a strong showing was made by opponents of the proposal. However, all parties in-SEE LAPTOP ON PAGE 3

Computer glitch ends elections after one day, SGA plans to reschedule



A bug in the on-line voting ballot cleared SGA's election booth. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

By Kris Wagner NEWS REPORTER

After only one day of voting, student government officials were forced to suspend the 1999 election process after a glitch was found on their on-line voting ballot.

At noon on Wednesday, Information Technology officially pulled the plug on the Student Government Association's on-line student elections after being informed of a few problems within the voting system.

On Monday, a reporter from The Pointer discovered the problems while attempting to vote on-line. After further investigation, he revealed the problems—one being security related-to officials at SGA and IT.

"You've raised a serious issue," said Randy Peelen of UW-Stevens Point's IT office and co-designer of the program. "It's very important to find this out. The way I look at it, there is no election."

SGA Vice-president Jeff Buhrandt's reaction to the glitch shadowed Peelen's. "We're going to call off on-line voting at this time," Buhrandt said. "I'm probably going to tell the senate to run another elec-

SGA pulled all of its ballots, including their written versions on Wednesday afternoon.

There were three problem areas within the on-line system. The first (see part C of diagram on page 2) involved the presidential race option. If any students opted not to vote for a presidential candidate, the system refused to cast their ballot. Essentially then, every student was

Clections

required to vote for presidential candidates Andrew Halverson and Ryann Nelson, who are running uncontested. The program restrained students from their constitutional right to a democratic vote.

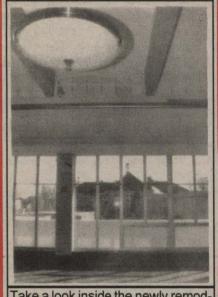
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is no election" - Randy Peelen, election program co-designer

The next two problems were found in the URL, the web-page address of SGA's on-line voting website. When it came time for the reporter to vote for president and senators, he noticed that his login ID (see part A of diagram) was in the URL box. He then proceeded to erase his ID and replaced it with someone else's login ID (login IDs are published in the student directory). This means anyone could take login IDs and enter them into the pro-

By replacing the ID, anyone SEE SGA ON PAGE 2

isions from old windows



Take a look inside the newly remodeled Alumni Room on Page 3 (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Health center looks to increase funding

By Jen Lueck NEWS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point Health Center released its proposed budget for the 1999-2000 school year, which asked for an increase in segregated fees of nearly \$100,000.

Currently, there is a vacant position at the Health Center that will not be filled this year. The result will be lowering a deficit to about (\$-25,000). The decision, in the hands of administration, was made by Dr. Helen Godfrey, Assistant Chancellor of Student Affairs, and will stand until 2000-2001 school year, when it may be filled.

"We are not in any financial trouble. We have never been in better shape," Dr. Bill Hettler said.

Questions were raised how Health Services will continue to support themselves if they are not given any increase in funds in the future. SGA supported an 11 percent raise to budgetary funds for the Health Center last year. After review by the Line Officers, the Health Center was given 3.2 percent.

SEE HEALTH CENTER ON PAGE 3

Goo Goo Dolls and New Radicals sell out Quandt Fieldhouse in record time.

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Minority enrollment on the rise

By Kevin Fredrickson NEWS REPORTER

Minority applicants increased 48 percent from the previous year at UW-Stevens Point, the result of a system-wide focus on minority recruitment.

The admissions office also reported a 32 percent increase of admitted minority freshman from the previous year.

"It's been a phenomenal year," said UW-SP Assistant Director of High School Relations Bill Jordan.

Jordan attributes the increase to small changes in recruiting tactics.

According to UW-SP Scott West, in addition to maintaining an infrastructure for finding collegebound minority students and extensive high school visits, the university has stepped up levels of personal contact with recruits, especially in urban areas such as Milwaukee, Chicago and Wausau.

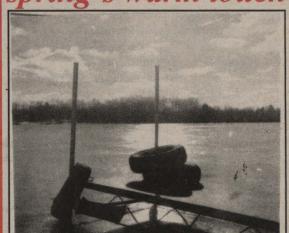
Extra steps include personal visits to homes of recruits that involve family in decisions.

West described the process as the creation of relationships over two to three years with students and institutions.

A small, work-study Admissions Counselor paid phone staff, together with a group of four to five student volunteers, maintains personal contact. Quianna Carter-Milton, a UW-SP diversity intern and phone volunteer, said most calls were frank and personal, placed mostly to preapplicants. She noted that calls are not to sell UW-SP, but rather to provide a minority student perspective on the campus experience.

"Our minority students are outstanding people both academically and personally," Jordan said. "They are our greatest asset in minority recruitment." SEE DIVERSE ON PAGE 3

Tires call out for



Calling to mind the days soon ahead, a pier on the Wisconsin River awaits the warm sun of summer. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

THE POINTER POLL

What kind of music did you listen to while in college?



Bill Deering COMM PROFESSOR

"Simon and Garfunkel, "The Rolling Stones and "Motley Crue, Bon Jovi "Classic rock and classi-Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul Creedance Clearwater and Mary; folk music Revival." generally. It still speaks



THEATRE PROFESSOR



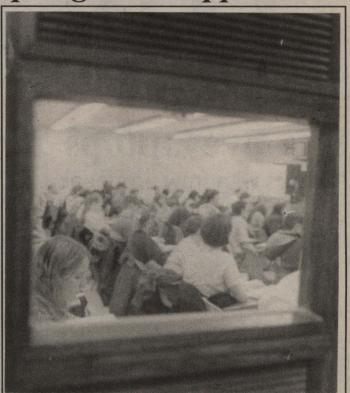
CNR PROFESSOR and The Smashing



Alice Keefe RELIG. STUDIES PROFESSOR

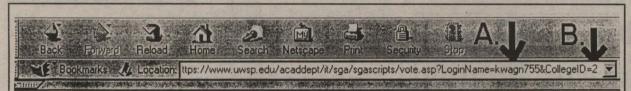
cal Bach; Grateful Dead, Neil Young and 90FM's Acoustic Revival."

Spring Break approaches



Students look forward to Spring Break, or just a break from midterms, in the CCC. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

SGA: How to beat the system, website ballot error explained



Pumpkins."

Student Government Voting

Presidential Race:

Andrew Halverson & Ryann Nelson

Using the web URL in the "Location" box, students could have voted for other students in the SGA election. After logging in with their own login name and password, students could have changed the login following "LoginName" (A.) to another student's login and cast a vote in that person's name. Using the number following "CollegeID" on the URL (B.), students could receive different ballots for senators. Each number between 2 and 5 corresponds to a different college (ie. Letters and Science, Fine Arts). Another computer glitch wouldn't allow on-line voters to cast their ballots without choosing the "Andrew Halverson & Ryann Nelson" presidential ticket (C.). The two are running uncontested.

could theoretically vote for any UW-SP student, graduate, faculty and staff member; therefore leaving the possibility for tainted election results.

The third glitch, also found in the URL, allowed voters to change the list of senators they voted for by changing the last number in the web-page address (see part B of

Due to time constraints, IT and SGA said they didn't have enough time to purge the system for problems before opening the on-line voting system to students on Tuesday. "I had a queasy feeling about this. In terms of testing this, it is a learning experience," Peelen said. "Normally what we would do is run this on a small sample set."

SGA introduced on-line voting for the first time this year in an attempt to get more students to participate.

"It's a good idea. We wanted to see what would happen," said Buhrandt.

Due to the program flaw, the SGA elections committee has rescheduled its elections for March 30 to April 1, and they might try a more secured on-line voting system by building more safeguards into a new program.

THE LATEST SO

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in Central America.

The U.S. susillegal immigrants in November to help El Salvador and Guatemala recover from Hurricane Mitch, but believes now they are ready to resume taking their citizens back.

The deportations have not yet resumed, but will begin late next

• President Clinton said | • Elizabeth Dole is edging closer to Wednesday he would becoming a candidate for the enforce U.S. policies Republican presidential nomination against illegal immigra- by forming a committee to raise money tion despite opposition and explore her chances in the already crowded field.

Early polls reveal that Dole is runpended deportations of ning second behind undeclared candidate Texas Governor George W Bush.

TEXAS

· In recent tests by undercover federal agents, serious security breeches at some major U.S. airports have been discovered.

The agents discovered it was possible to walk through open vehicle access gates or slip through security doors behind employees without being challenged.

MADISON

· The Medical Malpractice Mediation Panel said it handled about 300 complaints this year, about a 27 percent jump from last year. One of the factors in the increase may have been the new law which increases the amount of money a family can recover in wrongful death ac-

LAKE GENEVA

· Governor Tommy Thompson says he will increase the state's tourism budget by 40 percent in the next two

Tuesday, March 9

- · An accident between a UW Grounds snowplow and a private vehicle was
- Protective Services received several reports of bottle rocket use near the Allen Complex.

Monday, March 8

- A backpack was found in Quandt Gym. Sunday, March 7
- · A resident from Hyer Hall was found passed out due to alcohol. The Stevens Point Police Department cited the individual for underage drinking.
- · A CA on the fourth floor of Knutzen

Hall asked a group to be quiet. The CA reported the group was rude and continually loud. A small amount of vandalism was also found near the room, but officers couldn't prove that

· An individual reported someone following her near the Learning Resource Cen-

Saturday, March 6

- · A code blue phone on Reserve St. was activated. An officer was dispatched and no one was found.
- · The University Center reported three commemorative flags were missing/stolen from outside the UC and in the adjacent parking lot.
- · A strange man was escorted off cam-

Friday, March 5

· A Watson Hall CA reported a suspicion of marijuana use on the third floor.

Thursday, March 4

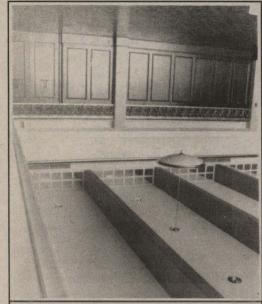
- A wooden sign from Schmeekle Reserve was confiscated from a Roach Hall room.
- · A Neale Hall AD reported two individuals trying to sell tickets to an event, near Neale and Baldwin Halls.

University Center's Alumni Room receives makeover

By Christina Summers

News Editor

UW-Stevens Point's Alumni Room has received a new look, but it is one that reflects tradition and heritage.



The Alumni Room underwent a total remodeling project. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

A decision was made to renovate the room, which had not been remodeled since its construction in 1965, by students, staff, campus administrators and the Alumni Board. The University Centers' Advisory and Policy

> Board granted funding for the renovations in 1997.

"The room needed to be updated to accommodate increased demands for technology by the campus," said Susan Crotteau, assistant director of University Centers.

"It is also used by the Freshman Orientation program and is, literally, the first impression that students and their parents have of our University Center and possibly the campus."

The Alumni Room serves as a primary meeting room in the University Center and is used for a variety of purposes, including conferences, banquets, alumni reunions and national speakers.

"The words we used to describe the feeling we wanted were rich and traditional. We are 105 years old, but few of our rooms on campus give us a sense of our heritage," said John Jury, executive director of University Cen-

The cost of construction is es-

timated \$330,000, with an additional \$98,500 allocated for furniture, window treatments and floor-

"The costs were bonded over 20 years to ensure that those funding those using the room in the future. It represents about \$2 of students' Center fee," said Jury.

According to Crotteau, reactions from faculty, staff and students have all been positive. She said potential users feel the campus can be proud of the room because it offers a feeling of tradition at UW-SP.

Jury said several groups are trying to change reservations to get the Alumni Room for awards and programs this spring.

"The room is really formal and

fancy and will definitely be a nice place for lectures and guest speakers" said Ryan Lins, a junior at UW-SP.

According to Jury, future plans are to improve the look of the entire original part of the U.C. and to highlight the contributions of students and alumni who have made Point what it is today.

"I think it will serve us long and well. We don't think we will have to do much with the room in the future because of the rich and traditional look," Jury said.





The turquoise carpeting is now replaced by parquet flooring (right). Intricate designs now adorn the walls in a gold plating (left). (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Health Center: Deficit will decrease next year

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"The people who were against the increase last year, happen to have their medical care paid by the state," Hettler said. "If a single faculty member was 23-year old, the state would pay \$2,068 towards health care. A 23-year old student would pay a fee of \$169 towards university health care, and could buy a coverage policy for \$400."

Hettler said as the cost for health care supplies continues to \$1,360,000 increase, the non-allocated fees seem to be staying the same.

Non-allocated fees are monies paid by students, but are not con-\$1,320,000 trolled by SGA. Health Center officials hope they will receive some \$1,300,000 sort of increase this year.

SGA currently is consolidating a committee to look over the \$1,280,000 budget, treatment of students and general workings of the Health \$1,260,000 Center. The subcommittee is expected to be comprised of faculty, \$1,240,000 staff and students, including a Student Chair.

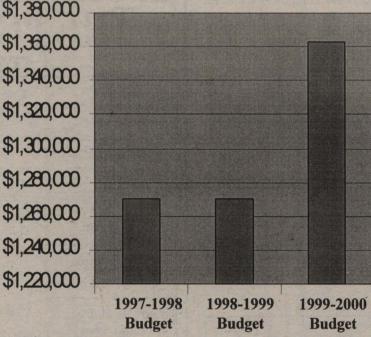
Currently, the Student Heath Advisory Committee, consisting of about 25 members, helps to

make the budget and conduct surveys of Health Center patients.

"They do client satisfaction surveys and look at concerns of patients," Hettler said. "In some years, the committee has gone before SGA to present the annual budget."

The Health Center is hoping to return to SGA the first week of April to finalize next year's recommended budget.

UW-SP Health Center Segregated Fee Allocations



Diverse: Plan starts now for UW-Stevens Point CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Minority recruitment is a UW-System initiative campus. which received about \$700,000 in Governor Thompson's latest budget. According to Jordan, the amount at this juncture isn't important. The important fact is that money is being allocated for

"More is always better than less," Jordan said. No matter what the amount, it will help.

"This is only a start. We want to increase campus diversity tenfold," he said. "The assistance may not be in the form of money. It may be in the form of another full-time position."

On March 5, the draft of Plan 2008 was released on campus. Drafted by members of the Multicultural Affairs office, SGA and administration, the plan

includes the goals aiming towards a more diverse

One of the goals, or challenges as stated in the proposal, looks to make 70 percent of all classes contain diversity materials and information.

In the same category as including more diversity in classes, is contacting other universities to explore the option of distance learning and faculty exchanges for multicultural education.

For instance, a response is to try and offer five courses each semester using distance learning, having themes such as Native American Language courses and African American History.

These challenges are to be embarked upon in the very near future and plan to be completed by the year 2008.

Laptop: Proposal is withdrawn

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volved agreed that something must be done.

"One of the positive things that came out of this is the consensus that something needs to be done," said Vice-Chancellor/Provost Bill

As a result, an ad-hoc committee has been appointed with the task of considering alternatives to the laptop proposal and finding feasible means of providing universal computer access to students.

Numerous student and faculty concerns were voiced at various forums and brown bag lunches, input that helped to shape the notion that progress can be made. Members of SGA commended the administration for bringing the idea to the faculty and students for input.

"I believe it was extremely admirable of the chancellor and vicechancellor to accept the opinions of the general student populous regarding the proposal," said Andrew Halverson, a senator from the College of Letters and Science.

According to Meyer, a specific time has not been set as to when the committee will begin its duty. Three additional members were added to the committee, an indication that the group will continue through the end of this semester, and into the next.

"This was a great example of shared governance at work," said Chancellor George. "Now we have a committee to look at student access to computers, and to stimulate discussion on the issue."

Chronology of the Laptop Proposal

Late Dec, 1998 - Laptop Feb. 24, 1999 - Laptop foproposal introduced by Chan-rum provides students and Meyer and sent to Faculty Senate and SGA.

cellor Thomas George and faculty a chance to voice Provost/Vice-Chancellor Bill opinions that were, for the most part, against the plan as

March 3, 1999 -

Citing "sufficient concerns over certain aspects of the proposal," Chancellor George and Vice-Chancellor Meyer decide to withdraw the proposal from consideration. A committee was formed to look at campus technology

'Have a great break,' from The Pointer News Team

LETTERS & OPINION

Education dept. responds to letter

I am writing in response to the letter "Education department needs attitude change" that appeared in the Thursday, Feb. 18 issue of The

I want to emphasize to this anonymous student that the School of Education is quite interested in students' opinions and comments. We strive to do the best job possible in preparing our students for their future role as educators.

I am proud of our programs and our graduates. We do have many excellent students seeking teacher certification. These are students who are academically quite capable, who understand young people and who can identify and apply effective teaching techniques.

We have a number of mechanisms for collecting data regularly that assist us in knowing "how we are doing." We have ongoing 'User Surveys' administered randomly to students from our Undergraduate Advising Office, our Graduate Advising Office, our Professional Writing Competency Program and the Office of Field Experience. We conduct surveys of our recent graduates every semester, inviting feedback on how we are doing.

I also am available to meet with students who want to express thoughts about what is going well and concerns/ideas for improvement and I invite you to meet with me.

And most importantly, we attend to the feedback we have received from these various surveys, making changes and modifications as we continue to work toward improvement. Thank you.

- Leslie McClain-Ruelle Associate Dean and Head, School of Education

Student wants ramp over more lots

Dear Editor:

I would like to briefly comment on one thing that struck me as ironic at UW-Stevens Point.

Isn't it strange that a university whose biggest claim to fame is the College of Natural Resources would choose to tear down yet another house in order to spread a little more cement in the name of parking?

I haven't measured lately, but I'd say the parking lots take up more square feet of green space

than the university buildings do.

And I may not be an engineer, but wouldn't the long-term benefit of a parking ramp outweigh the cost? And wouldn't it look nicer? And wouldn't you be able to fit more vehicles in it? And wouldn't it be convenient? And wouldn't it just make sense?

I'll be the first to admit I really like to park on campus. I've got a stack of little yellow envelopes to prove it. But, enough is enough. The parking lots are spreading like a disease. Let's just build a ramp already. I bet if we charged each student 350 bucks a year extra on his/her tuition bill, he/she would have a very useful spot to put his/her car in...unless he or she has a parking spot already. But that's another argument.

> - JoAnn Johnson UW-SP student

News that's not covered by the media

Dear Editor:

It seems everybody likes the sound of the term "tax cuts." But when we read of Governor Tommy's proposal for cutting corporate income tax we should remember that actions can foreshadow dire consequences, and we must reflect on the potential impact our decisions may have on the human com-

Now for some news that doesn't make the head-

• "Cheap labor in the Sudan" - Chattel slavery still exists in the Sudan. This has been highlighted as a group of Colorado school children have raised money to buy Sudanese slaves their freedom.

The students have been able to free over 600 slaves at a cost of about \$50 per person. At those prices, expect Nike and the GAP to open factories in the Sudan sometime soon.

· "Service industry heads south" - Attention catalogue shoppers: the next time you buy a bath towel over the phone, your operator may be speaking to you from a hot cubicle in Nogales. Data processing and computer service companies migrating to Mexico are paying an average wage of \$70 per week to a bilingual non-union workforce.

Boarder towns are now replacing other nations as home for multinationals who now employ over 10,000 workers in the new maquiladora shops. I'd guess this is more cost effective than paying \$206 per week to U.S. wage slaves, right?

· "Unionized maquiladora closed" - The only apparel factory in Guatemala with a collective bargaining agreement was abruptly closed in December, leaving 500 workers jobless.

The Camisas Modernas maquiladora factory produced clothing for Phillips-Van Heusen, who say they will continue to contract work to other nonunion shops in Guatemala. (Camisas Modernas workers had waged a six-year struggle to obtain union recognition.)

As Albert Einstein declared, "We must overcome and advance beyond the predatory phase of human development."

> - Linda Smith Stevens Point

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From the Editor's desk



You can't blame SGA for trying

By Mike Kemmeter

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Battling an apathetic student body, the Student Government Association tried something new this year in an attempt to get more people to vote in its annual presidential and senate election.

Using on-line ballots for the first time, SGA hoped students would take an extra minute or two while on the computer to choose who they wanted in control of their money.

While the idea is great - the vast majority of students use the Internet and the campus e-mail (where the voting address was given) – a reporter from *The Pointer* found a bug in the program. The reporter was able to cast votes in the election using logins from a current student, a December 1998 graduate, a May 1997 graduate, a faculty member and a fake login name.

Using that glitch, potential voters could have cast ballots using other people's login names, therefore tainting the election. And with every student's login included in the student directory, anyone who wanted to throw the election could have fairly easily.

But even though SGA now has to hold the election again after break, what other avenues did it have to get more students to vote? In the past, student involvement has been simply pathetic.

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OUTDOORS

Speaker has something to croak about Declining worldwide amphibian populations addressed

By Joe Shead Assistant Outdoors Editor

A UW-Stevens Point graduate student spoke about troubled amphibian populations at the weekly herpetology meeting Monday.

Tanya Hawley delivered her speech entitled, "The Mysterious Worldwide Decline in Amphibian Populations." Hawley gave evidence of the decline of amphibian populations, discussed possible causes of this decline and spoke of her upcoming trip to Belize to study amphibians.

There are roughly 3,900 different species of amphibians worldwide, many of which are in trouble. Many species are going extinct.

The Gastric Broding Frog was discovered in Australia in 1971, but by 1981, it had disappeared. Likewise, the Golden Toad of Costa Rica was discovered in 1964. Thousands of pairs of toads showed up at a breeding pond in 1987. A year later two showed up. The Golden Toad hasn't been seen in the wild since.

Hawley listed several potential reasons for the difficulties amphibians are having. Acid precipitation, toxins, weather patterns, ultraviolet radiation, pathogens, introduced species and habitat loss have all contributed to amphibian population decline.

This problem hits close to home, too. People are finding an increasing number of mutated amphibians. These mutated amphibians are usually missing eyes or have extra limbs. "(In Wisconsin) there's been over 150 sightings just in 1996 in seven dif-



This red-eyed tree frog relaxes on a leaf in a Costa Rican jungle. (Submitted photo)

ferent species," Hawley said.

The cause of these mutations isn't certain, but some things have been found to at least contribute to the mutations.

"In Minnesota I'm quite sure they've found that at least some of the decline is through the malformations that have been caused by nitrates in agricultural areas and probably other pesticides and insecticides," Hawley said.

Evidence has also shown that trematodes, or parasitic flatworms, cause problems in amphibians.

"If an amphibian is infected at a young age (with a trematode), it will cause a limb to develop into two instead of one," Hawley said.

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Sturgeon biologist informs students

By Joe Shead
Assistant Outdoors Editor

Ron Bruch, a sturgeon biologist with the DNR, spoke about Sturgeon Patrol in CNR room 170 Wednesday.

Sturgeon Patrol is a program in which volunteers monitor sturgeon spawning sites along the Wolf and Fox Rivers from April 15 to May 5. Volunteers take 12 hour shifts, making sure that no one attempts to harm the sturgeon as they spawn at the approxi-

mately 50 spawning sites on rocks and man-made riprap in the two rivers.

The Wolf and Fox Rivers flow out of the Winnebago system which is home to the world's largest population of Lake Sturgeon. The system includes Lake Winnebago along with Lakes Poygan, Butte des Mortes, and Winneconne which are collectively known as "the upriver lakes."

Stugeon Patrol was created to protect Lake Sturgeon from poachers as they spawn. Sturgeon

are highly prized for both their meat and their eggs which are a delicacy.

Female sturgeon don't reach maturity until they are 20-25 years old and only spawn once every three to five years after maturing. Males mature at age 10-15 and spawn every other year. Since these prehistoric fish spawn so infrequently and since it takes so long for them to reach maturity, their population is very sensitive to harvesting, whether it be legally or illegally.

Once the population is damaged, recovery becomes very difficult.

"It's not like dealing with other fish. There's no quick turnaround. We're trying to create a bunch of old ladies," Bruch said, referring to the need for older, mature females which traditionally have made up the bulk of the sturgeon spearing harvest.

Participants in Sturgeon Patrol work with conservation wardens to prevent any illegal activity. In the process, they are treated with meals and lodging which is paid for by local chapters of Sturgeon For Tomorrow, the world's only sturgeon citizen society.

"If you work closely with the people, it's unbelievable what you can do," Bruch said.

Though the lodging, food and free Sturgeon Patrol hats are nice benefits of Sturgeon Patrol, the real treat is the experience of seeing these enormous fish up close.

Interested Sturgeon Patrol participants can contact Carolyn at (920) 424-4404 for more information.

Should we stock walleyes?

By Matt "Bert" Ward Outdoors Editor

Stocking has been a standard management practice for over half a century and Minnesota spends over one million dollars annually on stocking walleyes. Since the 1950s, 7.5 billion walleye have been stocked in Minnesota waters. The main objective of stocking is to improve walleye fishing in lakes where natural reproduction occurs and provide the opportunity to catch walleyes in lakes without natural reproduction. For this objective to be successful, stocking must contribute to the abundance of the stocked year classes of walleyes present within the lakes.

A large-scale analysis on the effectiveness of stocking was performed encompassing 200 Minnesota lakes, each of which provided five or more years of data. Gill nets were the main gear used to sample walleye populations and assess the success of stocking. The walleyes were implanted with either physical or chemical tags as fingerlings which aided in their identification in the analysis. Similar investigations have never been performed previously due to the extensive efforts and high expenses needed to accomplish such a project.

The 200 lakes in the study were divided into two categories. The first group contained lakes with a high probability of successful walleye reproduction and were classified "enhanced walleye lakes." The second group contained lakes with a low probability of successful walleye reproduction and were classified "sustained walleye lakes."

The populations of walleyes present within the two categories of lakes in question were studied, examining how angler catch and average fish weight were influenced by single and multiple annual stocking events. This analysis concluded that lakes where natural walleye reproduction occurred successfully, neither single nor multiple stocking events significantly affected the amount of fish an angler caught per hour up to five years after the stocking event.

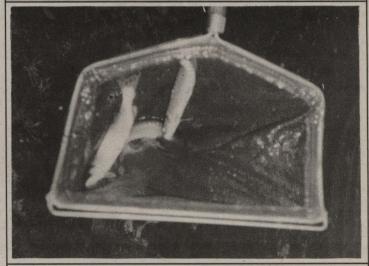
Also, there was no significant relationship between the average weight of walleye caught and the single or multiple stocking events on these lakes. This analysis concluded that in lakes where there was a low probability of successful walleye reproduction, single stocking events significantly increased the amount of fish an angler caught per hour and increased that year class strength of walleyes. However, multiple annual stocking events did not seem to further increase the amount of fish an angler caught per hour.

The average weight of fish caught in lakes where low probability of successful walleye reproduction occurred was significantly lower when either single or multiple annual stocking events occurred, opposed to the weight of the fish in the lake when no stocking occurred. This was significantly lower simply because anglers were catching the large group of small walleyes that were recently stocked and not the few old fish that were present from previous stockings. A decreased average weight might also result from competition among the stocked fish for a limited forage base.

So overall this study concluded that stocking increased walleye abundance and decreased the average weight of walleyes caught in lakes where natural reproduction is limited, however in lakes where walleye reproduction is successful, stocking has no significant affect on the abundance or average weight of walleyes caught in those

So now the question is, how should these results affect our current stocking strategies? My conclusions after evaluating this subject are simply to cease stocking in those lakes where there is a high probability of successful walleye reproduction occurring.

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Stocking predatory fish is one of the common strategies used by fishery managers. (Submitted photo)



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Land preservation to be discussed

By Ryan Gilligan OUTDOORS REPORTER

It is the unfortunate truth that all across the country we are losing the natural heritage of the land. From the slow extirpation of native plants and animals to the outright development of open lands, nature is undergoing constant change and degradation.

Unfortunately, this destruction often goes unnoticed and uncontested. Living in Wisconsin, we are lucky enough to be surrounded by many natural and rural areas, but even here, the problem of environmental degradation still rears its ugly head.

Fortunately, there are organizations such as Greenspace, a group dedicated to preserving served from direct development natural areas in the face of development. Its primary function is to serve as a seldom-heard voice for the environment during civic meetings and discussions regarding development.

This week the group will hold a meeting featuring speaker Dr. Robert Freckman. His topic will be "Vegetation of Portage County; Past, Present, and Future." The talk will consist of an overview of the regional vegetation's past, from the settlement era of the 1840s through the changes of the past 30 years.

The discussion will also focus on the problems facing Portage County's natural areas today and in the days to come. Though many of the unique natural areas of the county are already prebecause of their location on state lands, Freckman feels that more needs to be done.

"There are still 15 to 20 areas in the county that do not lie on state land; these areas include a variety of important habitats," states Freckman. Since these places are not state-owned, the land and vegetation stand vulnerable to development.

Such a loss would impact more than merely that immediate area, but also surrounding plant and animal communities. Threats in Portage County's future may also take the form of issues not as apparent as the building of roads and subdivision of land.

"Future threats to preservation include weedy species that have been introduced and are continu-

Greenspace strives to protect habitat such as this hardwood forest in Portage County. (Submitted photo)

ing to be introduced to the area, and in the deer population and its effect on the vegetation," states Freckman.

If you are interested in attending and learning more about these

and other issues facing Portage County vegetation, the meeting will be held Thursday March 11, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room one at the Stevens Point Courthouse, 1462 Strongs Avenue.

Horicon Marsh Bird Festival

In celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, the Horicon Marsh will celebrate its bird festival May 7-9. This year's theme will be neotropical

Located in east-central Wisconsin, Horicon Marsh is home to 268 species of birds. It was originally established as habitat for ducks, but Canada geese are now major users of the marsh.

Today, Horicon Marsh is a state wildlife area and a national wildlife refuge. It has received the prestigious honors of being dubbed a Wetland of International Importance and a Globally Important Bird Area by different organizations.

This year, the marsh will offer several different programs for both experienced and aspiring birders.

Three events have fees and require preregistration. The Bird Wisconsin Bus Tour is a two day field trip on which participants will view birds outside of Horicon Marsh.

The First Light Bus Tour is for intermediate to advanced birders. This trip will seek to identify the greatest number of birds pos-

> The Blue Heron Strictly Birding tour is a pontoon boat tour through the marsh on which birders will see heron and egret rookery.

A large number of other events will be offered including bird banding, a bird-a-thon, trumpeter swan update, junior duck stamp reception and a whooping crane lecture among others. Birders are also invited to tour the marsh on their own.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Horicon Marsh International Education Center, N7725 Hwy. 28, Horicon, WI 53032.

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Will the water in Pool 8 be lowered

A task force is contemplating a certain level. The area near La reduction of water levels in Upper Mississippi River Pool 8 (La Crosse) to mimic more natural summer river conditions. The reduction would promote aquaticplant growth and dry sediments along the river's edge.

Composed of state and federal fish and wildlife managers and scientists, recreational boaters and commercial navigation interests, the force has assessed the feasibility of conducting a water level reduction during the summer of 2000.

One major component of the study is to determine what the maximum level of water reduction should be and how to manage the reduction based on the concerns that have been raised. Considering information gathered from public meetings, commercial and recreational surveys, biological and weather information, the task force recommends using two control points to manage a water level reduction on Pool 8.

First, the water level reduction will be minimized in the upper portion of Pool 8 so water levels at the La Crosse weather service stage gauge would not fall below

Crosse would receive a maximum reduction of six inches.

The second control point for the demonstration would be Lock and Dam 8 (Genoa, WI) where the Corps of Engineers would manage for a maximum reduction of 18 inches.

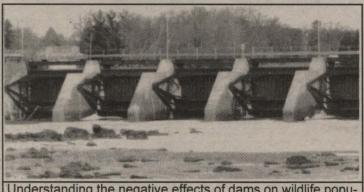
Taking both of these control points into account means water levels would be reduced during summer months by a maximum of six inches at La Crosse, WI and 18 inches at Lock and Dam 8.

According to Dick Otto of the Corps of Engineers, "We will implement whatever measures necessary to maintain the minimum gauge reading at La Crosse. Even though this may require a

more intensive monitoring effort, we feel the potential benefits of the drawdown are well worth the extra effort."

According to Gretchen Benjamin, DNR task force leader, "This proposal represents a compromise on everyone's part."

Since most of the commercial and recreational facilities are located in the upper portion of Pool 8, using the La Crosse gauge as a control point means that a reduction of only six inches will occur in that area. A drawdown of 18 inches at the dam will provide a reasonable reduction in the lower portion of the pool where anticipated habitat benefits can be evaluated.



Understanding the negative effects of dams on wildlife populations is quickly becoming a hot topic. (Submitted photo)

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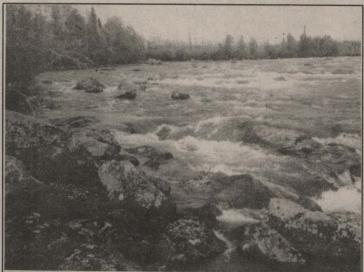
Volunteers to protect spring steelhead

In coming weeks, scores of quicksilver steelhead will journey from Lake Michigan to their home tributaries to spawn, luring anglers from all over the country who hope to catch a fish renowned as much for its fight as for making a tasty meal. All those anglers are attracting volunteers who will patrol streams in an effort to combat increased poaching of these popular fish.

Every year, the DNR stocks about 500,000 steelhead in Lake Michigan. A steelhead management plan in place since the late 1980s has helped improve fish survival rates; there are more and bigger fish available for anglers than a decade ago, says Matt Coffaro, DNR fisheries expert for southeastern Wisconsin.

A permanent collection facility opened on the Root River in the mid-1990s; Lake Michigan trout do not successfully reproduce naturally in the freshwater streams, so the department collects eggs from steelhead migrating up the Root River and then hatches the eggs and raises the fish before stocking them in Wisconsin waters.

Steelhead, unlike coho or chinook salmon, don't die after



Steelhead will soon be making there way up Lake Michigan tributary streams. (Submitted photo)

spawning, but return to Lake Michigan.

The spring migration, or spawning "run," is beginning to attract an increasing number of poachers. They take more fish than the legal daily limit of five, fail to buy the proper licenses and trout stamps and illegally snag the fish instead of catching them with a hook and line.

"The wast majority of anglers are honest and ethical and do the right thing, follow the rules and regulations," said Joe Jerich, a conservation warden who has

been stationed in Racine County for the last seven years. "However, the problem has gotten much worse since I first started."

Jerich and other wardens believe the poaching problem is getting worse, in part because there are more fish available and more opportunities to take the fish illegally.

This year, wardens who patrol the Lake Michigan tributaries are counting on some innovative efforts to help ensure that steelhead caught in coming weeks are legally taken, says Kevin Mickelberg, a conservation warden who supervises wardens in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.

One effort is the River Patrol, a cooperative volunteer program among local wardens and local sports groups that started last year and now has more than 200 members enrolled. Under the program, members are issued "River Patrol" hats and a guideline card that describes what patrollers should do if they witness a fishing violation.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear their hats, and when they see a violation, document it and call it in to the DNR's violation hotline, 1-800-TIP-WDNR. The volunteers have no enforcement power, Mickelberg said. The idea

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PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS

Galaxies

March 7, 21, 28

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April 11, 18, 25

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The Power May 2, 9, 16

Rachel, a rather precocious youngster, starts the program by talking to her grandfather about the universe. Very quickly her grandfather runs out of answers and seeks out his astronomer friend Jack Horkheimer, otherwise known as "the Star Hustler," for assistance. From that point on Rachel and Horkheimer, in his inimitable style, address many questions about light and galaxies. Specifically with galaxies they look at such questions as the shapes, sizes, distances and material composition of the galaxies.

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Planning For Wisconsin's Future

1,000 Friends of Wisconsin's Annual Conference

The event is scheduled at the University Center beginning at 10 a.m. on March 24. The conference keynote speaker will be Ben Logan, author of "The Land Remembers," "The Empty Meadow" and "A Christmas Remembered." Persons wishing to stay for the reception at 4:30 will enjoy "A Day in the Life of Wisconsin," a collection of slides set to music. The images of people, places, land-scapes, vistas and wild things represent scenes of best loved places photographed by citizens throughout the state on the weekend of Wisconsin's 150th birthday. Conference registration is \$20 for students. For registration forms please call 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin at 608-259-1000 or by e-mailing them at friends@1000friendsofwisconsin.com.





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Hawley

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Hawley will travel to Belize this summer as part of the Peace Corps. As a special project, Hawley will study amphibians there. Belize is home to three different types of habitat including tropical evergreen, tropical rainforests and Montain forests which are home to many types of amphibians. Hawley feels it's important to study these areas which contain 80 percent of the world's amphibians.

"There's a special need for research in tropical areas. There are few studies in tropical areas and many of the species are not wellknown," Hawley said.

One good thing for both amphibians and Hawley is that much of the land in Belize is protected.

"It's fortunate to have this much land preserved. Over 36 percent of the land has some sort of official protection," Hawley

Upon completion of her study, Hawley hopes to have a better understanding of the problems amphibians face and a better idea of how to overcome them.

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When looking to improve these lakes I believe education, stricter regulations and habitat improvements should be implemented instead of stocking.

In regards to lakes with a low probability of natural walleye reproduction, fisheries managers must decide if it is in the public's and the fisheries' best interests to continue providing anglers with the opportunity of catching walleyes.

More than likely, these are fisheries where other preferable gamefish species dominate, and shouldn't be allowed to remain that way. Hopefully, this provided you with some basic insights regarding the walleye stocking issues confronting Wisconsin on an annual basis.

Steel

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of the patrol is not to write more citations but to deter illegal activity in the first place.

"We already know that it's working," Mickelberg said. "One River Patroller told me he was on the Root River when he came upon a man trying to snag fish. Once the man identified that a River Patroller was standing next to him, the man ran across the river and hid in the woods."

"The rules and limits we've got now were set to protect the resource and to protect fair opportunities for all anglers," Jerich said. "The steelhead run draws people from all over-I've probably checked people from just about every state in the country. This is an incredible fishery and we want to keep it that way."

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Thoughts from the Dawg House...

Pro wrestling is back?

By Jessica Burda Sports Editor

I must admit that when I was a kid my big brother taught me all about "professional" wrestling. We would watch WWF and pretend to be our favorite wrestlers.

Of course, my brother was George "The Animal" Steele (with a food coloring green tongue) and I liked Rowdy Roddy Piper (mom's scarf was a great kilt). We always made my sister be Hulk Hogan, because we needed someone to body slam and we never missed the WWF cartoon. But like everyone else, we grew up and wrestling seemed to disappear.

Unlike New Coke and Michael Jackson's career, pro-wrestling has made a comeback, a BIG comeback. My roommate always told me it would, after she would keep me up until 3 a.m. in the dorms demonstrating how she used to rip off her Hogan shirt, but I never believed her. Man, was I wrong.

Now you can't go anywhere without seeing NWO and WCW logos on all sorts of merchandise. And remember who the current governor of Minnesota is? So why has pro-wrestling come back and maybe an even better question should be "Do some people really believe they are actually wrestling?"

For my own well-being, I won't answer the second question, but please ponder with me on the first. What is up with the grand comeback?

Beyond the fact that the Hulk is now evil, though I'm not quite down with the two-tone dye job, they built on the "athleticism" with drama, crazy rivals and different factions. I think there might even be some type of Latin World Order (my wrestling fan friends are shaking their heads at my ignorance now).

Therefore, people sick of the strikes and greed of other prosports started paying attention to this "sport" with more flash. And though I tease my friends who admit they like wrestling, I can almost understand why and admit to my own growing knowledge (Thanks roommate!) of Mankind, "Stone Cold" and that amazon Sable. Roomie even said she'll get me a "Just Suck It" shirt due to my new found interest.

Call wrestling what you will, "white-trash" or "pure athleticism," but it seems to be back and stronger than ever.

By the way, I do enjoy that "Big Poppa Pump" guy and News Editor Chris Keller says Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat kicks ass.

Women's club hockey finishes second in Midwest tourney

In what may be one of their last years as a club sport, the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team wrapped up an impressive season with a second place finish at the Midwest Collegiate Women's Hockey Association Tournament last weekend.

Entering the tourney seeded fifth in Midwest rankings, Point

In what may be one of their defeated fourth seed St. Olaf 8-1 t years as a club sport, the in Friday's opening round.

Moving into Saturday's semifinals, UW-SP matched up against first place UW-River Falls and defeated the Falcons in a hardfought 2-1 victory.

With two solid wins, UW-SP moved into the championship game but dropped an overtime 4-3 loss to U of M-Twin Cities.

Not going anywhere for Spring Break? Tune in to 90 FM all next week to catch Pointer baseball and softball action live from Ft. Myers, Florida with Andy Ligman.

Oshkosh captures WIAC track titles

Pointer men finish third, women fourth

By Jessica Burda Sports Editor

Putting the finishing touches on their indoor season, the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams hosted the WIAC Championships last weekend. While the UW-Oshkosh Titans swept the overall team championships, the Point men finished third and the women fifth.

"This is by far the best meet we've put together," women's head coach Len Hill said, "Fiftyeight percent of our performances were season's bests and quite a few were even with prior personal bests."

On the women's side, the 4x400 meter relay entered the finals with a preliminary time of 4:08, but dropped six seconds off to place fourth overall with their provisional qualifying time of 4:02.80. Middle distance runner Leah Juno anchored the race matched up against champion sprinter Camille Ross of UW-Whitewater and joined Katie Eiring, Missy Kraemer and April Raykowski in knocking down an outstanding eight laps.

Eiring also completed the inaugural season of the women's pole vault in the WIAC undefeated. She won the conference meet vaulting 10-foot-6-¼ beating out the competition by over half a foot and picked up a fourth place finish in the 400 meter dash as well.

Back in her middle distance events, Juno placed second in the 1,000 meter run and fourth in the 800 to earn 13 points for the Pointer women. She will run the 800 and join thrower Sara Groshek (weight throw) in Ohio this week-



Dan Schwamberger (left) and Jesse Drake lead the pack in the early stages of the men's 5,000 meter run Friday afternoon. (Photo by Nick Brilowski)

end for the NCAA Division III Championships. Eiring, even though she is the pole vault champion, will not compete in the NCAA meet because the event will not be national until next year.

The men's side proved very competitive as powerhouses Oshkosh and La Crosse battled for the first and second place finishes, while the Pointer men silently built up 112 overall points and several strong individual performances to move beyond the indoor season.

"We had a good meet, our people competed very hard," men's head coach Rick Witt said. "I think it was a good learning experience for our younger guys."

Matt Hayes led the Pointers, clinching the first in the 600 meter dash in 1:20.47, while Shawn Moretti added 10 more points to the Point score winning the 55

meter hurdle championship in 7.65

While these performances weren't surprises, the high jump competition provided some excitement for UW-SP. Hardly seeded entering the high jump, Point's Jon Phillips leaped six-foot-five to take fourth place finishing higher than his original seed and cementing coach Witt's knowledge that his team can step up when they need to.

Joining Juno and Groshek in Ohio, the Point men send Moretti in the hurdles, Hayes (seeded first) in the 600, Dan Schwamberger in the 5,000 meter run and Lyle Eiden in the pole vault to the NCAA meet.

The NCAA Division III Championships begin Friday at Ohio Northern University and the UW-SP outdoor track and field season begins Easter weekend at home.

Wrestlers suffer disappointing Nationals

By Mike Beacom Managing Editor

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team entered last weekend's NCAA Division III tournament in Ewing, NJ with high expectations.

The squad was represented by its three seniors Jaime Hegland, Ross Buchinger and Corey Bauer, as well as sophomore Chet Zdanczewicz, all of whom had made the trip before.

But opening round action Friday quickly put an end to Point's optimism after each one of the foursome found themselves battling in the consolation bracket.

Buchinger was Point's lone All-American at nationals. The 149 pounder from Kaukauna left New Jersey with a 2-1 decision over UW-Oshkosh's Joel Dziedzic and a seventh place finish.

Hegland, who finished fifth as a sophomore and sixth as a junior, lost both his matches 3-2. Jaime

had been ranked number two most of the season but was a given a number four seed at nationals to work from.

Bauer, who was ranked number five in the last coaches poll of the season, did not receive a seed at the tournament and found himself matched up against the number two seed right away.

After a 6-2 loss, Bauer won a match before suffering a 5-4 decision to close out his season.

Zdancewicz was the only Pointer to win his first match. But

Pacific's Shawn Thomas scored a pin over Chet in the quarterfinals and a medical forfeit knocked Zdancewicz out of All-American contention.

The Pointers compiled five points to finish 38th at the tournament. Point had finished in the top ten the last seven years.

The WIAC as a whole also took a step back from previous years, producing only four All-Americans. UW-La Crosse led the way finishing 14th, eleven spots lower than last year.

—Quote of the Week-

I don't care about the Final Four no more.

I want to win it.

-- Ademola Okulaja, North Carolina Tar Heels forward on his team's falling in the NCAA semifinals the past two years.
--ESPN.com

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March Madness is here: NCAA Division I Men's Tournament Preview

By John Kemmeter SPORTS REPORTER

This year's South Regional is arguably the most wide-open of the four. A handful of teams have a realistic shot at reaching the Final Four: Auburn, Maryland, St. John's, Ohio St., and possibly even UCLA.

Even though Auburn is the number one seed, there is no clearcut favorite.

There are a couple of teams that could pull of a few surprises, including Murray St. and Detroit. Murray St., the 13th seed, faces Ohio St. in the first round and has been known to pull off the occasional upset in the past.

Last year, Detroit pulled off a first round upset of St. John's and they have had excellent perimeter scoring this season. They will definitely give fifth seed UCLA a tough battle, as UCLA's star point guard Baron Davis is playing with a broken toe, and they are without their starting center Dan Gadzuric, who is out for the sea-

Ohio St. should beat Auburn in the Sweet 16 based on the quickness of Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd. They both have the opportunity to take over a three heavyweights this year, game, especially if they can control the tempo.

In the other Sweet 16 matchup, St. John's should knock off Maryland in a close game. The Red Storm played Duke close this year, losing in overtime to the same team that handled Maryland twice this season. Ron Artest and Tyrone Grant will be too much for Maryland to handle inside and Bootsy Thornton and Erick Barkley have been hot from outside all season

That leads to a battle in the Elite Eight between St. John's and Ohio St. Both teams have outstanding perimeter games, which is essential for going deep in the tourna-

Penn and his tournament savvy will lead Ohio St. over St. John's in this matchup and reach the Final Four. Penn and Redd form the best backcourt in the nation and both are bona fide go-to guys in the clutch. Although it is a bit unconventional, Ohio St. will represent the South Region in St. Petersburg.

By Nick Brilowski

SPORTS EDITOR

The West Region features

Connecticut, Stanford and North Carolina, any of whom could advance to the Final Four.

UConn comes in as the top seed and is fresh off an impressive Big East Tournament championship. Khalid El-Amin and Richard Hamilton are one of the deadliest duos in the country.

James Voskuhl is solid in the post and Ricky Moore is perhaps the top defender in the country.

Stanford returns as the national runner-up from last year and possesses a solid frontcourt consisting of Mark Madsen, Tim Young and Pete Sauer. Arthur Lee and Kris Weems pose a talented but inconsistant backcourt.

Carolina is playing some of their best ball of the season despite falling to Duke in the ACC tourney final.

Max Owens has begun to play to his potential at the two guard and Ed Cota is always steady.

Brendan Haywood is a force in the low post and freshman forward Kris Lang has been a pleasant surprise.

Fourth seeded Arkansas

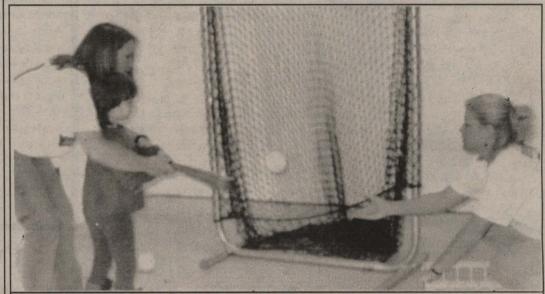
could also pose some problems with their "40 Minutes of Hell."

Interesting first round matchups include three-point bombing Florida against Michael Jordan (not that one) and Ivy League champ Pennsylvania. Upstart Gonzaga could also pose a threat to seventh seeded Minne-

UConn and Carolina each hold victories over Stanford earlier this season which give them the edge over the Cardinal.

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Pointers giving a helping hand



Kristen Bessen (left) and Nicki Bertram help out a young fan with her batting at the annual Pointer Athlete Carnival on Sunday at the CenterPoint MarketPlace. (Photo by Nick Brilowski)

Bailey, Ott earn first team Westrum named scholar-athlete

By Nick Brilowski SPORTS EDITOR







Westrum

A trio of UW-Stevens Point basketball players have received postseason honors for the recently completed season.

Brant Bailey of the men's team and Jessica Ott of the women's team each were named to the all-WIAC first team.

Derek Westrum of the men's team was also named the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete as well as earning honorable mention all-WIAC.

Bailey, a junior from Wisconsin Dells, averaged 17.8 points (sixth in the WIAC) and 5.3 rebounds per game and shot 55.3 percent from the floor (seventh in WIAC). He had a season high 28 points at

"I though Brant was deserving of this honor," Pointer men's coach Jack Bennett said. "I felt he made his greatest strides when he became a better passer and more oriented offensively. He's the most agile and quickest post player in the conference."

Ott, a junior from New Glarus, averaged 16.4 points (fourth in WIAC) and 3.4 rebounds per game as well as shooting 82.8 percent from the free throw line (second in WIAC). She moved into fourth place on the UW-SP career scoring list this season, while twice posting 30 points in a game.

Westrum, a senior from River Falls, is a business major with a 3.8 G.P.A. He averaged 8.7 points and 8.5 rebounds (third in WIAC) per game this season.

Bennett was excited his recognition as the scholar-athlete. "I am most pleased with that award," he said. "He is a true student-athlete. Derek was truly deserving of this award. It's very hard to combine the effort he gave and the smartness he played with."

Freshman Carry Boehning of the women's team was also named to the all-defensive team.

The Pointer Bartender Contest

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- 2. Two free six inch subs from Subway.
- 3. Two movie passes to any movie at Campus Cinema from Marcus Theatres.
- 4. Two passes to The Festival of Beers from the Stevens Point Brewery.

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The Pointer Scorecard

The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Track and Field: NCAA III Indoor Championships (Ada, Ohio), March 12-13. Women's Swimming and Diving: NCAA III Championships (Oxford, Ohio),

Men's Swimming and Diving: NCAA III Championships (Minneapolis, MN), March 18-20.

Baseball: Gene Cusic Classic (Fort Myers, FL), March 12-21.

Softball: St. Thomas University Tournament, March 12-13; Gene Cusic Classic (Fort Myers, FL), March 14-21.

Track and Field

WIAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS STEVENS POINT, WI FEBRUARY 5-6, 1999 Team Results

Men (8 teams total)		
1. UW-Oshkosh	189	
2. UW-La Crosse	173	
3. UW-SP	112	
4. UW-Eau Claire	89.5	
5. UW-Platteville	88	
Women (9 teams total)		
1. UW-Oshkosh	236.5	
2. UW-La Crosse	210	
3. UW-Whitewater	84	
4. UW-River Falls	80	
5. UW-SP	68	
UW-SP Place Winners		

Firsts: 55m Hurdles - Shawn Moretti (7.65), 600m Run - Matt Hayes (1:20.47).

Seconds: 3,000m Run - Jesse Drake (8:33.03). Thirds: 800m Run - Curt Kaczor (1:55.03), 1,500m Run - John Auel (3:59.56), 200m Int. Hurdles - Jason Kelly (25.03), 1,000m Run- Dan Schwamberger (8:34.15), 4x200 - (1:30.94), 5,000m Run - Schwamberger (14:49.74).

Fourths: 4x400 - (3:22.93), High Jump - Jon Phillips (6'05.00).

Fifths: 1,000m Run - Jesse Lalonde (2:33.90), Long Jump - William Porter (22'01.75), High Jump- Andy VanBrocklin (6'03.25).

Sixths: 55M Dash - Shawn Hau (6.65), 200m Dash - Hau (22.90), 400m Dash - Craig Gunderson Dziedzic (UW-O), 2-1

(51.16), Triple Jump - Alan Tepp (44'07.5), 1,500 Meter Run - Hayes (4:01.63).

Firsts: Pole Vault - Katie Eiring (10'06.25). Seconds: 1,000m Run - Leah Juno (3:00.28). Thirds: Distance Medley - (12:47.66). Fourths: 400m Dash - Katie Eiring (59.85), Weight Throw - Sara Groshek (47'04.25), 800m Run - Leah Juno (2:15.78), 4x400 -

(4:02.80).Fifths: 55m Hurdles - Jen Hau (8.88). Sixths: 600m Run - Missy Kraemer (1:40.15), 1,000m Run - Erin Dowgwillo (3:08.21), Weight Throw - Rachel Carlson (45'05.25), 5,000m Run - Lisa Pisca (18:29.08).

Wrestling

NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Ewing, NJ March 5-6, 1999

1. Augsburg	112
2. Wartburg	103.
3. College of New Jersey	56
4. Buena Vista	40.5
4. John Carroll	40.5
14. UW-La Crosse	21.5
25. UW-Platteville	11.5
32. UW-Oshkosh	7.5
38. UW-SP	5
125- Consolation: Bauer (SP) de	f. Marolf
(Simpson), 5-4.	

133- Consolation: Moyer (Ursinus) def. Zdanzewicz (SP), medical forfeit.

141- Consolation: Young (Simpson) def. Hegland (SP), 3-2. 149- Seventh place: Buchinger (SP) def.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT JAIME HEGLAND - WRESTLING





UW-SP Career Highlights

- -- Two -time All-American (1996-97,
- -- Earned 100th career win 2-3-99
- -- Fifth at Nationals- 1997
- Sixth at Nationals- 1998

Hegland

Hometown: Blanchardville, WI Major: Elementary Education

Most memorable moment: Winning the team conference title when I was a sophomore and being an All-American for the first time.

Who was your idol growing up?: My uncle and my cousin. My uncle got me into wrestling and my cousin was good in sports and always took time out to help me. What do you plan to do after you graduate?: Get a teaching job preferably with fifth or sixth grade and coach wrestling.

Biggest achievement in sports: Learning to push myself beyond the breaking point. That would be more helpful in life than any of my other achievements.

Most embarassing moment: Nationals in 1997; that's all I have to say.

Favorite aspect of wrestling: The friends I've gained by being on the team. You get as far as your teammates push you.

What will you remember most about wrestling at UW-SP?: All the good times at UW-SP. All the good times I've had being able to build friendships with some truly

Preview

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Look for the Heels and the Huskies in a rematch of the regional final from last year with Connecticut getting revenge for last

By Jesse Osborne

SPORTS REPORTER

At first glance, the East Regional looks like it is Duke and then everyone else. The Blue Devils come into the tournament the heaviest favorite since UNLV in 1991.

They enter with just one regular season loss, at the hands of Cincinnati, on their record. Duke takes on Florida A&M in the first round.

University of Miami is the second seed. The upstart Hurricanes are led by Tim James and are a quick, athletic team that could possibly pose a threat to Duke should they meet them in the Elite Eight.

Cincinnati enters as the third seed and opens up with George Mason. The highflying Bearcats feature Melvin Levett and Pete Mickeal, as well as some stifling smashmouth defense as they hope to advance to the Final Four.

The Wisconsin Badgers open tournament play as the five seed, their highest ever, and will face Steve Alford's Southwest Missouri State squad off the bat.

The Badgers will play their patented tough defense and rely on the outside shooting of Sean Mason and Ty Calderwood to pace the offense.

Bucky could be primed to win a game or two, as Dick Bennett coached clubs are known as tough tournament teams. A pair of victories would mean a likely matchup with Duke in the Sweet Sixteen.

Duke is hands down the most talented and deepest team in the East. The only team that could present a real challenge would be Cincinnati, who needed a near miracle to win the first meeting.

But, anything can happen in the tournament and that is the beauty of the event.

By Andy Ligman SPORTS REPORTER

The Midwest Bracket of the NCAA has the old reliables of the tourney. It consists of championship game participants Utah and defending National Champion Kentucky, plus 1999 champion Arizona and the always tourney-bound Kansas Jayhawks. You must be thinking one of those teams is the number one seed. Well none of them are - it's the Michigan State Spartans.

The Midwest looks to be one of the more competitive brackets. Big Ten tourney champ Michigan State is riding a 19game winning streak led by Mateen Cleaves. State's road will be paved to the Elite Eight but there could be problems due to the toughness of the lower part of the bracket.

That's because the bottom half of the Midwest contains number two seed Utah, three seed Kentucky and sixth seed Kansas. Utah is led by guard Andre Miller and was one of the hottest teams at the end of the season. A team that plays good defense with Final Four experience, the Utes could run into championship game foe Kentucky in the Sweet Sixteen.

Kentucky will pull it out again. Never doubt a defending champ, especially with talent like Wayne Turner and Scott Padgett.

Kansas has lost a lot of talent and underachieved in past tournaments. Maybe it's a year to overachieve.

An interesting game will take place in Milwaukee where Arizona and Oklahoma will matchup. Arizona could be the darkhorse of the Midwest, but they have been known to either fly or flop. Jason Terry has been one of the top players in the nation this season. Don't look past the Sooners, though.

When it's all said and done, MSU should be in the Final Four, but a team with a quick point guard such as Kentucky's Turner could supplant the Spartans.

Pointer students, faculty get the Birkebeiner experience

By Nick Brilowski

SPORTS EDITOR

Year in and year out, thousands of cross-country skiing enthusiasts make their way to Hayward, Wis. to take part in the largest race of its kind in North America, the Birkebeiner. This year among the 4,537 finishers in the race were a number of UW-Stevens Point students and faculty members.

The 51 kilometer (31 mile) race is one of many in the Midwest every year, but none are as big as the Birkebeiner, which celebrated its 27th year this year.

Preparation for the race is year round for the serious participants. Training includes roller skiing, running and biking when there is no snow on the ground, and for Jeremy Pyatskowit, a UW-SP senicr, about 100 kilometers of skiing a week beginning in January when there is enough snow.

The day of the race typically gets off to an early start. "To start the day I get up at 5:30 a.m. and get my gear in the car," Pyatskowit said. "Usually we stop for a big breakfast to get as much energy food as possible because 51K is a long distance to ski."

A number of food stops during the course replenish the energy of the participants. Warm conditions and a misty rain during the contest caused the skiing conditions to become increasingly difficult. Eleven waves of skiiers are started 10 minutes apart with the elite professional men and women getting underway at 8:15 a.m.

Johann Muehlegg of Germany won the men's race while Laura McCabe of Winthrop, Wash, won the women's portion.

Results of UW-SP participants received by The Pointer:

Mark Koepke-2:58, Jeremy Pyatskowit-3:24, Brian Ensign 3:43, John Bailiff-3:52, Josh Pyatskowit-4:10, Mandy Little-4:13, Jolie Ensign-5:02, Travis Cooper-5:12, Christel Beno-5:22, Jane Jones-5:31, Jackie Neuman - 6:00.

The Pointer Bartender Contest Who is the best bartender in Stevens Point?

Nominate a bartender you know who displays the ten criteria below:

- 1. Quick service/promptness.
- 2. Knowledge of drinks
 --not having to look up drinks all the time.
- 3. Cleanliness of bar.
- 4. Years of experience.
- 5. Quality of drinks.
- 6. Serving etiquette.
- 7. Aura/going above and beyond the duties of bartending.
- 8. Conversational skills.
- 9. Responsibility--carding customers whose age is questionable.
- 10. Other attributes you feel should be considered.







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Developing Personal Power

Personal power...no, it is not how much weight you can lift or how much power you have over others, it is a feeling of confidence, the "make it happen attitude." People with personal power know what they want, believe in their vision and take action to make their vision become a reality. People with poor sense of personal power believe that they have no choice in what happens and feels powerless in directing their life.

A way to enhance personal power is to challenge yourself to try new things. Taking risks and learning from them will help you grow and develop. The opportunity to be responsible for your actions and empower yourself to have control over your life also fosters maturity.

How do you develop personal power? Practice behaviors that will enhance self expression, self care, self confidence and self concept. Here are some tips on how to gain personal power:

SELF EXPRESSION

- Give yourself positive messages.
- Freely express creativity and sensuality.

SELF CARE

- · Exercise.
- · Rest, relax and take time for yourself.

SELF CONFIDENCE

- Resist negative images and thoughts.
- Learn self-defense.

SELF CONCEPT

- Value and accept yourself.
- Be aware and recognize your talents and skills.

Developing personal power takes courage, motivation and a positive attitude. Remember, once you develop personal power no one can take it away from you. Believe in yourself and be the best at something that is important to you! Your personal power will be evident and you will achieve the goals that you set for



Michelle's employees Christy and John present a plate of food and a tray of their famous bread. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

What's in a name? - Neale Hall

Neale famous for pioneering use of picture books

By Mike Kemmeter EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When students open a textbook to read, they are greeted with pictures and other visual elements that break up the monotony of words and more words.

But back in the early 1900s, that's all that textbooks were - text. That is, until Oscar Neale pioneered picture books.

The former UW-Stevens Point professor and administrator became a nationally known author for two books, Picture Study in the Grades and World Famous Pictures.

The first book, published in 1925, was not only used in Wisconsin grade schools, it was adopted in almost every state in the country.

The popularity of Neale's books also made its way to the White House. From 1929-32, he was a member of the White House Conference on Child Health, a post appointed by President Hoover.

Neale first discovered the need for pictures as a superintendent in Nebraska, when he stopped at a school and saw a teacher pasting up pictures from a Sears Roebuck catalog.



Cooking Corner **Vegetarian Tacos**

There are a few meat alternatives for use in tacos and burritos on the market today, most soybased. They make a taco more palatable to the meat lover, and make your meal a little more satisfying. They are usually spiced in the traditional -Nick Katzmarek manner.

- Prepare meat alternative as directed.
- Chop lettuce, onions, tomatoes, any sort of vegetables you can possibly imagine.
- Toast (in toaster oven), or microwave, shells so
- Layer ingredients in proportions that you think will taste good.
- Dig in!

Neale brought his love for art to the then-Stevens Point Normal School in 1915 and he started an art appreciation course for future teachers.

As a professor at UW-SP for 29 years, Neale was known to visit nearly every teacher who graduated under him during the former student's first year on the job.

"I couldn't do a good job training teachers unless I saw them at their work," Neale said.

Besides all of his work at the university, Neale was very involved in the community. He served on Stevens Point's Police and Fire Commission for 20 years and was the second ward's alderman on the common council for two terms. He also was a member of the Portage County home board and the president of the Rotary Club.

Along with those civic duties, the devout Baptist taught Sunday school for 67 years. That tenure is among the longest in the country.

After his retirement in 1944 as the director of the rural state graded division, Neale returned to politics and ran for the state senate. He served two terms in office as republican lawmaker.

One of 19 people in his family, Neale was born in Birmingham, Ohio. He married Cora Combs in North Platte, Neb., where the two were teachers and neighbors to "Buffalo Bill" Cody. He died in 1957 at St. Michael's Hospital at 83 years old.

Chess tournament UW-SP club to sponsor

UW-SP's chess club will be hosting the 1st Annual Community Open Tournament on Saturday March 27 in Room 125/125A of the University Center.

Entry fee is \$5 (50 percent going to the prize fund). Five rounds will be paired with Swiss Pairings; time allotment will be 30 minutes per side.

Registration starts at 9:30. Rounds begin at 10 AM.



Please contact the Chess Club at chess@uwsp.edu or call 346-5840

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tastes of the towne Michelle's

By Ethan Meyer RESTAURANT CRITIC

When you are looking for a meal to put the polish on that special evening, there are a few places in the area which must be taken into consideration. Michelle's is one such place.

Across the street from Cooper Motors on Division St., the establishment is easy to reach and close to campus.

We arrived at the height of the dinner hour on Monday evening. I was surprised to see the restaurant and bar both doing fairly brisk business on what is normally a dead night. We were seated immediately and had only moments to wait until our waitress aption that is usually found on weekends. However, my fears were completely unfounded.

After delivering my drink order, our waitress proceeded to list the five specials that were available that evening. I checked the date on my watch to make sure I had the right day.

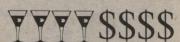
After affirming that it was indeed Monday, I ordered the Blackened Marlin with three mustard dijon sauce. My fellow diner also took interest in the special selection and chose the Pork Steak in Rue Bourbon sauce.

We were given the choice of soup or salad to precede our meals. We opted for salad, my

I was worried that because it companion choosing tossed and was Monday, I was going to miss myself preferring spinach. Bread the superior nightly special selec- was delivered as the meal progressed toward the salad course.

Our entrees arrived not a moment too soon. I avoided eating a lot of bread to preserve my appetite for the main course, and was now happy that I had. My first bite of the tender and juicy fish fillet told me that I was in for a very enjoyable meal. My companion also expressed enthusiasm for his own meal.

SEE MICHELLE'S ON PAGE 18



equates an elegant meal

equates a meal over \$12

FEATURES

UW-SP students relate experiences from Spain, South Pacific

By Mandi Sersch
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Fifteen of the 26 students studying in Spain with UW-Stevens Point's International Programs took advantage of a long weekend in February to travel to the Canary Islands, a territory of Spain just west of Africa

Classes were cancelled February 15 and 16 due to Carnaval, a celebration similar to Mardi Gras. Carnaval is celebrated as the last chance people have to enjoy themselves and lose their inhibitions before the more serious Christian

season of Lent sets in.

With parades featuring women in elaborate, detailed costumes as wide as the street and an abundance of bands playing outside, Carnaval is characterized by people of all ages dressing up in costumes and celebrating in the streets until the early hours of the morning.

Attracting tourists from all over the world, the Ca-

are famous for having some of the b e s t Carnaval celebrations in all of Spain.

Two students trav-

eled to the island of Grand Canary while 13 opted to go to Tenerife.

Melissa Pawlik compared her experience in

"My trip to Tenerife was jam-packed with good times."

–Dave McGowan, UW-SP student

Grand Canary to celebrations in the United States. "Carnaval in Grand Canary is comparable to Halloween and the State Fair, only 100 times crazier," Pawlik said. "There was an abundance of Spanish food, music and alcohol, not to mention all the drag queens!"



Dave McGowan enjoyed the time he spent in Tenerife. "My trip to Tenerife was jam-packed with good times,"

McGowan said. "Plenty of sun, beautiful scenery, great costumes, dancing and huge tropical drinks. What an experience!"

Marisa Miller also appreciated her chance to experience Carnaval. "Carnaval is the best way to experience the Spanish culture," Miller said.

Besides Carnaval celebrations, students were also able to visit other island attractions including beaches with black sand, an inactive volcano and pools in the ocean formed by hardened lava.

By Patrick Dayton
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

G'day mates! This is your fellow Pointers checking in from a semester abroad in the South Pacific.

Our group so far has been very fortunate as we've escaped a Chicago snowstorm, a Fijian hurricane and an Australian flood.

Our trip has been very diverse and has strayed from our preconceptions of Australia and its inhabitants.

"The movies have led us to believe that Australians all live in the outback while, in reality, most of them live in urban areas and in many ways are like Americans," Carrie Lukens said.

Included in the semester program has been a trip to the Blue Mountains for a weekend hike, an excursion to the capital city of Canberra to visit their parliament and ample opportunities for independent travel throughout the country on our own time.

Many of us have seen plays at the Opera House or watched the Gran Prix in Melbourne.

All of us have taken advantage of the

ocean and the beautiful scenery in the surrounding area.

"Considering we hang out a the beach quite a bit, the weather here has been great."

-Aaron Szczytko, UW-SP student

As expected, the temperatures here have been quite high. Sydney's summer could be compared to a hot and humid August day in Wisconsin.

"Considering we hang out at the beach quite a bit, the weather here has been

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great," Aaron Szczytko said.

Overall, we have been very pleased with our adventures in Fiji and Australia and are looking forward to visiting New Zealand in April.

We've gained knowledge and experience. Whether it was in the form of watching the Gay and Lesbie 1 Mardi Gras parade, or simply by having a conversation with an Ab-

origine, we all have expanded our horizons a little.

"My goals and expectations have been exceeded, as International Programs has done a fantastic job organizing our trip, providing us with a variety of activities," Tanya Potocki said.



By Joey Hetzel

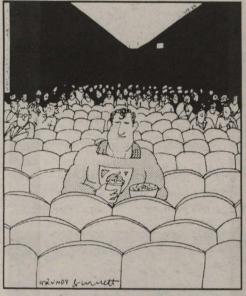
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By Grundy & Willett



Practice makes perfect.



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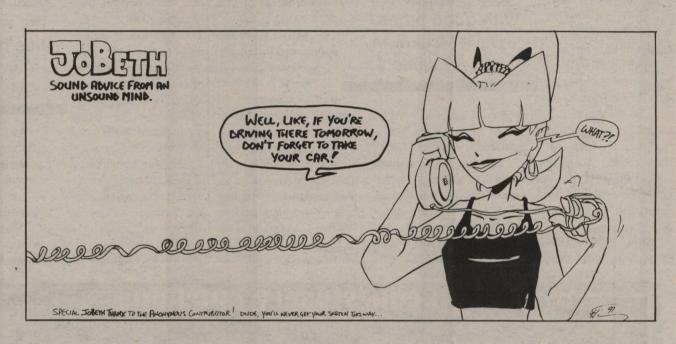




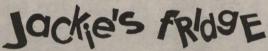




With deepest sympathies to my cousin Nikki on her wedding day, and to my mom on her 40th birthday.







By BJ Hiorns









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THE POINTER ATTN: COMIC EDITOR

By Mike Beacom MANAGING EDITOR

Teenage television stars seem to sell enough tickets at the box office to make their films profitable, but I have yet to see one worth more than a rating of two out of four.

In the same flavor of Scream, I Know What You Did Last Summer and Can't Hardly Wait, this week's film, Cruel Intentions (based on the novel "Dangerous Liaisons") lacked both entertainment and artistic value.

The film centers around stepsiblings Sarah Michelle Gellar (of TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer) and Ryan Phillippe.

The two play rich and selfish high schoolers who toy with members of the opposite sex.

When Gellar's boyfriend dumps her for another girl, Gellar uses Phillippe to ruin the new girlfriend's reputation.

For Phillipee, the new challenge is Annette (played by Reese Witherspoon), a virgin who recently wrote an article in Seventeen magazine encouraging girls not to have sex before marriage.

Gellar bets Phillippe that he can't sleep with Witherspoon before the summer is over. The bet is if he loses, she gets his car. If he wins, he gets to have her.

But one variable Phillippe overlooks is falling in love.

Cruel Intentions was another failed attempt to achieve the success in a high school film that only 1980s director John Hughes' movies (Sixteen Candles, Breakfast Club, Weird Science) achieved.

I felt Phillippe and Witherspoon were convincing in their roles, but thought Gellar should have stayed on the set of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

Rating:



Rentals

The Conversation (1974, PG, 113 min.)

You may have recently seen Enemy of the State, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman (judging from the lines at the theater, you did).

In that movie, Hackman plays an ex-NSA agent, and he plays it well.

Hackman has played that role once before in this film, and it is a much better film than Enemy.

In The Conversation, Hackman plays a surveillance expert that slowly learns that he is starting to care too much about the subjects he is listening to.

While this may sound familiar, his character in this film is deeper and more believable and addss more importance to the film, a tripped-out examination of the nature of paranoia and human interaction.

If you like character-driven films that have a nice little plot, this Francis Ford Coppola film is one that deserves your time.

-Nick Katzmarek



Van Morrison "Back On Top"



By Steven Schoemer Music Critic

Every once in a while, I get the opportunity to critique the work of a musician that has been around the block more than a few times. Van Morrison's new album "Back On Top" is true to it's title.

The album, for the most part, is the same Van Morrison I have always enjoyed. There are a few tracks that really took me by surprise, however. The opening song "Goin' Down Geneva," for instance, is a song with a New Orleans ragtime sound that makes even the pickiest of listeners want to shake a leg.

Personally, when I think of Van Morrison, I think of those songs that are slow and light, and packed with meaning. Songs that really hit home and leave you reflecting about all those issues in life we all deal with on a daily basis. There is no shortage of those. This disc is a healthy mix of old and new styles.

Van Morrison wrote all of the songs on the album and aside from lead vocals plays acoustic guitar and harmonica on various tracks. Although it would take too long to name all of the musicians that contributed on this album, you will find a variety of instruments from sax to trumpet to string arrangements which produce a very full sound.

Overall, I was pleasantly surprised by this album. As soon as I heard Van Morrison had a new release out, I went into it with a preconceived notion that it would be a feeble attempt at a revival of "Brown Eyed Girl" or something to that effect. I thought for sure within a few days I would hear on the radio "Now for the number one hit in America, Van Morrison's 'Blond Haired Woman." That would have been enough to make me puke.

I am very pleased that i was way off base with that assumption. This is a great album and I can't wait to go out and buy it.

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Michelle's

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Our service was exemplary throughout the meal. And needless to say, we were happy with the quality of the food.

Michelle's menu offers both traditional items and those that represent the taste of the restaurant. There are also many imported and microbrewed beers, aged bourbon and scotch and a wine list with 30 bottles of champagne and wine represented.

This restaurant is definitely one of the elite in the Stevens Point area and is worthy of any connoisseur of fine dining.

See news happening? Call Chris or Christina at 346-2249

Editor's desk

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In last year's election only 6 percent of the student body voted, which is down from about 9 percent in 1997. Granted, 1,241 students (approximately 14 percent) voted for the fall activity fee referendum, but that's still a bad turnout considering how many people the \$20 increase will affect next fall – everybody.

And when SGA election time rolls around every year, more money is on the line than a meager \$20. Each person elected, president or senator, has a say in how \$800,000 of the students' money is spent.

With that kind of money being spent by elected student officials, who can blame SGA for trying to get more people involved in the process?

Yes, SGA will have to start all over again in less than two weeks, conducting the election again. Information Technology apparently will solve the security issues with the on-line voting for the new election, so students will still be able to vote from their computers.

And hey, maybe with the added publicity, more students than ever will cast their votes in the "1999 SGA Elections: Take Two."

The Pointer on-line

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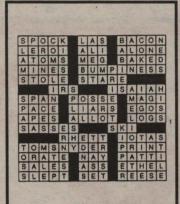
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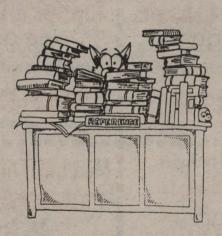
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