State approves Fine Arts funds
Remodeling project expected to cost nearly $22 million

A major $21.5 million project to remodel and expand the Fine Arts Center at UW-Stevens Point took another large step last Wednesday. Planning for the addition was approved by the State Building Commission for inclusion in the 1999-2001 state budget.

"We are right where we want to be," said College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Gerard McKenna. "We couldn't be happier for the students." The project will provide needed space for all three departments of music, art and design, and theater and dance, located in the Fine Arts Building. All three areas have experienced significant growth and program changes that the current building, first occupied in 1970, can no longer accommodate.

UW-SP's original request included funds for construction. The recommendation from the governor's office was funding for planning only. "Planning and design for the project is expected to be complex and challenging," noted Chancellor Thomas George. "The list of program needs is long; the existing building contains many unique and desirable features, and the existing site is constrained."

"It could very well take the next two years of the state budget cycle to arrive at a successful design solution. Thus, we view the governor's recommendation as a big step forward."

The Building Commission discussion also suggested that construction would likely be phased over multiple budget cycles. The budget earmarked $7.43 million for construction in the following 2001-2003 biennium.

"Phasing the project also may work to our advantage," said McKenna. "Obviously, we will not be closing the Arts Building while construction is going down instruction during constructing."

"The expansion would make sure that the fine arts students of UW-SP have the diverse skills and access to technology that will enable them to thrive in the next millennium," said Governor Tommy Thompson. As envisioned, the project will add approximately 70,000 square feet to the Fine Arts Building.

The Fine Arts Building will see a major upgrade in the coming years. (Photo by Cody Strathra)

Proposal penned for fewer writing emphasis credits

By Amy Kimmes

The Academic Affairs Committee Monday approved a reduction in the number of credits required for writing emphasis courses. Instead of the current six-credit requirement, the committee proposed that the university require one three-credit course.

"The revised writing emphasis requirement will apply to all students beginning with the fall semester of 2000," as stated in the committee proposal. In a committee meeting in early March, Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer voiced concern regarding UW-Stevens Point's budget. If the current six-credit requirement remains in place, UW-SP will have to deal with a bottleneck of personnel costs around $1.5 million to take care of the bottleneck if the six-credit requirement remains.

"Students need more proficiency in written as well as oral communication in order to be successful in whatever career they choose," said Brett Hazard, academic issues director of SGA. See Writing on Page 3

Swim relay repeats

By Joe Shead

The Packers couldn't do it. But the Pointers did. Rising to the top is one of the most difficult things to do in athletics. Only staying there is more difficult. Despite the pressure, the UW-Stevens Point men's 400 medley relay did just that as they successfully defended their national championship and broke their own national record.

"We knew it would be hard but we really wanted to defend our title," said butterfly Randy Boelk. See Swim on Page 3

Dead Man Walking author speaks against death penalty

By Amy Kimmes

Pulitzer and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sister Helen Prejean passionately articulated her stance against the death penalty Tuesday evening in the Alumni Room of the University Center.

Speaking to an audience that overflowed into the fringes of the room, Sister Prejean gently unfolded the story of her life, the lives of the death row inmates and the lives of their victim's families.

With a southern accent, short, gray-sprinkled hair, and bangs that swept down upon glasses that covered eyes of compassion, the petite woman pleaded to her audience. "No one deserves to have their child killed. In Wisconsin, you don't have to go down this road."

Sister Prejean's cause became widely publicized when her Pulitzer Prize nominated book Dead Man Walking: An Eye Witness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States became an internationally acclaimed movie, starring Susan Sarandon.

Though concerned with social justice came later in life, Sister Prejean became "involved with people on death row because I got involved with poor people." See Sister on Page 18

Student killed while rollerblading

Freshman hit by car during Spring Break

By Christina Summers

A UW-Stevens Point freshman was fatally injured over Spring Break in her hometown of Armstrong Creek, Wis.

Kara Chitko, 18, died on March 18 after being struck by a car while rollerblading. The accident occurred at 6:24 p.m. on Highway 8 just west of Armstrong Creek, according to the Forest County Sheriff's Department.

Susan Kinyon, Chitko's roommate at UW-SP, stated that Chitko and a friend were rollerblading in the right hand lane of the highway and noticed a car approaching them from behind. The two girls moved over as far as they could to the side of the road.

Chitko, who was rollerblading behind her friend, was struck from behind by the car. The driver of the car was 18-year-old Jessica Collins of实验室. The Wisconsin State Patrol is still investigating the accident.

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HILLARY JOHNSON

No. Having an adequate understanding of the language and grammar is a necessity.

COLIN HUTTEN

Yes. Writing properly is not a necessary ability and should be phased out of courses.

CHRIS NICHOLS

No. I think that six credits is great... maybe even about defining your field.

BRENT RADKE

Sure. College is more of a necessity than a requirement be reduced to three credits?

By Mike Kemmeter

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An 18-year-old UW-Stevens Point freshman will be back in Portage County Circuit Court next month after police allegedly found a marijuana growing operation at his home.

Joseph Scheidler is scheduled to appear in Judge Thomas Flugauer's Branch 3 courtroom April 27 at 3 p.m. for a preliminary hearing on two felony charges.

At Scheidler's initial appearance March 16, Flugauer set a $5,000 signature bond for the student. He faces a pair of felony charges — possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance as a party to the crime and manufacturing a controlled substance.

The Student Government Association will try it again next week.

After a computer glitch in the on-line voting was discovered during the initial election early this month, SGA will hold its spring elections Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Polling locations are at the University Center Concourse and Debott Center. The U.C. booth will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. all three days and the Debott Center location will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday only.

The race will again feature on-line voting, but this time there will be a new, more secure program. Students will also be able to cast write-in votes. On-line hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days.

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SGA elections: Take two

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SGA leaders lobby in Madison

A pair of Student Government Association leaders let their feelings be known on the proposed 1999-2001 biennial budget at the state capital Tuesday.

Vice President Jeff Burbrant and Legislative Issues Director Angie Gonzalez joined a United Council gathering in Madison for Statewide Student Lobby Day.

The two voiced their opposition to tuition flexibility and asked for more money for a few programs, Burbrant said. Both lobbied for more funding for scholarships, academic and career advising, and the university's Plan 2008, he said.

Where and When To Vote In SGA Elections

Dates

Tues. March 9, Wed. March 10, Thurs. March 11

Places

• Via Website — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

• U.C. Concourses — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

• Debott Center — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Tues. only)

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WORLD NATIONAL STATE

BELGRADE

• In an attempt to reach a peace plan with Kosovo Albanians, NATO cruise missiles blasted military targets throughout Yugoslavia Wednesday, killing unspecified number of women and children in military housing.

PARAGUAY

• The vice president of Paraguay was assassinated Wednesday, evoking fears in the region about the future of Paraguay's fragile democracy.

LARAMIE, WYOMING

• The trial is underway for one of two men arrested in the beating death of Matthew Shepard. Jury selection continued Wednesday in the trial of 21-year-old Russell Henderson for the murder of the gay University of Wyoming student.

• Henderson and Aaron McKinney, 21, allegedly kidnapped Shepard, pistol-whipped him and left him tied to a fence Oct. 6.

CHICAGO

• The Reverend Jesse Jackson announced he will not be a candidate in the 2000 presidential race, further boosting Vice President Al Gore's front-running position for the Demo- cratic Party nomination.

MADISON

• A number of state lawmakers are looking for support of their plan to increase the number of people who are trained to use defibrillators. The machines are used to help people who have had a heart attack.

• A state Health and Human Services Dept. report shows fewer teenagers are having babies. The figures are the sixth straight year numbers dropped.

Wednesday, March 10

• A CA reported a possible marijuana smell in Roach Hall. The matter will be handled internally through the hall.

• A student was stuck in the LRC eleva- tor between the second and third floors.

Thursday, March 11

• It was reported that an intoxicated person was wandering in the area by Smith Hall. No one was found in the area.

• A CA reported a marijuana smell in Watson Hall. An officer found nothing.

Friday, March 12

• The director of Neale Hall requested a marijuana smell in Roach Hall.

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• A suspicious man was reported outside of the Schmeekele Reserve Visitors Center. It was discovered that the man is an ex-employee and is harmless.
Forum discusses issues of diversity plan

By Erin Yotko
NEWS REPORTER

Students and faculty had their first opportunity to express their thoughts concerning UW-Stevens Point's proposed plan to increase cultural diversity on campus by the year 2008.

While turnout for Tuesday's forum was relatively small, those in attendance raised several issues that would need to be addressed prior to the plan being implemented at the beginning of the 1999 fall semester.

During the hour long session, students and faculty expressed concerns on a number of key points, including the goal calling for 70 percent of all currently offered classes contain some diversity materials designated as minority studies, but where there are some references to diversity we would be taking a big step in realizing our goals," said Ron Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs. "And I think 70 percent is a good number to aim for.

Some, however, questioned the ability to incorporate multicultural issues to all areas of study.

"My concern is that some classes, like the natural sciences or biology, won't be able to work diversity topics into their curricula," said Jeremy Ames, SGA senator. "I'm afraid some departments might say, 'We can't work that into our courses and the 70 percent plan will get passed on to another department, who will say the same thing.'"

For other courses, such as the humanities and social sciences, where the contributions of people of all cultures are examined, incorporation of diversity topics would be less difficult.

"In the Women in American History course, there's a whole section on diversity women in history," Strege said. "It's things like that where the contributions of people of all cultures are examined, incorporation of diversity issues as possible.

"We should find a way to make sure that the accountability is such that x-number of courses in every department have these issues," said Michael Snyder, SGA president.

The plan is scheduled to be submitted to the UW-System on April 15 and upon approval by the Board of Regents, work will begin implementing it at the start of the 1999-00 academic year.

Swim:

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The Pointers churned their way to an exciting first place finish and set the new national record of 3:20.46 in front of about 30 of their teammates, many of whom live near the University of Minnesota, the site of this year's championship.

"It was more exciting this year than last year because we had all the people there," said Boelk.

The event started out as the battle of the Brazilians. Point backstroker Jeremy Francioli was pitted against fellow Brazilian and Kenyon University backstroker Estevao Avila, who captured first place in both the 100 and 200 yard backstrokes. Avila reached the wall first with Francioli right behind.

Kenyon's breaststroker Colby Gerinch was the weak link in their relay and UW-SP's John Stevens easily overcame the early Kenyon lead. However, Denison University's Aaron Cole passed Stevens and reached the wall just over half a second ahead of UW-SP.

Randy Boelk was the second butterfly off the blocks. He powered his way to the front, pulling even with Denison's Dave Kibel and gave UW-SP's anchor Dave Willoughby a minuscule lead of four-one-hundredths of a second. The finish couldn't have been any closer as Johnson and Willoughby hit the wall seemingly simultaneously.

Celebration broke loose as the board showed Point had beaten Denison by one-one-hundredth of a second.

"I was really excited. My arms were flying up in the air and I pointed at the crowd. The whole place was just going crazy," Willoughby said.

Although he'd done it before, Willoughby thought this year's win was much more exciting.

"I think this year was a lot more dramatic because we won by one-one-hundredth of a second," Willoughby said.

You can be a chiropractic physician in five years.

Writing:

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"Perspective employers look for people who can write and communicate well." The proposal now sits before the faculty senate. They can either accept it in full, reject it in full or accept it with modifications.

The Academic Affairs Committee also approved recently a proposal for UW-SP Certificate Programs.

"This continues a trend toward providing students with options that better meet the needs of a rapidly changing world," said Kay Ottavoy, chair of the certificate committee.

"The committee recognized that the adult work force has a need for continued education and participation in the program enhances one's worth to a company," Meyer said.

"Credit-based programs offer an opportunity for a person, usually one who already has an undergraduate degree, to earn college credit and 'add' an advanced toward a credential that certifies a significant level of achievement," the proposal states.

"Noncredit programs are a flexible means of meeting the educational needs of a specified audience. There usually are no formal admission requirements and no formal grading is involved."

Upon finalization, in both programs, a Certificate of Completion is issued.

The proposal moved on to the Faculty Senate who sent it to the Curriculum Committee, the Teacher Education Committee and the Graduate Counsel for review.

Chitko: UW-SP freshman fatally struck by car

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Friends Heather Eglind, Kara Chitko and Susan Kinyon (from left to right). (Submitted Photo)

students with grief support or other services needed. Visitation was held on Sunday and Monday and the funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek.

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Reader responds to religion column

Dear Editor:

In the “You’re wrong! So are you!” column in the March 4 edition, the Features editors disagreed on the importance of religion to individuals. However, this has been called a "wellness campus" and spiritual wellness is a component of a healthy lifestyle.

One doesn’t have to go to a "church or synagogue" to work on your spiritual wellness, but for many people belonging to a group with similar goals and beliefs helps.

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Student calls for action to free Tibet

Dear Editor:

Deep in the heart of Asia lies a lost civilization. The Himalayan Mountains of Tibet are more than a geographical wonder; they are the home of the isolated society of Buddhists known simply as Tibetans. This civilization prospered for thousands of years without disturbing any other living things. But in 1950 the Chinese invaded Tibet and took over the lives of the Tibetans. I believe that our country, the United States, (being as "civilized" as we claim) should fight for the freedom of Tibet. It has been nearly 50 years since these people have been free, let's change that.

Until the Chinese invasion, the Tibetans lived having only limited contact with the outside world. They had no reason to venture past their geographical borders. But now, the Tibetans are guaranteed absolutely no human rights and are forced to work for their captors. Today they are even a minority in their own country.

The Chinese government is pushing their bounding population into the mountains of Tibet, and thousands of Tibetans are fleeing to India where they can practice their native culture in exile.

The Chinese not only tortured and killed the people of Tibet, they destroyed much of the natural wonder of this great "nation in the clouds."

Chinese communists stripped Tibet of natural resources and exploited the country's riches. The Himalayan Mountains were a vast storehouse of minerals, which the Tibetans had protected as they protected their homeland. This all seems interesting, but what can someone here in Central Wisconsin do about this problem?

First off, imprisoned Tibetans make many Chinese products. By boycotting products "MADE IN CHINA" we will be making a stand against the horrible conditions forced upon the Tibetan people.

A second task to help the people of Tibet is to voice your opinions to your government representatives; write a letter to your state representative or to the president. The United States continues to support Chinese trade by awarding them the "Favored Nation" title, but do we really want to treat these people with kindness? They have not shown any to the Tibetans.

Finally I have two tips: get involved, and educate others. Locally we would like to start a chapter of the Students for a Free Tibet, which would be in conjunction with the international group student group.

We all want freedom—it is a basic human right. Let us join together in supporting the human rights of all people and show the world that the United States is a country where the people care about the welfare of the world.

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—Lea La Bumbard
UW-SP student
Students return from spring trips
UW-SP hikers back from traveling the countryside

By Annie Scheffen
OUTDOORS REPORTER

With Spring Break sadly under our belts and school back in session, trips made last week are now fond memories that flew by too quickly.

A group of 46 students headed out to Gila National Park in New Mexico. The trip was organized by Trippers, and consisted of a bus trip through Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado. The main part of the journey was roughly a 50 mile hiking trip through the mountains in Gila. The group passed by beautiful streams and animals to see, “said Andy Chikowski. “Some people went rock climbing, while the rest enjoyed another day of mountain biking, hiking down trails and going on nature walks."

Speaking of walks, the 18th annual Eagle Walk also took place last week. The 200 mile walk took the 21 participants to the southwest corner of the state, and brought them back to Stevens Point on a bus provided by the Environmental Council. The group averaged about 22 miles a day, and walked through anything from country roads and nature trails, to Highway 80. They even spent a whole day on the Elroy Sparta biking trail.

Between long walks, and a lot of blisters, the students were able to rest at schools and churches along the way. “Everyone bonded and gained a lot from this experience,” commented David Miller, one of the coordinators of the trip. “The challenge was very rewarding.”

The weather was beautiful for the walkers, with only strong winds the sixth day out. Along with the people who spent their time out in Utah, and New Mexico, the trips all went smoothly, with many stories to tell.

Spring Break in the Ozarks

By Matt “Bert” Ward
OUTDOORS EDITOR

“Making Memories” was the common phrase reiterated this past Spring Break when my girlfriend and I decided to travel to Mark Twain National Forest in southern Missouri along the Arkansas border. The reason being that most of the events that occurred on the trip, one had to approach in a comical way otherwise no fun would have been had.

After spending 12 hours in my truck, most of which was driving through the flat and featureless state of Illinois, we were finally approaching the Ozarks. The first unfortunate occurrence was that as soon as we got south of Springfield, Missouri it began to snow. This made me ponder, “How was it possible to have driven for a day in a southern direction from Wisconsin leaving the white stuff 15 hours behind us and have it fall on us again?”

The driving conditions were horrendous, and we concluded snowplows were not yet invented in Missouri, nor was salt used for anything other than preserving unrefrigerated meats. It took us over three hours to go just a few inches on the map because Missouri also doesn’t understand how to build roads through mountains and consequently you drive up and down at about 45 degree angles. Finally we arrived at a friend’s cabin just outside the Mark Twain National Forest.

Our initial intentions were to use the cabin as a base and go hiking and camping from there, but plans were quickly changing. While relaxing and watching TV soon after we arrived, we decided to go out. We later learned a tree fell across the lines and also blocked the road. This also meant no running water for showers or flushing toilets. The next morning we arose to observe what we later learned was the largest snowfall in that particular Missouri county’s history. It was approximately 12 to 15 inches of snow.

This somewhat hindered our plans of going canoeing, hiking, and sight seeing as we were unfortunately snowed in. After speaking with several neighbors who resided there the entire year, the typical response was that the power would be on by next week, and we would have to wait for the snow to melt before we could think of driving anywhere because snowplows didn’t exist.

We soon learned this lifestyle was much like camping because we woke up in a cabin that was 35 degrees, and had no usable amenities to speak of. After finally getting out and hiking through the snow that day, we returned to the cabin to discover we were locked out. At this point in time our adventure was becoming very amusing. I soon was forced to discover how to unlock a sliding glass door with a coathanger after many failed attempts.

After getting a cold nights sleep, we amazingly woke up the next two mornings to 50 degrees, sunshine and the mighty Nissan was able to navigate us to the Roaring River State Fish Hatchery, the trails of the Mark Twain National Forest, a local cave and Bass Pro Shops headquarters. Of course, as we were leaving and looking forward to the drive back through the flatlands of Illinois the power came back, but none the less we definitely made some memories.

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A limited number of spots remain open for the June 24 through 27 session of the “Scientific Fishing Tactics and Techniques - Wall-eyed Musky” course that will be held at the Kemp Natural Resources Center on Lake Tomahawk in Oneida County.

The course is designed for people who want to gain a greater appreciation for aquatic resources around them, and improve their ability to catch fish. The course is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Natural Resources.

To register, call (608) 263-1672 or write to CALS Outreach, 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706. The fee for the course is $300 per angler, which includes instruction, lodging and all meals. Checks should be made out to UW-Madison. For more information contact Tom Sheffy at (608) 267-7648.

This Utah landscape was one of many scenic views students had the opportunity to view. (Submitted photo)

A small stream flows out of a limestone cave in the Ozark mountains. (Submitted photo)
Spring river fishing heats up

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

For most of us, the old fishing rod and tackle box have been doing nothing but gathering dust in the corner of our rooms for the past several months, longing for the thaw of spring to allow us to wet a line once again.

Fortunately, just when ice fishing became too much to bear any longer, winter seems to have surrendered this year’s less than icy grip and spring walleye action on the Wisconsin River has finally arrived.

Finding fish in the early spring is a big challenge in the Wisconsin River system. Fishing below area dams is usually quite productive later in the spring, but right now the extra snowmelt runoff has made many of these prime areas difficult to fish.

"People have been fishing the backwater areas around town that are more sheltered," said Renee Vollert of Northern Bait and Tackle. "Though many of the walleyes caught in this stretch of the river tend to be in the 10 to 13 inch class, a few anglers have been getting legal fish in the Stevens Point area. "People have been having luck on floating and lead-head jigs, tipped with small shiners and flatheads." However, according to Vollert, this spring lure color hasn’t been a big factor in angling success.

If catching keeper walleyes isn’t important to you as just getting out and enjoying a day of steady open-water fishing action, a good bet for this spring is the Wisconsin River at Bukolt Park. Located just a few blocks from campus on the west side of town, Bukolt offers a convenient place to enjoy some

Maybe technology has its place

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It’s funny, the lessons you learn about yourself. I came to college thinking I was a liberal. The older I get and the more I learn, I realize I’m actually pretty conservative.

Call me old fashioned, but there’s just something to uphold-tradition and doing things “the old way.”

I prefer to fish out of rowboats rather than speed across the lake in high-powered outboards. I like to slow down and experience things, to the point where I’ve drawn some odd looks when I’ve engaged in staredowns with muskrats or deer.

Even though I’ve always feared change, I realize it’s important to try new things. I got my chance over Spring Break.

I was planning to ice-fish for bluegills on a lake about a half hour from my house, but I forgot to bring a knife to split the gold- colored gals which contain grubs that make good bait.

I stopped at a baitshop, bought a cheap knife, then as an afterthought, asked the baitshop operator just what the hordes of fishermen on Green Lake were catching. When I learned the white bass were biting, my plans suddenly changed. I like few things better than catching white bass.

Big crappies are a nice surprise when fishing on the Wisconsin River. (Submitted photo)

Some Resumes Make The Rounds Faster Than Others.

By Bob Wolensky
SOCIOLOGY

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Some Resumes Make The Rounds Faster Than Others.

I set foot onto the deepest lake in the state, one I’d rarely fished. I followed the crowds, then pulled out my brother’s flasher.

I’ve never been a fan of technology, and using the flasher was a pretty new experience. I figured it out and began fishing.

I managed to find a school of perch right on the bottom in 44 feet of water. Although they were all small, it was fun catching them and I was the only one having any luck.

The white bass, I learned, wouldn’t bite until dark.

The action slowed for a while, but the break gave me a chance to converse with some other anglers. An old man was more than helpful in giving me some advice on how to catch the fish.

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Ecologist to speak on Great Lakes

Stevens Point is featuring guest speaker Melinda Knutson as part of the College of Natural Resources/Biology Colloquium on "Great Lakes Ecosystems." Knutson’s presentation will focus on the effects of habitat fragmentation on frogs and toads in the Great Lakes Region.

The discussion will be held Wed., March 31 at 4 p.m. in Room 170 of the CNR Building. Knutson’s research interests include conservation biology, landscape ecology, wetland ecology, population biology of rare species, habitat relationships of birds and amphibians and management actions needed to maintain stable populations of rare or declining species.

The lectures are free and open to the public. A reception for the speaker will be held in the CNR faculty lounge following the presentation. For more information, contact David Naugle at (715) 346-4191.

Habitat fragmentation is often a cause of declining population of native species of wildlife. (Submitted photo)
Deer 2000 statewide meetings a success
Talks draw 4000 people interested in deer management

Nearly 4,000 people attended 29 public forums held recently throughout the state to identify issues related to deer management in Wisconsin that should be addressed in the coming years.

The Deer 2000 initiative, led by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, a legislatively authorized advisory group to the state Natural Resources Board, is a statewide effort to solicit public input on the state’s deer management policies.

“We are very pleased with the participation we saw at the meetings,” said Deer 2000 Chairman Dave Ladd of Dodgeville. “The information gathered at the forums is currently being summarized for use at a Forum Summary Conference to be held on April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.”

The conference will give the public an opportunity to review the input provided at all 29 forums, and begin fine-tuning for the next steps. Deer baiting and feeding, herd sex and age structure and herd impacts on natural vegetation were issues identified as being in need of attention.

Ladd hopes to have work study groups researching these and other issues this summer, with recommendations possibly coming as early as January of 2000. “The easy part of identifying issues is behind us,” Ladd said. “Finding solutions to those issues will be the really tough part of the project.”

In 1996, the state’s Natural Resources Board directed the Conservation Congress, with the help of the Department of Natural Resources, to increase public involvement in reviewing Wisconsin’s deer management program and make recommendations for the future.

“Deer management always seems to get people excited, and that excitement often times leads to angry people,” Ladd stated. “But what we’re most impressed by was the sincere attitude that so many people brought to these forums.

“For the most part, people had a positive attitude that this effort can be productive and good things can result from it.”

Unlike deer meetings of the past, Deer 2000 forums were designed to be non-confrontational meetings where attendees were asked to participate with their pen rather than their voice.

“We didn’t know how people would react to this kind of format, so we were very pleased to see people accepting of it,” Ladd said. Many attendees stated how refreshing it was to attend a deer management meeting without all the shouting. “We’ve received many compliments from the public regarding the format.”

Schmeeeckle Reserve Spring Programs

• Viewing the Blue Moon: Let science and folklore take turns exploring the moon and its pull on people around the earth. Then step outside and scope the moon in a new light. Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

• Of Frenchmen, Fur and the Great Beyond: The saga of the voyagers and their link to the region’s colorful past and our present love of the north country. Come delve into stories and song that pertain to these scarlet-sashed rogues. Sunday, April 18, 2-3 p.m.

• Why do Birds Fly South for the Winter?: Find out why, and discover other mysteries of bird migration. Meet some early spring migrants and learn to identify them. Wednesday, April 25, 6-7 p.m.

• Nocturnal Noises: Come find out what, where and why animals are making all the racket in the reserve. Saturday, May 1, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Reservations are required.

• Legends of the Owl: Wise up on the beauty and benefits of owls by visiting this campfire rendezvous. Relax while a live great horned owl shares the secrets of his life. Saturday, May 8, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Door County welcomes outdoor women

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) in Wisconsin is headed for the cherry peninsula! This weekend workshop, packed with activities to teach outdoor skills, will be held June 11-13 at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor.

Just a few of the more than 20 different classes offered include mountain biking, kayaking, charter fishing, and wilderness survival and first aid.

For a registration brochure and more information on Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and Beyond BOW events, contact Wisconsin BOW Coordinator Peggy Kell, (715) 346-4151, email pkell@uwsp.edu, or call toll-free 1-877-BOWOMAN. Registration information is also available on the BOW Web site at www.wesp.edu/bow.

“This is our ‘deluxe accommodations’ BOW event,” says Kell. The Landmark Resort is located on 40 acres of wooded land and overlooks the waters of Green Bay. Participants will stay in three or four-person suites that include private living, dining and bath areas, as well as a kitchenette.

Evening activities include a traditional Door County Fish Boil and the famous BOW outdoor clothing fashion show, hosted by Virginia BOW Coordinator and special guest, Libby Norris. All equipment is provided. Interested women are encouraged to register early. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops fill quickly.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is an award-winning, international program. Across North America, 43 state and nine provincial agencies offer BOW workshops.

Interested in writing or a position helping the outdoors section of The Pointer next school year? Contact Matt Ward at mward849@uwsp.edu or Joe Shead at jshea599@uwsp.edu.
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Why not transform at least one of the floors into a series of computer labs? With technology growing as quickly as it is, we are outgrowing the size of our current labs and there really isn’t space to expand without adding on to buildings.

Constructing additions or an entire building costs big bucks, certainly more than the $41 million estimate to bring Nelson Hall back to the current building loads. Granted, it’s going to cost more to knock out some walls and install the wiring that computers require, but it’s probably still chump change compared to new construction.

There’s probably plenty of other options for Nelson Hall’s use too, so the university and state should think long and hard before it decides to either sell Nelson Hall to a private buyer or worse, tear it down.

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"The schools are just roaming around. It's just a matter of being on top of them and catching them when you can," he said.

My excitement grew as darkness drew near. I got up and started exploring neighboring holes with the flasher. Seeing nothing, I went back to the hole I’d caught the perch in.

Minutes later, I witnessed one of the most amazing things I've ever seen, and ironically, it wasn’t a natural phenomenon. The flasher went from showing nothing to displaying a solid red band that had to represent 10 feet of depth. I dropped my spoon down to 40 feet, pumped the rod three times, then set the hook at the feel of a solid bite. The fish put up a spirited battle and put a hefty bend in the rod.

I regret not enjoying the fight, but I wanted to get the fish up quickly and catch another one. Learning my lesson well on a walleye fishing outing, I slowed up as the fish approached the hole.

Soon, the silvery head of a cisco popped its head through the hole and flopped onto the ice. It was my first cisco and I dropped the spoon right back down looking for my second, but it wasn’t to be. The big red band was gone.

Catching this fish was another new experience. I know I would never have caught that fish without the flasher. Maybe trying new things isn’t so bad after all.

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Men’s swimming and diving earns record finish at Nationals
Pointer men finish fourth; Uphoff, Sammons lead the way for Pointer women

By Joe Shead
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams finished their seasons recently at the National meets.

The women competed at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio March 12-13. Represented by freshman Christine Sammons and junior Becca Uphoff, the women’s team finished 32nd with 21 points.

Sammons placed 15th in the 200 breaststroke and also competed in the 100 breaststroke. Uphoff placed fifth in the 200 backstroke, 12th in the 200 freestyle and also swam the 500 freestyle. In the process, Uphoff set two team records.

"After I swam my first event, I was a little disappointed but I thought, hey, I’m swimming at Nationals and after that it was a lot of fun," Sammons said.

"Just swimming with all those fast swimmers left me speechless," Harris said. "I think I was just getting the jitters out. I know I’ll do better next year."

Junior Jeremy Francioli competed in both the breaststrokes, relays, and the 200 individual medley. Boelk finished third in the 100 backstroke to go two-three with Francioli. Boelk also placed second in the 200 backstroke and third in the 200 individual medley.

Senior John Stevens swam on all the relays as well as the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Stevens raced to a fourth place finish in the 100 and a second place finish in the 200 backstroke.

Sophomore Randy Boelk also competed in both the backstrokes, relays, and the 200 individual medley. Boelk finished fourth in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle relay.

"They all came together at the end of the season off with a bang," Boelk said.

The UW-Stevens Point men’s relay teams were powerful. The 200 freestyle relay of Boelk, Stevens, Harris and Willoughby placed seventh. Francioli, Stevens, Boelk and Willoughby teamed up for the other three relays.

The 400 freestyle relays placed fifth, the 200 medley relay finished second, but the 400 medley relay was the story of the meet. The Pointers successfully

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Softball team picks up where they left off

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point fastpitch softball team started the 1999 season off with a bang.

After posting a 2-2 mark in the St. Thomas (MN) Invite, the Pointers stormed back to win 11 of 12 in the Gene Cusic Classic over Spring Break.

"I was unhappy being 2-2 and being shutout twice doesn’t happen to us a lot," Pointers coach Dean Shuda said. "After Florida we improved on some aspects. A coach can’t complain about being 13-2."  

Nom Schaper had two victories in the St. Thomas Invite with wins over Buena Vista University and Elmhurst College. Point suffered a pair of 1-0 losses to St. Thomas and Moorhead State.

Next up for the Pointers was the 12 games in a five-day trip to Ft. Myers, Florida.

Holly Kruithad a pair of hits and Jamie Lowrey got the victory in a 6-3 win over Aurora University in the first game. Point followed that up with a 4-1 win over Rockford College. Christina Pleggenkuhle picked up the win as Michelle Gerber chipped in with a two-run double.

The next day was much the same as UW-SP played in three double-headers.

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Baseball kicks off season in Cusic Classic

By Nick Brilowski
Sports Editor

When the Pointer baseball team got their 1999 season underway at the Gene Cusic Classic in Ft. Myers, Fla. last weekend, they did so without the usual aluminum bats in their hands in favor of wooden bats for the first time.

Despite early troubles adjusting to the change and going up against quality competition, UW-Stevens Point wrapped up its annual Spring Break trip with a 7-1 loss to fifth ranked nationally College of Wooster.

The Pointers dropped their first game of the season, a 7-1 loss to fifth ranked nationally College of Wooster.

Point also dropped the nightcap to Wooster 7-5.

"You can hit inside forever," Pointer head coach Scott Pritchard said. "Mechanically things were sound. It was just swinging at a few bad pitches, guys being excited and being outside for the first time."

UW-SP picked up their first win in the 8-0 victory over Ripon College and a 10-2 thrashing of Wooster.

After dropping their next two games, the Pointers rallied off four consecutive wins, including a two-run game white-washing of Hope College, 8-3 and 18-5 before falling 4-0 to nationally ranked Southern Maine in the finale.

"Our goal for Florida was to try to find out what we're capable of doing," Pritchard added. "We try to look for consistency offensively, defensively and with our pitching staff."

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**The Week Ahead...**

**UW-Stevens Point Athletics**

**Track and Field:** Coldman Invite, April 3, 11 a.m.

Baseball: At Winona State Tournament, March 27-28; Lakeland, April 3, 1 p.m.

Softball: At UW-Stout Invite, April 1-2; at UW-Platteville, April 6, 3 p.m.; at Ripon, April 7, 3 p.m.

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**Swimming and Diving**

**NCAA Div. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MINNEAPOLIS, MN March 18-20, 1999**

**Team Results**

**Men**

1. Kenyon 670
2. Denison 382.5
3. UC-San Diego 289
4. UW-SP 262
5. Emory 186
6. C-M-S 181
7. UW-Eau Claire 181
8. Hope 117
9. Southern Maine 99

**Women**

1. Kenyon 503
2. Denison 355.5
3. UC-San Diego 348
4. Hope 314
5. Amherst 210
6. Hope 199
7. Amherst 199
8. Wheaton (IL) 179
9. Wheaton (MA) 170
10. Wheaton (IL) 155
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**Softball**

**NCAA Div. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OXFORD, OH MARCH 11-13, 1999**

**Team Results**

**Women**

1. Kenyon 215
2. Denison 215
3. Williams 215
4. UC San Diego 215
5. Hope 215
6. Amherst 215
7. Ithaca 215
8. Wheaton (IL) 215
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**Baseball**

**GENE CUSIC CLASSIC FT. MYERS, FL MARCH 15-21**

**UW-SP 6**

Amherst 12

**UW-SP 3**

Spartans 4

**UW-SP 2**

Mac 1

**UW-SP 6**

Benedetone 2

**UW-SP 8**

Hope College 3

**UW-SP 18**

Hope College 5

**UW-SP 0**

Southern Maine 4

UW-SP is currently 6-5 on the season.

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**March Madness in Milwaukee**

Top left: Members of the Oklahoma Sooners huddle prior to their win over Arizona. Middle left: Mateen Cleaves (left) and teammates go through pregame warm-ups. Bottom left: Cleaves (right) defends a Mt. St. Mary's guard. Top right: Arizona guard Jason Terry. Bottom right: Oklahoma forward Eduardo Najera.

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**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

**NORM CAMPBELL - HOCKEY**

**UW-SP Career Highlights**

- Honorable mention All-NCHA 1999
- Honorable mention All-WAC 1998
- Honorable mention All-WAC 1998

**Hometown:** Sudbury, Ontario

**Major:** Business

**Most memorable moment:** Going to the National Tournament last year.

**Who was your idol growing up?** My dad. He was a role model for hard work and dedication.

**What do you plan to do after you graduate?** Take my degree and see what happens.

**Biggest achievement in sports:** Overcoming a career ending injury and coming to play hockey at Point.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Wearing our hockey equipment to class freshman year.

**Favorite aspect of hockey:** The competitiveness and the people you meet.

**What will you remember most about playing hockey at UW-SP?** The Hot and Cold game that Danny Collins used to like to play after practice every day.
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games and won them all. Schaper provided the highlight of the day in a 2-0 win over UMass-Lowell as she hurled a no-hitter. Wheaton College and Rhode Island also fell to the Pointers by the respective scores of 5-2 and 7-1. Cari Brelity had three hits and Kelly Rutta two, including a double, in the win over Wheaton.

Following an off day, the Pointers came back with three more wins. In another meeting with Wheaton, Jill Kristoff supplied the firepower with two hits and three RBI.

Nicki Bertram worked five innings and picked up her first win of the season in a 4-1 defeat of UMass-Dartmouth. Carrie Lamb got the save.

Point matched a season high in runs scored in an 11-2 victory over Keene State and Ripon on April 7. For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343

Baseball
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most part, threw really well down in Florida. With the exception of one inning, we had an opportunity to win every game.”

One area the Pointers did struggle in was defensively, as they committed 24 errors in their 11 games.

As for the switch to wooden bats, Pritchard is in favor of the move.

“I like it,” he said. “I feel more involved. It’s running guys and stealing bases.

“It’s not just sitting back and waiting for a double or a home run.

“The games just move so much quicker. It makes your kids more fundamentally sound. It’s exciting.”

Mike McCann paced UW-SP batters with a .423 batting average. Chris Berndt chipped in at a .353 clip including a team leading eight RBI. Sam Molski, who has

In another meeting with Wheaton, Jill Kristoff supplied the firepower with two hits and three RBI.

Adam Adamovich and Trey Bielmeier each picked up a pair of wins on the mound.

The Pointers travel to Winona State this Saturday and Sunday for a three-game tournament.

UW-SP opens home play April 3 against Lakeland College.

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Spring Fever Safety

Warm temperatures, sunshine, green grass... finally spring is here! Looking around campus you can see "spring fever" has set in. The nice weather provides the opportunity to get outside and participate in fun activities like running, biking and rollerblading.

With any type of physical activity there is a risk of injury. The most common strain injuries occur in the hamstrings, calf muscles, quadriceps, rotator cuff or Achilles tendon. The most important ritual to do before you strap on your rollerblades or lace up your running shoes is to stretch. Stretching can help decrease injuries and reduce muscle soreness. Here are more safety "pointers" to reduce the likelihood of injury:

- Be in good physical shape to do the activity.
- Wear shoes that fit properly, and are not tight in the heels or toes.
- Warm up and stretch before the activity.
- Wear reflective clothing and use a light when running, walking or biking at night.

When we play we take a chance of getting hurt. However, many injuries can be prevented. Common sense and knowing what you can and can’t do will reduce your risk of injury.

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The menu was unique. Offering not only a good selection of appetizers, house specialties, steak and seafood, Gary Nation's menu also includes three sizes of traditional Italian stone oven pizzas. They didn't have your every day toppings either.

We chose to sample some of the entrees in lieu of a single pizza. My companions chose lasagna and the chicken salad. I opted for the sesame and honey baked salmon. We were all fairly impressed with the food, although I thought my salmon portion was small. The lasagna looked great and the salad proved to be of good quality.

Our service was good, but we also happened to be the only table in the dining room.

I enjoyed my meal at Gary Nation's. I thought that some of the menu items were a bit pricey but over all the restaurant was to my liking.

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More than just a restaurant, Gary Nations also gives patrons a chance to have a drink. (Photo by Cody Strathe)
**Word of Mouth**

To live among rolling hills and tanks...

By Maureen Purcell

**OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT**

When I decided to study in Derry, Northern Ireland for four months, I tried to put away my preconceived ideas about the area. I had heard about the conflict between Protestants (Unionists) and Catholics (Nationalists), known about The Troubles, but since the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, news of Northern Ireland was little.

There were many observable differences here that I noticed right away: driving on the left, people with thicker accents than in the Republic of Ireland, army towers.

Sometimes the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary, the British police force) has British Army paratroopers carrying machine guns on duty and some of the police vehicles are land rovers. Not your typical suburbanite Jeep, these look like mini-tanks because every inch is covered in army-green metal.

Being used to nondescript police cars, these are a shock when you see them. I expected to see remnants of the conflict here - the issue still isn’t solved by any means - but I hadn’t anticipated how I would feel living in a country that is only in a cease-fire, not at peace.

As the deadline of April draws near for the IRA to decommission (disarm themselves) so that the nationalist political party (Sinn Fein) can be involved in the new government in Belfast, every incident between civilians and police takes on significance.

Last week, on March 15, a lawyer was murdered allegedly for her work on Nationalist cases. The group that has taken responsibility is a Unionist paramilitary group. There is speculation the paramilitary group did it just to inflame the IRA enough not to disarm, the paramilitary group just might have stopped the peace process entirely.

However, most Irish people I talked to were hopeful that the peace process will continue and more importantly, that it realistically still can. There’s no easy solution to the problem in Northern Ireland. It’s going to take a long time to appease both sides, but from what I’ve seen, the majority of people here want a lasting peace and are committed to working for it.

I don’t want to give a wrong impression of this place. I’ve never regretted coming here for a minute and that’s because of the people. The people here have kept their extraordinary humor, warmth and generosity in the face of everything. I have such respect for them and I’m in awe of all they’ve faced and survived, with humor intact. Oh yeah - the beer’s pretty good here too.

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**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

- On Sunday, March 28, the Festival of the Arts Council and the UW-Stevens Point College of Fine Arts and Communication will hold the 27th annual Festival of the Arts at the Fine Arts building. The show is scheduled to run in the interior courtyard of the building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be children’s activities for fun and lots of artists’ displays with art for sale, including art from many media. The exhibitors are selected by a jury and cash awards are given for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. The event is free of charge.

**FOLK SINGER**

- Gerri Gribi, a folk singer and women’s history writer, will bring an evening of storytelling and song to the Laird Room to celebrate Women’s History Month. She will perform on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are accepted.

**BOOGEYING MEDIEVAL STYLE**

- On Monday, March 29 in the Laird Room, members of Falcon’s Gate will be teaching medieval and renaissance dancing and offering medieval treats and desserts for attendees to enjoy. Falcon’s Gate studies everything about pre-17th century culture, particularly the courts of Europe. The event is free of charge and will run from 6 to 9 p.m.
"Let me put it bluntly, Ben: You're not the man I married."

Tom's alien abduction wasn't a dream after all.

**Tight Corner**

By Grundy & Willett

**Tonja Steele**

By Joey Hetzel

**Jackie's Fridge**

By BJ Hiorns

Do with my current fashion sense and personality.

Ah, the 80s... it was so much simpler back then...

No pastels, teller. Actually, I got scared at a lot. Black wasn't a very "in" color back then.

Hm. I also got made fun of far too often for my tastes. That probably had a lot to...
Crystal vehicle has another driver

By Nick Katzmarek
Features Editor

Billy Crystal attempts to break back into mainstream (read: successful) comedy with a weak script and weak movie. It was neither thing. DeNiro surprised me and I bought him as a comedic actor. The script, incidentally, wasn’t weak, and neither was the movie. It just had the “brainless” feel that really turns me off to movies sometimes, but it didn’t here. Ramis did a good job directing minimally, choosing instead to focus on the characters and not the gunshots.

As a mainstream comedy, this movie works. As a statement or a product, it really doesn’t. But not all movies have to do that. If you’re a fan of the mob genre and DeNiro in particular, go check out this movie. Chances are you’ll be pleasantly surprised, and you may find yourself actually liking Billy Crystal again – you can blame Robert DeNiro for that.

Rating:

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Rentals

The Big Chill

(1983, 105 min.)

When an old college buddy commits suicide (Kevin Costner in a role that was cut) seven friends gather to comfort one another. Kevin Kline, Glenn Close, Tom Berenger, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt, Judd Hirsch, Mary Kay Place learn to deal with growing older. Each of the late 60s roommates has his own problems (struggling marriage, drug addiction, loneliness) but can feel comfort in knowing they are not alone.

The Big Chill was nominated for best picture in ‘83 and has an unbelievable soundtrack. If you have not seen The Big Chill, it’s time you put the new releases down and pick up something in the modern classics section.

-Mike Beacon

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Silverchair isn’t a ‘Ball’

By Steven Schoemer
Music Critic

Where the hell did this come from? The last time I heard Silverchair they were well defined in their high energy, mainstream alternative sound. The band’s new release “Neon Ballroom” seems to be an attempt at deflating their sound, and it’s a feeble one at that.

Lyrically, most of the songs are lacking. A lot of the songs are one, maybe two verses long, and then they are repeated over and over.

Many artists use this technique of song writing, but they also get the point of the song across to the audience. Listening to this, I just have no idea what they are getting at. Musically, Silverchair has attempted to incorporate a large variety of styles into their latest album. I noticed influences from bands such as Nirvana and Nine Inch Nails, and I could swear I heard similarities to old “cock rock” bands like Skid Row.

I did actually enjoy a couple of tunes – “Miss You Love” and “Black Tangle/Heart.” These are most likely the songs you will probably hear on the radio in attempt to get you to buy the disc. These songs do not reflect the rest of the album.

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Pray-Sims
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1906. The Manitowoc High School graduate didn't even have a bachelor's degree, a distinction many of the faculty didn't have either.

Education needs were changing rapidly and the Normal School wasn't able to give degrees, only training for teachers. Sims would get his wish in 1926, as the school was changed to a teachers college and was able to confer degrees.

Unfortunately, Sims wasn't around to see it. The Manitowoc High School graduate didn't become a pen pal to a death row inmate, did she realize gonna change my life?" she said breathlessly.

And in her southern drawl, she added, "I don't know this man is getting..."

After all, Sister Prejean said, "Who was Jesus with? He was with the people of the margins." Not until she met Patrick, the death row inmate, did she realize what she was getting into.

"God is sneaky," she said. "And in her southern drawl, she added, "I don't know this man is gonna change my life."

But until she met Patrick, the death row inmate, did she realize that she entered a world completely foreign to her.

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