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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

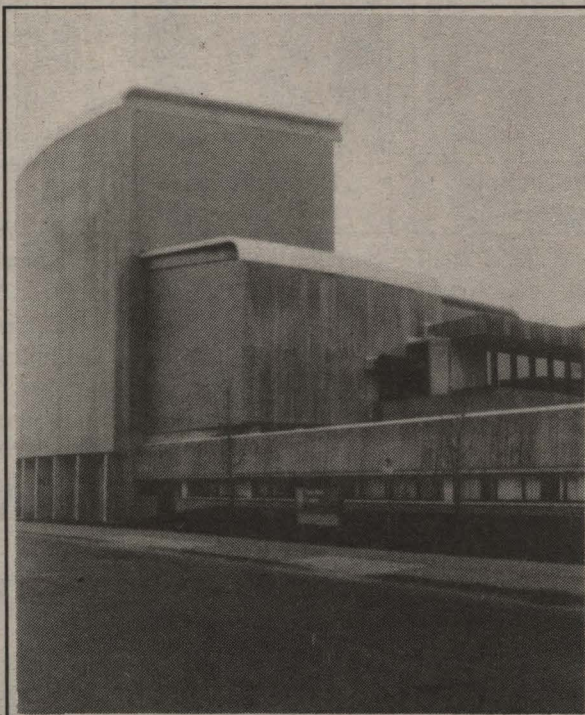
governor's office was funding for planning only.

"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 clos-



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

ing down instruction during construction."

"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 SEE PROJECT ON PAGE 18

Student killed while rollerblading

Freshman hit by car during Spring Break

By Christina Summers
News Editor

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



Freshman Kara Chitko was majoring in chemical engineering. (Submitted Photo)

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 Ladona. The Wisconsin State Patrol is still investigating the accident.

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Proposal penned for fewer writing emphasis credits

By Amy Kimmes
News Reporter

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 the university require one three-credit course.

"The revised writing emphasis requirement will apply to all students beginning with the first semester, 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 WE courses. An estimate placed 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.

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Swim relay repeats

By Joe Shead
News Reporter

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 butterflyer Randy Boelk.

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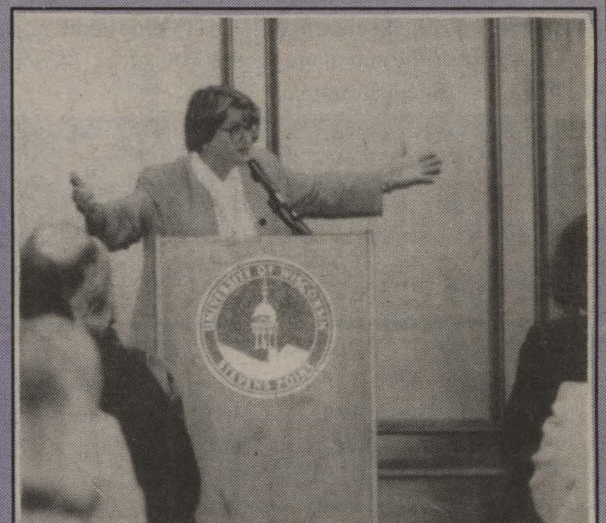
Dead Man Walking author speaks against death penalty

By Amy Kimmes
News Reporter

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



Sister Helen Prejean speaks passionately against the death penalty to a crowd in the Alumni Room. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

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 concerns with social justice came later in life, Sister Prejean became "involved with people on death row because I got involved with poor people."

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Should the writing emphasis requirement be reduced to three credits?



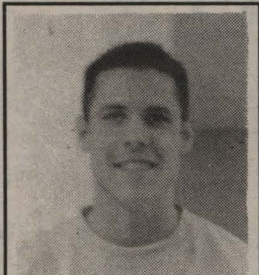
Hillary Johnson
SOPHOMORE, CHILDHOOD ED.

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



Colin Hutten
SOPHOMORE, FOREST MGT.

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



Chris Nichols
JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"No. I think that six credits is great... maybe even too little."



Brent Radke
SOPH., ENVIRONMENTAL ED.

"Sure. College is more about defining your footbag skills and discovering micro-brews."

Preliminary hearing set for freshman

By Mike Kemmeyer
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 Flugaur'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, Flugaur 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.

Each charge carries a five year penalty enhancer because the residence, located at 916 Fourth Ave., is within 1,000 feet of a school.

If convicted on the two charges and the two penalty enhancers, Scheidler faces 16 years in prison and/or a \$50,000 fine.

While conducting a search warrant for a January pipe bomb incident, police discovered 22 marijuana plants growing in the attic. Police also found eight plants hanging to dry and 235½ grams of marijuana in a drawer, according to the criminal complaint.

Scheidler's roommate, Jeremy Piotrowski, faces the same felony charges and will stand trial for the Jan. 13 pipe bomb explosion near the 700 block of Second Street North.

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 capitol Tuesday.

Vice President Jeff Buhrandt 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, Buhrandt said. Both lobbied for more funding for libraries, academic and career advising, and the university's Plan 2008, he said.

SGA elections: Take two

Voting booths open next week

By Mike Kemmeyer
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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 Debot Center. The U.C. booth will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. all three days and the Debot 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.

Students need to bring their university I.D. to both the U.C. and Debot locations.

"We at SGA believe that with the help of Randy Peelen of Information Technology that we've fixed the problem and we'll be able to give students the wide open access they deserve," said Jeff Buhrandt, SGA vice president.

Students who vote on-line or in person will cast their ballot in an uncontested presidential race. Presidential hopeful Andrew Halverson and vice presidential hopeful Ryann Nelson are the only candidates for the seats.

Since the ticket is the only one on the ballot, students can also choose not to vote in the presidential race on-line.

Any student found to have voted more than once between the two in-person sites and the on-line ballot will have all votes rendered invalid.

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. Concourse – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)**
- **Debot Center – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Tues. only)**

THE LATEST SCOOP 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 an 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 Democratic 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.

MADISON

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

Campus Beat

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 elevator 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 someone come in and clean up some

vomit in the fourth floor bathroom. Every custodian was called and no one would respond. The director was informed and decided to lock off the bathroom for the night.

• It was reported that a middle-aged male made inappropriate sexual comments to a female at the Information Desk. The person was gone upon arrival.

• A resident of Hyer Hall reported a threatening phone call and wanted to file a complaint.

Monday, March 22

- A car was found pushed out of its parking space in Lot Q.
- A man reported that an older man exposed himself to him in the basement men's room of the LRC. When an officer arrived, the man was gone. The desk was notified to keep an eye out for the man.

Tuesday, March 23

- A suspicious man was reported outside of the Schmeckle Reserve Visiting 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 and information. They also were concerned with the ways the school would monitor of progress in meeting the plan's goals.

"If we could get approximately 70 percent of the classes not necessarily 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 we would just like part of the course to mention."

Audience members agreed the most important point should be to have as many courses imbued with multicultural and 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.

Trimming trees for the growing season



City workers take advantage of a warm spring day to trim trees along Illinos Ave. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

Writing: Requirements may drop to three credits

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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.

"The certificate programs, offered as college credit or non-credit professional development, provide an individual with skills and/or knowledge of particular value to a targeted audience," as stated in a February guideline for the programs.

"The committee recognizes 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 to advance 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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Chitko, a resident of Watson Hall, was majoring in chemical engineering and received the Academic Excellence Award during her first semester at UW-SP.

Some of her other achievements include four years of *Who's Who of Students* scholarship for women in engineering camp from Michigan Tech and winning silver and gold medals in both state forensics and solo ensemble for saxophone.

"She was the nicest, most caring person," said Kinyon. "She loved everyone and everyone loved her."

According to Bob Mosier, director of residential living, the counseling center has been notified and is available to provide



Friends Heather Egland, 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.

Swim: New record established in men's medley

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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 backstroke Jeremy Francioli was pitted against fellow Brazilian and Kenyon University backstroke 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 breastroker Colby Genrich 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 Riebel and gave UW-SP's anchor Dave Willoughby a miniscule lead of four one-hundredths of a second.

It all came down to the freestyle. Willoughby in lane four was against Denison's Trent Johnson in lane six.

Earlier that night, Johnson and Willoughby had tied each other in the 50 yard freestyle. The miniscule lead suddenly was very

important since the anchors were so evenly matched.

At the 50 yard mark, Willoughby's lead had slipped an indiscernible amount to three 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 went 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.

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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 sure helps.

The Saturday Stevens Point Journal lists local services and, in addition to the mainline, traditional churches, there are a few nontraditional groups which may offer something to those who feel something is missing in the others.

For example, Unitarian-Universalists (www.uua.org) come from a Judeo-Christian tradition but with much more tolerance for the beliefs of others. "We believe that religious wisdom is everchanging. Human understanding of life and death, the world and its mysteries, is never final. Revelation is continuous." U-Us encourage each individual to travel on their own "spiritual journey."

The Baha'i (www.bahai.org) take the common truths of prophets to a new level. "There is one god who progressively reveals His will to humanity. Each of the great religions brought by the Messengers of God – Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Jesus, Muhammad, Zoroaster – represents a successive stage in the spiritual development of civilization. At the heart of our belief is the conviction that humanity is a single people with a common destiny."

ECKANKAR (www.eckankar.org) teachings emphasize the value of personal experiences as the most natural way back to God. "Whatever your religious background, they show how to look and listen within yourself – to expand your consciousness and enjoy spiritual connectedness." Talk about your "spiritual journey," ECKists talk about exploring other spiritual worlds and soul travel.

There are a wider variety of spiritual journeys available than many people realize. You don't necessarily have to check you knowledge of the "real world" at the door to work on your spiritual wellness.

—Jim Maas
UW-SP faculty



The Pointer on-line

Check out our new website at
<http://www1.uwsp.edu/stuorg/pointer/pointer.htm>
or look under "Student Organizations" in the
"For Students" section at www.uwsp.edu

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From the Editor's desk



Now it's time to save Nelson Hall

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

UW-Stevens Point received very good news from Madison last week when the state decided to give the university the go-ahead to start a \$21.5 million project to expand and revamp the Fine Arts Center.

But now that those dollars are coming to campus for building improvements, the university and the state now have to get the money to save a campus and community landmark – Nelson Hall.

The former women's dormitory was built in 1915 and is in dire need of an upgrade. The brick exterior and roof is in good shape, but the interior needs work.

The building is currently used for offices like Upward Bound, and it also houses the Women's Resource Center and the 10 Percent Society. It isn't filled to capacity, though, which begs the question, "What else could it be used for?"

I'm sure there's programs on campus that are cramped in their current quarters. Why not give them a little more elbow room in a historic building?

And with the laptop proposal now withdrawn from consideration, what will the university do to alleviate the packed computer labs?

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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 natu-

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 country where the people care about the welfare of the world.

- Lea La Bumbard
UW-SP student

"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."

ral 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

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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 saw animals like elk, mule deer and antelope.

"There were many wonderful animals to see," said Andy Chikowski. "Some people went fishing for walleye while on the trip, and one morning in the mountains we even woke up to a bunch of turkeys gobbling."

The group also passed through Arizona to see the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest.

Another nine students backpacked through Canyon Lands National Park in Utah. They spent the first three days there, then moved to a day hike in Arches National Park. They also spent Thursday of Spring Break mountain biking the Gemini Trail, which is also in Utah.

Towards the end of the trip, they had a free day where the students broke into two separate

groups. One set of them 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.

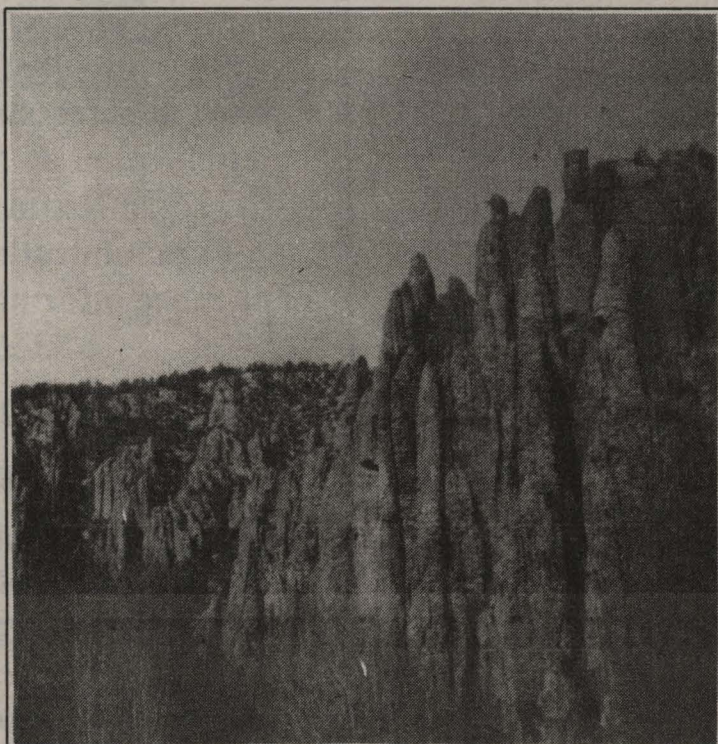
The group averaged about 22 miles a day, and walked through anything from country roads and nature trails, to Highway 80. They even spent a whole day on the

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.



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

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 15 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?"

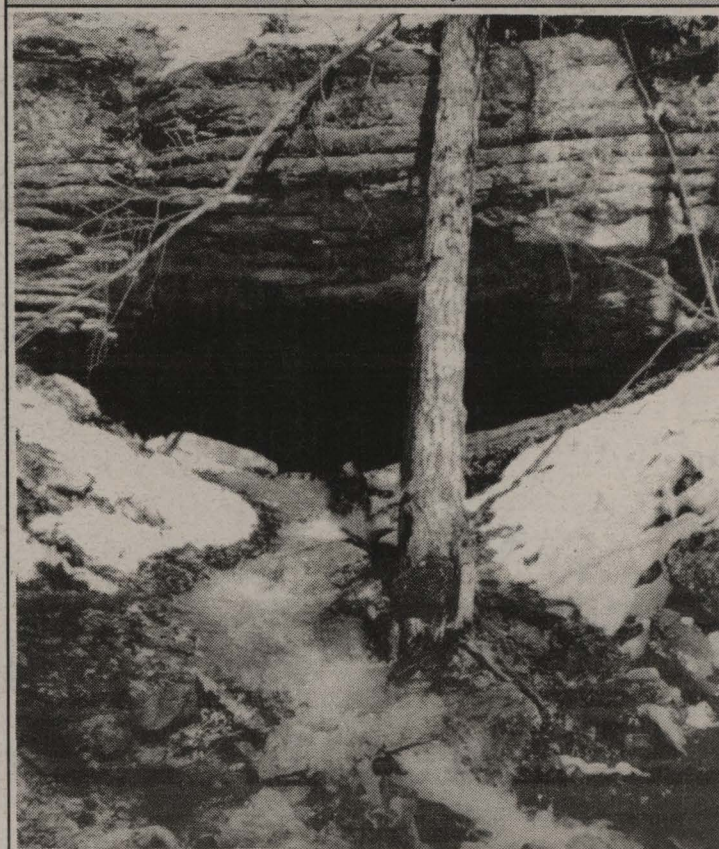
The driving conditions were horrendous, and we concluded snowplows were not yet invented in Missouri, nor was salt used for anything other than preserving unrefrigerated meats. It took us over three hours to go just a few inches on the map because Missouri also doesn't understand how to build roads through mountains and consequently you drive up and down them 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, the power 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 useable 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.



A small stream flows out of a limestone cave in the Ozark mountains. (Submitted photo)

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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

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Spring river fishing heats up Ecologist to speak on

Great Lakes

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

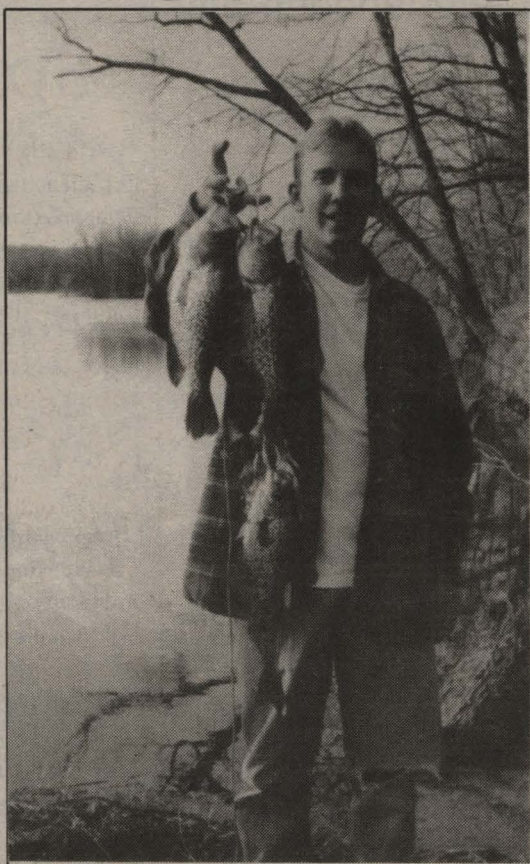
For most of us, the old fishing rod and tackle box have been doing nothing but gathering dust in the corner of our rooms for the past several months, longing for the thaw of spring to allow us to wet a line once again.

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 Renée 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 as 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



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

spring fishing.

Though it may still be a bit early, action at Bukolt and other spots along this stretch of the Wisconsin River system will heat up in the upcoming weeks.

You probably shouldn't expect any trophies, but with any luck, a floating jighead tipped with a fathead should be able to trigger a few bites from some eager walleyes this spring.

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)

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 upholding 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 goldenrod 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.

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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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

tions for the future.

"Deer management always seems to get people excited, and that excitement oftentimes 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."

"Deer management always seems to get people excited, and that excitement often times leads to angry people."

--Dave Ladd, Deer 2000 Chairman

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 recommenda-

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Door County welcomes outdoor women

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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.uwsp.edu/bow/.

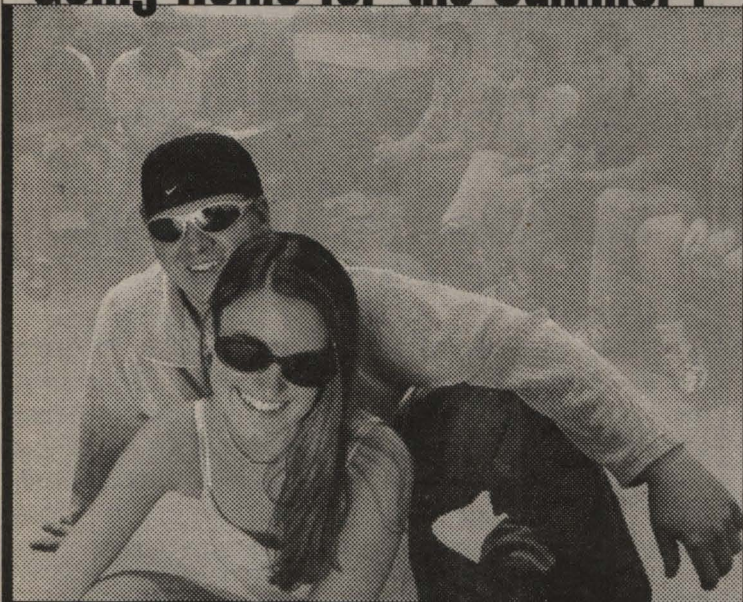
"This is our 'deluxe accommodations' BOW event," says Kell. The Landmark Resort is located on 40 acres of wooded land and overlooks the waters of Green Bay. Participants will stay in three or four-person suites that include private living, dining and bath areas, as well as a kitchenette.

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.

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Learning

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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.

The men's National meet was held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis March 18-20. Randy Boelk, Kevin Engholdt,

Jeremy Francioli, Anthony Harris, John Stevens and Dave Willoughby competed for the men's team, finishing in fourth place with 262 points.

For the men, Harris swam the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle relay.

"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."

Freshman Kevin Engholdt was the lone diver for UW-SP this year. He finished ninth in the three-meter competition with 411.35 points and 18th in the one-meter event with 341.65 points.

Junior Jeremy Francioli competed in the 100 and 200 backstrokes, the 200 and 400 medley and the 400 freestyle relays. Francioli placed second in the 100 backstroke with a team-record time of 49.94. He also finished fourth

in the 200 backstroke.

Sophomore Randy Boelk also competed in both the backstrokes, 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 breaststroke.

Senior Dave Willoughby anchored all four relays and competed in the 100 butterfly and the 50 and 100 freestyle. Willoughby placed 20th in the fly, captured 11th in the 100 free and tied for ninth in the 50.

Coach Boelk was thrilled with everyone's performance, which included several personal best swims.

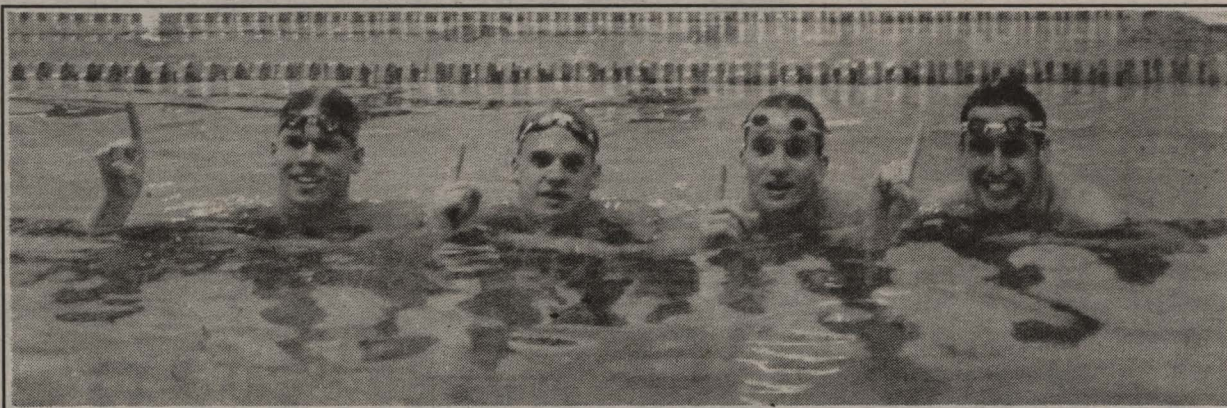
"They all came together at the same time. You've got lifetime bests; coach is happy," Boelk

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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Repeat 400 medley relay National Champions (left to right) John Stevens, Randy Boelk, Jeremy Francioli and Dave Willoughby. The relay broke their own record time to win this year's championship.

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," Pointer coach Dean Shuda said. "After Florida we improved on some aspects. A coach can't complain about being 13-3."

Jen 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 Moorehead State.

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

Holly Kruit had a pair of hits and Jamie Lowney 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

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Thoughts from the Dawg House...



Random thoughts of Madness

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

It's not very often that I watch television sports talk show host Jim Rome, let alone agree with him. As I was channel surfing last night I stumbled across his show "The Last Word" on MSC.

He was discussing how the media often puts certain sports on television because they feel they need to, not necessarily because they are entertaining to watch.

One sport in particular he mentioned was the broadcasting of the NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament and that he found it uninteresting. I agree.

I can't pinpoint the reason why. Maybe it was the pace of the game. But then again, I don't care much for watching the NBA, which is much more up-tempo.

Before I get labeled as a sexist, I want to say that I enjoy watching women's sports in person; I always have. I liked going to volleyball, basketball and softball games in high school and still do here at UW-Stevens Point.

This isn't about women's sports. It's about the media trying to tell people what is interesting television.

I feel the same way about watching NASCAR. How can people actually watch cars going around in circles for a couple hours? It's just not interesting. It's not good television.

There's a reason that the CBA isn't televised either. As for golf, I still haven't figured that out yet.

Other random thoughts:

- Is anyone else as sick of hearing about the Duke men's team as I am? Someone tell Dick Vitale I don't care about how they're the greatest team ever. Best of luck to Michigan State and either UConn or Ohio State.

- The way members of the Tennessee women's basketball team reacted at the end of and following their loss to Duke was embarrassing. Here's a team that won the last three national championships and they were acting as though they were too good to lose, the way they were all bawling their eyes out. I would have expected a Pat Summitt coached team to conduct themselves more professionally.

- Two Big Ten teams in the Final Four. Imagine that! It looks like the conference has finally redeemed itself for past failures.

Track wraps up indoors at Nationals Pointers looking forward to outdoor competition

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

Ada, Ohio became one of UW-Stevens Point's spring break hot spots as members of the Pointer track and field team competed in the NCAA Division III National Championships March 12-13.

"We competed pretty well," said men's head coach Rick Witt. "We made a few tactical errors and that cost us."

"Nationals is different; there's not much margin for error."

Pointer national qualifiers Matt Hayes, Dan Schwamberger, Shawn Moretti and Lyle Eiden joined UW-SP teammates Leah Juno and Sara Groshek in Ohio, where the men finished 32nd and the women did not place in the overall team results.

Leading the men, Hayes finished sixth overall in the 800 meter run with his time of 1:52.96 in an extremely close race, while Schwamberger, who barely qualified for the NCAA meet, performed better than his seed. The freshman placed sixth in the 5000 meter run cruising across the finish line in 15:05.17.

Eiden vaulted well for the Pointers, placing 11th overall and hurdler Shawn Moretti, who suffered a hamstring injury during the WIAC conference meet, did not qualify beyond his initial heat.

"Moretti wasn't one hundred percent," Witt said, referring to the the sprinter's injury.

"His time at conference would've gotten fourth at the National meet."

The two Pointer women, Juno and Groshek, faced stiff competition in their given events, never qualifying for the finals.

"I thought Sara threw very well," women's head coach Len Hill said of Groshek, who finished just shy of her own personal best. "The woman who won had a meter and a half personal best on her first throw. Everyone else just fell in behind."

With the indoor season now completely behind the UW-SP track and field teams, the Pointers are preparing for their outdoor competition.

"We're more of an outdoor team than an indoor team," Hill said.

The men and women host their first outdoor invite Easter weekend, April 3-4.

Hockey players earn series of honors

By Jesse Osborne
SPORTS REPORTER

A pair of UW-Stevens Point hockey players have received All-American honors.

Seniors Ben Gorewich and Kevin Fricke have been named to the AHCA All-American first team.

Gorewich, a forward from Thornhill, Ontario, amassed 63 points (24-39) in 29 games this season and led the NCHA in both goals and assists this season. He was also named NCHA player of the year.

Fricke, a defenseman from Edina, Minn., totaled 41 points on the season and tied a school record with an eight-point performance against UW-Eau Claire in a NCHA tournament game.

He also broke team records for assists in a game (6), goals (11) and points by a defenseman (41) in a season.

In addition to those honors, the pair was also named first team all-NCHA, the only Pointers named to the first team.

Several Pointers received honorable mention recognition by the NCHA. They include

defensemen Eric Brown and Norm Campbell, as well as forwards Derek Toninato and Matt Interbartolo.

In addition, four members of the team were named to the NCHA All-Academic team. Micah Brown, Troy Michalski, Mike Slobodnik and Justin Zimmerman were all recognized for outstanding academic work.

Gorewich, Fricke and defenseman Eric Brown were also named first team all-WIAC. Goaltender Dave Cinelli, Campbell, Interbartolo and Toninato received honorable mention.

Club Sports Schedules

Rugby: Mudfest/Selectside Tournament at UW-Platteville, Saturday 9 a.m.

Lacrosse: Home Invite, Saturday 1 p.m.

Check Out Pointer Sports on the Web

<http://www1.uwsp.edu/stuorg/pointer/sports.htm>

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 record of 6-5.

The Pointers managed just one hit in their first game of the season, a 7-1 loss to fifth ranked nationally College of Wooster.

Point also dropped the nightcap to Wooster 7-3.

"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 pair of wins the following day in a tight 3-2 victory over Ripon College and a 10-2 thrashing of Wooster.

After dropping their next two games, the Pointers rattled off four consecutive wins, including a two

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."

"Our pitching staff, for the

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Quote of the Week

“ I can't stop now-
I have to finish. ”

-- Kerry Wood, Chicago Cubs pitcher when asked by a Scottsdale, Arizona police officer to stop urinating on a building. Wood was fined \$90.

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The Pointer Scorecard

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.

Track and Field

NCAA Div. III INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADA, OH

MARCH 12-13, 1999

Team Results

Men

1. Lincoln (PA)	60
2. UW-Oshkosh	37
3. UW-La Crosse	26
4. Rowan Univ.	20
4. Mount Union	20
6. Nebraska Wesleyan	19
32. UW-SP	2

Women

1. Wheaton College	43
2. UW-La Crosse	38
3. Christopher Newport	27
4. Lincoln (PA)	26
5. North Central College	20
6. Baldwin-Wallace	16
- UW-SP	0

Swimming and Diving

NCAA Div. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

MARCH 18-20, 1999

Team Results

Men (50 teams total)

1. Kenyon	670
2. Denison	382.5
3. UC-San Diego	289
4. UW-SP	262
5. Middlebury	190
6. Emory	186
7. C-M-S	181
7. UW-Eau Claire	181
9. Hope	117
27. UW-La Crosse	30
32. UW-Whitewater	17

NCAA Div. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OXFORD, OH

MARCH 11-13, 1999

Team Results

Women (47 teams total)

1. Kenyon	664.5
2. Denison	503
3. Williams	355.5
4. UC San Diego	348
5. Hope	218
6. Amherst	170
7. Ithaca	155
8. Wheaton (IL)	125
9. Springfield	99
31. UW-La Crosse	21.5
32. UW-SP	21

Baseball

GENE CUSIC CLASSIC

FT. MYERS, FL

MARCH 15-21

UW-SP	1
College of Wooster	7
UW-SP	3
College of Wooster	7
UW-SP	3
Ripon College	2
UW-SP	10
College of Wooster	2

UW-SP	6
Amherst	12

UW-SP	3
Spartans	4

UW-SP	2
Macs	1

UW-SP	6
Benedictine	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.

Softball

ST. THOMAS INVITE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

MARCH 12-13, 1999

UW-SP	5
Buena Vista, IA	4

UW-SP	0
St. Thomas, MN	1

UW-SP	0
Morehead, MN	1

UW-SP	11
Elmhurst, IL	2

GENE CUSIC CLASSIC

FT. MYERS, FL

MARCH 15-20

UW-SP	6
Aurora, IL	3

UW-SP	4
Rockford, IL	1

UW-SP	2
U-Mass-Lowell	0

UW-SP	5
Wheaton, MA	2

UW-SP	7
Rhode Island	1

UW-SP	7
Wheaton, MA	2

UW-SP	4
U-Mass-Dartmouth	1

UW-SP	11
Salem State, MA	2

UW-SP	1
Teikyo Post, CT	2

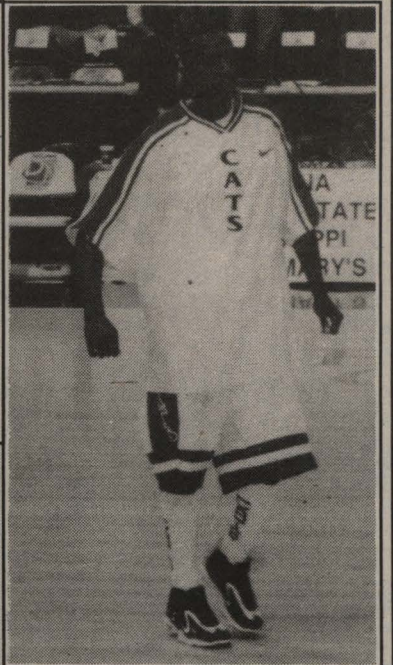
UW-SP	8
McMurray, IL	0

UW-SP	7
Keene St., NH	4

UW-SP	2
Amherst, MA	0

UW-SP is currently 13-3 on the season.

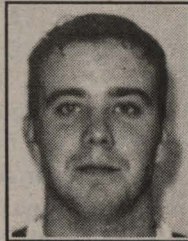
March Madness in Milwaukee



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.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

NORM CAMPBELL - HOCKEY



Campbell

UW-SP Career Highlights

- Honorable mention All-NCHA 1999
- Honorable mention All-WIAC 1999
- Honorable mention All-WIAC 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.

Softball

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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 Briley 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 Salem State. Pleggenkuhle notched her third win of the year. Stacy Karls ended the game in the sixth inning with a grand slam, invoking the eight-run rule.

UW-SP suffered their only defeat the following game, dropping a 2-1 nine inning decision to Teikyo-Post. Strong pitching by Pleggenkuhle got the Pointers back in the win column the next game, an 8-0 decision over McMurray College.

Point wrapped up the tournament with wins over Keene State and Amherst College, 7-4 and 2-0.

"Our pitching depth is stronger and our overall team speed is strong," Shuda said. "Defensively, we're on par with last year. Eventually we will be a good hitting team. As for savvy, I'm not sure yet."

UW-SP travels to UW-Stout for an invite April 1 and 2 followed by games at UW-Platteville April 6 and Ripon on April 7.

Swimming

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defended their national title in record-setting style, breaking their own national record by 19 one-hundredths of a second with a time of 3:20.46.

"A relay win is so much more exciting than an individual win," Coach Boelk said.

The women's team had a more difficult time than the men due to the lack of relays. The women's relay team missed the national cut by only a second. The men's relays carried them through the meet.

"It was a stepping stone for both teams," Willoughby said, referring to the fact that only two women and six men competed for Stevens Point. "It was really big because we only had six guys. To place fourth in the nation out of hundreds of teams was just incredible."

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 be better baseball players, be 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 made the move to rightfield this season, batted .333.

Adam Adamovich and Troy Biemeier 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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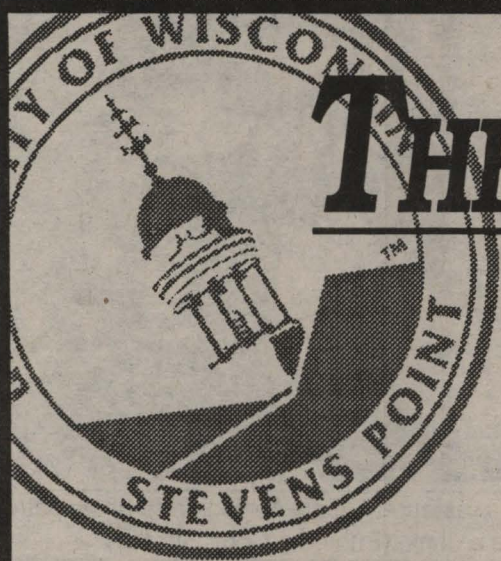
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Senior Recital: NIKKI HAKALA, Percussion, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

TREMORS DANCE CLUB, 9PM (AC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Performing Arts Series: PATTY LARKIN, Guitarist, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (FAB)

CPI-Alt. Sounds Presents: JANINE REGAL, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM (Encore-UC)

TREMORS Dance Club, 10PM-2AM (AC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, All Day (Fine Arts Building)

Planetarium Series: GALAXIES, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

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

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Counseling Center Prog.: Choosing Your College Major, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Counseling Center-Delzell)

Carlsten Art Gallery Exhibition: JOHN W. FORD & RENATE HERTER: "ROOMS" (Through 4/18/99) (FAB)

UWSP Jazz Ensemble w/SPASH Jazz Lab Band, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

Planetarium Series: NIGHT SKY PROGRAM, 8PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Women's Resource Center Concert/Presentation w/GERRI GRIBI (Call X4851 for Information)

CPI-Issues & Ideas SWING DANCE MINI-COURSE, 7:00 PM (Allen Center Upper Level)

UWSP Opera Workshop: Scenes from Opera & Musical Theater, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Basement Brewhaus Jazz Night w/JAZZ COMBO, 7-10PM (Brewhaus)

Schmeeckle Reserve Prog.: Viewing the Blue Moon, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Visitor Center)

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

School "Pointers"

From the Lifestyle Assistants

By Laura Reismann
FROM AN ETR SAFETY BROCHURE

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.

What's in a name? – Pray-Sims Hall

University's first two presidents forever connected

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The task facing John Sims wasn't easy when he took over the Stevens Point Normal School in 1906.

The man who students and faculty would call "Uncle John" was coming to the school during a tumultuous time. The Board of Regents had ousted the school's first president, Theron Pray, and the decision wasn't a popular one around campus.

But Sims helped expand the normal school during his 20 years of tenure and ironically, the two share the name of Pray-Sims Hall.

Theron B. Pray

Pray, a New York state native, literally saw what is now UW-Stevens Point grow from nothing. When he arrived at Stevens Point Normal in 1893, the school's only building, Old Main, was under construction and the institution had no faculty.

Pray recruited the original staff of 13 (which included the janitor) and welcomed 201 students on the first day of classes in 1894.

Under his philosophy to create a unique normal school, one that wasn't modeled too closely to oth-

ers, Stevens Point Normal thrived during the first several years. Enrollment climbed, and in 1901 Old Main had to be expanded and a west wing was added.

Five years later, Pray received surprising news from the Board of Regents. During a closed door meeting, the group asked for his resignation, a move that came without warning or any reasons for the request.

Pray kept the ruling secret but the *Milwaukee Sentinel* broke the story of Pray's dismissal, which outraged both the faculty and students. Members of the student body held a protest in favor of the first president and several members of the faculty resigned after the decision (including Pray's daughter Katherine, who taught Latin).

The Regents finally presented their reason for ousting Pray, saying he wasn't "a vigorous and efficient administrative officer" and he is "not now securing the best results obtainable."

Pray ultimately left the post after 12 years of leading the Normal School. He moved to Philadelphia, spending his summers at LaPointe on Madeline Island, and died in Ashland Sept. 11, 1920 at the age of 71.

John F. Sims

Sims didn't have an easy task in front of him when he joined Stevens Point Normal School in

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Pray

Tastes of the Towne Gary Nation's Supper Club

By Ethan Meyer
RESTAURANT CRITIC

Sporting Italian and American food with a unique flair, Gary Nation's proves to be one of Plover's better culinary offerings. Follow Business 51 until it turns into Post Road and you can't miss it.

Although a bit dark on the outside, the restaurant was quite inviting on the inside. The decor shifted in style as we moved from the entry way to the bar to the dining room but somehow it all fit together, giving the place an air of class and good times.

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 pricy 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)

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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.



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, spy 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.

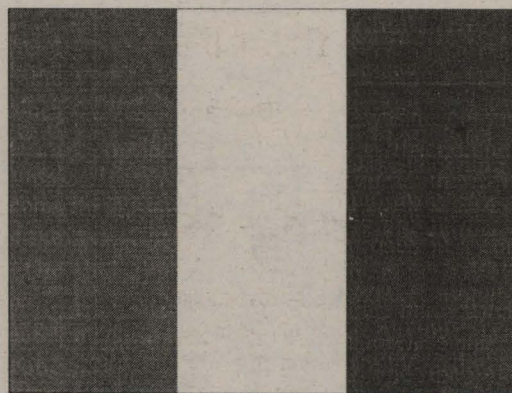
As the deadline of April 2 draws near for the IRA to decommission (disarm themselves) so that the nationalist political party (Sinn Féin) can be involved in the new government in Belfast, every incident between civilians and police takes on significance.

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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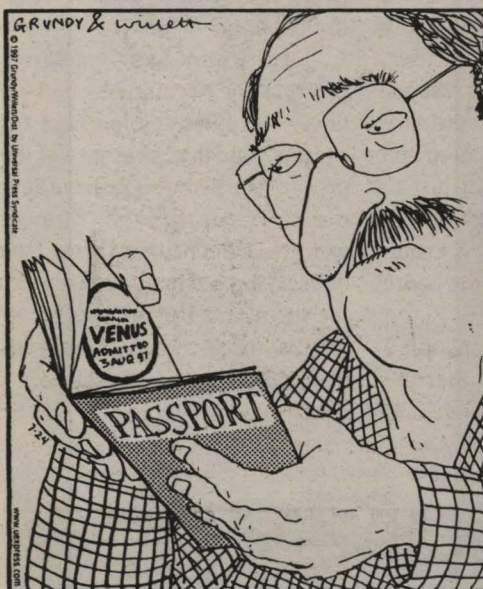
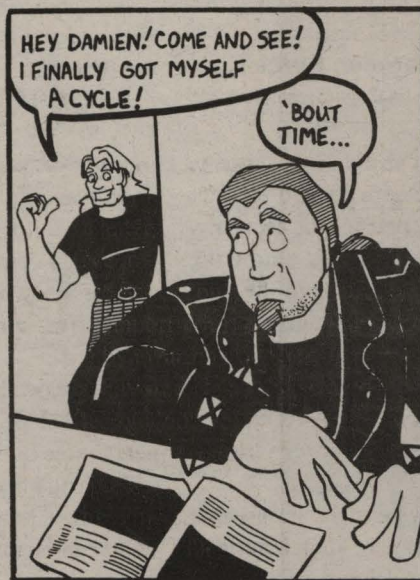
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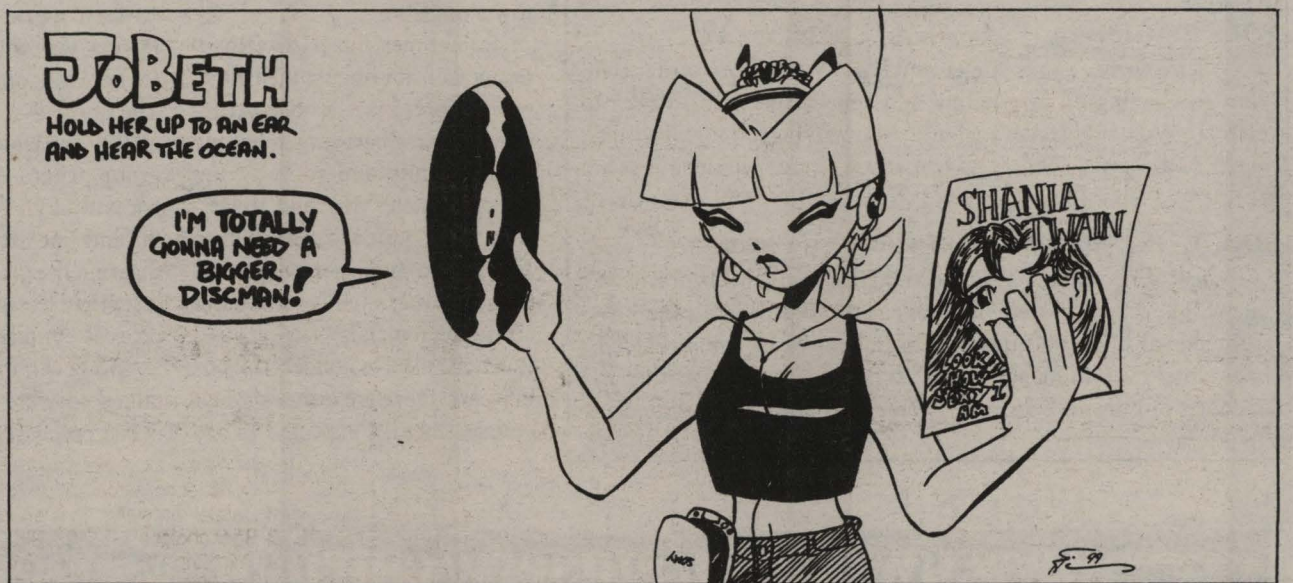
"Let me put it bluntly, Ben:
You're not the man I married."

TONJA STEELE

By Joey Hetzel



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



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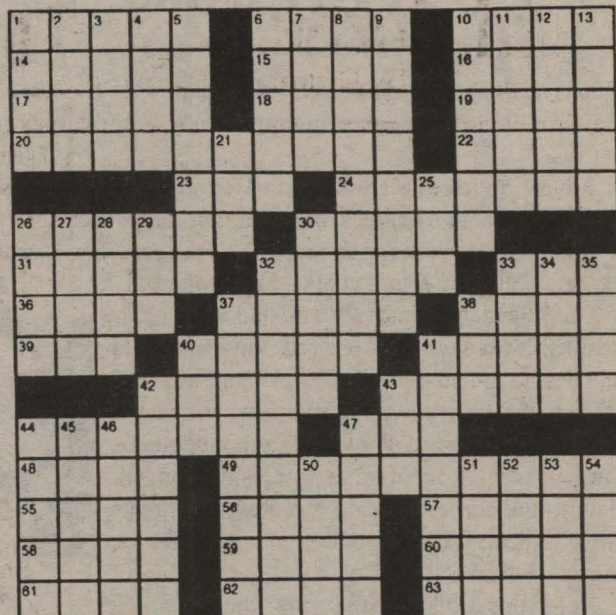
Jackie's Fridge

By BJ Hiorns





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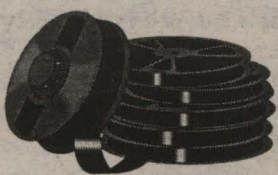


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Crystal vehicle has another driver



By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR

Billy Crystal attempts to break back into mainstream (read: successful) comedy with *Analyze This*, a breadwinner from Harold Ramis and Warner Brothers.

He succeeds at one level—he's made some money. But he's not the comical force behind this movie. Unbelievably, it's the great Robert DeNiro who delivers the laughs here.

DeNiro is unbelievably funny as he mocks every single gangster role he's done. His facial expressions, his delivery and his straight-man approach to his comedic duet with Crystal all add up to a phenomenal performance from DeNiro.

It's funny that I went into this movie expecting bad things from DeNiro. He's one of my favorite actors in the dramatic genre, and

I was leery of his ability to deliver on what I thought would be a weak script and weak movie. It was neither things. 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 "breadwinner" 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 thematically based movie, 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:



Rentals

The Big Chill
(1983, 103 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, JoBeth Williams and Mary Kay Place learn to deal with the loss of their friend but more importantly learn to deal with growing older.

Each of the late 60s roommates have their 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 Beacom

Silverchair isn't a 'Ball'



Silverchair
"Neon Ballroom"

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 redefining their sound, and it's a feeble one at that.

Lyrical, 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 Tangled 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.

Silverchair is: Daniel Johns on vocals and guitar, Chris Joannou on bass, and Ben Gillies on the drums. What's really amazing is that these guys are "rock stars" and they are not even old enough to drink in the U.S.

Honestly, I hated this album. It was really tough to get a feel for the music and to understand what the hell Johns is singing/screaming about.

Try not to get caught up in the song that you hear played 47,000 times on the radio. Their sound is totally inconsistent throughout the entire album. The only consistent aspect of this album is that it is unpleasant.

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 president who always wore a red flower on his lapel became ill and died May 28, 1926. Sims' coffin was placed in the auditorium, where he was watched by students volunteering as honor guards. After the service, there was a procession from Old Main to the corner of Main and Reserve Streets, where students formed two lines and the coffin was taken to a hearse.

Before his death, Sims saw the school continue its growth. An east wing was added to Old Main, housing the home economics department and the auditorium. Nelson Hall, the campus' first dormitory, was built in 1915 and the Orthman Rural demonstration school was constructed in 1923. The demonstration school was later demolished in 1958 for the University Center.



Sims

Sister

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After all, Sister Prejean said, "Who was Jesus with? He was with the people of the margins."

Approached by another to become a pen pal to a death row inmate, Sister Prejean agreed, unaware of 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."

Not until she met Patrick, the death row inmate, did she realize that she entered a world completely foreign to her.

"The enormity of what I'm doing hits me," she said breathlessly.

Project: Center getting upgrade

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create up-to-date teaching and rehearsal space for all of the departments.

It will also incorporate space for the American Suzuki Institute, a specialized youth music training program now located across Highway 10 at 2101 Main Street.

With city streets bordering the current Fine Arts Center on both the west and south sides, campus Facilities Planning Director Carl Rasmussen said, "The only room for expansion is to go east, north or up. This will probably involve a combination of all three."

"We feel there is buildable space toward Specht Memorial Forum or Sundial without affecting the mural located on the College of Natural Resources Building, and an equal amount of space to the north without significantly affecting Parking Lot E or underground utilities. However, no one suggested this was going to be easy," Rasmussen added.

The next step is for the project to be approved with the entire state budget sometime in late June. In September or October, campus representatives will need to return to the Building Commission for authority to hire an architectural firm to start the design process.



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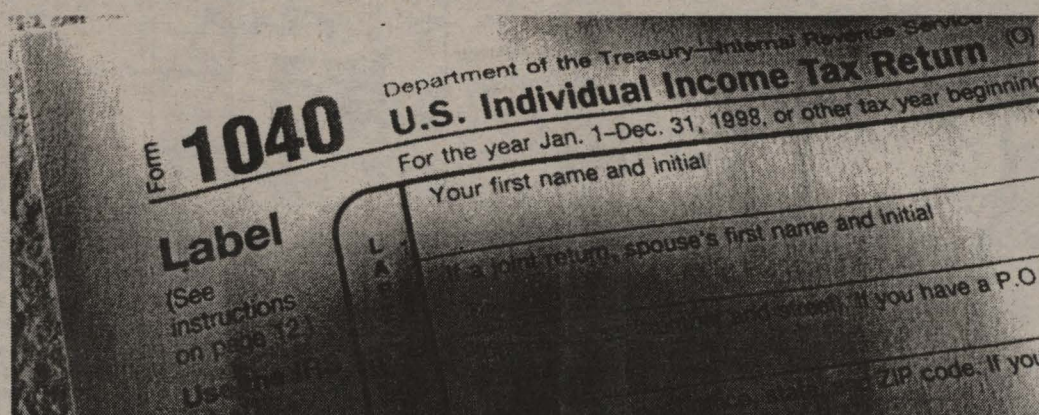
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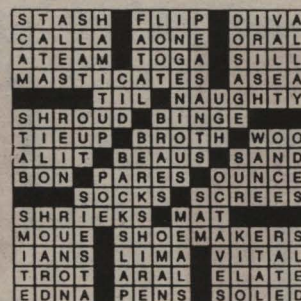
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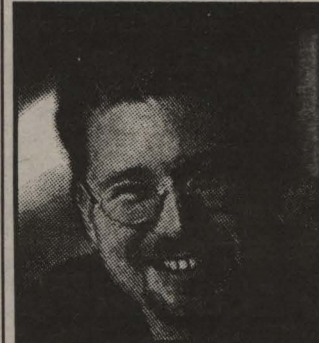
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