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UW-SP students join protestors in D.C.



Protestors with giant puppets show their dissent for the IMF and the World bank. (Photo by Dana Menske)

Two UW-Stevens Point students joined protesters in Washington D.C. last week to voice dissent for the International Monetary Funds (IMF) and World Bank spring meeting. Sabrina Johnson and Dana Menske were part of the crowd that attempted to disrupt the spring meetings and create awareness on how IMF policies and programs are disruptive through media attention.

Though the thousands of demonstrators failed to shut down the meeting, they did succeed in disrupting the city as they demanded "global justice."

"The structural adjustment programs (SAP) is one of the IMF and the World Bank loan con-

ditions which cause countries who accept these loans to be further indebted," said Menske.

Critics of SAP also claim that the policy promotes sweatshops, causes environmental degradation and heightens poverty levels in Third World countries.

"In most cases, IMF and World bank intervention left the country in worse condition than it was," said Johnson.

Both Johnson and Menske agree that the trip to Washington was a learning experience.

"Many people are confused because there were activists protesting various causes and the sea

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Pointers take back the night

By Andrea Wetzel
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Supporters from many different backgrounds united in the Sundial Wednesday for the eleventh annual Take Back the Night rally. The Women's Resource Center (WRC) held the rally to promote awareness of violence and sexual assault.

"It was really great to see the wide variety of people attending Take Back the Night, rallying against violence to women and all people," said WRC Volunteer Coordinator Alexa Priddy.

"I am impressed with the enthusiasm of the crowd and the dedication of people who helped," she added.

The rally began with a performance from

singer songwriter Vicki Guzman and her band.

After the performance, Chancellor Thomas George addressed supporters in the Sundial.

"Violence against women and children remains a serious issue, and Take Back the Night addresses this issue," said George.

Nancy Bayne of UW-Stevens Point affirmative action then spoke about women's need to take back their voices.

Sharon Jakusz, Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAVS) Coordinator and Bruce Felix of the Family Crisis Center talked about the services available to victims of sexual assault.

Maggie Tompkins, who works at First Home,

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Hate crimes still a problem on campus

By Pramela Thiagesan
NEWS EDITOR

Despite the chancellor's public denouncement of hate crimes and recent campaigns aimed to educate students on tolerance, another hate crime was committed in the UW-Stevens Point residence halls.

The recent incident took place outside a residence hall in broad daylight when a student was publicly called a "fairy" and a "faggot" before a football was thrown at him. The incident took place in the presence of almost 30 onlookers but no one intervened.

According to the victim, Owen Alabado, the name-calling got louder as he walked further away from the group.

Though residential living officials were informed, a formal complaint was not lodged with protective services.

"Both my hall director and Bob Mosier were very supportive and concerned," said Alabado.

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Seniors prepare for graduation

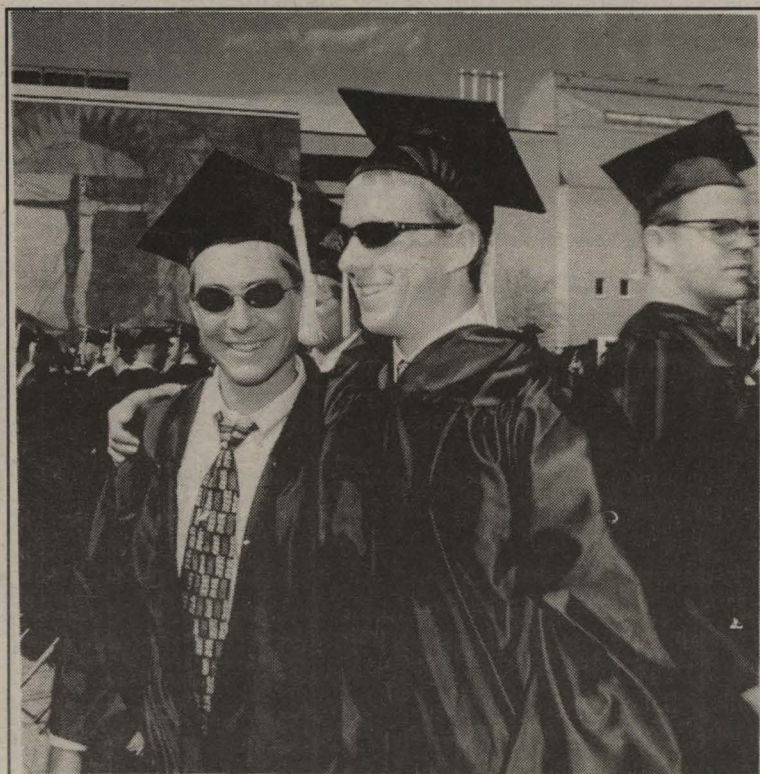
By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS REPORTER

UW-Stevens Point seniors are counting down the last days of their college years as the Class of 2000 prepares for graduation and the job market. This year's commencement ceremony takes place on May 14.

"UW-SP has prepared me well," said Brett Weber, senior geography major. "I believe that employers are looking for me to display good technical skills and hold other traits such as computer literacy and giving good presentations."

Mike Pagel, associate director of student services, felt that students get

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Mark Weinhold (left) and Jesse Moen at the graduation ceremony of Spring 1998. (Photo by Doug Moore)

UW-SP students march for unity

By Josh Goller
NEWS REPORTER

The third annual Peace March for Unity brought students and the Stevens Point community together in celebration of diversity. The event took place Wednesday, April 26 at the Sundial.

The event began three years ago in response to several racial incidents that occurred on campus and in the residence halls.

"This march was formed by students who wanted to send a message to those responsible that the majority of campus supports diversity," said Martha Perkins, organizer.

Her statement came to life when nearly 75 students displayed their unity by joining hands around the Sundial as the song "Lean On Me" resounded through the air.

"Imagine if there was no sunlight. We couldn't judge people by skin color, sexual orientation or the clothes they wear," said Owen Alabado, student.

The events began at noon with a cookout. Proceeds went to aid the flood victims in Mozambique. Those gathered in the Sundial were also treated to a variety of cultural music ranging from hip hop to Latin tunes as Todd Norton, a former head organizer, acted as DJ.

Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson, Melvyn Rousseau, director of the educational support program and Bob Wolensky, sociology professor, addressed the crowd with speeches stressing the importance of tolerance and respect in the community.

"We may have different skin, religion and cultures, but we're all Pointers...we're all people," said Tomlinson.

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Students and organizers preparing before the march. (Photo by Rick Ebbers)

Hate: Crimes against LGBT community continues

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Alabado, who is a member of the 10% society, also speaks at educational workshops to increase awareness regarding tolerance for the LGBT community.

"I was the only guy who had enough balls to come out and try to address this problem. Because I am a guy, the reaction to my lifestyle is more direct," said Alabado.

"People should realize that it takes a lot for me to stand before a group of people and speak. Many times people don't even know my name, but now I am known as that 'gay guy,'" he added.

When Student Government Association (SGA) was informed about the incident during its weekly senate meeting, the senators took immediate action and signed a petition urging affected residence hall directors to investigate the matter.

"I want people to know that I am a person, not a sexuality and I pay just the same as anybody to go to school here and to live in the residence halls, therefore, I deserve to be treated just like anyone else," said Alabado.

He also voiced concerns that these acts of hate crimes may deter people from coming out because they are afraid that they, too, will be subjected to such acts.

"It is sad that people feel this way, that they have to hide who they are," said Alabado.

In lieu of the recent upsurge of these hate crimes, the residence halls have begun educational programs such as "red fish, blue fish, gay fish, green fish." This program drew more than 200 students to Knutzen Hall where the program was first held.

The next "fish" program will be held at Hansen Hall on May 2.

"We do have zero tolerance programs in the residence halls but we need a protocol that is more proactive instead of reactive," said Kaylyn Jennik, community advisor.

Alabado also stressed the need for allies of the LGBT community to be present at these activities and the need for the vocalization of their support.

Take Back: Annual rally against sexual assault draws crowd

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spoke about statutory rape in the Stevens Point area.

"I constantly see 15-year-olds who have had children fathered by older men. Over 60 percent of girls who have children as teenagers have been sexually abused as a child," said Tompkins.

Next, Amber Mattano spoke about the services offered at Planned Parenthood in Wausau.

After the speeches, many people chose to "speak-out" against assault. A few students read poems. One student wrote a dialogue and read it with a friend.

Others shared personal stories about sexual assault.

"It helps to have a support group and good friends," said one student, "but it also helps to know that whatever happened was not your fault."

Another speaker said, "Coming to take back the night has shown me that so many people have gone through the same thing as me."

Following the speak-out, supporters marched around campus carrying candles and chanting such things as "We have the

power, we have the might. The streets are ours, take back the night!"

The march ended at the Encore where Guzman sang a few more numbers, followed by a performance by folk/rock musician Brenda Weiler.

This event was sponsored by the 10% society, Promoting Awareness With Students, Residence Hall Association, Living Spirit Bookstore, the Stevens Point Area Cooperative, the Stevens Point Area Women's Club as well as the WRC.

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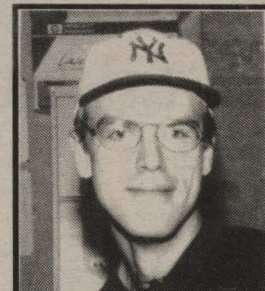
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WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ELIAN GONZALEZ ISSUE?



Jesse Lalonde
GRAPHIC DESIGN, JR.

"It really sucks. I liked the kid."



Joe Kranz
GRAPHIC DESIGN, SR.

"Does he have an agent?"

Justine Pawelski
UNDECLARED

"The governments should have kept their noses out of it."



Ana Gonzalez
SOCIOLOGY

"I think he should be with his father because it wasn't a Cuba, America issue but a father son."



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Graduation

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seduced into thinking that the technical skills they are learning in their courses are the same skills that the employers care about.

"The employers care about them, no question," said Pagel. "But when a student graduates, there is a fundamental assumption that the student has those skills, but having those skills does not ensure competence. Employers start looking for other things."

According to the UW-SP career services office, employers are looking for people with good problem-solving and leadership skills, confidence, initiative and physical and emotional endurance. The Career Services office also said that people should also have the ability to continually learn, adapt to change and communicate on computers.

"I would think employers are looking for the old-fashioned things, such as dependability, good work ethic, communication skills and critical thinking," said Dave Vikse, senior wildlife major.

"One in 10 applicants who do get hired get let go within six months due to behavioral problems, and 47 percent of today's new college graduates say they expect to stay on their first job less than 12 months," said Pagel.

Employers are also having problems with hiring. It takes a company three years to cover the costs in training a worker. Sentry Insurance said that they want their new employees to stay at their company for three to four years.

"We want people who already have developed relationships within the community while in college," said Dick Hawley, employment specialist at Sentry.

Sentry also looks at a person's grade point average when hiring.

"I'm not saying that this means that a person is smarter (than someone with lower grades), but this suggests that the person is committed to their education and is working hard at it," said Hawley. "Working hard in college usually transfers over to career."

Mark Sevenich, professional recruiting manager at Consolidated Papers, looks at an applicant's grade point average, but insists that grades aren't always everything. "A person who is a 4.0 student and doesn't have any job experience or partake in any extracurricular activities before graduating is very different from a person who has a 3.2 average and has practical experience in their field, either through internships or summer work."

According to Pagel, "Grades document just one thing, and that is your ability to learn in the classroom. Grades don't document your ability to learn in the learning environment that is supplied by the employer."

Every year Career Services conducts a follow-up study on graduates. According to the follow-up study on 1998 non-teaching graduates, 67 percent of those were employed in their respective fields, 28 percent were employed out of the field, and five percent were seeking further schooling.

Not all graduates are immediately entering the workplace. Senior Eric Sternberg is entering a seminary to become a priest. Although he is not seeking a job in his biology major, he feels that UW-SP has prepared him well for his new field of study.

Career Services suggested that undergraduates should talk to several people who hire in jobs related to a certain field before majoring in that field. They should also find out what is required in their job.

"Talk to people already working in your field and get good input on what your job will be like," said Kou Vang, teacher in the Wausau school district.

There are a few important steps people should take before going into a job interview, said Pagel. "A person should know what their skills are, know what skills the employer expects you to have and show the employer where you've already used those skills and show positive results attached to them."

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turtles from the WTO protest were also there. There were also people from the free Mumia movement there. It may have come across like people were there just to protest, but actually all these problems stem from the same problems in the system," said Johnson.

"We have a freedom in this country to assemble and speak out against hypocrisy around the world. We have the right that many people in their countries do not have. It may seem hypocritical to speak against these injustices, but many people from these countries also join us in our protest," said Menske.



Protestors on the streets of D.C. (Photo by Dana Menske)

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12:40 a.m. Learning Resources Center

A student reported the theft of his dark blue men's Huffy 18-speed bicycle from the east upper ramp of the Learning Resources Center.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

12:45 p.m. Thomson Hall

A student called Protective Services requesting an officer to assist him with some uncooperative students.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

10:30 p.m. Physical Education Building

A custodial worker spotted three white males in the northwest hallway. One male took some pedestal-type railings and ran from the building.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12:47 p.m. Thomson Hall

A student called Protective Services requesting an officer for suspicion of marijuana.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

1:48 p.m. Lot Q

A student reported her 1989 Ford Probe had been struck while it was parked in Lot Q.

EDITOR'S NOTE :

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

Feeling superiority over animals is wrong

I feel compelled to respond to the editorial submitted by Miss Neises and Miss Fontana concerning the harmful effects of veganism on society and nature. I have held the view for quite some time now that many species of animals which we humans consider inferior to us have suffered rather unjustly at our hands and have been pulled into our sphere of influence without their consent.

The white-tailed deer is a good example. It is true that hunting does save the surviving deer from severe starvation, but the original controlling factor of the deer population, which humans have been responsible for the near elimination of, is just as effective, if not more so. The factor I refer to is the presence of the timber wolf in the Wisconsin wilderness. The predator-prey relationship between the carnivore and herbivore is timeless, and we humans have unjustly tampered with such a delicate balance. Hunting is a rather savage "solution" for this

problem, and I truly believe that 75 percent of hunters could give less than a timber wolf's behind about the well-being of the white-tailed deer population of Wisconsin; but rather use hunting as an outlet for bloodlust. Reintroduction of the timber wolf to Wisconsin forests would solve the problem of deer overpopulation very effectively.

The other issue I'd like to address is that of animal drug testing: another issue which, I believe, humans have unjustly forced upon animals. I believe humans should keep drug testing to themselves, and not inflict such treatment upon innocent creatures. Even if the test subject in question is a lifesaving drug, I see no justification for the contention that a human life is more important than that of an animal. I think it helps to think about this issue empathetically. Suppose a new species came along, more intelligent, and more powerful than humans, and that species decided to use humans for medical test-

ing. How many people do you know who would not protest against such treatment at the top of their lungs? Now suppose this species gave us as much regard as we give the animals we test drugs on? How would you feel? I am not a vegan. I am not even a vegetarian. If I come across as a hypocrite, I apologize. But I don't think humans can justify their dominance of other species with lame excuses based on our simple superiority. There is simply no proof of it. I believe that humans are just another step on the evolutionary ladder, and I see no reason for us to be the apotheosis of the process. I'm sure we will eventually evolve into far more advanced species, who will then turn the tables on us, and perhaps dominate the remainder of the human species. That is, unless their moral structure and sensibilities evolve with them, which we can only hope for.

-Aaron Marx

Staff demands justice in *Pointless* theft

Some of you may be aware that the recent April Fool's edition of *The Pointer* was removed from the racks shortly after it hit the stands. This is not merely an act of theft but also a grave violation of our First Amendment.

Last week, Iranian Supreme leader, Ali Khamenei closed 14 Iranian newspapers and imprisoned two journalists. To many this is an example of hard-line politics trying to muzzle the country's vocal pro-reform press.

"They are trying to shatter everything that is sacred. They are questioning Islamic issues, they are questioning the revolution, not with rational arguments, but wrong methods," said Khamenei in his April 20 speech denouncing the independent media.

Perhaps if they had a constitution like the United States, they would understand that freedom of speech is an asset, not a weapon.

The first amendment promises people the right to express their opinion, be it praise or criticism. Freedom of speech and expression is a basic right and one that should never be violated.

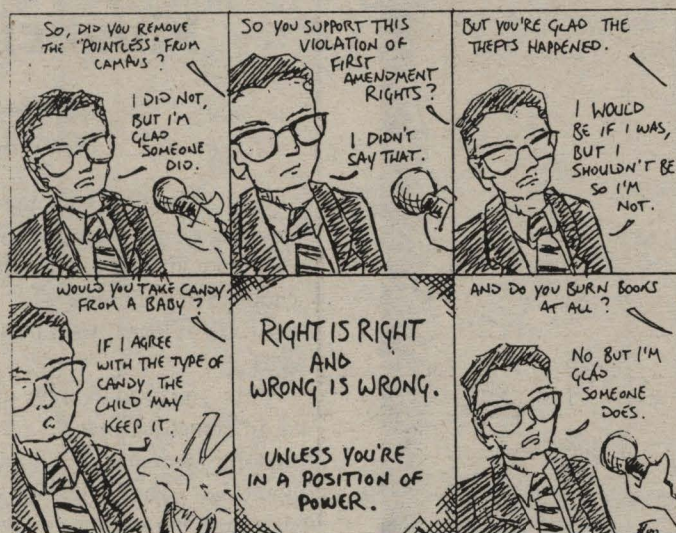
As media people, we know and understand that non-mainstream expressions create bumps in the otherwise buoyant existence of the average person. The average person's threshold for tolerance, however, does not precede the sanctity of our constitution. Our constitution has no tolerance for those who violate First Amendment rights.

Our April Fool's edition of the paper was taken off the racks without our authorization shortly after publication. This act not only violates the constitution, the

media and the student body but also ridicules the "institute of higher learning" that is UW-SP. How ironic that former chancellor Lee Dreyfus proclaimed this university to be a "First Amendment institution."

We, *The Pointer* staff challenge those responsible for taking this paper off the racks to offer an explanation. On behalf of the student body, we urge anyone who has any information to contact us.

-The Pointer staff



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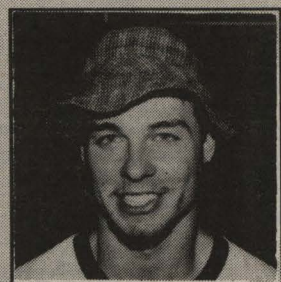
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OUTTA SHEAD'S HEAD



Wanted: Stolen *Pointless*

I'm upset that I'm writing this. This is the third time I've written about *The Pointless*, and frankly, I think this issue has been beaten to death.

In all honesty, I think this year's issue of *The Pointless* was the mildest one I've ever seen. Either my opinion is way off the mark, or people are offended much more easily these days.

While the "offense" issue is still talked about on campus, a new issue behind *The Pointless* has taken over as the buzz everywhere I go: who stole *The Pointless*?

That's right, stole *The Pointless*. Every person on campus had a right to see that issue, yet some individual or individuals robbed the rest of the people of the opportunity to read the paper.

Why? The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. Period. It doesn't matter if an individual is offended by something; the media has a right to distribute and the public has a right to read printed material. I haven't seen *Playboy* pulled from the shelves of bookstores or those trashy tabloids pulled from grocery store checkout lines, and I think these magazines are far more offensive than anything ever printed in *The Pointless*.

To the person or persons responsible for the removal of *The Pointless*, I'd like an explanation from you. In fact, I think the whole campus would like an explanation, especially those people who were denied the opportunity to pick up *The Pointless*. You've taken away a freedom from the students of this university. Do you realize that the loss of freedom leads to oppression? Apparently not. You didn't read *The Pointless*.

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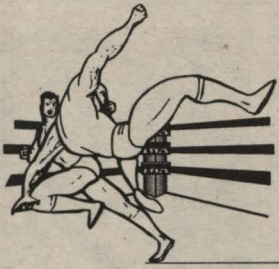
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In the Ring: OZZFEST vs. Lilith Fair

By Ryan Lins

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The *Oz Man Commeth* this summer to a venue near you. This year's OZZ-Fest features Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Incubus, P.O.D, and one of my personal favorites, Godsmack.

These names don't exactly fly off the lips of most teeny-boppers, and top-forty minded college students today. The bands on the OZZ-Fest tour are almost as popular, though.

I know it is the trendy thing in today's liberal environment to be the first person on your block to go to the Lilith Fair, but easy listening, trite music isn't proper table fair for an OZZ-Fest fan.

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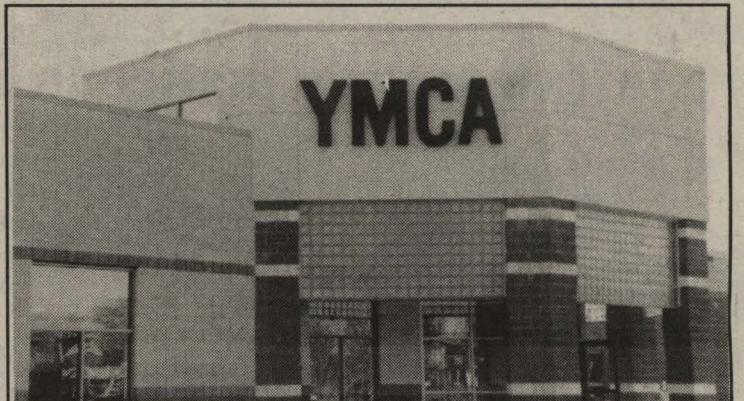
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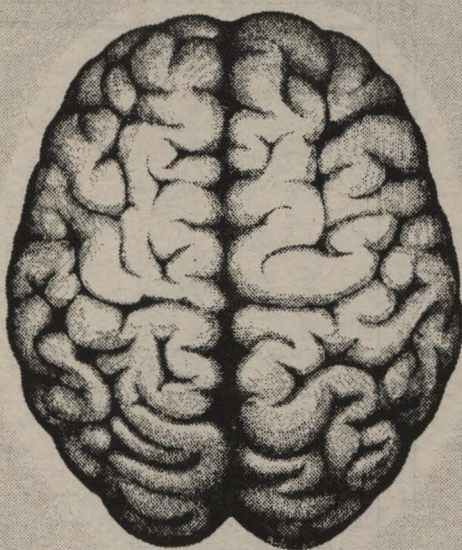
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Feeling superiority over animals is wrong

I feel compelled to respond to the editorial submitted by Miss Neises and Miss Fontana concerning the harmful effects of veganism on society and nature. I have held the view for quite some time now that many species of animals which we humans consider inferior to us have suffered rather unjustly at our hands and have been pulled into our sphere of influence without their consent.

The white-tailed deer is a good example. It is true that hunting does save the surviving deer from severe starvation, but the original controlling factor of the deer population, which humans have been responsible for the near elimination of, is just as effective, if not more so. The factor I refer to is the presence of the timber wolf in the Wisconsin wilderness. The predator-prey relationship between the carnivore and herbivore is timeless, and we humans have unjustly tampered with such a delicate balance. Hunting is a rather savage "solution" for this

problem, and I truly believe that 75 percent of hunters could give less than a timber wolf's behind about the well-being of the white-tailed deer population of Wisconsin; but rather use hunting as an outlet for bloodlust. Reintroduction of the timber wolf to Wisconsin forests would solve the problem of deer overpopulation very effectively.

The other issue I'd like to address is that of animal drug testing: another issue which, I believe, humans have unjustly forced upon animals. I believe humans should keep drug testing to themselves, and not inflict such treatment upon innocent creatures. Even if the test subject in question is a lifesaving drug, I see no justification for the contention that a human life is more important than that of an animal. I think it helps to think about this issue empathetically. Suppose a new species came along, more intelligent, and more powerful than humans, and that species decided to use humans for medical test-

ing. How many people do you know who would not protest against such treatment at the top of their lungs? Now suppose this species gave us as much regard as we give the animals we test drugs on? How would you feel? I am not a vegan. I am not even a vegetarian. If I come across as a hypocrite, I apologize. But I don't think humans can justify their dominance of other species with lame excuses based on our simple superiority. There is simply not proof of it. I believe that humans are just another step on the evolutionary ladder, and I see no reason for us to be the apotheosis of the process. I'm sure we will eventually evolve into far more advanced species, who will then turn the tables on us, and perhaps dominate the remainder of the human species. That is, unless their moral structure and sensibilities evolve with them, which we can only hope for.

-Aaron Marx

Staff demands justice in *Pointless* theft

Some of you may be aware that the recent April Fool's edition of *The Pointer* was removed from the racks shortly after it hit the stands. This is not merely an act of theft but also a grave violation of our First Amendment.

Last week, Iranian Supreme leader, Ali Khamenei closed 14 Iranian newspapers and imprisoned two journalists. To many this is an example of hard-line politics trying to muzzle the country's vocal pro-reform press.

"They are trying to shatter everything that is sacred. They are questioning Islamic issues, they are questioning the revolution, not with rational arguments, but wrong methods," said Khamenei in his April 20 speech denouncing the independent media.

Perhaps if they had a constitution like the United States, they would understand that freedom of speech is an asset, not a weapon.

The first amendment promises people the right to express their opinion, be it praise or criticism. Freedom of speech and expression is a basic right and one that should never be violated.

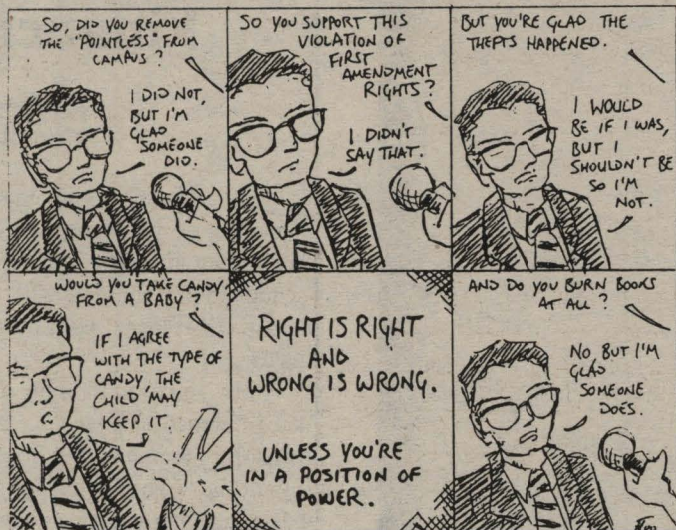
As media people, we know and understand that non-mainstream expressions create bumps in the otherwise buoyant existence of the average person. The average person's threshold for tolerance, however, does not precede the sanctity of our constitution. Our constitution has no tolerance for those who violate First Amendment rights.

Our April Fool's edition of the paper was taken off the racks without our authorization shortly after publication. This act not only violates the constitution, the

media and the student body but also ridicules the "institute of higher learning" that is UW-SP. How ironic that former chancellor Lee Dreyfus proclaimed this university to be a "First Amendment institution."

We, *The Pointer* staff challenge those responsible for taking this paper off the racks to offer an explanation. On behalf of the student body, we urge anyone who has any information to contact us.

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OUTTA SHEAD'S HEAD



Wanted: Stolen *Pointless*

I'm upset that I'm writing this. This is the third time I've written about *The Pointless*, and frankly, I think this issue has been beaten to death.

In all honesty, I think this year's issue of *The Pointless* was the mildest one I've ever seen. Either my opinion is way off the mark, or people are offended much more easily these days.

While the "offense" issue is still talked about on campus, a new issue behind *The Pointless* has taken over as the buzz everywhere I go: who stole *The Pointless*?

That's right, stole *The Pointless*. Every person on campus had a right to see that issue, yet some individual or individuals robbed the rest of the people of the opportunity to read the paper.

Why? The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. Period. It doesn't matter if an individual is offended by something; the media has a right to distribute and the public has a right to read printed material. I haven't seen *Playboy* pulled from the shelves of bookstores or those trashy tabloids pulled from grocery store checkout lines, and I think these magazines are far more offensive than anything ever printed in *The Pointless*.

To the person or persons responsible for the removal of *The Pointless*, I'd like an explanation from you. In fact, I think the whole campus would like an explanation, especially those people who were denied the opportunity to pick up *The Pointless*. You've taken away a freedom from the students of this university. Do you realize that the loss of freedom leads to oppression? Apparently not. You didn't read *The Pointless*.

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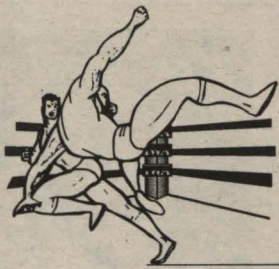
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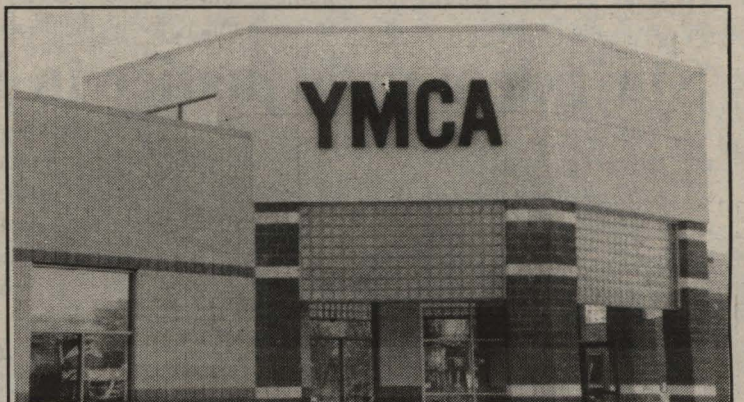
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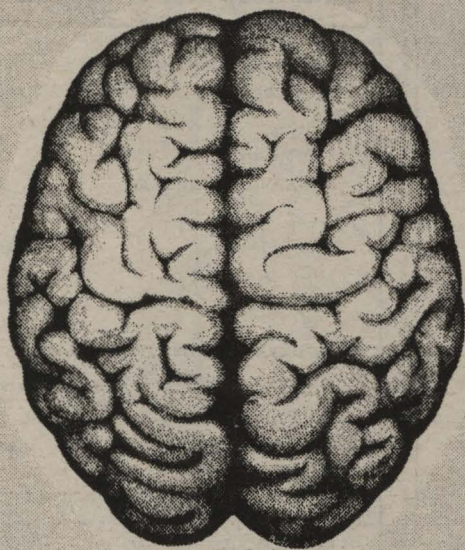
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• Danstage performance

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• Abandoned bicycle policy

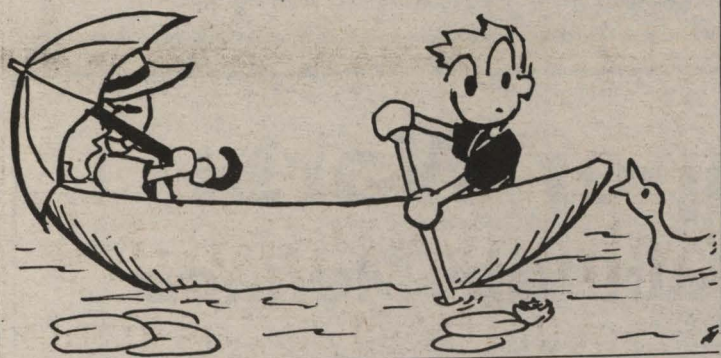
There is a new policy regarding abandoned bicycles on campus. They need to be removed from all the bike racks by May 14. If not, they will be tagged and eventually removed.

• UW-SP Men's Soccer Club

The indoor soccer tournament for the Men's Soccer Club will be this weekend, April 29-30 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free in the Quandt Gym in the Health Enhancement Center.

• A day of canoeing

Get out and get some fresh air before finals start. Join Recreational Services for a float down the river from Jordan Country Park to Iverson Park. After a three-hour ride, there will be a barbeque. Meet at Rec. Services at 9 a.m. The cost is \$15 which includes transportation, trip leader assistance, first aid kit and lunch. Sign-up at Rec. Services before May 1. For additional information, call Becca at Rec. Services at 346-3848.



• If rocks could talk

The fossil presentation called "If rocks could talk" will be held Thursday, April 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center. For more information call 346-4992. This event is being sponsored by the Wildlife Society.

• UW-SP wind ensemble

The UW-SP wind ensemble, featuring Steven Bjella on the violin will be performing Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be in Michelsen Hall. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for UW-SP students.

Deb's Poetry Corner

A loneliness fills the room.
It rises and the noise
of nothing is unbearable.
Alone has never felt
to me as scary as it does now.
To be strong is to cry inside
and fight back the tears that
forever hide.
Outside the rain falls
in a bitter silence.
Once I did love your
pleasant, cool waters.

Tonight I will not dance,
instead I sit here
in melancholy and watch
reflections of hopelessness
through an open window.



Point students Down Under

By Jessica Burda
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

A sunrise is a rare and often forgotten, luxury for the average college student. Especially for those of us who normally choose the fluorescent beauty of nightlife rather than the natural splendor of a morning's first light. However, this semester we've enjoyed quite a number of sunrises... and sunsets too.

Our semester abroad group has seen the sun shed its first glow on the palm trees of a native village in Nadoria, Fiji and seen the shadows grow longer in the middle of the Australian desert as another day ends.

We've seen so much in such a very short amount of time.

We've spent the last few months traveling around Fiji and Australia, enjoying every minute of our adventures. However, as Americans, all of us have tried to blend in with the new cultures. This was a bit difficult in Fiji where we were surrounded by beautiful, dark, smiling faces shouting out "Bula" whenever our pale, non-tanned faces gave up shy "Hellos." Australia was different though. Imagine America with an accent and a love for complicated sports and vegemite. But don't get us started on vegemite. Imagine something that looks like chocolate, but is

made from the bottom yeast scrapings of a brewery vat.

After a few weeks of learning our way around Sydney and the workings of the Australian culture, our group of 36 American students from Wisconsin and neighboring Minnesota was blending. We knew that one dollar was a coin and not a bill, that "How ya' going?" was a question of interest and not direction, and that one beer in Australia did a bit more damage than a beer back home.

We could walk the streets and actually start mocking the millions of tourists desperately trying to photograph the Sydney Opera House from every imaginable angle. We were practically Australians. Sign all of us up for the next census. That is until we opened our mouths. Than that lovely American accent would roll out and any new found cover was blown.

Any location, it didn't matter, people would ask where we were from.

"The States," we would reply as we mentally cursed our foreign tongues.

"Oh yeah?"

"Yeah, Wisconsin."

"West Kosen? Is that near L.A.?" they would ask.

"No, Wis-con-sin," sounding out the syllables for the confused.

"Well...Where is that?"

Then using our left hands as the East Coast and our right hands as the West Coast, we would tilt out heads towards the middle, then say "Up near Canada."

"Oh! So, then you're Canadians."

"No, no, no, we're Americans!" We should have just played mute. Obviously, aside from Milwaukee's two world famous products of Harley Davidson and the television program "Happy Days" (big hit over here), Wisconsin remains virtually unknown.

But thanks to us (please, hold the applause), our area of the homeland is quickly becoming a vibrant part of the American landscape to Australians and fellow foreigners we've met along the way. They may not know where to find the Midwest without an atlas, but if they ever make it across, they're coming to Wisconsin.

One small mining town we visited during our Outback trip even declared the day Wisconsin women came to town as a holiday, right up there with New Year's and some horse race.

Our small group also conquered the land, sea and air of Australia's wilderness. From the tropical Great Barrier Reef to

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Hip Hop 101 "an educational gathering"

The weekend of April 14-16 marked a historic event for the city of Madison and humanity in general. The University of Wisconsin was home to the first annual Hip Hop Generation conference. The conference, entitled "Hip Hop as a Movement," was three days of panel discussions, presentations and entertainment dedicated to the sub-culture called hip hop.

The conference, headed by hip hop legends such as Afrika Bambaataa, Crazy Legs of the Rocksteady Crew, Bahamadia, and Chuck D of Public Enemy, covered a variety of topics including political empowerment, misogyny, spirituality in hip hop, and the direction of the Hip Hop Nation.

Often misunderstood as simply being rap music, the conference was devoted to the four elements of the culture. These elements being dance, in the form of breakdancing, art, in the form of spray can art (a.k.a. graffiti), music, provided via the D.J., and language in the form of poetry and lyrics.

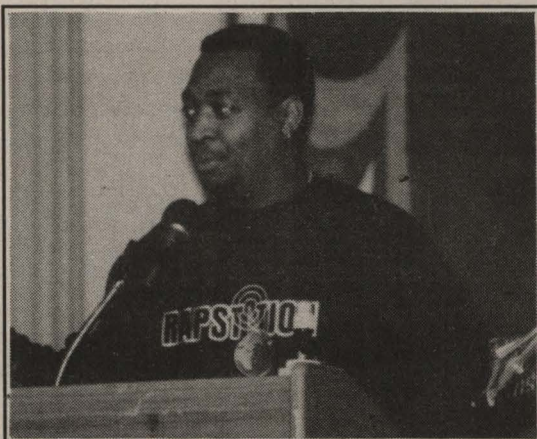
Chuck D, the keynote speaker, further broke down the misconceptions of hip hop. Stating that drugs, guns and jail are not hip hop, misogyny is not hip hop, and that gold chains and baggy pants aren't hip hop. He then noted that these things may be expressed in hip hop, but they are NOT hip hop. To further break down barriers Crazy Legs, the world's most famous breakdancer, noted "Hip Hop ain't a black thing." Rachel Ramist an independent film maker (Nobody Knows My Name) noted that the "images one sees on TV are created to make money." Roberto Rivera, of Madison's Good Life Alliance, hit on the essence of hip hop, speaking on hope, unity and expression.

Although the days were filled with the serious exchange of knowledge and ideas, the evenings were filled with jovial entertainment. Friday night highlighted regional talent with groups representing

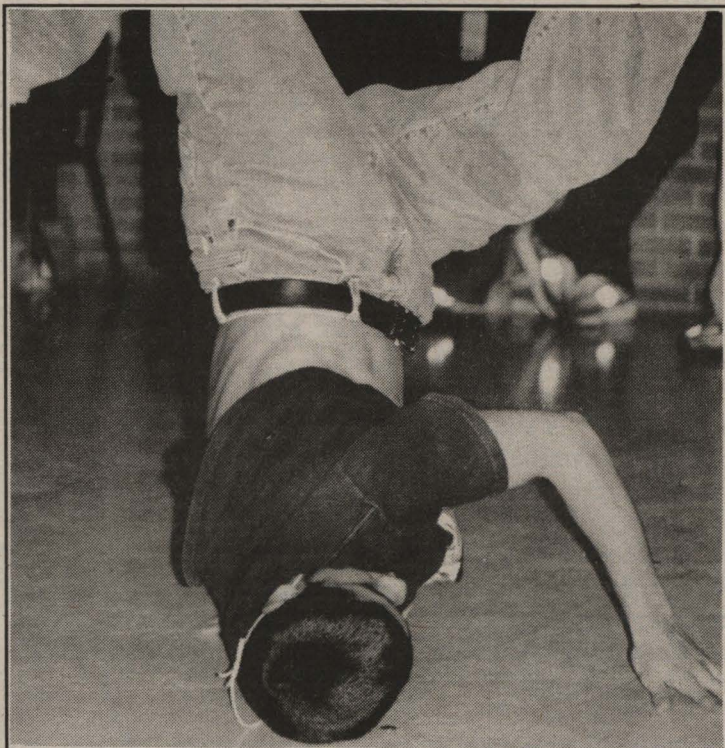
Chicago and Milwaukee. Saturday night was dedicated to the female gender. Hosted by Medusa, the show featured God-Dess, Neb Luv, The Anomoiles, and Bahamadia. These women showed that females can Rap, DJ and breakdance as well as any man. In between sets, on stage MC's created rhymes off of the tops of their heads (freestyling), while crowds gathered around to see the acrobatics of the breakdancers in attendance.

Leading off Sunday night was California's Bay Area underground artists, Zion I and Planet Asia. Medusa then turned the crowd to stone with her penetrating lyrics. New York's wildboys, Screwball, headlined the show with issue-oriented songs like "Who Shot Rudy" (as in Gulliani). Also making an appearance were Crazy Legs and Lady Jules, who did a short 15-minute breakdance routine.

Overall it was an incredible conference and a hip hopper's dream; marked by positive and peaceful vibrations, with no violence that some may suspect.



Chuck D of Public Enemy delivers his "State of the Hip Hop Nation" address to a crowd of over 600 in Madison. (Submitted photo)



A breakdancer from Chicago during the Hip Hop conference in Madison. (Submitted photo)

To view more true hip hop videos, watch Urban Rhythms, Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on STV cable Channel 10. Andrew Rothman, with the help of Aaron Peterka and Shawn Retherford, has been co-producing and hosting the show for four years. Dedicated to spreading the word of conscious hip hop, he keeps the likes of Mos Def, Outkast and Common in the rotation, while attempting to stay away from the "diamond studded Rolex, booty shake videos."

The Urban Rhythms crew will be moving on from UWSP after this May and Andrew would like the show to continue. He also wants the show to continue to show the positive, conscious side of hip hop. If you would like to be involved with this effort, contact Andrew Rothman at aroth117@uwsp.edu.

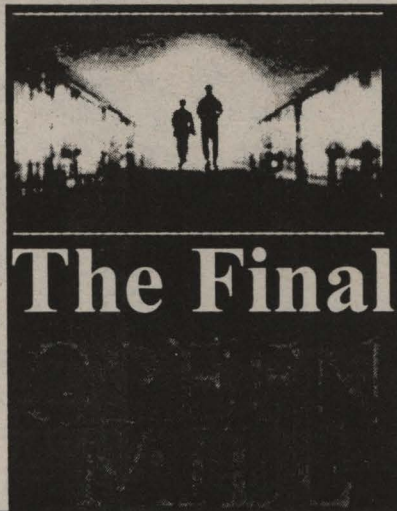
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Rousseau also had the same message, "People are like fabric in a quilt."

As the speeches came to an end, more students joined these 75 on the march through campus in which they proudly proclaimed their desires for unity.

"I see real life among the student body as they voice important issues," said Wolensky.

Following the march, an open microphone session was held and several students read poetry and voiced their opinions.

"I will not let anybody ruin my dreams here at Stevens Point because of my skin color," said Aliko Godi, student. "Let's celebrate our differences."

Despite the good turnout, many feel students should not be content or become complacent.

"There should be more students out here in the Sundial today," Alabado. "As we are in other areas, UW-SP should strive to be at the forefront of diversity."

Tomlinson added a philosophical note to the event.

"Let's all let this rally send the message to say 'no' to hate. How much potential do people have? If we don't give them the chance to show us we'll never know," he said after he played a "Colors of the Wind" by Vanessa Williams.

Multicultural Affairs, the Black Student Union, the Student Government Association and the Noel Group sponsored the march.

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A remarkable year for Pointer sports

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

As a lifelong resident of Stevens Point, I've been lucky to see more than my fair share of Pointer sporting events. Great individuals and great teams have graced UW-Stevens Point throughout the years.

However, I can honestly say that I can't remember a year that has seen such widespread success throughout all of the Pointer sports programs. It truly has been a remarkable year.

The combined efforts of all of the UW-SP teams have resulted in the university holding down second place in the current NCAA Division III Sears Cup standings. The Sears Cup ranks all universities based on their combined performances of each of the sports that they compete in. Quite an accomplishment when you consider that there are over 300 schools in Division III.

It all started in the fall when the football team earned a share of its second consecutive WIAC title, the first time UW-SP accomplished such a task in 65 years.

Perhaps no Pointer sports team has had the run of success that the women's soccer team has had. Sheila Miech's squad captured its seventh WIAC championship in the past eight years with a thrilling 1-0 sudden-death overtime win over UW-La Crosse.

The cross country teams also had successful season as the men and women placed 6th and 11th at Nationals, respectively. Jesse Drake enjoyed an outstanding season, capturing the WIAC title on the men's side.

The winter sports season was highlighted by the men's basketball team's remarkable run. The team, picked fifth in the WIAC preseason poll, won the conference by two games, won the WIAC Tournament and was 2.1 seconds from the Final Four. Brant Bailey had one of the best seasons by a Pointer basketball player in history, being named WIAC Player of the Year and an All-American.

On the women's side, Jessica Ott concluded her outstanding career, finishing as the school's second all-time leading scorer.

The hockey team also proved to be a pleasant surprise, as the

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UW-SP baseball team hits the skids Pointers drop six of their last eight games

By Zak Redding
COPY EDITOR

Frustration continues for the UW-Stevens Point baseball team, as the Pointers managed to win just two of six games over the weekend at University Field.

"Our situational hitting (with runners in scoring position) needs to improve," said Head Coach Brian Nelson. "That will come with more patience at the plate and not swinging at bad pitches."

After getting swept in the opening series against La Crosse on Friday (14-6, 9-5), UW-SP came back on Saturday, taking two from River Falls with strong pitching performances from Troy Bielmeier (4-1) and Jeff Pieper (3-1).

Winona State strode into town Monday and improved on its 10-game winning streak, sweeping the twinbill, 7-1 and 6-3. Freshman righty Jeremy Zimmerman took the loss in game one, evening his record at 1-1 on the year.

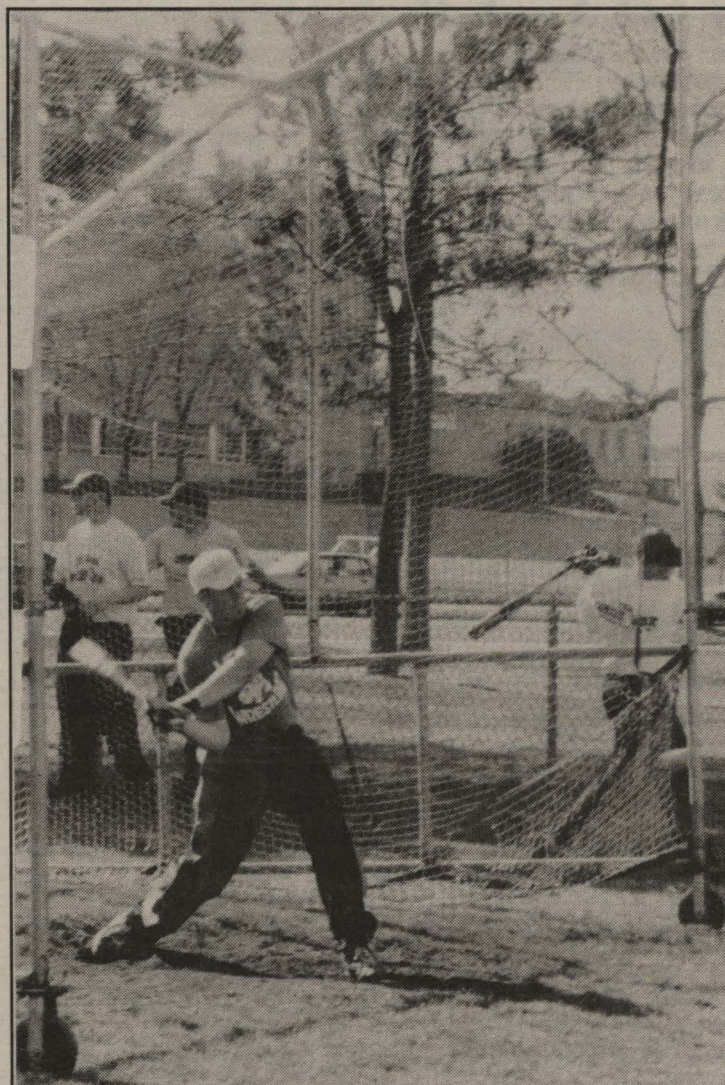
Jon Jagler led the Dawgs at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double and scoring the lone Pointer run in the first inning.

Randy Reed had a two-run homer in game two, but a four-run fifth inning gave Winona State the win. Eric Schlender dropped to 1-1 for the season as UW-SP showed little fire when behind.

"For the most part our pitching and defense has been keeping us in the games," said Nelson. "But it seems like one bad inning tends to bring us down."

UW-SP (19-12 overall) picked up a pair of needed WIAC victories in a sweep of River Falls, 6-3 and 2-0.

River Falls struck first in game one, scoring two runs in the fourth



Mike Wendorf takes his cuts in the batting cage Wednesday in preparation for play this weekend. (Photo by Nick Brilowski)

inning. Point countered with three of its own in the bottom half, highlighted by a two-run homer by Ryan Ivy, who crushed the ball deep to left and across Illinois Avenue for a 3-2 Pointer lead.

Bielmeier cruised through the next four innings, yielding no runs and only one hit, while his offense put up two more runs in the seventh and one in the eighth.

The Falcons got to Bielmeier

in the ninth for one run, but the big righty slammed the door to get the win in his fifth complete game of the season. He allowed only one free pass while striking out seven. His ERA now stands at 0.46.

Jeff Pieper also went the distance in game two, snuffing the Falcons for his second straight shutout, an efficient 2-0 effort.

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Women's track sprints toward WIAC meet

By Mike Peck
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team experienced some tougher competition as it competed in the Auggie Invite Friday at Augustana (Ill.) College.

The weather was warmer but the wind was a factor for the ladies although they did compete well through it.

"On the track we had a real good meet," said Head Coach Len Hill. "Big time drops for lots of people as it was real hard to select a performer of the week."

The Pointers ended up finishing third with 173 points behind a pair of very respectable teams in Oshkosh and Augustana. Augustana went on to win the meet with 342 points.

Leah Juno won the 1,500-meter run and provisionally qualified for the National meet in 4:43.14.

Becky Lebak had another good performance as she won the 3,000 and also provisionally qualified for Nationals in 10:10.03.

The only other title on the track for the ladies came from the 4x400 relay, which ran 4:01.32.

"The field events were a little slimmer," said Hill. "But there were some okay performances."

The wind probably had a greater effect on the field events than

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Whitewater whitewashes Pointer fastpitch team

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

Occasionally a sign of a young team is the failure to find a way to win close games.

With only two seniors on the roster, the UW-Stevens Point fastpitch team is struggling to win close games in the late going.

"I think it's inexperience by some of the players and us as a coaching staff," Pointer Head Coach Kelli Harms said of the team's struggles.

"We're not getting the hits when we need them. We just need to get a hit and we're not coming up with them," added Harms.

Such was the case at UW-Whitewater on Monday as the Warhawks swept a pair of tight games with UW-SP, 8-5 and 4-2.

In game one, Whitewater struck for five runs in the second inning to take the early lead, but the Pointers scored three in the fourth and Kelly Rutta hit a two-run home run in the fifth to tie the game.

Karen Guckenberger came on in the bottom of the fifth to relieve Pointer starter Jamie Lowney and surrendered an RBI single to Michelle Markham to give the Warhawks a 6-5 lead.

Pitcher Heather Wendt retired the final six batters and pitched a

complete game to earn the victory.

In game two, Cari Briley had three hits for UW-SP and knocked in both of the team's runs with an RBI single in the first inning and an RBI double in the fifth.

However, Markham broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run home run in the sixth inning to give Whitewater a 4-2 win, and the sweep.

The Pointers had two on with one out in the seventh before Nicole Ostrowski came on for the Warhawks to set down the final two batters to earn the save in relief of Megan McAvoy.

Guckenberger took the loss for UW-SP, her second in as many games, to drop her record to 12-2 on the season.

Nikki Best, along with Briley, had three hits for the Pointers.

Harms said that the team is going to have to try to put things together heading into the WIAC Tournament to try to make a postseason run.

"We're going to have to win conference," Harms stated. "We're going to have to come together as a team and as a coaching staff."

"We're just going to have to have fun. There's nothing we can change," stated Harms.

UW-SP travels to the River Falls Invitational this weekend.

Keeping an eye on the competition



Dan Witman (foreground) looks for an open teammate during a recent lacrosse club practice. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

Track runs away with Champions meet Pointer men place first of seven teams at invite

By Mike Peck
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Pieces are beginning to fall into place for the men's track and field team as it rolled through the Meet of Champions at Augustana (Ill.) College.

The Pointers won the meet with 252 points, topping conference rival Oshkosh which scored 231 points.

"This was the first time we really performed well against Oshkosh," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "I'm real happy with where we are right now and we are making real good progress."

The men were led by three individual champions headed by Brian Buege in the triple jump with a leap of 45 feet.

Joel Schult claimed the discus title and improved his National meet provisional qualifying distance to 163 feet-1 inch.

Jesse Drake also provisionally qualified while taking home the 5,000 meter title in 14:48.59.

"Good weather makes track and field fun and the performances showed it," said Witt. "Anything from the 1,500 on up, the heat starts to take an effect. But what we lose in those events we more than make up in the sprints and field events."

Probably the biggest highlight of the meet was Chris Horvat who automatically qualified for Nationals in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:51.54.

The Pointers also provisionally qualified a pair of relays on the day, the 4x100 and the 4x400.

"We have a few little nicks that come from training, but we just have to keep people rested for the home stretch," said Witt.

Some of the members of the

team will get to compete with some of the best athletes in all of college track and field, as they will send four relays to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

"We got in a number of events," said Witt. "But I'm not going to kill guys off trying to run them in too many events."

Even though the Drake Relays may be the team's most hyped-up meet of the year, with spectators ranging in the thousands, the goal is still focused on the weeks

ahead.

"The ultimate goal is to perform well at the conference meet as a team," said Witt. "I don't want this meet to take anything away from what we want to accomplish."

"We continue to make good progress. Just reiterating on what I said last week, the meets are the most important part of our training," added Witt.

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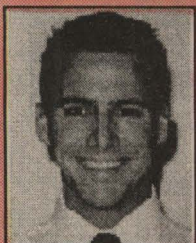
Swimmer Willoughby lives up to his promise

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

People will make all sorts of promises if their sports team reaches a particular goal. Some people will take the team out to dinner while others go so far as to shave their head.

Dave Willoughby decided to swim a marathon.

Willoughby, a former member of the UW-Stevens Point swim team and now a coach, along with the rest of the coaches made promises to the teams if both the Pointer men and women were able to win the conference titles.



Willoughby

"If they united the title, which would be the first time ever, each coach said they would do something," Willoughby said. "The head coach said he would shave his head, and he did it. And I said I would swim a marathon which is 26.2 miles."

The coaches made the promise a couple of weeks prior to the WIAC conference swim meet in an attempt to motivate the teams to reach their goal.

Both teams held up to their end of the bargain, unseating conference power UW-Eau Claire at the WIAC meet held in Stevens Point.

On April 15, beginning at 6 a.m., Willoughby lived up to his promise, taking to the UW-SP pool for a dip of epic proportions.

Willoughby said that he took four breaks throughout the expedition, with each break lasting for five to 10 minutes. During each break, he remained in the pool while taking the opportunity to hydrate himself and snacking on the occasional Power Bar or some baby food.

A sign-up sheet was started before Willoughby took to the pool so that team members could take hourly shifts to encourage him and count laps.

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Baseball: UW-Platteville (2), Friday, 1 p.m., UW-Oshkosh (2), Saturday, 12 p.m.

Track and Field: (Men) At Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa), Friday and Saturday; At UW-Eau Claire Invitational, Saturday; (Women) At UW-La Crosse Classic, Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Pointers

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it did on the running events because of the variation of the wind speed throughout the afternoon.

Despite the weather conditions Coach Hill and the rest of the Pointers were still satisfied with the meet and are looking to back off on the training a bit as they begin to head down to the crucial part of the season.

"We starting to cut back on the hard work," said Hill. "We are starting to work on peaking and after conference it's use whatever we got left."

"If you do the hard work earlier it all pays off later. It is kind of the springboard effect."

Some of the ladies will join some of the members of the men's team at the Drake Relays this upcoming weekend, while the rest of the squad will travel to the UW-La Crosse Classic.

Track

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The rest of the men's team will travel to Eau Claire for their conference tune-up at the Eau Claire Invitational on Saturday.

As of this past weekend, the Pointers have automatically qualified three athletes for the National meet including Dan Schwamberger (5,000), Horvat (800) and Mike Mead (high jump).

The team has also has provisionally qualified several others including the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, Schwamberger (1,500) and Craig Gunderson (400).

The team will use this weekend's meet as a tune-up for the conference meet which will be held next weekend at UW-Superior.

The Pointers will head to Naperville, Ill. three more times this season including for the National Championships.

Baseball

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Sam Molski delivered one Pointer run in the third on a two-out homer to left.

In the sixth, UW-SP again cooked up some action with two outs, as Ivy reached second when Falcon shortstop Scott Dewyre launched the ball behind first on a routine grounder. Cahoon then singled, scoring Ivy for a 2-0 lead.

Pieper dodged the lone Falcon threat in the eighth inning, a bases-loaded jam with one out.

After giving up two singles and a walk, Pieper induced a pop-up in foul territory from A.J. Burr. Left fielder Matt Martin, who had come in to pinch-hit in the fifth, made the catch and gunned down the tagging Tim Johnson to complete the double play and preserve the shutout.

Three more Falcon fly balls in the ninth ended the contest and put the Pointers on the board in the WIAC standings at 2-4.

"Hitting is always contagious," Nelson said. "All it will take is for one blooper to drop and the momentum will swing in our favor. This week our philosophy is to take each game one pitch at a time. Hopefully that will help us focus better."

The Pointers will wrap up their home schedule this weekend with doubleheaders against Platteville Friday and Oshkosh on Saturday.

Dawg House

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squad, picked to finish fourth in the NCHA, captured the conference title. Bob Gould enjoyed an outstanding year in goal, being named the NCHA Player of the Year.

The swimming teams under Al Boelk captured WIAC titles for the first time ever in the same season. Individuals such as Randy Boelk, Jeremy Francioli, Becca Uphoff and Mary Agazzi were integral in the accomplishment.

A young Pointer wrestling team even came on strong in the latter stages of the season to place second at the WIAC meet.

The spring season, still underway, is full of promise as the track and field teams continue to build on their early accomplishments. Mike Mead and Dan Schwamberger each took home National Championships during the indoor season.

The baseball and fastpitch teams, though young and going through growing pains, are full of promise and have the potential to make noise when the postseason rolls around.

UW-SP's incredible year is a testament to everyone associated with the university. Credit is to be bestowed upon the players, coaches, the athletic department, faculty, students, fans and the community. The support and efforts are something to be proud of.

There's no reason to believe that the 1999-2000 school year was a fluke, either. All forecasts point to continued dominance and conference titles.

Be sure to check out the year-end issue of *The Pointer* next week when we'll run down the annual list of the top 10 UW-SP sports stories of the year.

Marathon

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"The last mile or two, a lot of the team members were there cheering me on," he said. "They were really helpful."

As his ultimate destination appeared within reach, Willoughby said there was only one thing he could think about—taking a trip to Belt's.

Finally, after 11 hours and 34 minutes of swimming, at around 5:30 p.m., Willoughby reached his destination.

"After I finished it," he said, "all I could think about was going to sleep. But I was so sore and so broke down, I couldn't sleep."

When asked if all of the time, pain and effort were worth it, Willoughby didn't hesitate.

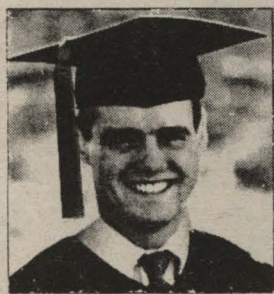
"Absolutely," he said. "What the team did, capturing the title was really worth it."

"Basically, I'm really proud of the team and the accomplishment. I am true to my word."

The ironic part of the marathon swim is the fact that Willoughby was a sprinter throughout his UW-SP career and coached the Pointer sprinters last season and thus was not used to swimming long distances. However, he hasn't ruled out doing some sort of long distance swim in the future.

"We'll see. I don't think I'd really do it in a pool again, but maybe I'll do an open water swim."

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Who was your idol growing up?: My sister, Jen. She helped me be the competitor I am.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: Get an internship and then come back to the Stevens Point area and find a job in the safety field and eventually go back to graduate school.

Favorite aspect of track: Running on relay teams. Track is an individual sport, but the relays make it more of a team effort.

Biggest achievement in track: Being consistent. Not being excellent, but being solid for four years.

Most embarrassing moment: In a meet at UW-SP earlier this year (in the MAC), I had to dive for an exchange and I scraped my stomach and legs up and I had a bristle sticking into my stomach from the sweeper they use to clean the track.

What will you remember most about running track at UW-SP: The Naked Run.



Australia

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southern Tasmania's frigid shores, we drank up all that this land down under had to offer.

Our semester abroad requirements included camel rides, Tra-La-La dancing the night away (national dance of Fiji), camping under the stars of an Outback sheep station, and a day of rest on one of Fiji's tropical islands. And yes, although you wouldn't believe it, we even squeezed in classes. Lots of them.

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Ice Age Trail features history and beauty

By NoelleTheres
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Most of us, if not all of us, have heard of Schmeeckle Reserve, George W. Mead Wildlife Area, Buena Vista marsh and the numerous city and county parks in our area. Most of us have even visited or spent the day at one or more of these great and easily accessible natural places. However, one local recreational resource seems to go virtually unnoticed. This is quite surprising since the state department of tourism recognizes it as Wisconsin's number one outdoor recreational resource. It's the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is one of eight congressionally designated national scenic trails located throughout the United States. The trail meanders for 1,000 miles through 31 Wisconsin counties along the terminal moraine left by the Great Wisconsin Glacier over 10,000 years ago.

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The trail ends where the melting glaciers carved the incredible dalles of the St. Croix at Inter-

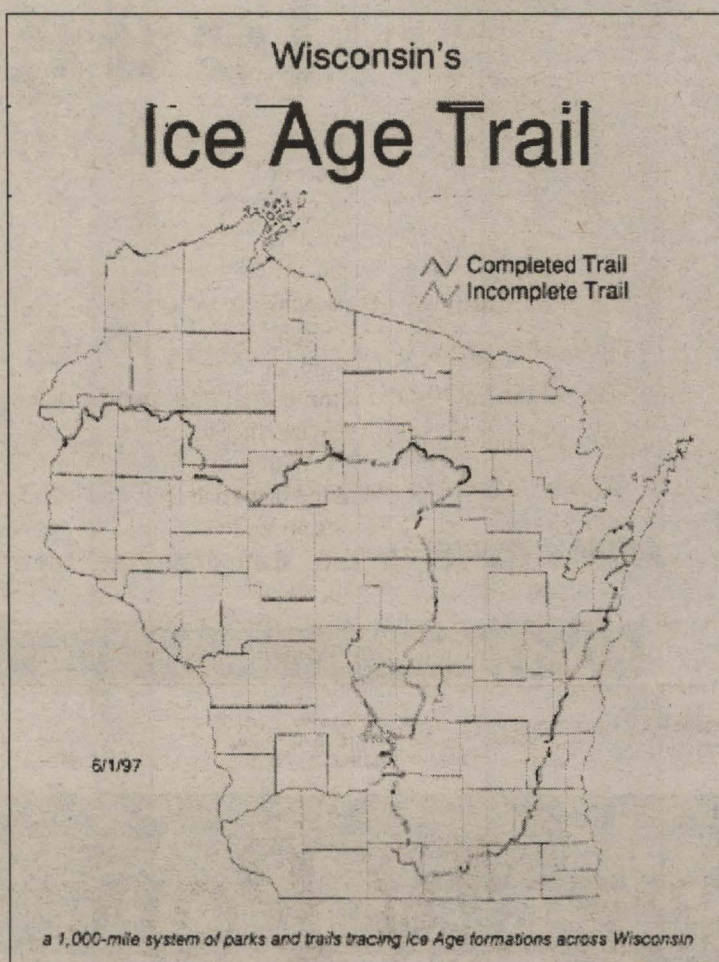
state State Park. The effort to establish and permanently protect the trail is being led by the National Park Service, the Wisconsin DNR and the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation. Today, thanks to the time, labor and donations from many volunteers, over 600 miles of the trail are completed and open to the public for recreational enjoyment.

Once completed, the Portage and Waupaca county section of the trail will be approximately 20 miles long. It will offer opportunities for afternoon walks in the

woods or multi-day adventures. It will provide local residents with an opportunity to slow down from the fast pace of modern life, take a look around and search out the many small details of our world that are often overlooked or taken for granted.

Now that spring is upon us and the weather is getting nicer, I urge everyone to take a break from the stresses of the end of the semester and get out and discover for yourself what could possibly be Portage County's best kept se-

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Gill's Grumblings



As I write this I realize how close to the end of the year we really are. I have no motivation, no drive and no ambition, except for things that have nothing to do with books, projects and deadlines. I don't want to be in this stuffy office right now—really! I would much rather be sitting in a lawnchair in my front yard, soaking up harmful ultraviolet rays, fishing or enjoying my favorite beverage than writing this very sentence.

Now I know more than a few of you are in the same boat. And I know many of you are going to be torn between what you think is "best" as far as school is concerned and your desire to enjoy the final days of school. Sure, that 12-page research paper you were assigned in February is due on Friday and you haven't picked a topic yet, but who cares? Yeah, you have a week and a half to learn three months worth of botany, but forget about it. You have better things to worry about.

Have you been outside lately? How could anyone in their right mind in good conscience sit at a desk and pound out a paper or study for a final right now? I may not have been here as long as Pat Rothfuss, but I've been here long enough to learn where my priorities should be. Looking finals week in the eye, things may begin to seem as though they will never work out, but four years worth of final tests and last-minute papers have taught me that no matter how hopeless things feel now, they will always get done.

Feel free to throw caution to the wind and gamble your academic career. Go ahead and play that game of softball you "know" you don't really have time for. Give in to the temptation of going fishing, take a nap out in the sun with a cooler full of cold liquid at your side. Enjoy these last days with your friends. This is your youth. You will never have a time like this again. What other time in our lives will we be able to abandon our obligations just because it's nice outside? When else will we have so many good friends so close to us?

School? A priority? No way.

I apologize if my advice results in academic probation for anyone foolish enough to do something that I recommend, but since school is all but over and its last days will be among the worst of the semester, I felt the obligation to be the devil sitting on your shoulder. Enjoy this time.

Outdoors Cookbook

Authentic beer brats

You're walking back from class. You smell the grills, you involuntarily begin to drool. We at the Outdoors section have the best recipe to make your grilling buddies beg for more.

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Beer (Your favorite. We suggest an amber, lager or a pilsner)
Chopped onions

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Place your brats and chopped onions in a large saucepan and pour the beer until it fills the pan half way. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 1 minute or until the skins are hard enough to easily poke with a fork. Next pierce the brats with a fork and simmer for 1 to 2 minutes. Save the beer; you can throw it on the fire when it gets out of control.

Suggested toppings:

The usual ketchup and mustard
Barbecue sauce
Sauerkraut
Pickle relish
Onions
(This goes without saying) toasted buns

If you have ideas for recipes you'd like to see in the Outdoors section, e-mail Ryan Gilligan, Outdoors Editor, at rgill988@uwsp.edu or call The Pointer at 346-2249.

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In search of prairie treasures

By Joe Shead
EDITOR-IN CHIEF

It could have been the beginning of 100 different outdoor adventures. I arose at 3:45 a.m. After hastily grabbing my equipment and enough food to keep my stomach at bay for a few hours, I jumped into a small, outdoorsy pick-up and began the trip down a long, dusty gravel road. I was tired, but it would be worth it. I had the opportunity to do something few people will ever have the chance to do, and I jumped at it.

My mission that morning was not to catch a lunker fish or bag a big buck. I spent my morning hunkered down in a blind in the Buena Vista marsh. The quarry was the greater prairie chicken, a species that has virtually disappeared from Wisconsin's landscape.

Each spring, UW-Stevens Point students have a chance to spend a morning in a blind looking for prairie chickens. Students are asked to record their observations for the Wildlife Society, which monitors prairie chicken populations in the

12,000-acre Buena Vista marsh, an area that makes up a vast majority of Wisconsin's remaining prairie chicken habitat.

As the name implies, prairie chickens depend on tallgrass prairies and forest-prairie transition zones. However, when Wisconsin was settled, most of these areas were converted to cropland. The prairie chickens were forced out of their habitat, and thus, their current population is only a fraction of their pre-settlement population.

Male prairie chickens, or cocks, can be distinguished by their orange eyebrows and orange air sacs in their necks which swell up when they "boom." Booming is a courtship ritual. When displaying, cocks fill the air sacs, which resemble an orange in their necks. They also stomp their feet repeatedly. This is all done to attract a hen for mating.

The majority of the prairie chickens seen by students are

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Prairie chickens use the Buena Vista marsh in their spring mating rituals. (Photo by Aaron McCullough)

Wanderings

By Lisa Rothe
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

"Books are for the scholar's idle hours," says Ralph Waldo Emerson. Why then are we expected to study, to finish homework, to write papers? Aren't we missing the point of the evolving seasons? Of creation? Of catching what's happening when it's happening?

Hiking through the forest yesterday, my mind wandered to some of the greatest naturalist writers that I've ever had the pleasure of reading. I thought of Burroughs, Emerson, Thoreau, Lewis Thomas—ah, this list could stretch the length of this column. I was completely removed from everything that tugs at me, begging for attention, for me to finish.

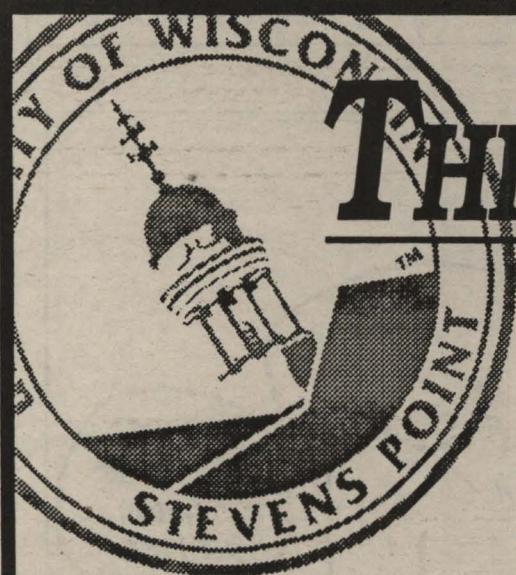
With a sunburn as deep as the color of a steamed Maine lobster to prove my defiance towards my "honey do" list, I spent my day within the forest. The air was so pure that I was light-headed. Searching for leeks, sidestepping trilliums, dipping my feet into ice-cold streams—that was my day.

"You only need sit still long enough in some attractive spot in the woods that all its inhabitants may exhibit themselves to you by turns," writes Thoreau. Now, I beg of you, I've complained of the weather when it didn't suit my tastes, or anyone else's for that matter. Now is the time to cut class, to abandon all your weighty responsibilities.

John Muir, in "A Wind-Storm in the Forests," climbs up the trunk of a pine tree and perches at the very top during a thunderstorm. Why? To experience what others close their doors to, hiding in their warm houses, dry—but missing something.

Within this forest, I knew that I had reconnected with something that I had lost. An awe, as honest and genuine as a child's, of life around me. I wanted to become part of what was around me. I wanted somehow to show my appreciation, my love, my gratitude for sharing with me. Sigh, even the smell of a rock, picked from the stream bottom, held a sweetness that I can't describe.

Now is the time to play outside. Abandon your inhibitions.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Schmeckle Reserve Prog.: *If Rocks Could Talk*, 7-8PM (Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center)

CP! Presents: *LIVE w/ Tracy Bonham*, Opening Act, 7:30PM (QG)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Stu. Affairs Div. Coffee/Session w/Bob Tomlinson, "Stage Theories (Progressive Stages of Student Development)", 9-10AM (TBA)

POINTER PERSPECTIVE, 10AM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

CP! Presents SUMMER FEVER PICNIC, 7PM (Encore-UC)

Multicultural Affairs Presents: REV. CHARLES EDMONDS, Blues Guitarist/Singer, 8PM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

Theatre & Dance Prod.: DANSTAGE, 8PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

CP! Prod.-Club/Variety Presents, WIFC NIGHT, 10PM-1AM (Location TBA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (FAB)

PORTAGE COUNTY CULTURAL FESTIVAL, 10AM-5PM (SPASH)

Recreational Services WHITEWATER RAFTING ON THE WOLF RIVER (Sign-Up at Rec. Serv.-AC)

Schmeckle Reserve Prog.: *Nature's Myths*, 3-4PM (Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center)

University Leadership Awards Ceremony, 7PM (Laird Rm.-UC) w/Reception Following, 7:45PM (LaFollette Lounge-UC)

Theatre & Dance Prod.: DANSTAGE, 7:30PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

Central WI Symphony Orchestra & Central WI Symphony Chorus, FINAL SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT, 7:30PM (Sentry)

Chancellor's Leadership Award Reception, 7:45PM (LaFollette Lounge-UC) w/Ceremony Following, 8:15PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Schmeckle Reserve Prog.: *Canoe Through Time*, 1-3PM (Meet at Iverson Park)

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

Theatre & Dance Prod.: DANSTAGE, 2PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

Central WI Symphony Orchestra & Central WI Symphony Chorus, FINAL SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT, 7:30PM (Sentry)

MONDAY, MAY 1

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

RHA SPRING FEST w/Rock-n-Roll To Go Plus, Inc., 3-7PM (Outside DeBot Center-East)

Recreational Services Mini-Course: ADVANCED BIKE MAINTENANCE, 6:30-8PM (Sign-up at Rec. Serv.-AC)

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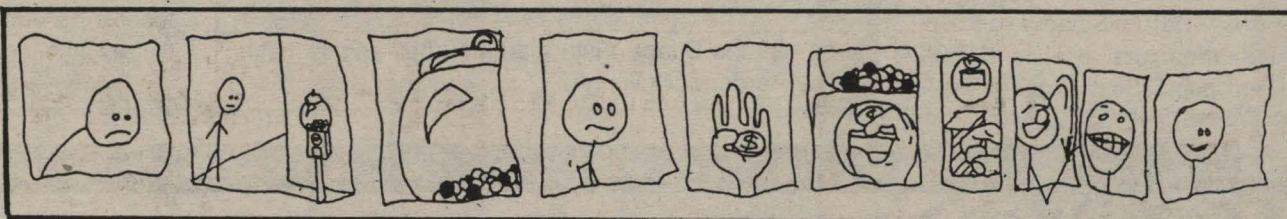
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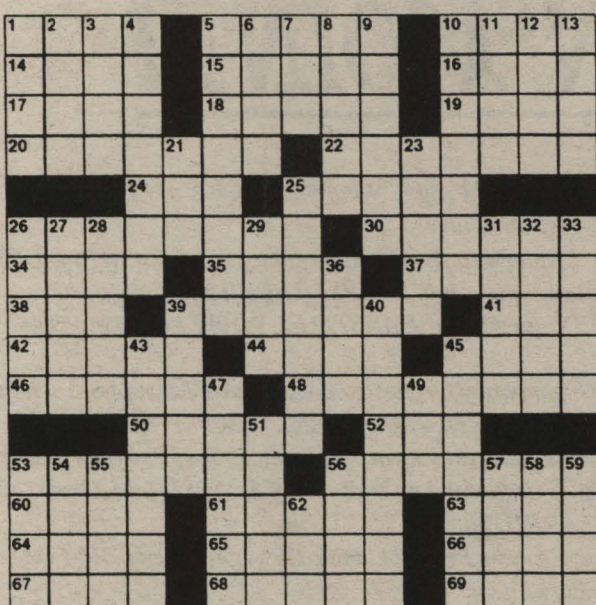


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Your College Survival Guide

- A Defense of Gordon Miller -

By Pat Rothfuss

IN A RARE, NON-COMIC APPEARANCE

Nothing funny this week. Seriously. If you want something funny read the comics on the other page, you aren't going to find anything to laugh about here.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few words about the Gordon Miller situation.

For the one or two of you who may not already know, Gordon Miller is an ex-UW-SP employee who is being charged with videotaping some boys in the YMCA locker room.

But I'm not going to waste my time talking about him. *Everyone* has been talking about him over the last couple months. Most of what I've heard has been along the lines of "That sick sonofabitch Miller should be castrated and killed."

This column is for everyone who has frothed out a similar opinion about this case. In fact, it's only because so many people feel obliged to rant on about it that I've decided to write this column. A column in defense of Gordon Miller.

Now, I'm not expecting to make any friends by writing this. In fact, I'm expecting most folks to hate me afterwards. Then again, I've never really cared what people think of me. However, I have always prided myself in pointing out when large groups of people are acting like assholes, and...well, lets just say that I've never seen such a marvelous case of group idiocy in all my nine years of school.

What Miller's offense boils down to is two things: invasion of privacy and social deviancy. Last time I checked, only the first of these was illegal. If behaving against the social norm was against the law, I'd be in jail right now, and I'm guessing most of you would too.

I won't deny that what Miller did was wrong. But the fact remains that it was just invasion of privacy. If that is the worst thing you've ever heard of happening here in Stevens Point, you've been living in a bubble. Two years ago, downtown on a Saturday night, I watched a rugby player chase an old man across a parking lot and break his nose. Three years ago, I let

an old friend cry on my shoulder after being raped by her ex-boyfriend. My current next-door neighbor has fairly regular hour-long screaming fits at her children. When they cry she hits them.

Weigh that against invasion of privacy. Now remind me again why Miller is the object of such universal hatred. Tell me why he has been hounded out of his job. Tell me what you're so upset about.

It's at this point in the discussion that people usually say. "That sick fucker took pictures of little boys!"

Yes. Miller took pictures of little boys. That makes him a sicko, a pervert. The fact remains that he didn't touch or hurt those boys in any way. If you think Miller should be hung, it's because your sensibilities are offended. And if you think your bruised sensibilities are that important, then congratulations, you've just graduated to the lowest rank of humanity.

"Well... if I caught him taking pictures of my kid. I'd..."

He didn't take pictures of your kid. Those children's parents have a right to be offended. You don't.

What it comes down to is this. Miller did something wrong. Miller did something sick. Should Miller be punished? Yes. Should he be run out of town on a rail? No.

Given the choice, I'll take Miller over anyone who hits his girlfriend. I'll take Miller over anyone who drinks and drives. I'll take Miller over someone who votes to put an unsafe copper mine near Crandon. Why? Because all of those other things cause real tangible harm to the world. And while I will admit that invasion of privacy can be harmful, even the worst sort of invasion of privacy is not as bad as date rape, hate crime, or violent assault.

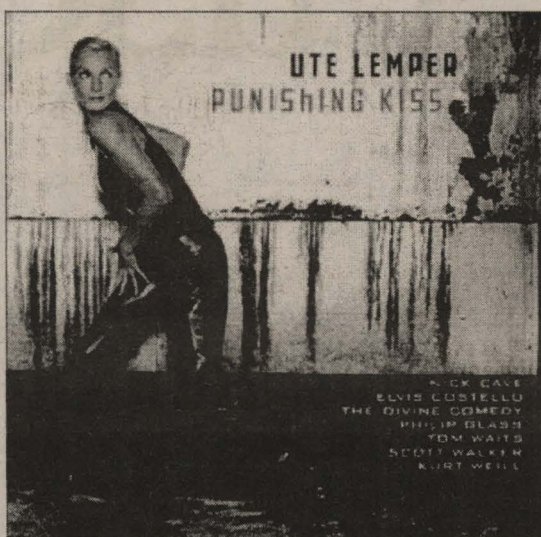
I know most of you won't agree with me. All I really hope is that the next time you hear some piece of news that gets you really riled up, you'll pause for a deep breath and take the time to think about what's really important. Not knee-jerk reactions, not self-righteousness, not what your neighbors think or what the papers tell you.

Think about the important things: justice, understanding, and forgiveness.

Well, I guess that's about it. My one serious column of the year. I should make it abundantly clear that this is my tirade. The Pointer was nice enough to let me have my say even though they don't necessarily agree with me.

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by Kelvin Chen

Ute who? You may ask. Ute Lemper that's who. The face of Ute Lemper has been gracing Times Square ever since she was invited to join the Broadway cast of the musical revival of "Chicago." This German contralto is a force to be reckoned with and American audiences are finally getting acquainted with her almost fifteen years after her debut album has been released. Ute Lemper started out as an outstanding interpreter of the 1920s Berlin Kabaret songfest. Ever since, she has established herself as a cabaret performer and consummate actress. Despite roles in mainstream Broadway shows like "Chicago" where she performed the lead role of Velma Kelly in London, New York and Las Vegas; and "Cats," Ute Lemper is never your standard Broadway diva. Her more memorable works are those closely associated with Kurt Weill

as well as her solo performances on the works of Edith Piaf and Marlene Dietrich. Her repertoire has made her very much different from her contemporaries who are more used to singing Lloyd Webber and Rodgers and Hammerstein. To sum it up, Ute Lemper is an ice goddess with a

Lemper sings ... like one who has seen too much and knows too much on the price of love. She offers realities with no apologies.

voice that can melt even the toughest heart.

What Lemper offers in her latest album "Punishing Kiss" is no smooth ride down the road. Her barbed-wire distinct voice, at full tilt, is edgy and dangerous. In a more subtle form, it is smoky, bitter and full of despair.

Lemper's voice grabs you from the very first track till the last, leaving you breathless and panting for more. The "Tango Ballad," a duet with Neil Hannon, from "The Threepenny Opera" is grinding and intense. The third track, "Passionate Fight" by Elvis Costello is no easy listening either. It is stark and honest, turning the tables on what we have always believed love to be like. "The Little Water Song" is poignant and Lemper sang it in a heart-wrenching manner that for one moment, you would have thought the ice queen has melted. For most of the tracks, Lemper sings with a detached manner, like one who has seen too much and knows too much on the price of love. She offers realities with no apologies.

This album is essential listening to all who enjoy their music laced with arsenic and not salt. Do not expect sunshine

or flowery meadows from Lemper's "Punishing Kiss." Instead be prepared for a cigarette smoke-filled room complete with shots of cheap whiskey and yourself for company.



PUNISHING KISS: Über Lemper

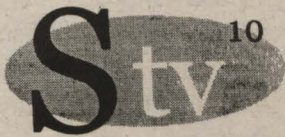
Trail

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cret-The Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Recreational Services will sponsor a hike along a section of the trail on May 6, at 9 a.m. The event is free and transportation will be provided. Take a break from the end of the semester and studying for finals and come and join the group

! For more information, please contact Recreational Services at 346-3848.



Prairie

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males. The males arrive near the blinds, which have been placed on traditional booming grounds, just before sunrise. They boom for an hour or two until the hens show up. The hens will either be bred, or will be disinterested and soon fly away.

Students who watch the prairie chickens take notes on the number of cocks, hens and copulations they observe. This information is used to determine the prairie chicken population.

Once the hens leave the booming grounds at around 7:30 or 8:00, students are free to return to Stevens Point. They take a final count, then exit the blind, scaring the birds away. However, the birds will return to the same

site the next day.

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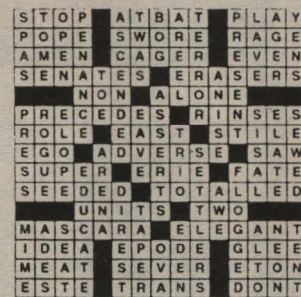
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