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Trivia draws a crowd to Stevens Point



This Trivia float came in first at the Trivia parade before the contest began at 6:00p.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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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.

UW-SP organizations are trying to shift the focus of the Take Back the Night rally to all victims, not just women.

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-

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UW-SP marches for unity

By Josh Goller
NEWS REPORTER

The annual Peace March for Unity will take place on Wednesday, April 26. The march, originally scheduled for April 19, was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

"The annual Peace March is an excellent example of how diverse groups on our campus and from Stevens Point can come together for the common good," said, Chancellor Thomas George.

"Every year we are able to make progress toward our ultimate goal of tolerance, acceptance, cooperation, and true community," he added.

The march, sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, the Black Student Union, the Student Government Association and the Noel Group, stemmed from several racial incidents that occurred three years ago on campus and in the surrounding community.

"The purpose of the march is to promote cultural diversity on campus, in our community and society as a whole," said Martha Perkins, organizer. "It is unfair to make a particular group of people live in fear because of the color of their skin, sexual orientation or religion."

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Pointers 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 students say Tomlinson seemed to be more involved in discussions than others.

"Tomlinson took an active role in the meeting, and that was great,"

said Jessica Krueger. "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.

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- Lora Clem, student

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University of Wisconsin System most efficient

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS REPORTER

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 revenue. Rothman adds that the percentage spent on administration on all cluster campuses—Wisconsin colleges excluding UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and all two-year campuses—combined was 6.4 percent.

Lyall's report also noted some barriers to efficiency, including antiquated personnel systems and large increases in the university's portion of support for the state's technology network.

"There are places where we need additional management flexibility," said Lyall. "With a small additional investment of resources in areas such 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."

Sunshine and The Trash Giant



Week-long Earth related events marked UW-SP's earth celebrations, ending with a concert at the Sundial. (Photo by Renee Eismueller)

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.

Take Back

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tional materials and inform students of available services this week.

"Take Back the Night benefits the campus by letting students know that sexual assault happens. It also allows victims of sexual assault an outlet of support," said UW-SP senior Angie Gonzalez.

SAVS is a center that provides sexual assault victims with free and confidential support, whether in the emergency room, at the police station or through a women's support group.

Women in college are at risk of sexual assault because of the environment. On college campuses, 80-90 percent of rapes involve the influence of drugs or alcohol. Also, approximately 90 percent of rape victims know the attacker.

"Not enough education is done in college to educate men that sexual assault of any kind is wrong, and too much emphasis is placed on a woman to 'be careful,'" said Gonzalez.

Many victims of sexual assault do not report the crimes because they fear they will not be believed, they feel shame, or they don't identify the experience as sexual assault.

"I think sexual assault is an incredibly big problem. It is a silent crime and we can't even begin to know the extent of this problem," said Gonzalez.

"Take Back the Night raises student awareness to the available resources," said Hunter.

If someone is assaulted, there are many resources that he or she can turn to for support, such as SAVS, Family Planning, the police department, First Home and Health Services.

Wednesday's Take Back the Night events begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Sundial with a concert by folk singer Viki Guzman.

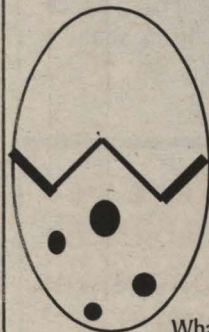
At 6:30 p.m., Chancellor Thomas George, Nancy Bayne from Equity and Affirmative Action, SAVS, First Home and Family Planning will present speeches in the Sundial. A speak-out will follow the speeches during which anyone is welcome to share their thoughts, experiences, read poems or sing songs.

The Take Back the Night March begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at the Encore at 8 p.m., where Brenda Weiler, acoustic folk singer, will perform a concert.

The rain site for the outdoor events is the Encore.

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WRC

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not be too tied to corporations or have strong corporate interests," added Clem.

Chancellor George, who signed on to the WRC in March under the consideration of a joint committee, stated that he believed strongly in shared governance. The committee was made up of students as well as faculty and staff and aims to provide a consistent platform regarding the issue.

"Students will come and go, but I am really glad that we have concerned professors such as Bryan Brophy-Baermann, and Bob Wolinsky who are passionate, knowledgeable and active about the issue," said Kreuger.

Tomlinson says he is confident of the continued good working relationship between administrators and students.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

12:52 a.m. College of Fine Arts

Someone pulled a pencil sharpener off the wall in the C105 hallway in the College of Fine Arts and then stomped on it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

10:53 a.m. Roach Hall

A student notified Protective Services that two residents of a room in Roach Hall had been "pennied" into their room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

11:59 p.m. Steiner Hall

Someone reported that a large group of males and females pushed over a light pole between the DeBot Center and Steiner Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

11:29 a.m. Lot P

A student reported vandalism to her 1998 Ativia Olds parked in Lot P.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

11:20 a.m. Lot Q

A student reported the passenger side mirror had been ripped off her vehicle.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

1:16 a.m. Roach Hall

Stevens Point Police notified Protective Services that an ambulance had been dispatched to Roach Hall for an individual who had put his hand through a window.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

3:05 p.m. Lot P

A student reported that his vehicle had been vandalized while parked in Lot P. The hatch on the vehicle had been scratched.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

3:26 p.m. Physical Education Building

A student reported that someone forced a door open to a wooden equipment cabinet. There wasn't any damage to the cabinet, but the hasp on the door was snapped off.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

9:08 p.m. South Hall

A student reported that someone broke the window in the northeast stairwell, second floor of South Hall. After the window was broken, an individual was observed picking up some books and papers.

EDITORS' NOTE :

The contents of Campus Beat are taken directly from the records at Protective Services and are written in part by Steven J. Cayford.

Sentry Insurance gifts benefits UW-SP students

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.

The Sentry Insurance Foundation has contributed \$56,000 to UW-SP, presenting the gift to Chancellor Thomas George at a luncheon on Wednesday, April 12.

Sentry, the university's leading corporate donor, gives thousands of dollars to the university during the year, including the recent gift as well as this year's employee donations of over \$11,000 which were matched by the company.

Representatives from Sentry, UW-SP administrators and student Sentry scholarship winners attended the luncheon at the University Center.

"Sentry and the university have a unique relationship; we are neighbors and friends," said Greg Mox, president of the Sentry Insurance Foundation. "We are appreciative of the opportunities that the university brings to the community that would not be available for cities of this size, and we join with you in the commitment to improve the quality of life in the Stevens Point area."

"Sentry Insurance has been a tremendous friend and partner with UWSP over the years," said Chancellor George. "The company's generosity and financial contributions have had significant impacts on various programs throughout the university and have benefited a large number of students. The latest gift continues this fine tradition of partnership and is greatly appreciated by the entire university community."

The gift includes \$26,000 in unrestricted funds as well as monies that support the Carl N. Jacobs Professorship of Business Administration, Sentry Academic Leadership Awards, Sentry Computer Information Systems awards, a natural resources scholarship, Division of Fine Arts and Communication projects, University Relations activities and various projects in the Athletic Department.

Additionally, this past year Sentry provided UW-SP with the gift of oak library furniture and a variety of unusual Christmas ornaments from around the world.

Funding for other scholarship programs includes \$12,000 for the Sentry Insurance Student Leadership Scholarship, a way for UW-SP to attract some of the best and brightest students in the business area. Another \$10,000 was given from a \$200,000 endowment that funds the Sentry Dependent Scholarship program, helping children of company employees attend the university.

Sentry also contributes to the university through the use of Sentry Theatre.

Trivia

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The webcast, though not ideal for actual participants of the contest, helped teams with friends who were listening in.

"The lag-time made it hard for groups to depend solely on webcasting, but many listeners helped players with answers through the use of instant messenger," added Hartwig.

This year's theme, Y2K, The Bug Strikes follows a long line of themes and adds to the uniqueness of each contest.

"I think that this year's Trivia was a great way to kick off the millennium; it was a good mix of tradition with a new twist," said Jeff Burhandt, station manager.

Trivia at Stevens Point received media attention from media agencies such as CNN, BBC, an Australian radio station and local television stations.

The contest was also broadcast live from STV on Channel 10 and Channel 3, a station in Wisconsin Rapids.

Burhandt says that this year's technological additions will help Trivia grow nationally and internationally in the future.

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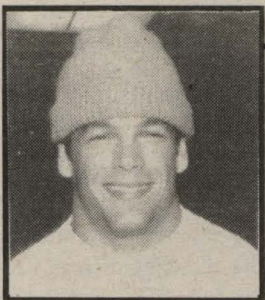
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Where's the most interesting place your Easter basket was hidden?



Shane Roethle

WILDLIFE, BIO., SR.

"Behind the toilet."



Carol Lockman

GEOGRAPHY, SR.

"In the window sill of our living room. I couldn't find it for hours."

Lyndon O'Brien

ENGLISH, COMM., FR.

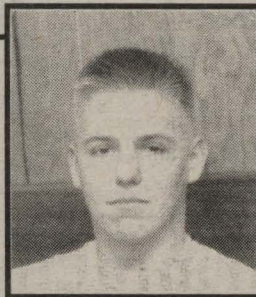
"In the piano under a secret panel."



Josh Van Gompel

BIOLOGY, SR.

"In the middle of our cock fighting ring."



Irish civil disputes continue

As a supporter of civil liberties for everyone I am appreciative of the absolute necessity to protect assaults on our inalienable right to express our thoughts and speak our minds.

Be that as it may, one would have thought that people in responsible positions of political authority would appreciate the distinction between respecting the right of another to free expression and virtual endorsement of the ideas of the person or group in question.

Is there any wonder, then, that informed people in Ireland and in the Irish diaspora are aghast at the invitation given by the Mayor of Dublin, Mary Freehill to an organization that has so much in common with the American Ku Klux Klan to use the fair streets of Dublin for a march and parade?

That organization is the Orange Order which claims the Rev. Ian Paisley as one of its more prominent members.

Have Mayor Freehill and the Fianna Fáil political hacks as well as their fellow mediocrities in Fine Gael forgotten Reverend Paisley's March 4, 1998 declaration of war against the Roman Catholic Church at the Opening Seminar of the European Institute of Protestant Studies: "The Papacy is...anti-Christ and against it there must be war to every generation. There can be no peace with Rome for Rome is forever at war with God."

And this on May 16, 1998: "The Antichrists of Rome stagger to their graves polluted carcasses of an accursed race...." (Are we to lose our protestant heritage?)

Why is Dublin's political establishment wallowing in the filth of Ian Paisley's pigsty?

-Barbara Fink

School of Ed. admission system unfair

Is it really possible to live out your dream? To actually attend college, take classes that help you grow and maybe even fulfill what you declare to be your passion in life? Well, according to UW-Stevens Point's enrollment caps, it is if you score high on test grades and score a 3.5 or better GPA—well, it helps anyway.

I'm tired of talking to other education majors and hearing the same story—though not through my eyes, through theirs. Do we fight it? Not unless we are insane. If we fight the system, we won't get into the program for sure.

I've been at this college for three years now. I'm involved in as many things as my mind can handle. I first came here knowing that this school, which has become my home, is one of the best schools for education. The education program is wonderful and the professors are even better. It would be an understatement to say that I have learned a lot.

But there is one catch to this wonderful world. The enrollment caps. I think they are a great idea to have. This method allows the education program to filter in 50 students at a time (because of limited seating). So if 110 people apply, do the math—60 don't get in. To see who filters through there are tests. First we have the PPSTs. No big deal, every teacher wannabe has to take it—it's a Wisconsin law. But we move on

to the UW-SP additives. We are required to take a hearing test and a speech test. (I guess to see how competent we are at reading and hearing.) Next we take a listening test. You watch washed-up actors do skits and listen to 10 sets of 10 questions. You are given about one second to think, and quickly fill in the bubble before the next question. Then there is the dreaded interview. I was never informed how to act or what was going to be asked of me. I didn't know what was to be expected. Then at the end we were sworn to not let others know about the questions. Funny, it seemed to me like when I was done with that interview, people started to break the rules. They'd tell their friends what was expected of them. Where was my prep session?

I have to work 25 hours a week to get by in this high-priced hell. Mommy and Daddy don't pay my bill. The result—time away from studying. I'm sorry, but I have a 3.0 and that is great. I busted my ass to get those grades, but who cares. I'm not smart. Well, I am, but it seems like the message I'm getting is only the "smarter ones" make better teachers and therefore get into the school of education or get the scholarships. Need I say more?

To see who should be admitted into the education program,

wouldn't it make more sense to actually watch students interacting with younger students or watch how the Ed. students work in a classroom environment? I can be a rocket scientist but lack skills to actually connect with children and no one will know. All that matters is how high I score on the assessments.

I know the pains and joys of teaching. I find a friend in all students and that is why I can bond so well. It is hard to put into words how I feel about teaching. I know I need a lot of work, but my dedication and skills see me through this. I think what amuses me is how lazy these so-called "teachers" are. If they can't even do homework or put 100 percent effort into their projects or even go to class, what good are they? They are taking spots away from people who do care about making a difference in kids' lives.

As for now, I've appealed the decision I've been given. If I don't give in, I'm going back to my hometown. I guess my hometown can take credit for bringing me into the working world. It is hard to leave my new home, but can I stay in a place that keeps kicking me while I'm down?

-James Young

Hitler deplored, 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 111th birthday of Adolf Hitler on April 20, it is very disheartening to see the Swiss practicing his methods while deploring them in theory.

-Robert E. Nordlander



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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.

Mr. Blouin expressed concerns that Nicolet Minerals has not indicated what it plans to do with the spent cyanide after the extraction process has been completed. It has also not considered the possibility of an accident involving the trucks or railroad cars that would transport massive amounts of sodium cyanide to Crandon. These should be legitimate concerns to all of us. Especially what is going to happen to the spent cyanide.

Mr. Tans conducted a meeting for residents of the Town of Lincoln in Crandon to tell residents about how safe the Crandon mine would be. I have a video tape of that Sept. 13, 1996 meeting when Mr. Tans and his assistants presented what I considered a sales pitch for the Crandon mine. (To my knowledge, no mine representatives were present.) At that meeting, I asked Mr. Tans what method was going to be used to join the protective plastic sheets that will be used to prevent the mining waste from entering into the watershed. He stated that he didn't know and wasn't concerned at that time.

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. Giudice

Veganism can be harmful to society

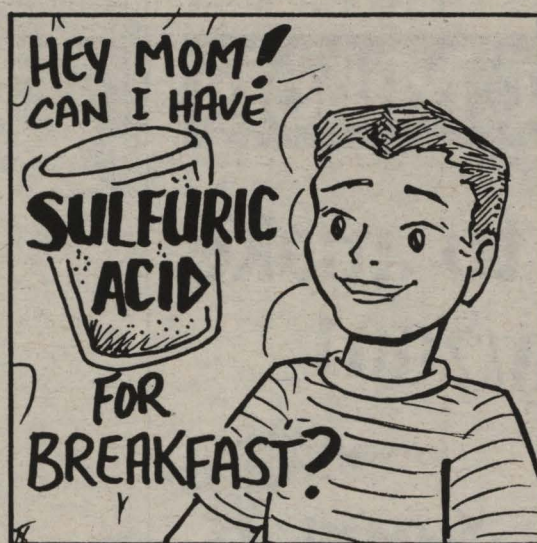
Andrew Bushard is mistaken on his views on veganism. In today's world, domestication is a reality that comes with responsibilities. These responsibilities vegans have ignored. For example, domesticated cows need to be milked each day or they get diseases such as mastitis. Thousands of years ago, humans 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 depend on humans for sustaining their lives. If we let populations grow out of control, we are not only denying 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 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 can 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.

Your holier-than-thou attitude, especially for someone who is so anti-Christian and indoctrination, strikes of double standards and hypocrisy.

-Rebecca Neises and Elizabeth Fontana



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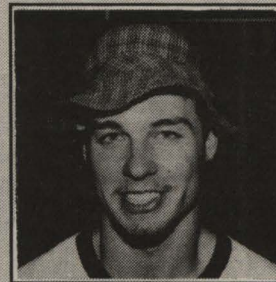
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OUTTA SHEAD'S HEAD



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 Treehaven 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.

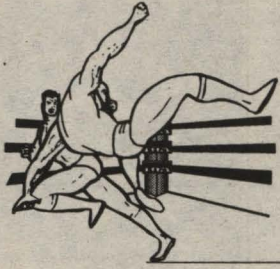
Conveniently, this proposed line would also be located within close proximity of another proposal, the Crandon mine. I think you get the picture.

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

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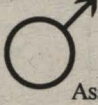
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By Annie Scheffen
FEATURES EDITOR



In the Ring: Gender pet-peeves



By Ryan Lins
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

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 admitting 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 ending women's lives with a broken nail and a messed-up hair day.

What about the whole adjusting themselves 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.

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 pairs? I bet they're discussing the next sale at Fashion Bug, or what cheap trinket is next in line on QVC. I know they aren't playing doubles at ping-pong!

By far, the toughest thing to stomach about women is camping with them. They can't even get into a tent not stamped with Jansport or Gander Mountain. You might as well get a suite at the Holiday Inn. Why can't women go more than two days camping without having to shave their legs? It's like the women think it's a glorified *Planet of the Apes* dilemma if they don't shave. Why must they make camping a fashion opportunity?

So, you can take your Lifetime channel with all your docu-dramas and washedup '80s actresses; I'll take my testosterone any day.

Alcohol awareness campaign to start

Advertising club seeks participants

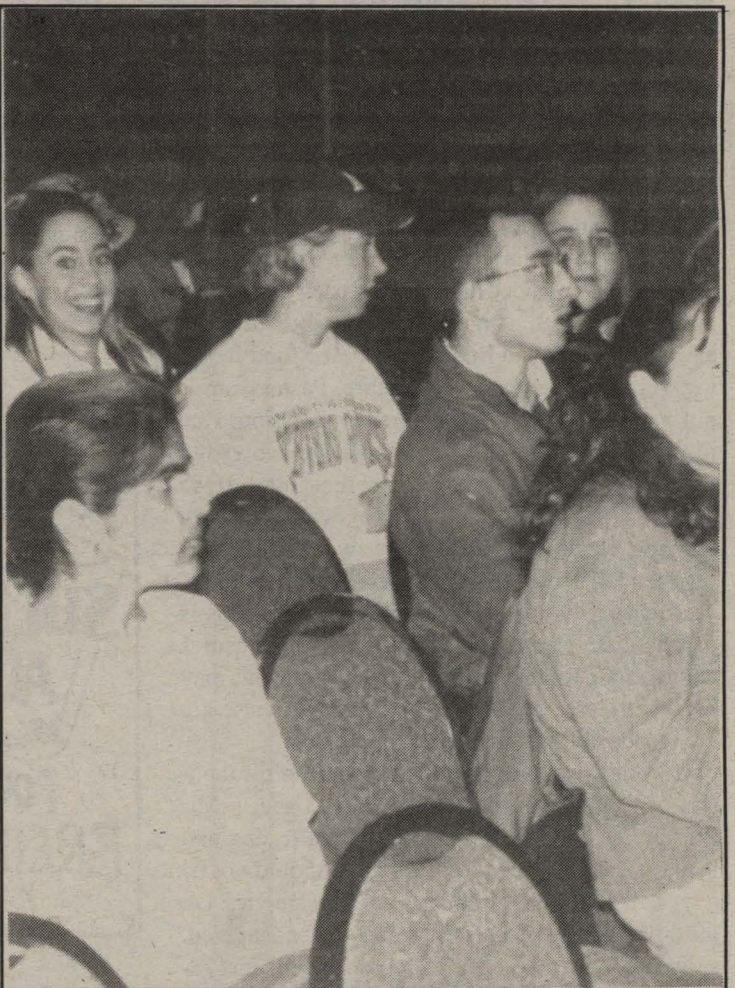
The American Advertising Federation (AAF) chapter of UW-Stevens Point is searching for students who are returning next semester to participate in a campuswide poster campaign promoting healthy choices towards alcohol consumption. AAF has worked with the Alcohol Education Office to develop a campaign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

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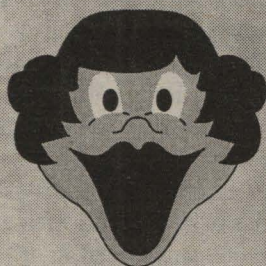
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The year is almost over, but many spring activities are still on the way. If there is something that you would like to see in the Features section, stop by Room 104 of the CAC or call 346-2249.

Word of Mouth



• Cults around the globe

Learn why "cult" shouldn't be a negative word, and why the media has given many alternative religions a bad name. Jim Lewis will speak on his extensive background and experience with alternative religions throughout the world on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Nicolet Room in the UC. This event is free.

• Take Back the Night

On Wednesday, April 26, Take Back the Night will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Sundial with a performance by Vicki Guzman. Starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be a variety of speakers including Chancellor George. The Take Back the Night march starts at 7:30 p.m.

• Copper Fountain Festival

On May 5, the Copper Fountain Festival "Copper Wars, Fountain Menace," will give students a chance to relax before finals. Free food, fun and live music will be provided. Call Centertainment Productions at 346-2412 for information.

• A day of canoeing

Join Recreational Services for a three-hour river ride from Jordan County Park to Iverson Park on May 6. Meet at 9 a.m. at Rec. Services with \$15 for transportation, trip leader assistance, first-aid kit and lunch. Sign-up lasts until May 1. Feel free to contact Becca at 346-3848 with questions.

• Interested in playing Lacrosse?

Lacrosse is a great sport for anyone who enjoys playing football, basketball, baseball, soccer or any other sport. Lacrosse is a year-round club sport. The club supplies all equipment except for a stick and gloves. If you are interested, show up at practice at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Debot field or Wednesday and Thursdays at Allen Center field. Call Sean at 343-1634 for more information.

• Managing Your Anger

UW-Stevens Point counseling center presents "Managing Your Anger" on Thursday, April 27. It will take place from 4-5 p.m. and will cover topics such as how to get out of a bad situation and how to control your frustration. Call the counseling center at 346-3553 to register.

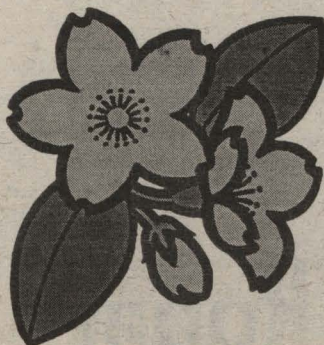
• Celebration of Languages

Come join the Multi-Cultural Show for the Celebration of Languages, Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Everything will be held in the Encore of the UC, and is sponsored by the South Asia Society, Centertainment and Multi-Cultural Affairs.

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Local show 'Gets to the Point'

By Kari Sulzer
FEATURES 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 Ruder, Stewart Hayes and Matt Hartwig feature a new guest, with topics ranging from Halloween to trivia, relationships to Veterans Day. Ritchie Plasse, the most recent guest, tours

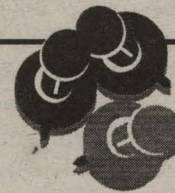
and speaks about the characterization of Native Americans for money.

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.

And Bankson plans on producing the show again next year.

"I have personal reasons for doing it," Bankson said.



The Pointer needs writers for the upcoming school year in all sections. Stop by room 104 of the Communication Arts Building if you are interested, or call us at 346-2249.

The band Madison Greene performed in the Encore April 19.

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In pursuit of Trivia 2000

By Pramela Thiagesan
NEWS EDITOR

It was neither a time for "Insectaphobia," 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 pa-

rade. 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. A

leased Pat Rothfuss as Charlton Heston led the skimpily-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

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One of the floats that graced the streets during Trivia 2000. (Photo by Renee Eismueller)

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.

The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, formerly known as the Appleton Foxes, are the Class A minor league affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. Such notables as Harold Baines, Tom Gordon and Alex Rodriguez have made a stop in Appleton on their way to the big leagues.

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 Osborn, College Day ticket coordinator for the Timber Rattlers.

Tickets are available at the UC Information desk.



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Trivia

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Rothfuss, team member of the winning float.

An aluminum centipede that was the 90FM float was a masterpiece designed by Jamie who allegedly made blueprints of the contraption. The glowing-eyed bug stood proud as the mascot of Trivia 31 outside the Communication Arts Building over the weekend.

"Now that is a floating bug!" exclaimed one onlooker.

After a harried round of beer at the Brewhaus, executive staff members sauntered back to the station behind a scurrying, wild-haired Oz.

At 6 p.m. on Trivia Friday, and 20,000 hearts beat as one to the tune of "Born to be Wild" by "Steppenwolf," a song that has opened Trivia since its birth at 90FM. The madness began as the first question was aired and the phones rang off the hook.

Trivia 31 had begun.

And so ensued 54 hours of questions that only writers John Eckendorf and Oz can pull out of their collective hats. While participants of the contest chugged down the booze and scratched their collective heads, volunteers at the 90FM station filled their collective bellies with what is fondly called "new food."

As Oz put it eloquently, "When there is new food, you eat it."

The new food he spoke of came by the hour and was donated by various eateries in town. 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 camaraderie, the food is has also become synonymous with Trivia.

"I can't wait to overdose on massive amounts of food," said Blair Brandow, next year's station 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.

Brandow, 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 to the station, but also "gives people an opportunity to forget about the daily hassles of work," said Oz.

To put is simply, "Trivia brings the community to the station," as Trivia jock Jackie Klish put it.

Trivia proved to be an unforgettable experience for newcomers to the volunteer team. Freshman Wendy Wilbur, who volunteered 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 directions 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 appearances from Spiderman and Elvis. Music Director Aric Otzelberger, who came in cameo as the superhero, also produced 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 superhero style by making up a fake Focus by interviewing Otzelberger and ripping on the snoring Payton.

Roger eventually woke up to Jessups claims that he was disappointed 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. After 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 weekend, 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 invoices.

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Which Bucks team will show up in playoffs?

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

It may have taken 81 games to make it a certainty, but the enigma that is the Milwaukee Bucks has made it into the NBA playoffs for the second year in a row.

The question that looms is, "Will the real Milwaukee Bucks stand up?" Please?

All year long, predicting which Bucks team would show up that night was about as easy as the probability of a coin landing on its side. The only thing a regular fan could expect was to expect the unexpected.

A year ago, Milwaukee was in position to win both of its final two playoff games against Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers.

"predicting which Bucks team would show up that night was about as easy as the probability of a coin landing on its side."

However, playoff inexperience cost the Bucks and they were promptly swept in three games.

One year later, the Bucks started out the season quickly only to see the team go through a stretch in which they dropped 13 of 17 games late in the season.

Then just as soon as everyone has reason to give up on them, they won by 21 in Indiana (a team that only lost five games at home this season) and closed out the season by winning six of their last seven games.

Talk about Jeckyll and Hyde!

There's absolutely no reason that the Bucks can't make some noise in the playoffs against the Pacers beginning this weekend.

If the "Big Three" of Ray Allen, Glenn Robinson and Sam Cassell (and Tim Thomas looking to make it the Big Four) can put all of the pieces together like they have shown they are capable of doing, the aging Indiana Pacers could be in trouble.

If the Bucks don't come to play, however, the team could be subject to some major changes in the offseason.

Oshkosh rallies to earn split with Point Fastpitch goes 4-1 at Illinois Wesleyan tourney

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Oshkosh softball team may have been winless 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 rally for 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.

Brenda 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 Hermesen was tagged out after overrunning the base.

"That was inexperience on a freshman baserunner and on myself," Harms said. "That was upsetting, but when you stop learning, you should stop coaching."



Jamie Lowney (22) gets set to deliver a pitch during UW-SP's first game against Oshkosh Tuesday. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

Nikki Best followed with a single that would have tied the game, but the Pointers couldn't push another run across.

"Jamie did a wonderful job for us," Harms said. "But 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

on a double by Hermesen, 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;

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Track teams second at North Central

By Mike Peck
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

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 Witt.

It showed that all the hard work has paid off this season."

To no one's surprise, Dan Schwamberger automatically qualified for Nationals in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:30.80. The only amazing thing about that race is that

Schwamberger actually got out kicked and finished second.

Shane Suehring also automatically qualified as he took second place in the steeplechase with a time of 9:08.44.

"There were excellent performances all the way across the board," Witt said. "Not just the top-line guys, but also the second and third line performed very well."

Craig Gunderson provisionally qualified for Nationals in the 400-meter dash in 48.10 seconds.

Other winners for UW-SP included Eric Miller in the 200-meter dash (21.89), Joel Schult in the discus (48.66m), Josh Kiem in the hammer throw (58.86m) and the 1,600-meter relay team (3:19.06).

"The meet was everything that we thought it would be," replied Witt. "Some days in outdoor track you have to be lucky to hit those on the right day."

Other highlights on the day include runner-up finishes by

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Quote of the Week

"Basketball doesn't owe me anything; I owe everything in my life to basketball, everything. I'm 37 years old. I'm rich beyond my wildest dreams. I have great material things. I've been all over the world and it's all because of basketball."

-Charles Barkley, following his return to the Houston Rockets for the last game in his career. He was to be out for the season with a leg injury, but returned for one final game. -CNN-SI.com



Zak Saxe (left) passes around a defender during Sectional Ultimate Frisbee action held at UW-SP last weekend. (Photo by Renee Eismueller)

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

did well with a win over Carleton College, 8-3, and losses to Iowa State University and Minnesota State-Mankato.

The team surprised the league teams with an aggressive offense and a hard-hitting, reckless defense.

The previous weekend, the Pointers played in the University of Minnesota tournament.

In the first game, the Pointers

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 swimmer Brent Newport, cross country runner Dan Schwamberger and swimmer Becca Uphoff all earned the honor on the Fall/Winter team for at-large sports. UW-Stevens Point was one of only three schools to land three at-large Academic All-Americans, joining Emory (Ga.) and UC-San Diego.

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 teams are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

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. Of 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.

"Brent'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.

"This is a tremendous honor for our entire university," UW-Stevens Point Athletics Director Frank O'Brien said. "These three student-athletes have done an outstanding job balancing athletics and academics and we're extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Newport, a senior from Berlin, Wis., boasts a 3.97 GPA in biology and business administration with minors in chemistry and computer information systems. He won WIAC titles in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, while also swimming on the 200 and 400 medley relay teams as the Pointers won their third WIAC title in four years. Newport qualified for the NCAA Division III National meet in all four events and earned All-American honors in the 400 medley relay, finishing sixth.

In 1999, Newport won the Business and Economics Meritorious Continuing Student Award and the Biology Faculty Research Award. He has also been awarded the Sentry Insurance Scholarship the past four years. He was a recipient of the 1999 University Leadership Award.

In addition, Newport has worked as an office assistant in the

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Warhawks earn payback against baseball team

By Zak Redding
COPY EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point baseball team went to Whitewater Saturday anxious to start the WIAC season, but was dealt a serious wakeup call, losing both games, 12-3 and 7-5.

"We didn't have a good mental approach," said Assistant Coach Chris Berndt. "The talent is always there for us to be successful, but the mental part comes and goes."

"For us to work toward the conference title, we have to put the two aspects together consistently," Pitching Coach Jesse Ray said.

UW-SP hammered Whitewater in a doubleheader last season, 16-1 and 11-1.

Whitewater hitters got to UW-SP starter Justin Duerkop early in game one, scoring eight runs in the second inning.

"That inning snowballed after our mistakes," Duerkop said. "We underestimated their talent and they capitalized."

Troy Bielmeier worked four innings of relief, yielding one run on two hits. Duerkop, however, took the loss, dropping to 4-1.

The Pointers put numbers on the board in the seventh, as Kevin Fry came through with a double to take away the shutout, collecting two RBI.

Fortunes appeared to turn in game two as UW-SP plated three runs in the first inning. Two Warhawk errors loaded the bases for Fry, who drove another double to the gap in left-center for three RBI.

A Molski RBI-single gave Point a 4-1 lead after two innings.

Whitewater clawed its way back into the game with four runs in the third and two in the fifth to take a 7-4 lead.

The Pointers pushed across one run in the seventh, but it wasn't enough as the Warhawks eaned the sweep. UW-SP pitcher Bill Verbrick went eight innings, striking out six.

On Thursday, the Pointers finally got a break in the weather and traveled to Minneapolis, Minn. for a doubleheader with Augsburg.

Freshman pitchers Jared Szews and Jeremy Zimmerman earned wins thanks to plenty of offensive support, as UW-SP swept

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The Week Ahead... 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

Fastpitch

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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 tournament by defeating the Pointers, 2-1.

UW-SP grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but surrendered two unearned runs in the second.

Chicago pitcher Kelly Oster stuck out 15 Pointer batters, as UW-SP managed just three hits.

The Pointers rebounded to bounce Maryville (Mo.), 7-3, in their tourney finale as Berg broke open a 3-2 lead with a bases-loaded triple.

Guckenberger pitched a complete game with nine strikeouts.

"Last weekend the girls looked like a whole different team than (Tuesday)," Harms said.

"Our bats came alive and we came ready to play," Harms added. "Our defense was on fire."

"I guess we need to be more consistent if we're going to be successful."

UW-SP (19-7-1 overall) will host its own tournament this Friday at Zenoff Park.

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Track

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Alan Tepp in the triple jump and Cory Lesperance in the long jump.

As the weather and heat pick up, the training for the team will start to back off a little bit as the team nears the home stretch of the season.

"The training has to start to back off so people have the opportunity to recuperate," said Witt. "The meets now become the focal point because it is the highest form of practice."

The woman's team enjoyed success at the meet, finishing a close second to UW-Oshkosh.

"It was a fantastic meet for us," women's coach Len Hill said. "How could it not be with the weather!"

Megan Lundahl led the way for the women by winning both the discus and the hammer throw. Her toss in the discus went 38.44 meters and she won the hammer with a throw of 44.72 meters.

Leah Juno paced the Pointers on the track as she won the 800-meter run (2:12.62) and automatically qualified for Nationals.

Juno also ran a 58.62-second split and out-kicked the field in the 4x400-meter relay for the women.

Coach Hill thought the weather played a huge factor in the way the ladies performed.

"Without a doubt," said Hill. "It's easier to have a positive outlook going into it. Just what we were looking for."

Other winners for the women include Jody Butowski with a triple jump leap of 11.06 meters, Becky Lebak in the 5,000-meter run in 17:51.57 and Missy Kraemer in the 400-meter dash in 58.82 seconds.

Katie Eiring came away with a second place finish in the pole vault as the Pointers showed they can score points in multiple events.

"I thought we did an excellent job," said Hill. "Oshkosh wasn't too far ahead of us and they had everybody there unlike when we beat them at our home meet."

Both teams will travel to Augustana College on Friday to compete in the Meet of Champions in Rock Island, Ill.

"The competition will be deeper there," said Hill. "A few more quality teams. Some teams that are known to have good track and field programs."

Not only will the competition increase, but also the ladies will have an opportunity to compete in a couple of events that they are not usually able to compete in.

"It will be a good meet," said Hill. "There will be some extra events (2,000-meter steeplechase and 4x800-meter relay) which be fun for us."

"We will take advantage of them."

Baseball

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Augsburg, 13-2 and 12-9.

Kevin Fry and Mike McCann each had three hits in game one, as Fry pounded two triples and three RBI while McCann had three stolen bases.

Szews pitched four strong innings, allowing no walks and striking out three.

Nick Cahoon sparked a six-run first inning in game two with a two-run triple. Matt Peetz had two hits and four RBI and Randy Reed had four hits with three RBI to lead the team's 16-hit effort.

Zimmerman scattered six hits over four innings, giving up one earned run and no walks while striking out three for the win.

UW-SP starts a 10-game home stand Friday, taking on La Crosse at 1 p.m. and River Falls on Saturday at noon.

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 Division III national meet as a senior and 20th as a junior. Schwamberger also recently won the national championship in the 5,000 meters at the Division III indoor track meet. Schwamberger is a member of the UW-Stevens Point Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Student Society of Arboriculture. He also was named UW-Stevens Point's outstanding male athlete in an individual sport for the 1999-2000 season.

Uphoff, a senior from Madison and a graduate of West High School, 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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2. 15 and Under
3. Scrubs

Women's Basketball

1. Throbbin' C's
2. All-Stars
3. Gym Rats

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1. Soto
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1. Scrubs
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1. Not All There
2. Gravitrons
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1. D's Destroyers
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1. Frisky in the Sand
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2. Bulldogs
3. Farm & the Boys

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT MICHELLE GERBER - FASTPITCH



Gerber

Hometown: Kenosha, Wis.

Major: Sociology

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

Who was your idol growing up?: My family; 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-Tournament team.

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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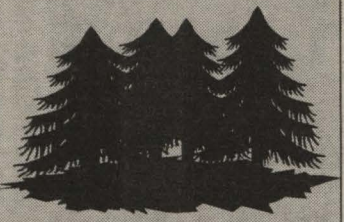
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Gill's Grumblings



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 unassociated 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 the overzealous demonstrators of late seem to be forgetting an important thing—by being so extreme, so abrasive, so aggressive, they are alienating more conservative people who are siding with them in the first place.

Spring break Razorback style

By Ryan Lins

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

During this year's spring break, I traveled with my father to Greer's Ferry, Ark to go bass fishing. By far, this was one of the most interesting and unique places to catch the "elusive" largemouth that I have ever encountered.

During the tedious 14-hour trek to Arkansas, I pondered some of the stereotypes I have had about the Deep South. I wondered if all of the people I would meet would be rednecks with confederate flags on the back of their rusty pick-up trucks. Some of my notions proved truer than others.

The only thing that was more striking than the beautiful Ozark scenery was the apparent lack of local watering holes. There were plenty of Baptist churches but not a bar as far as the naked eye could see in Heber County.

I had heard rumors of "dry

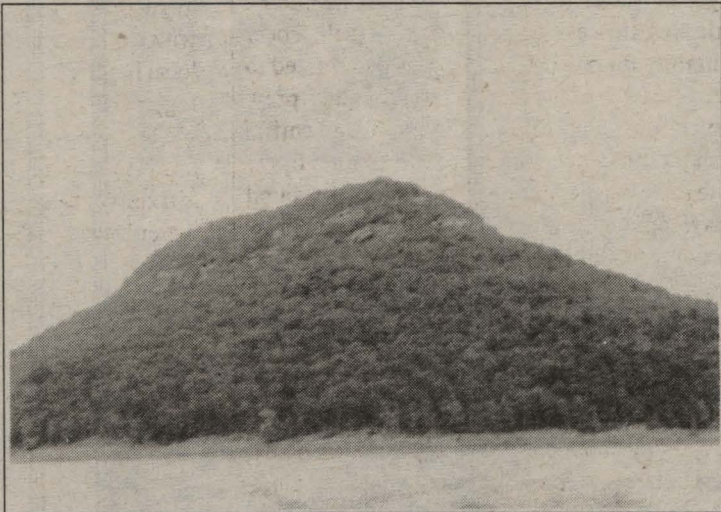
counties" but had never had the bad luck to run into one of them. Heber County, a dry county, proved to be more challenging a vacation area than perceived.

After a good night's rest, we were set to do some serious fishing. We got up at 5 a.m. and proceeded to sleepwalk to our boat.

smallmouth, Kentucky, and striped bass. It is also home to numerous professional-fishing tournaments.

We were using our friend Randy's dilapidated fishing boat, which took over 30 minutes to start. I felt sorry for my father who was on the motor end of this Arkansas junk boat.

After much delay, we headed to Sugar Loaf Mountain which is located off of Greer's Ferry State Park. We eventually started fishing. I used a power salamander with a Carolina rig. My dad was using floating Rapalas on one pole and minnows with another.



Sugarloaf Mountain rises from the Ozarks near Greer's Ferry Lake. (Photo by Ryan Lins)

We started fishing Greer's Ferry Lake, a former meandering river, which was flooded after being dammed in 1963. Greer's Ferry Lake stretches over 30 miles, nestled in the tail end of the Ozarks.

The lake is covered in bronze-colored buttes and bluffs, and is decorated with tall pines. Greer's Lake is noted for its largemouth,

other.

After working the island for an hour, we each had landed two 17-inch smallies. Luck was not on our side, as the great Striped Bass run takes place in late April.

The rest of the week was much the same— isolated bass and wandering walleyes caught.

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Calling tactics for spring longbeards

By Ryan Pauls

OUTDOORS REPORTER

You have drawn a turkey permit, you have bought all the calls, shotgun shells, camouflage, decoys and licenses. You have even done some scouting and figured out the general roosting location of the toms and potential strutting grounds. Yet with all this done, a person is still not guaranteed to get a tom.

Many people do everything correctly up to this point and then, come their first morning out in the woods, a tom will gobble on the roost, then fly away to the hens, not to be seen again until long after the hunter is in the truck, frustrated and driving down the road.

This scenario can be fixed with proper setup. First of all, it's good to have a general idea of the hens and toms roosting. But this knowledge cannot replace "putting the toms to bed." When the toms roost for the night, they will often gobble right before dark. It's also possible to make them gobble by shocking them or using a couple of tree yelps. The shock gobble seems to be more effective. Anything can be used, from a car horn to owl hoot. This also allows you to pinpoint the exact location of a certain tom.

The next step is to be in the

woods very early the next day and set up between the hens and the tom. The reason to set up here is that you will have a good chance of cutting the hens off from the tom as they leave their roosts. If a tom sees or hears you before the real hens, he might come in offering a chance to tag him.

First, to let toms know that you are there, let out a series of soft tree yelps at first light, just as a hen does as she is waking up and trying to find the rest of the flock. Often this will produce a gobble. Even though it is tempting to start to call and get him fired up right away, don't. Sometimes a tom that gets called to on the roost will stay on the roost

and expect the hen to fly up to him to be bred.

When the tom finally does fly down, give a series of yelps or just do a little bit a clucking. Sometimes this is enough to get a tom to come strutting in. If this is not the case, try purring to coax him in those last few yards. Do not over-call, and do not get up and move right away. These are two mistakes that people make all the time.

If you call too much, the tom will know something unusual is going on. Also, just because he doesn't march right into your setup, doesn't mean he forgot about you. He may try to find you once he's done breeding the hens.



Lisa Doering shot this 21.5-pound gobbler during the 1993 spring turkey season. (Submitted photo)

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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, basking 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 sniffle I, I... 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.

That's right, there's a disorder for the sadness, the frequent naps and the incessant need to be stuffing your mouth with something edible. The symptoms include a lack of energy, decreased interest in your everyday activities and cravings for carbohydrates.

Before you run out to the white-coat wearing, degree toting entity, this disorder is rare—most people just have the winter blahs. And the treatment—sessions of exposure to a full-spectrum fluorescent light. Anybody for a cancer-causing tanning bed?

Alas, the sun god Phoebus would not be amused or assuaged with such modern treatments. Jim Snyder, a graduate student at the University of Louisiana, wrote his thesis on "The Sun and Man's attitude." Snyder maintains that there has been no significant scientific research supporting human dependency on sunlight. I have found no studies examining the effects of sunlight or bright light exposure on emotions in normal humans.

I've watched the faces of people on campus and have compared them to what I saw at the Eco Fair on Friday. Even though the precipitation hangs poised in the atmosphere, emitting an odor like standing beside the ocean, it's not the same without the sun.

DNR extends period for public input on fish and game proposals

An unprecedented public turnout 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 Warnke, 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.

"With this extension, we're hoping to give everyone who wanted to participate in the process a chance to do so."

Spring rules hearings are held annually in every county of Wisconsin.

Each year, the

agenda contains a mix of questions including proposals for new statewide and local fish and wildlife management rules from the Department of Natural Resources, questions from the Conservation Congress on fish, wildlife and environmental management and the delegate elections. Citizens may also present resolutions for vote at individual county meetings.

"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."

—Steve Miller, Wisconsin DNR

fications to rules must go to the legislature for approval. The legislature also has authority to call additional public hearings on any of the proposals before it.

"In several meeting locations, people were turned away because the meeting halls had reached their listed safe capacities," explained Steve Miller, DNR division of lands administrator. "The spring rules hearings are meant



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Schmeckle Reserve Prog.: Animal Tales (Spring Wildlife), 7:45-8:45PM (Meet at Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center)

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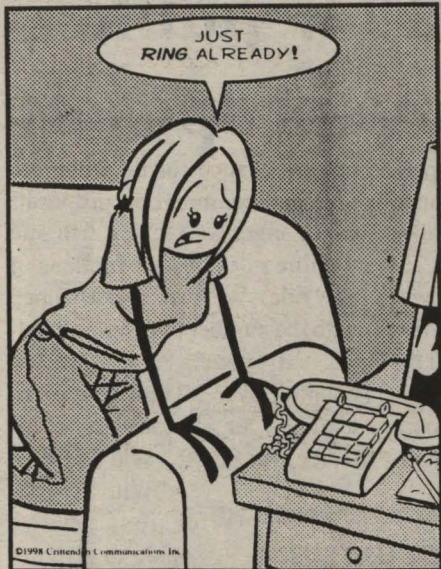
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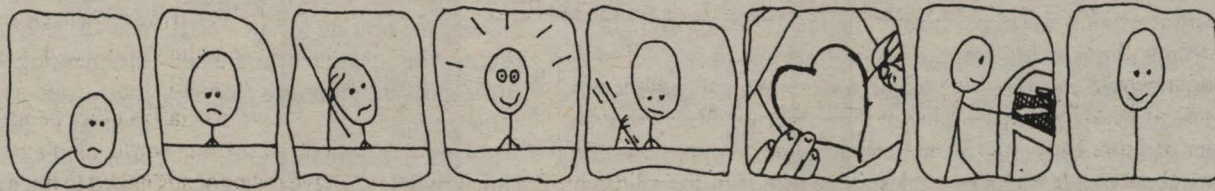
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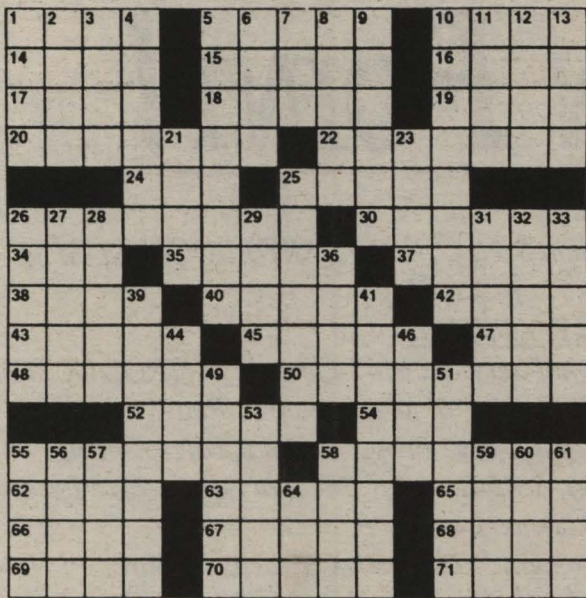
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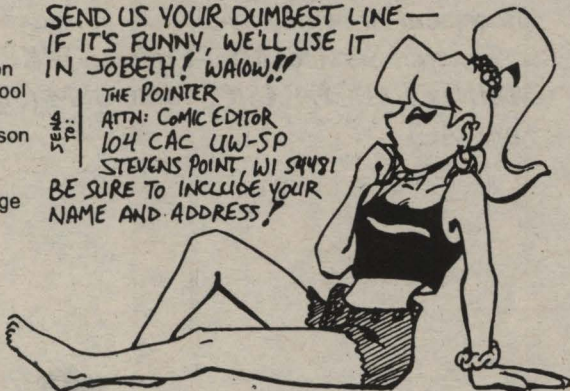
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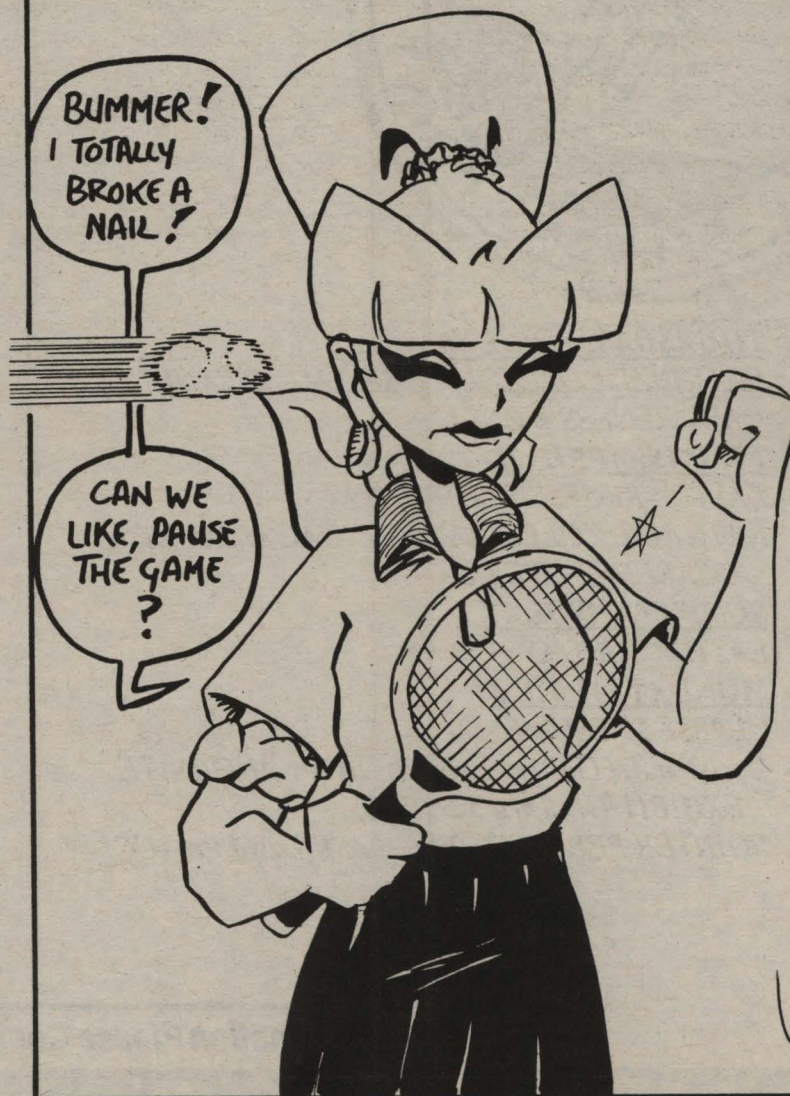
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Your College Survival Guide

How to be cool

BY Pat "super-ego" Rothfuss

Dear Pat,

I really like your column. I just thought I'd write in and tell you that because a lot of people seem to be getting on your case lately. Frankly, I'm surprised (but pleased) that you're still writing after some of the letters you've received. How can you stand to read those letters? Don't they get you down?

That's all. I don't really need any advice unless you can tell me how to deal with the fact that I'm behind schedule on all my end-of-term projects.

S.B.

P.S. Someone told me you were graduating, but I don't believe it. That would be too terrible for words, like Peter Pan growing up and getting a job as a dishwasher. Besides, if you leave, who's going to make us laugh?

How do I manage to maintain my continuously humorous outlook on life despite the fact that some people consider my column to be a type of textual disease? Simple. It's a matter of faith. No matter what people may say about me, Jesus loves me despite my faults.

No, just kidding. I was serious about the faith thing though. You see, several years ago I came to the realization that I was pretty damn cool. Ever since I have had an unshakable faith regarding my own coolness. And, as it says in the Bible, "if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Bitch, make me a sandwich!' and lo! The mountain will move its big old fat ass off into the kitchen and bring you the sandwich, and a bag of chips too."

Something like that at any rate.

Furthermore, I have an ego like a '55 Impala. It's not pretty. It's not easy to maintain. But it's almost indestructible and you don't want to get in its way.

But, 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. 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 luke-warm curiosity...

That means that they know more cheater tricks that even I do. Consequently, trying to use these sort 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, 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 fiddly goof-ups. But trust me, nothing makes you look dumber than careless mistakes.

Don't offer to have sex with your prof. in return for a passing grade. This implies that you're a lousy lay.

Do offer to have sex with your prof. in exchange for an A and 500 bucks in cash. This will pique 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 nailed to hot iron plates before they are thrown into pits filled with hungry alligators and fundamentalist Christians.

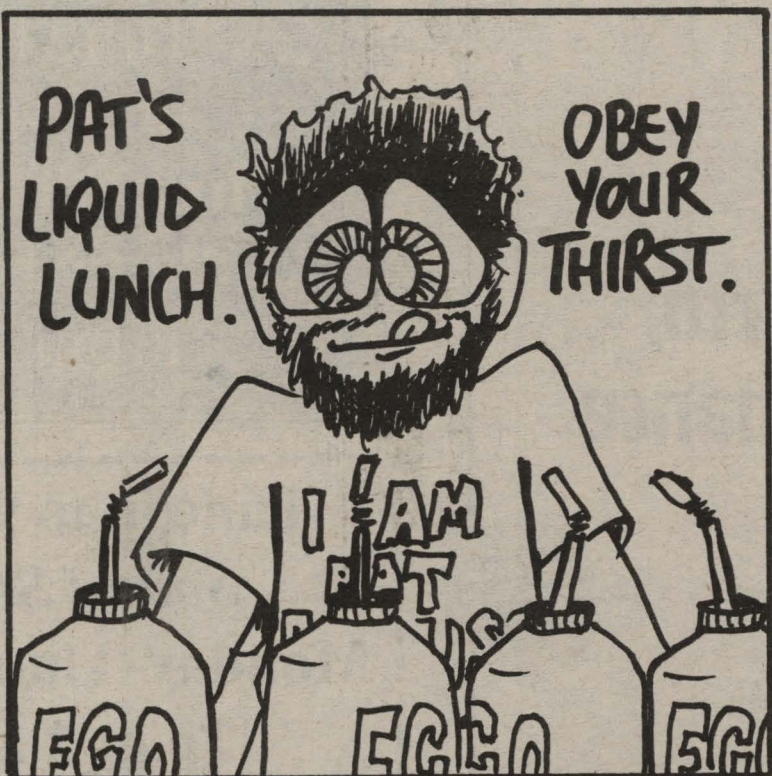
Do reference your professor's published articles and/or books if they are appropriate for the subject. Hell, reference them even if they aren't appropriate.

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

Speaking of academia. I'm afraid the rumor you heard was true. I am graduating. Sorry.

On the up side, you're all invited to my graduation party. Yes, 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 stop by *The Pointer* to pick it up.



Well...actually...women sometimes wanted to touch it, but that was about all. But 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 splurge 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 Brickhouse. If you're really in the mood for an ugly, painful haircut, come to me instead. At least I won't charge you 20 bucks for it.

My second piece of advice has to do with the end-of-the-semester crunch that we're all feeling right now. Here's a quick list of Do's and Don'ts.

Don't use a big-ass 14-point font and wide margins to make your paper longer. You aren't fooling anyone with this trick, least of all your professors. Remember, they went to school for about a dozen years.

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.

In all seriousness, I've at least known of Pat during all my years at UW-SP. I still remember the first time I ever went into a computer lab as a scared, pathetic freshman. Pat was a lab assistant that day. My first encounter with Pat's incredible intellect came in the form of a lesson of how to log onto the computer. I'm serious.

Of course, as a freshman, you naturally assume that the lab assistants are upper

classmen who will soon graduate. The strange thing was, I kept running into Pat during my sophomore and junior years.

One day early in my senior year, Pat showed up in *The Pointer* office and wanted to know if he could write a column. I figured I'd repay the favors he'd done me and let him. It couldn't hurt, I reasoned. If only I knew what I was in for!

Obviously his columns do come as a bit of a shock to the civilized western world, but I think you'd understand if you actually met Pat.

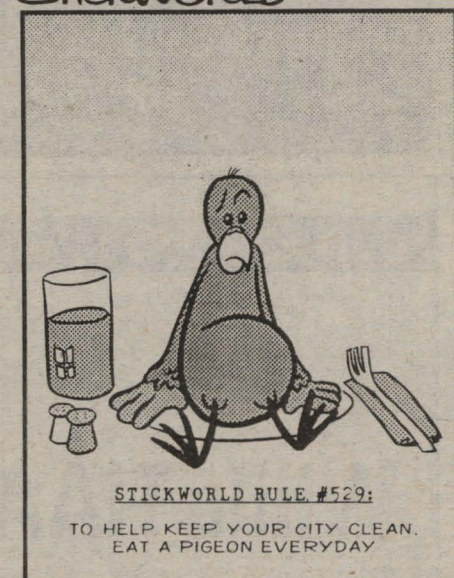
Pat has a different, if not twisted, outlook on life. He prefers to eat his slightly rotten bananas slowly in order to savor

their goodness (and perhaps to pick off the fruit flies).

He is a well-rounded person, knowledgeable in many fields. For example, in an insanity-driven moment, I suggested it might be fun to get high on a whole mess of poppy seeds. However, Pat suggested I might have better luck if I tried nutmeg...if I survived. He's so thoughtful, and apparently has a wide knowledge of foods. I should ask him to bake me a cake.

Let's be fair to Pat. He's not that different from the rest of us. He, like many normal, civilized human beings, does not like to wait in long lines for a ride on a roller coaster. Normal, huh?

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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 funny?
4. What three 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 put on his cereal in lieu of milk?
10. According to Pat's worldly experience, what is youth all about?

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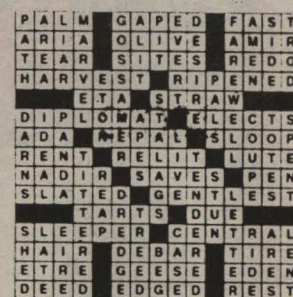
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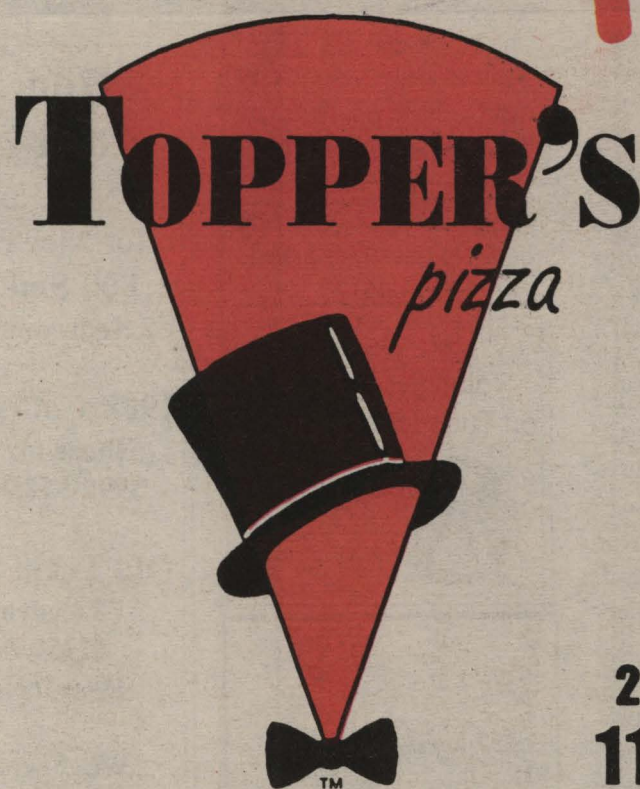
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