Students to rally against assault

By Andrea Wetzel
Assistant News Editor

UW-Stevens Point students and several organizations will unite on Wednesday in Take Back the Night 2000, a rally to protest violence and sexual assault.

Take Back the Night began as a march against the rising violence against women a century ago. The movement was revived in the 1970s in San Francisco.

Shannon Hunter, communication director of the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), said the WRC is “trying to change the stereotype. Assault is not just a woman’s issue—it is everybody’s issue.”

One in six men will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18. However, assaults against women are still a great cause for concern across the country. One out of four women will be raped during her college career. Women ages 16-24 are four times more likely to be victims of rape than any other age group.

“I think it’s good for the students and the community to realize that even though we’re a smaller population, violence against all people goes on,” said Hunter.

The main focus of the Take Back the Night rally is to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence. The WRC and Sexual Assault Victim’s Awareness (SAVS) set up information booths in the University Center Concourse to distribute educa-

Trivia draws a crowd to Stevens Point

This Trivia float came in first at the Trivia parade before the contest began at 6:00 p.m. last Friday. (Photo by Renee Eismueller)

Trivia 31, sponsored by UW-Stevens Point’s radio station, 90FM, drew an estimated 11,804 participants in 464 teams over the weekend.

For the first time ever, Trivia players were able to listen to broadcast over the Internet. “I have heard that people from Las Vegas, Philadelphia, New York and South Korea as well as Minnesota and Illinois were listening to the webcast,” said Matt Hartwig, 90FM computer director.

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Pointer attend first WRC meeting

By Pramela Thiagesan
News Editor

Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson, along with four UW-Stevens Point students, attended the founding conference of the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) in New York, marking the university’s commitment to ensuring fair labor conditions for sweatshop workers.

“The meeting was a collaboration between international and national human rights organizations who met with students and administrators from universities signed on to the WRC,” said Tomlinson. “It aimed to get the organization off the ground.”

Tomlinson, who described the experience as an “enlightening and learning experience,” expressed concerns about how the WRC can include industry in the organization’s plans to improve working conditions for workers.

“Right now, the industry has no voting role in the WRC. My biggest fear is that apparel companies will move their factories from Guatemala to Southeast Asia when they begin getting heat,” said Tomlinson.

According to Tomlinson, universities play an important role in evoking a change, but stressed that corporations such as Wal-Mart and Target should also be encouraged to sign on to the WRC to increase the success of the consortium.

“Universities cannot be the only players in this cause,” said Tomlinson, who described the WRC as a “non-militant, reasonable and open organization.”

Tomlinson was not the only one who was impressed with the organization. “It was awesome to go to the meeting because I got to meet the people I dialoged with and it was inspiring to see how much power we as students have to bring about a change,” said Lora Clem, student.

Administrators from various universities that signed on to the WRC were present at the meeting but UW-SP student says Tomlinson seemed to be more involved in discussions than others.

“Tomlinson took an active role in the meeting, and that was great,” said Jessica Krugger. “There were a series of working groups and he was excited and enthusiastic about being a part of the discussion.”

Despite the good comments about the meeting, attendants agree that it was a small first step.

“Signing on to the WRC and attending the meeting are important steps, but the real challenge comes a year from now when reports come in on the status of the companies,” said Clem.

“Then we have to decide if we will abide by WRC recommendations and that is why it is important that the university not be too tied to corporations or have strong corporate interests,” said Lora Clem, student.

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University of Wisconsin System most efficient

By Casey Krautkramer

University of Wisconsin System president Catherine C. Lyall recently told the Board of Regents that the UW System remains the most efficient university system in the nation.

Lyall noted that the UW System spends just 5.8 percent of its budget on administration, compared to the average of 10.4 percent. It is the lowest administration expenditure among the 18 peer university systems in the nation.

Lyall's report is in response to the Board of Regent's Study of the UW System in the 21st Century, which called for the UW to be "as creative and efficient as possible because the environment for higher education is one of continuous change."

"We continue to do more with less," said Lyall, adding that investments in technology, distance education and facilities enhancement have been key in this regard. Lyall also acknowledged much greater collaboration on academic programs among the campuses and the reduction of credits needed by students to earn their degrees. These are allowing UW "to maintain its competitive edge in keeping tuition low and services high."

UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Thomas George said the university tries to keep its administration costs low. "We put as much money as possible into the teaching purposes of the university."

Rick Rothman, UW-SP senior budget planner, said the university spent 6.6 percent on administration in the 98-99 academic year. The university receives its money from the federal government, private and state grants and program revenues. Rothman said that the UW System spends 4.7 percent of its budget on administration.

"There are places where we need additional management flexibility," said Lyall. "With a small additional investment of resources into such areas as technology, fund raising and federal relations, we have the potential to save more money and to bring more revenue back into the UW System."

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March

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The event will kick off at noon on Wednesday with a cook-out in the Sundial. All funds generated by the cook-out will be sent to assist flood victims in Mozambique.

Chancellor George will address the students and community members at 1:15. Melvyn Rousseau, director of the Education Support Program, and Bob Wolensky, sociology professor, will send the marchers on their way.

"We march throughout the campus as an act of solidarity and love," said Todd Norton, organizer.

After the march, students and community members will have a chance to be heard at an open microphone session that will be held in the Sundial.

"We come together every year and affirm our connectedness," said Norton. "We unify in love to gain a greater understanding, respect and appreciation of each other."

Despite the gloomy weather that forced the organizers to reschedule, they are very excited about the upcoming event.

"This year we want to have the most successful march to date," said Perkins. "That means we need strong leadership and participation from as many campus and community organizations as possible."

Organizers encourage community members and area business representatives to participate along with students.

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An annual gift from Sentry Insurance will benefit numerous scholarships, programs in the Fine Arts and Communication, University Relations and Department of Athletics, a distinguished professorship and many other facets of academia at UW-Stevens Point.

A student reported that someone forced a door through a window in the northeast stairwell, second floor of South Hall. After the window was broken, including the recent gift as well as this year’s employee donations of over $1,000 which were matched by the company.

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A student reported that someone pulled a pencil sharpener off the wall in the C105 hallway in the College of Fine Arts and then stomped on it.

Editor's Note:
The contents of Campus Beat are taken directly from the records at Protective Services and are written in part by Steven J. Carfard.

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**LETTERS & OPINION**

**THE POINTER**

**School of Ed. admission system unfair**

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**Hitler deposed, not forgotten**

Is the Nazi genocide of European Jewry a historical event or a religious dogma? I happen to believe it was a historical event but the decision of a Swiss Court suggests that it is indeed a religious dogma subject to penalties as a modern form of blasphemy.

The Associated Press reported on April 10: “A Swiss court on Monday gave a one-year prison sentence to a Holocaust revisionist who denied the existence of Nazi gas chambers and argued the extermination of 6 million Jews was ‘impossible.’”

The hapless victim of this Swiss manifestation of totalitarian thought control was Gaston-Armand Amaudruz, author of 24 books expressing his eccentric view of history.

It should be noted that the number of Jewish victims of the Nazis has also been questioned by at least one scholar of Jewish history. This is what Howard Sachar has written: “During the Nazi hegemony between 4,200,000 and 4,600,000 Jews were done to death (the figure of 6,000,000, released at the end of the war, has since been discounted).

Approximately a third died by starvation and disease, the rest by direct physical execution. (The Course of Modern Jewish History, P. 457, A Delta Book, 1963).

Why is denial of the Nazi genocide against Jews a thought crime in Switzerland and other European countries? Are not such laws making it a thought crime reminiscent of the very methods the Nazis and other fascists used against people whose thoughts they regarded as criminal?

As we approach the 11th birthday of Adolf Hitler on April 20, it is very disheartening to see the Swiss practicing his methods while deploring them in theory.

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Room 104 CAC
Cyanide possibility at mine a concern

In an article in The Capital Times by Rob Zaleski titled "Could toxic spill kill state river? disaster in Europe raises concerns over Crandon mine," Mr. Bill Tans, the Crandon mine coordinator for the state DNR joked that the odds of a cyanide disaster occurring at the Crandon mine site were about the same as "an atomic bomb explosion at the site."

He explained that the sodium cyanide used at the Crandon mine site will be stored in a concrete facility at an enclosed mill at the mine site whereas the sodium cyanide at the Baia Mare gold mine in northwestern Romania was stored in holding ponds that overflowed because of unusually heavy rains and snow. The poison destroyed virtually all aquatic life in the Tisa River, then flowed west into Hungary and then into the Danube River in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Dave Blouin of Wisconsin Mining Impact Coalition said that because cyanide is such a deadly chemical, just half a teaspoon can kill a human even a minor spill by a careless worker could have serious consequences.

Veganism can be harmful to society

Andrew Bushard is mistaken on his views on veganism. In today’s world, domestication is a reality that comes with responsibilities. These responsibilities vegans have ignored. For example, domesticated cows need to be milked each day or they get diseases. We do not live this way. Thousands of years ago, humans moved from broad-based food foraging to pastoralism and horticulture. Pastoralism is not a modern evil, but a natural progression. Due to this progression, these animals have evolved to deny ourselves nutrition, but we’re endangering their existence. Deer, which are overpopulated, are starving to death. Some might say that this is just natural selection, but hunting season ensures their existence. Some might say that this is just natural selection, but hunting season ensures enough food for the remaining deer. While this may personally hurt people, it is necessary. These are the responsibilities incurred by our society.

I would also like to respond to some of the theories of PETA, the organization mentioned in Mr. Bushard’s letter. PETA is anti-animal testing and in some cases, I agree. Animals should not be physically harmed for things such as cosmetics. On the other hand, when people’s lives are endangered, animal’s lives may need to be sacrificed. Just recently, FSMA (Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy) has made medical breakthroughs that will enable us to someday find a way to prevent this disease.

This is why we need the Wisconsin DNR separated from the Governor’s office and the local agreement in mining regulations repealed. The local agreement provision is discriminatory because no other industry has this advantage and it forces the local governments to enter into a local agreement.

The Town of Nashville spent $350,000 in legal fees incurred in the negotiation of the local agreement. It is my opinion that the legal fees incurred during the local agreement negotiations actually forced the town board into entering into a local agreement that was not in its best interest.

We the citizens of the state of Wisconsin will have a chance to stage our own protest against what’s happening in Crandon. Come to the student rally to stop the Crandon mine at the state capitol in Madison on April 29 at 1 p.m. For more information, log onto www.treatyland.com or call 1 (800) 445-8615.

Roy J. Judice

OUTTA HEAD'S HEAD

Act now on state environmental issues

Wisconsin has been plagued by some serious environmental issues as of late. As the world becomes increasingly urban, it appears that decisions of whether to develop the land or preserve it will become even more difficult.

Portage County residents have an opportunity to voice their opinion on one of these issues today (Thursday) at the Portage County Courthouse at 1516 Church Street in Stevens Point. The Board of Supervisors will decide whether or not to support the proposed transmission line from Duluth, Minn. to Wausau. This power line would cause the clearcutting of large sections of land not only in Wisconsin, but also in Minnesota and Manitoba. Of importance to UW-SP faculty and students is the fact that the proposed power line would run right through the Treerhaven Field Station, UW-SP’s natural resources learning area near Tomahawk.

Not only would this line do damage to Wisconsin’s landscape, it would be a link in a chain of environmental nightmares. The source of this power would be a hydroelectric dam in Cross Lake, Manitoba, which is greatly opposed by the Cree people of the area, since it would flood a huge area of land.

Conveniently, this proposed line would also be located within close proximity of another proposal, the Crandon mine. I think you get the picture.

Wisconsinites need to take it upon themselves to oppose these measures before the dominoes of environmental destruction fall.

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In the Ring: Gender pet-peeves

By Annie Scheffen

I don't know any men who don't think burping, farting or any other kind of offensive noise is funny. They admit it for a while and then, as a reliable source just told me, when they start to enter into their 30s, or find consistent girlfriends, they stop admiring that it's funny, even though they still think it's hysterical.

Why is this? You guys burp and laugh, fart and love it. Maybe my lovely assistant will explain this to me, but I won't count on it since he will be busy doing research on this.

I'm sorry my flatulence is not funny to you. In my house, Packer Sunday after a night of drinking and Taco Bell is better than a night at the improv. Speaking of the absurd, a few feminine traits come to mind. Like, why must you spend every penny in the house on your 63 pairs of shoes? I know a few ex-Filipino dictators who have less.

We might think that bodily noises are funny, but at least we can drive a car in a straight line. It's an evil stereotype, but so true. Every time I get in the car with a woman, I feel like a crash test dummy waiting to be dismembered. Thank God, someone invented the seat belt. Yes, I realize men have a tendency to be backseat drivers, but you would too if you wanted to live that bad. It makes a man appreciate organized religion that much more.

Why do women have to go to the bathroom in public? Is this really necessary? And why do you all think that women can't drive? I have more friends who are men that demand they drive if we go anywhere. I know them well enough to know that it's not a kind gesture. They need to drive because they feel that if we drive, we will land them in trees.

Last but not least, PMS. A friend of mine just told me that women cycle every 28 days, men cycle every 20 minutes. I don't think I need to elaborate on this any more.

Testosterone levels are affected by sporting events. This I know. If the Packers win, there will be many days of Roman-like rejoicing. If they lose, make sure you don't get in their way for a week. You would think they were under attack by the threat of sex-less marriage.

Finally, what's with the pleasure moans when you walk into Fleet Farm and smell the freshly cut tires? Ladies, we do better single.

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Alcohol awareness campaign to start

Advertising club seeks participants

The American Advertising Federation (AAF) chapter of UW-Stevens Point is searching for students who are returning next semester to participate in a campuswide poster campaign promoting healthy choices towards alcohol consumption. AAF has worked with the Alcohol Education Office to develop a campaign to bring light to the misconception of alcohol use by students.

The perception on campus is that a majority of UW-SP students go out and drink irresponsibly. In reality, a large percentage of students drink socially or don't drink at all when they go out.

The goal of the campaign is to inform students that they have a choice when it comes to drinking. Both organizations hope the campaign will educate students on the misconception as well as promote healthy choices.

If you would like to be featured on one of the posters, please contact Mikhail Salienko at 343-0806. Each participant will be required to sign a photo release prior to the photo shoot as an agreement to use his/her image. The AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) Coalition Team will determine the starting date for the alcohol awareness campaign and choose the student pictures within the next month. The best shots will be featured on the posters that will be distributed across campus.

The advertising club of UW-SP will appreciate any participation to complete this social marketing campaign to educate students about the realities of alcohol use.

Students take a break from their studying to watch The Green Mile, starring Tom Hanks. (Photo by Renee Eismueller.)
Local show ‘Gets to the Point’

By Kari Sulzer  FEATURE REPORTER

Dennis Bankson admits modesty is not his strength. As the producer and host of the “only interview program ever simulcast live on TV, radio and the web,” Bankson has many reasons to brag. In fact, he bills “Get to the Point” as “the best talk show on local TV and radio.”

Few could disagree. Each week, he, Molly Buder, Stewart Hayes and Matt Hartwig feature a new guest, with topics ranging from Halloween to trivia, relationships to Veterans Day. Ritchie Plass, the most recent guest, tours and speaks about the characterization of Native Americans for money.

As a simulcast, you can watch the show live on STV’s cable channel 10 on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and/or listen to it on 90FM. If you think this sounds complicated, you’re right. Bankson jokes, “Every week something insane happens. I bet you’ve never seen anything like it.”

Insane or not, Bankson enjoys it immensely. And he should. As a communication major with an emphasis in mass communication and a background in broadcasting, he has the technical know-how required of such a program.

The band Madison Greene performed in the Encore April 19.

Photo by Renee Eismueller

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In pursuit of Trivia 2000

By Pramela Thiagesan
News Editor

It was neither a time for "Insectophobia," nor a time for those who live to sleep. Trivia 31 hit the streets, houses and beds of over 20,000 listeners. For more than 54 hours, the sound waves were infested with little known facts, overdoses of Elvis tidbits and arguably the best music of the century as the Y2K bug struck, Trivia style.

Preparation for Trivia began in January when Jim Oliva, lovingly known as Oz, assigned specific duties to the executive staff at 90FM. The air, thick with nervous tension, personified the nervous dread that each and every member felt. "I have to do that by when?" was the unsung, or in this case, the unscreamed question in the forefront of everyone's mind. But since Oz was insistent, everyone complied. He can be a scary man when he wants to be... must be all that hair.

The last staff meeting before Trivia was a shouting fiasco. Admittedly, Oz was doing all the shouting as he threatened to hold everyone in the room hostage unless all the volunteer shifts were filled. Co-writer John Eckendorf was not at the meeting to add to the madness and it took newcomers a few minutes to realize that Oz was serious.

Die-hard Trivia players stood in line as early as 9:30 a.m., despite the fact that registration began at 3 p.m. First-comers, representatives from "Dad's Computer," ordered pizzas galore during their vigil, just to be the first one to registration. Not for the glory, the honor or the million dollars, because there was none, but just so they could be the first to register. Such is the mania of Trivia.

The mad rush prior to Trivia kickoff began with the Trivia parade. The now infamous Miller van that transports the trivia food brought up the rear end of the parade route. The parade, which can only be described as a candy-throwing fiasco, featured floats by various participating groups.

Two-time winning float "Planet of the Freaks" featured caged human slaves who offered bananas to gaping onlookers. Leashed Pat Rothfuss as Charlton Heston led the skimpy-dressed slaves. Rothfuss, wearing only a loincloth, gave a banana to master of ceremonies, Jim Oliva. The prize for first place was six pizzas and a Point beer clock.

"The pizzas come in handy, but we do it for the prestige," said

See Trivia on Page 9

Timber Rattler trip

Pointers have been bitten by the baseball bug this month. After a successful trip to Milwaukee last week to watch the Brewers, Centertainment has decided to run a trip to Appleton to watch the Timber Rattlers take on the Peoria Chiefs next Tuesday.

The trip is on "College Day" at Fox Cities Stadium. A coach bus ride and ticket cost students $5. It is also buck beer and hot dog night at the park.

Along with students from UW-Stevens Point, UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh are sending organized trips. There are also students from Ripon, Fox Valley Tech, Marion College and St. Norbert planning to attend.

We just want to provide a fellowship environment for students. We want to extend our promotions to all age groups," said Aaron Osborne, College Day ticket coordinator for the Timber Rattlers.

Tickets are available at the UC Information desk.

Jim Lewis

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Hear noted author and UWSP instructor speak of his experiences with controversial cults.

Tuesday

April 25th

7 pm

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After a harried round of beer-winning float. Rothfuss, team member of the terpiece designed by Jamie who was the 90FM float was a mas-allegedly made blueprints of the bug stood proud as the mascot of cation Arts Building over the weekend. "Now that is a floating bug!" exclaimed at the Brewhaus, executive staff members sauntered back to the station behind a scurrying, wild-haired Oz. and 20,000 hearts beat as one to 90FM. The madness began as the phones rang off the hook. questions that only writers John of their collective hats. While Eckendorf and Oz can pull out participants of the contest scratching their collective heads, volunteers at the 90FM station came by the hour and was do—of Trivia, the madness and the ca—going.

To many groggy volunteers at 90FM that weekend, the new food was the only thing that kept them going. In addition to the excitement of Trivia, the madness and the car—maraderie, the food is has also become synonymous with Trivia. "I can’t wait to overdose on massive amounts of food," said Blake Brandos, next year’s sta—tion manager, with a grin. He continued by listing food he had consumed over the weekend. "I ate half of Bill’s pizza, subs, ham, French toast, ice cream, pizza... did I mention the pizza?"

The Trivia experience wears many faces for participants and volunteers, and those who have been on both sides of the game attest to this claim. Brandos, who calls behind the scenes Trivia “pure madness,” has played the game for ten years and jocked for the first time for Trivia this year.

Famed for bringing back more alumni members than Homecoming, Trivia at Stevens Point not only puts the city on the map and brings international media attention, Trivia at Stevens Point also brings the community to the station, as Trivia jock Jackie Klish put it.

Trivia proved to be an unfor-gettable experience for newcomers to the volunteer team. Freshman Wendy Wilbur, who volun-teered in various areas of Trivia, was decked out in a denim skirt and bunny ears as she braved the chilly morning weather for the Trivia Stone. "Trivia Stone basically gives participants long-winded direc-tions on where to find volunteers in the community, and we wait for them at the designated spots and stamp their little rule book," explained Wendy.

Trivia 31 also saw guest ap-pearances from Spiderman and Elv. Music Director Aric Otzelberger, who came in cameo for the first 24 hours of Trivia Focus with cohorts Roger Payton and Dan Jessup.

Payton, who fell asleep while on call for a Focus, caused a little panic, but Otzelberger and Jessup came to the rescue in true super-ho style by making up a fake Focus by interviewing Otzelberger and ripping on the snoozing Payton.

Roger eventually woke up to Jessups claims that he was dis-appointed in Payton’s apparent lack of focus. In true Trivia style, the Y2K bug struck the game at 5 a.m. on Trivia Sunday when the station shut down broadcast following a pseudo news story about ‘Y- Nino’, a fake weather condition that affects radio broadcast. Af-ter 5 minutes of static, the Oz came on air to inform participants that due to a technical failure, the game would be played 1970s style.

For true-blue Trivia players, this meant that they could call as many times as they wanted instead of the one call limit that was imposed for the game. As you can imagine, the phone operators went wild.

In the wake of Trivia week-end, people are still wearing their T-shirts, but no one seems to be talking about it. Maybe they will when they are more awake; some have already begun taking notes for next year.

Whatever the case, another year of Trivia came to a theoretical close when executive staff members dragged their weary bones home. In reality, its memory will always live on in the memories of those who were part of the madness, the triumph and the sheer rush of it all.

That is, it is a memory for all but 90FM’s business director, Nate Deringer, who still has to deal with the mountain of in-voices.
Oshkosh rallies to earn split with Point
Fastpitch goes 4-1 at Illinois Wesleyan tourney

By Nick Brilowski

The UW-Oshkosh softball team may have been wireless in WIAC play coming into its doubleheader with UW-Stevens Point Tuesday, but that didn't prevent the Titans from rallying for a split with the Pointers.

Oshkosh scored three times in the top of the seventh inning to take a 4-3 victory in the opening game. "We came out flat," Pointer Head Coach Kelli Harms said. "We made a lot of mental errors."

UW-SP took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, thanks to a solo home run by Sarah Berg to straightaway center field. Pointer pitcher Jamie Lowney was cruising along until she ran into trouble in the seventh inning.

The Titans loaded the bases with one out when Harms decided to replace Lowney with Karen Guckenberger. Brynda Feucht responded with a two-run double and Robin Schmitt followed with a run-scoring single to give Oshkosh a 4-2 lead.

The Pointers attempted to rally in the bottom half of the inning, as they had runners on second and third base with only one out. A passed ball brought UW-SP to within one run, but on the throw to the pitcher covering home plate, the ball rolled to third base where Carrie Hermsen was tagged out after overrunning the base.

"That was inexperience on a freshman baserunner and on myself," Harms said. "That was a mistake, but when you stop learning, you should stop coaching." Track teams second at North Central

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams finally were able to compete in warm weather and get into some deeper competition as they competed in the North Central Invitational in Naperville, Ill. on Saturday.

Not only was the weather heating up, but so were the Pointers on the track and in the field events.

"The meet finally proved to be a really good motivational tool to the rest of the season," said men's coach Rick Win.

"I was surprised to win," said Harms. "It seemed like the rest of the team didn't come ready to play." The Pointers battled back in the nightcap as one run was all Guckenberger needed in the 1-0 UW-SP victory.

Point notched the only run of the contest in the second inning with a double by Hermes, scoring Kimberly Grubba.

Guckenberger raised her season record to 12-0 while lowering her ERA to 0.83. She allowed just four hits in the contest, two in each of the first and sixth innings.

"I was surprised to even win the second game," Harms stated. "We didn't play well at all. Our bats against the Oshkosh pitcher;"
Lacrosse club continues early success

The UW-Stevens Point lacrosse team has surprised many teams in the Upper Midwest Lacrosse League in the past two weekends of play.

Although Point's team is currently only a trial team this year, an invitation into the NCAA sanctioned league is expected next year.

Last weekend, the Pointers traveled to Mankato, Minn. and got off to an early lead, but were beaten by the league's best team, St. Cloud State, 11-5.

In the next game, UW-SP once again took an early two-goal lead over the University of Minnesota, but lost in the fourth quarter by a late rally from the Gophers, 9-6.

The last game of the weekend was played in the mud and freezing rain versus Bethel College. The Pointers came from behind with five minutes left to win, 7-5.

The team was led by new goalie Drew Pulvermacher and Captains Sean Brennan and Josh Magnusson.

Adding numerous goals to his already impressive point totals for the year was senior Matt Ninham. Point is expected to have a home game on May 6.

Three Pointers named Academic All-American

It's quite a feat for any school to land an Academic All-American, but to land three on one team is especially rare.

That's precisely what UW-Stevens Point has done in the latest GTE Academic All-American voting as swimming twin Brent Newport, cross country runner Dan Schwamberger and swimmer Becca Uphoff all earned the honor on the Fall/Winter team for at-large sports.

Newport was a men's first-team selection, while Schwamberger earned men's second team recognition and Uphoff was a women's third-team honoree. The Pointers also had a selection earlier this season in football as Andy Palzkill was a second-team performer.

The at-large teams consist of all NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA athletes in fall and winter sports besides football, volleyball and basketball.

The 45 men and 45 women selected, only one other athlete from a Wisconsin college was recognized, UW-La Crosse's Jenny Fiedler in women's cross country. All three UW-Stevens Point athletes were named the WIAC scholar athlete in their respective sport.

The men's, Dan's, Becca's, and all of our athletes' academic accomplishments this year provide ample proof that Division III colleges and universities can field many of the best athletes in the country while continuing to emphasize scholarship first," UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Thomas George said.

“Troy Biemel set a single-season Warhawk youth record and is continuing to work towards the conference title," Head Coach Chip Kasten said.

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The Week Ahead...

**Fastpitch**

**UW-Stevens Point Athletics**

**Fastpitch**

**UW-Stevens Point Invitational, Friday; At Carthage College, Wednesday, 3 p.m.**

**Baseball**

**UW-La Crosse (2), Friday, 1 p.m.; UW-River Falls (2), Saturday, 12 p.m.**

**Winona State (2), Monday, 1 p.m.**

**Track and Field**

**At Meet of Champions (Rock Island, Ill.), Women — Friday, Men — Saturday.**

**All Home Games in Bold**

**All-Americans**

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UW-Stevens Point International Programs Office for four years. He has also served as a Content and Reading/Writing Tutor in the UW-Stevens Point Tutoring-Learning Center.

Schwamberger, a senior from North Mankato, Minn., holds a 3.91 grade point average in forest management. He was a cross country All-American the past two seasons, finishing 25th at the NCAA Divi­

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we should have been hammering her.”

Best led the Pointers at the plate with two hits.

Over the weekend, UW-SP traveled to the Illinois Wesleyan Tournament and came away with a 4-1 record.

The Pointers were victorious in their first three games of the tourney, defeating Fontbonne College (Mo.), 7-3, Illinois Wesleyan, 4-3 and Eureka College (Ill.), 11-2.

University of Chicago ruined UW-SP’s bid for a perfect tourna­

“Just playing the game and getting to know all of the people.”

**Senior Spotlight**

**Michelle Gerber — Fastpitch**

Mrs. Gerber is majoring in communicative disorders with a minor in psychology and boasts a 3.83 GPA. She became a four-time WIAC champion this season in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke, while also winning her third straight 500 freestyle title as the Pointers won their first-ever WIAC title. Uphoff also won three WIAC relay titles this season and became a five-time All-American by finishing sixth in the 200 freestyle relay and seventh in the 800 freestyle relay.

In the 1998-99 academic year, Uphoff won the Outstanding Junior of the Year Award in the Department of Communicative Disorders and the UW-Stevens Point Scholar-Athlete Award. Uphoff is a member of the Student Speech and Hearing Association. She has also worked extensively with children requiring speech and language therapy and has taught private swimming lessons at UW-Stevens Point.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Michele Gerber — Fastpitch**

**UW-SP Career Highlights**

- Member of the 1998 D-3 National Championship team
- Named to All-Tournament team at the 1988 NCAA National Champions

**Hometown:** Kenosha, Wis.

**Major:** Sociology

**Most memorable moment:** Winning the NCAA Division III National Championship sophomore year.

**Who was your idol growing up?** My Mom; they’ve always been there for me.

**What do you plan to do after you graduate?** Get a job and get married.

**Favorite aspect of fastpitch:** Just playing the game and getting to know all of the people.

**Biggest achievement in fastpitch:** Winning the National Championship and being named to the All-

**Most embarrassing moment:** One time I thought there were two outs in an inning and there were only one and I rolled the ball back to the pitcher and the runners on base advanced.

**What will you remember most about playing fastpitch at UW-SP? All of the friends I’ve made, the teammates and all of the fun times.**
Arkansas
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I also found a "club" where if you were a member, you could catch a beer, even if the fish weren't biting.

My spring break experience taught me that Razorbacks, in general, are some of the nicest and laid-back people in America. I wouldn't have traded this experience with my family for anything.

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Gill's Grumblings

It was nearly impossible to avoid seeing the scenes of protest in Washington D.C. while flipping through the channels this weekend. There, demonstrators attempted to disrupt the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings in an effort to prevent the abuse of both human beings and our natural world. Were they effective? Not a chance— at least as far as I'm concerned.

In all honesty, I am a strong supporter of most of what the demonstrators stood for, both in Washington D.C. this weekend and in Seattle this past fall. After all, the whole business surrounding the World Trade Organization, World Bank and IMF boils down to one thing: putting profit before the good of the environment and all of mankind. Who in their right mind wants that?

But in that, the similarities between me and the hordes of protesters end. When I see clips of gas-mask-wearing demonstrators blocking city streets, harassing individuals and physically engaging police officers, I don't see intelligent, rational, respectable adults pleading a worthy cause— I see immature, spoiled, whiny little children. I see four-year-olds holding their breath, stomping their feet and throwing tantrums because they don't like something.

Boo-hoo.

I find myself beginning to side with the WTO and other less-than-ethical causes just to spite the obnoxious masses who think it's their place to cause cities to become war zones and make people completely dissociated with the corporations they are protesting suffer (how would you like to be suffering a heart attack and die because the ambulance couldn't get past the crowd of idiotic protesters blocking the street below your office building?) and I am not the only one who's had it with demonstrators' recent antics. Yes, protesting is one of our most important freedoms as Americans, and doing so for a worthy cause is a highly noble act. But not the only one who's had it with demonstrators' recent antics.

The next step is to be in the woods very early the next day and try to find the rest of the flock. Often this will produce a soft tree yelps at first light, just before dawn. The hens and toms roosting. But this often gobble by shocking them or using a tom as they leave their roosts. If a tom sees or hears you before the real hens, he might come in off the roost, then fly away to the woods, a tom will gobble right before dark.

If you call too much, the tom might come strutting in. If this is not the case, try purring to coax him in those last few yards. Do not over-call, and don't get frustrated after being shut out. These are two mistakes that people make all the time.

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Wanderings
By Lisa Rothe
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's been five days since I've seen the sun. My skin is begin­ning to take on a slightly greenish pallor, my eyes are sunken and without spark. I can't pull myself from bed in the morning because the sun hasn't risen, my natural alarm hasn't been stimu­lated. I remember fondly the last day of sun. There I sat, in the middle of the driveway, a little ways from the smell of the hot grill, a beer in my hand, baskin in the sunset. The rays were as determined to find me as an octopus' tentacles hurrying to wrap around its prey. So when I wake every morning, I think of the sun, and snif­fe, 1, 1... well I can't finish this sentence without reaching for a tissue to wipe my crocodile tears. Science, or rather, medicine, has found an answer: Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that occurs with winter's onset and spring's remission.

An unprecedented public turned out at the Joint Department of Natural Resources-Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring fish and wildlife rules hearing on April 10 has prompted DNR officials to extend the written comment deadline for those citizens who were turned away from their local hearings due to overcrowding.

To accommodate those citizens who weren't able to get into their local hearing or where there was an insufficient number of bal­lots, the written comment period will be extended one week to Friday, April 21.

Written comments regarding any of the proposals introduced at the hearings should be sent to Keith Warne, WM/4, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Please indicate the hearing location and county you attempted to attend and identify the proposals you are commenting on.

Written comments and the vote at the hearings on Monday will be summarized and presented as advisory information to the Natural Resources Board at its May 23-24 meeting in Shawano. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral comments presented at the hearing.

Any new rules that the Board decides to move forward or modi­fy to be a chance for the public to vote and comment on proposals for changes to existing fish and wildlife rules or introductions of new rules. We were overwhelmed with the number of people attend­ing this year's hearings. We counted over 29,000 people at­­tending. Our previous high attendance was 9,600," said Miller.

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—Steve Miller, Wisconsin DNR

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Your College Survival Guide

How to be cool

Well... actually... women sometimes were beautiful. But that's not what I'm pointing at. The fact remains that it was a cool beard. Since I was proud of it, I decided to take it in for a little professional maintenance.

So, spurning the lowly hairdressers where I normally get my hair cut, I decided to spurge on an honest-to-goodness barber.

Mistake. Since I assumed I knew what I was doing, I wasn't properly cautious. And, to make a long story short, not only was the experience physically painful, he also sheared me like a sheep.

So that's my first piece of advice for my faithful readers this week. Avoid the barbershop across the street from the Impala. It's not pretty. It's not easy to bucks for it. My graduation party. Yes, all of you. The point is, you don't want to get in the way. And, believe it or not, there is a downside to having a wheelbarrow full of self-confidence. Sometimes I'm a little too sure of myself. And that means that when I screw up, I'm not ready for it.

For example, until recently, I had a really cool beard that I'd been growing for most of the winter. It was beautiful. I was majestic. It was the color of a sulfide sunset. It struck fear into the hearts of small children and filled women with burning lust... Or at least a lake-warm curiosity.

That means that they know more clever tricks that even I do. Consequently, try ing to use these sorts of lame space-fillers is like putting a bright red post-it on your paper that says, "BY THE WAY, I THINK YOU'RE A GULLIBLE RETARD."

In my experience, this is not a good message to send.

Do pay attention to your formatting, spelling, and grammar. I know that after spending 20 hours hammering out a paper the last thing you want to do is go over it one last time to check it for little goofy goof-ups. But trust me, nothing makes you look dumber thancarelessmistakes.

Don't offer to have sex with your prof. in exchange for a passing grade. This implies that you're a lousy lay. Don't offer to have sex with your prof. in exchange for an A and 500 bucks in cash. This will probably blow their interest. After some healthy negotiations, you should walk away with at least a B+ and beer money for the weekend.

Don't plagiarize other people's stuff. When I rule the world, all plagiarists will have their gonads mustered to hot iron plates before they are thrown into a filled with hungry allergists and fundamentalist Christians.

Do reference your professor's published articles and/or books if they are appropriate for the subject. Hell, reference them even if they aren't appropriate.

Sure it's a weakly brown-noserish thing to do. But hey, welcome to the world of academia.

Speaking of academia. I'm afraid the rumors you heard were true. I am graduating.

On the up side, you're all invited to my graduation party. Yeah, all of you. The only condition is that you can bring a bag of Funyons or something to share.

And you, S.B., can be one of the extra-cool people there by wearing your brand-new "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt. Feel free to step by the Pointer to pick it up.

The Pat Rothfuss tribute/quiz

If there's one person on campus authorized to write "Your College Survival Guide," it's Pat Rothfuss. Pat is majoring in college survival. Pat has been a student at UW-SP so long, he's been tenured. I don't think he's capable of leaving. I showed up in our first encounter with Pat. It was majestic. It was the color of a sulfide sunset. It struck fear into the hearts of small children and filled women with burning lust... Or at least a lake-warm curiosity.

He is well-mannered, polite and nice to talk to. This, too, seems normal. You just have to be careful what you talk about.

Under no circumstances should you mention Saturday morning cartoons or any sort of food or beverages, under direct order of the head of the psychology department, whom Pat is doing a "special" research project for.

In honor of Pat Rothfuss, The Pointer has, without his knowledge, decided to do a special tribute to him, complete with games and prizes.

Since 90FM trivia recently ended and we all want more trivia (and since we can't think of a better idea and stole the trivia idea from 90FM) see how well you do at Pat Rothfuss trivia. Answers are due Tuesday. The winner will receive an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt. Seriously.

The Pat Rothfuss Trivia Game

1. How many semesters has Pat Rothfuss been a student at UW-SP?
2. What is Pat's preferred bait for muskie fishing?
3. What is the one thing that Pat does not think is fun?
4. What questions does Pat recommend asking yourself before attending "class?"
5. What is Pat's preferred method of picking up women?
6. Where was Pat last seen living?
7. Why does Pat write his column?
8. What material object is Pat's personal confidante?
9. What beverage does Pat prefer?
10. According to Pat's worldly experience, what is youth all about?
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