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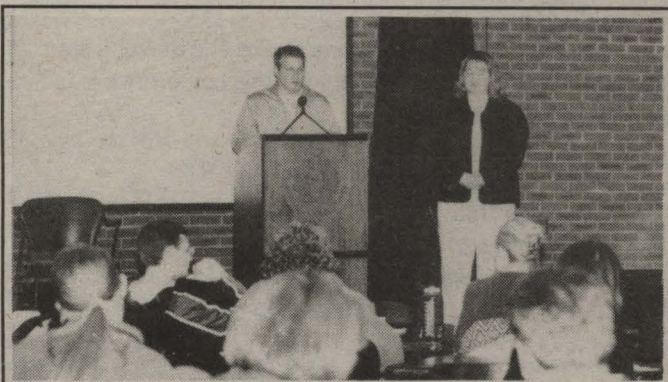
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## SGA candidates debate hot issues



Candidates Joe Shefchik and Cindy Polzin debate at the Encore. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

By Mike Stockbridge  
NEWS REPORTER

Student Government Association presidential hopefuls Cindy Polzin and Joe Shefchik squared off Wednesday afternoon in a public debate, outlining their positions on such topics as segregated fees, health service, and the Gordon Miller issue.

"Miller should be fired immediately, it's absurd. We need to get him out of here," stated Polzin when asked about the current situation concerning Gordon Miller.

Shefchik added, "It's incredible that something hasn't been done already. The school is dodging the issue. The situation needs to be dealt with right away."

Shefchik, who is a junior communication major who has been involved in SGA is running on a ticket calling for change.

"I don't like how people work at SGA and I would like to change that," stated Shefchik during his opening statement. "I am a better candidate because I have experienced how the average student lives and thinks and I think I know what the average student wants out of SGA," added Shefchik.

"Just because you spent time lying on your couch talking to your friends doesn't mean you know what the average student wants," said Polzin.

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## USF meets UW-SP

Administrators from the University of South Florida came to UW-Stevens Point as part of the search and screen process for President.

The visitors met with administrators, faculty, students, alumni and members of the community.

Students who met with vice chancellors Haynie and Healy from USF talked about their experiences with Chancellor George and answered questions the search committee asked.

According to the representatives from USF, they have received "uniform feedback from the university that Chancellor George is both an open and accessible person who is a fine mix of administration and academics."

Those who met with USF officials gave feedback that emphasized these qualities.

"Chancellor George has the ability to make everyone feel important. It didn't matter if you were an administrator or a student, Chancellor George made us feel like we were equally important," said Khara Lintel, senior.

Media representatives from Tampa Bay also visited UW-SP.

USF will decide on their choice for its president sometime late next week.

## Miller case intensifies

### Defense to withdraw no contest plea



YMCA where Miller was arrested. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

In this case, the state claimed that the statute was unconstitutional and asked the court to add that it is a crime only if the non-consensual videotaping or photographing of nude people occurred while "they are at a place where they have reasonable expectation of privacy."

Miller was charged with 24 counts of videotaping boys in the men's locker room at the Stevens Point YMCA without their consent and pled no contest at the Dec. 28 hearing.

At this hearing, his sentencing was set for March 16. Miller can face up to two years imprisonment for each count and up to \$10,000 in fines.

The 24 felony charges that Miller faces stem from the video recording found in his possession when he was arrested on Nov. 18, 1998, but do not include the numerous videotapes also depicting naked boys found at his residence during a police search.

At least six video tapes with labels "YMCA 1," "YMCA 2," etc. were found hidden in the rafters of Miller's basement. These labels also listed the full names of at least 90 boys in the community and described the video as "featuring" these boys.

In fact, the full extent of Miller's case was not on public record after Judge Tom Flugaur approved District Attorney Tom Eagon's request that the files be sealed on Nov. 19, just three days after Miller's arrest.

"I ordered the files to be sealed for various reasons. We wanted to protect the victims and we wanted to follow all our leads without tipping our hand as to what was going on," said Eagon.

The files were unsealed on Jan. 25, almost 15 months after Miller was arrested and contain additional information pertaining to the case.

According to the public records on this case, Miller admitted that he had been videotaping children at the locker room since  
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By Pramela Thiagesan  
NEWS EDITOR

Gordon Miller, math professor at UW-Stevens Point, will appear before a Circuit Court judge on March 8 in hopes of either withdrawing his no contest plea or adjourning his sentencing scheduled for later this month.

Miller's defense team filed a notice for adjournment pending the results of a Supreme Court case.

Miller's attorney, Gary Kryshak, made this recommendation because the same statute that Miller is charged under has been challenged by the district attorney's office in the Supreme Court case of State v. Scott Stevenson.

## Professors recognized for excellence

not pictured:  
Dayle Upham  
and Bryan  
Brophy-Baermann

By Josh Goller  
NEWS REPORTER

Based on student nominations, student government recently nominated seven professors for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

"This award stresses the importance of distinguished teaching, recognizes the contributions of outstanding teachers and emphasizes the commitment of the university to teaching excellence," states the University Awards Committee, made up of both faculty and students.

Dayle Upham (Education), Don Pattow (English), Lucinda Thayer (Music), Edward Gasque (Biology), Bryan Brophy-Baermann (Poli. Sci.), and Richard Crowther (Biology) were among the nominees selected by Stu-

dent Government Association (SGA) and their academic departments from recommendations made by students.

SGA received recommendations from students and nominated those professors accordingly. SGA also constructed nomination packets from the nominees and their departments. These packets will be reviewed by the University Awards Committee. Five of the seven nominees will be selected to receive this award.

"I am honored to have been recommended for the Excellence in Teaching Award, but I am even more honored to have been included in a group of colleagues I consider to be some

of the finest teachers I have ever known," said Pattow, a member of the UWSP faculty since 1965.

"I was quite surprised to hear about my nomination, and I feel honored, of course; especially since it comes from the SGA!" exclaimed Brophy-Baermann.

Many of these nominees admit that there is more to teaching than simply showing up in the classroom every day.

"My philosophy of teaching is simple: treat everyone as I would want to be treated—with respect," notes Crowther.

"I do firmly believe that the best teachers

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Joan Karlen



Richard Crowther



Edward Gasque



Lucinda Thayer



Don Pattow

## SGA allocates funds for next year

14 more organizations funded than last year

By Andrea Wetzel  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) Finance Committee met last weekend to approve budgets for student organizations. The committee agreed to fund 14 organizations that did not receive money from SGA this past year.

Organizations requested a total of \$320,000 from SGA, but this was not within the allotted amount the Finance Commit-

tee had to work with. amount, we had to do the cuts," she added.

This year UW-Stevens Point students saw a \$20 increase in segregated fees directed towards activities. Next year students will see a \$6.20 increase in segregated fees. Students will pay about \$116 in segregated fees next year.

"A major reason (segregated fees) were raised the \$6.20 this year has a lot to do with the move of Women's Ice Hockey to varsity status," said Polzin.

**"I have never seen a student government act this responsibly."**

- Jeff Buhandt, student-at-large member of Finance Committee

tee had to work with.

"This year the Finance Committee had to cut about \$40,000 out of the budgets," said Cindy Polzin, budget director of SGA.

"In order to not have segregated fees raise a tremendous

Many organizations asked for money for travel expenses, but members of the Finance Committee felt funding for on-campus activities would have a more

positive effect on the whole student body.

"The Finance Committee tried to redefine certain organizations' budgets by cutting in travel expenses and putting more

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## Excellence

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are the ones who remember vividly what it was like to be a student," said Thayer.

Each of these professors possesses the philosophy of challenging their students on a daily basis. Brophy-Baermann dares himself to "Challenge! Promote engagement! Turn the world upside down—if only for an hour per week!"

Professor Upham and his fellow nominees share a belief that they must instill a love of learning into their students and mold their students into independent thinkers.

"Too often students have been satisfied with being told what to do. They need to be challenged to be lifelong learners," said Upham. Pattow also urges this philosophy. "I hope to show students 'how' to learn; that is, I try to model a kind of behavior

that emphasizes the process of learning."

Each of these nominees has made an impact on their students' lives.

"It is beyond doubt that Joan Karlen is the best teacher I have ever had," said Amanda Fiedler who recommended Prof. Karlen for this award. "She gives her students a strong confidence in themselves that builds up their self-esteem. This enables them to reach goals once thought to be unachievable."

Jeanine Schneider explained of her recommendation, "Pattow really made me work for a good grade, but that made an 'A' on a paper that much more special."

The five winners will be announced at the Spring Commencement Ceremony. The award will be given at the Fall Convocation along with two University Service Awards and two University Scholar Awards.

## Debate

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Polzin, who is a public administration major and is also a junior, has spent two years involved with student government and other school activities.

"I go to sporting events and plays; I talk with the students about issues on campus," said Polzin.

She continued, "I love it (SGA)! I want to continue to help students and be involved with SGA."

The debate, which lasted one hour, allowed any student with a question to ask it and receive a response from each candidate.

The students' questions mainly concerned themselves with the current issues, but Shefchik was questioned about his "negative" attitudes, as well as his policy towards change regarding his current position with SGA were both questioned by concerned students.

One graduating senior asked, "If you're concerned with change, why didn't you (Shefchik) attempt to do more in your current position?"

Shefchik said, "I didn't feel that I was able to create change knowing that the position was going to be terminated after my term."

Mostly the questions centered on the campaign themes of both candidates, including health services for Shefchik and segregated fees for Polzin.

"Segregated fees is a huge issue, most of the student body doesn't know what segregated fees are, but if I were president I would encourage more student involvement in order to use segregated fees more efficiently and effectively," said Polzin.

"The Pointer is the best way to inform the students. The television and radio station are good sources, but everyone reads The Pointer and that is what we need to use in order to inform the students," said Shefchik on how to get the "apathetic" students who aren't involved.

Polzin added, "The Pointer is a wonderful tool. We also need to get the hall directors involved in order to let people know what is going on."

Although the crowd had dwindled to no more than 20 people by the end of the debate, Polzin and Shefchik extended their ideas and platforms to the student body and encouraged everyone to vote on March 6-9.

## UWSP Campus



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FRIDAY, FEB. 25

5:12 p.m. Lot Q

A student reported that someone broke the driver's side brake light of her car. She parked the car on the East side of Lot Q.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

1:10 a.m. Hansen Hall

A student reported that he had discovered the window broken in his room while he was away and the room was unlocked.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

5:25 p.m. Lot Q

A student reported that his vehicle had been vandalized while parked in Lot Q. His tail light had been broken.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

1:12 a.m. Smith Hall

A Protective Services officer was dispatched to the third floor of Smith Hall in reference to an unresponsive individual. A student was found passed out in the bathroom from drinking.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

1:52 a.m. Thomson Hall

A student reported receiving a harassing phone call. She stated the caller's name and that his extension was x4661 (it was learned that extension x4661 is the extension for the Counseling Center.)

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

1:10 p.m. Lot Q

A suspect broke the driver's side window in a student's car. The vehicle had been parked in the Northeast corner of Lot Q.

MONDAY, FEB. 28

5:32 p.m. HEC

A student reported that someone had stolen his wallet from his pants that were hanging in his locker in the football locker room.

TUESDAY, FEB. 29

10:22 a.m. Lot W

A student reported vandalism to her vehicle while it was parked in Lot W.

In lieu of recent outbreaks of spring fever The Pointer would like to remind you that there are

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## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HATE CRIMES ON CAMPUS?



**Pete Carlson**

BIO. AND WILDLIFE, SOPH.

"I haven't seen any problems."



**Jessica Krueger**

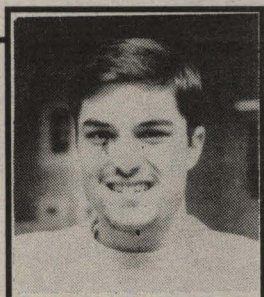
UNDECIDED, SOPH.

"People don't really expect it in a small community."

**Eli Kranski**

THEATRE, FR.

"I haven't seen any problems but I'm sure they exist."



**Kathy Steensrud**

SENIOR

"I don't think Stevens Point has a problem, although there isn't a broad diversity of ethnicity."



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by  
Rick  
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## Hate crime terrible

I read in absolute disgust the article about the recent hate crimes committed against UW-SP students. It frightens me that in a time of supposed better cultural understanding, and in an environment that promotes this understanding that there are still those that are lost in a dark world of what they believe to be "proper." I wonder if the culprits even understand the term "hate crime" or if they honestly believe that threats and vandalism are the proper ways to express their cultural views. Amazing that in an institution of higher learning such sick ignorance is still a factor.

Although I know the hall director of Pray Sims is doing what he or she feels right, I must confess the thought of putting up a bulletin board to "inform and educate residents on respect" seems naive and useless. Educating respect is not the answer, because I'm sure the culprits respect someone, just not those that fall into their ideas of right and wrong. People like this are blinded by ignorance and hate, and very little outside of radical treatment is effective. I think a man (or woman) hunt of sorts should be made to find these villains, and if I had my way, I'd strike fear into them, the way they struck fear into the people they harassed. Is treating violence with violence proper? No, but it would make me feel better.

I don't have the answer to the hate crime problem, but as Michael Stipe of R.E.M. said in the song "Ignoreland," "I feel better having screamed on you."

-Jason Hames

## On-line book exchange can help students on a budget

After the outrage ends, after the anger subsides, the bitter reality sinks in, and it was frustrating: After all the hard work for the past few years, research, internship, case studies, tests after tests, dragging two little kids to the daycare and driving 110 miles to and from school almost everyday, Andrea Thiel, 23, mother of two, full-time psychology graduate student might not graduate.

"Wow!" I screamed when I saw the price of the textbooks for my classes. The cost of the statistics textbook alone was \$59. Fifty-nine dollars for one textbook is a lot of money for most students. Having only \$95 to cover all my textbooks for the quarter, I could not shell out \$59 for just one textbook.

Faced with a dilemma, I approached my fiancé who manages an on-line magazine web site, [www.nasmex.com](http://www.nasmex.com). I asked him to put up with an ad that reads "Wanted, Statistic book, 3rd edition by authors J. Jaccard and M. Becker. In return for the textbook I will give a World Map Encyclopedia." My fiancé put the ad on-line. Within one week I received an offer, from a person who had the book I was looking for. We arranged an exchange through e-mail. The person sent me the book and to my surprise did not even want the World Map Encyclopedia or anything else in return. I didn't even know the person's name; the book was sent without a sender's name or a return address.

After completing my master's degree program last December, I decided that I'm going to use my experience to help other students. I persuaded my fiancé to create a "STUDENT TO STUDENT BARTER & BOOK EXCHANGE SERVICE," and make it a part of [Nasmex.com](http://www.nasmex.com) on-line magazine—he did. Students like me who are short on cash or just want to trade books for books or for anything else of value can do so now absolutely free at: [www.nasmex.com](http://www.nasmex.com), thanks to a very supportive fiancé.

-Andrea Thiel

## Student upset over "Pointer Poll" comment Individual apologizes for offensive racist comment

While paging through the Jan. 27 edition of *The Pointer*, something in particular caught my eye. In response to the Pointer Poll Question, "Who should pay for Lambeau Field renovations?" Communication Jr. Joe Shefchik cried, "Indian casinos because they take all my money." I find it hard to believe that someone with over two years of college education would embarrass himself by saying something totally ignorant. Although some Indian casinos are relatively successful, Indian tribes have much more important expenses than stadium renovations and are not obliged to spend their money however unsuccessful gamblers see fit.

There are thousands of businesses in Wisconsin that accept money in return for goods and services. Indian casinos provide a service, legalized gambling, as a source of entertainment. If Joe Shefchik is not satisfied with the service he receives from a particular business then his intelligent choice is taking his patronage to that place of business. It takes ignorance to show dissatisfaction with a business, let alone an entire industry, by suggesting they be penalized by having to pay for renovations they don't need, to a stadium they don't own.

Indian tribes do not owe a debt to the people of Wisconsin. Any amount of wealth they may acquire is a tiny fraction of the enormous wealth that was stolen from them by the state and federal governments for the benefit of the American population. Any rights to assets, tribes hold today are not the result of generosity of government programs. Rather, they are the minute amount of assets they are able to hold on to, despite the efforts of this country's forefathers to strip them entirely of their wealth.

Indian tribes are using their new income to deal with issues that are of major concern to them. The issue of the Lambeau Field renovations is insignificant when compared to the progress they are attempting to achieve and maintain. Today, as a result of gaming revenue, tribes are able, once again to be self-reliant and break away from the forced dependence on the government. They are also able to offer programs to their people such as elderly care, health care, better schooling for the youth, and funding for higher education.

Indian casinos are not in business to play middleman between individual's monies and where those individuals would like those monies to go. If Joe Shefchik wants to see his money contributed towards a renovated Lambeau Field, then he should stop visiting Indian casinos and give his money directly to the Green Bay Packer Organization.

-Tracy Cloud

*I would like to address a couple of issues. I have previously addressed certain individuals with these issues, but now all will know my feelings on the issue.*

*I admit my statement in The Pointer was ignorant. I certainly didn't mean to offend anyone and was absolutely wrong to think this wouldn't bother anyone. The fact of the matter is when I was asked the question I was simply trying to come up with a clever answer. I didn't think that the Pointer was looking for me to identify exactly how I thought the Lambeau Field renovations should be paid for. I apologize for my ignorance on the matter, and I will certainly be more mindful in the future.*

-Joe Shefchik

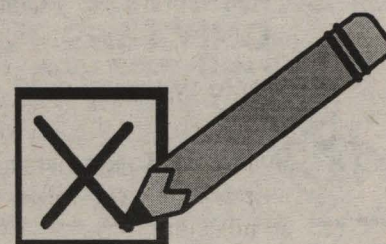
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**The Pointer staff reminds  
you to vote in the SGA  
elections March 6-9.**



## SGA President endorses Polzin/Jennik

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank you for the support that you have given me over this past year as your President. It has been a wonderful experience serving all of you and fighting behind the scenes for us in all decisions that affect our lives here on campus. The experience, I must say, has been the most rewarding I have had thus far in my life.

As you all know, the elections to choose our next president are approaching with great speed, March 6-9. The choice we will be making is very important to ensure the continued success and future of this great organization. Not many university systems throughout this country have the opportunity that we possess, to

choose the individuals that will share the governance of this great institution. As your President, I have made this right my sole purpose: ensuring we, as students, have a say in the way in which our university progresses. Students are right now fighting for this privilege nationwide. Please do not lose sight of how special we are to possess this statutorily granted right. Which brings me to my next issue.

I want to take this opportunity to announce to you my reasons for supporting the candidacy of Cindy Polzin for Student Government President. As the Student Government Chief Financial Officer, Cindy has been able to demonstrate to all of us the work ethic she possesses administering the

allocation of over one million dollars of our money, and the way she fights on a daily basis for us campuswide. Cindy understands what it means to protect the interest of students through networking with administration as a means of mediation for the resolution of serious issues. Fellow students, that's exactly what I do on a day-to-day basis with the Chancellor's administration. Cindy has a proven track record of administrative networking. Most importantly, however, Cindy truly understands what it means to sacrifice for the betterment of the whole: our student body. Please join me in supporting Cindy Polzin March 6-9.

-Andrew J. Halverson  
SGA President '99-2000

## Presidential hopefuls introduce themselves

With the upcoming election for SGA President and Vice President, it is important to know who the candidates are. Let me introduce to you the ticket of Joe Shefchik and Matt Riederer.

First, presidential hopeful, Joe Shefchik comes to us from Luxemburg, Wisconsin. He is the fourth son of Leroy and Susan Shefchik. Joe attended Luxemburg-Casco High School and graduated with honors near the top of his class. Joe is currently a second semester junior. He is a communication major with a double emphasis in public relations and interpersonal communication, with a minor in physics. Around campus Joe is involved in The Society of Physics Students, Intramurals, and SGA, where he is the SOURCE Director. He has also been the wrestling coach at P.J. Jacobs Junior High. Joe is an active runner and also enjoys playing classical piano.

Joe's running mate, for Vice President, is Matt Riederer. Matt hails from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, where he attended Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Matt graduated in 1997 in the top four percent of his class. Matt also is a second semester junior at UW-SP. He is majoring in forest management with a wildlife minor. Matt was the Hyer Hall fire marshal for two years, second floor social coordinator, a member of the wrestling team his freshman year, and has been involved with Intramurals for six semesters. He has also been an assistant wrestling coach at Milwaukee Lutheran High School for the past two seasons. Matt enjoys fishing, hunting, and trap shooting.

These are two of the candidates in this year's SGA elections. Be sure to vote March 6-9.

-Matt Riederer  
2000 Vice Presidential Candidate

## Presidential candidate asks for votes

One week from today, the student body on campus will have a new president of the Student Government Association. As many students know, I am one of the candidates vying for the position. I would like to start by saying thank you to those that have supported me in the race thus far. It excites me that I could continue the tradition of shared governance on this campus.

I look at the students here as employers looking to hire an employee. When one hires, they look at that candidate's experience, skills, leadership, and responsibility. I feel that I am the clear choice when looking at these qualifications. I have been

there to make sure that you have the campus newspaper. I have been there to fight for the tuition freeze we are all going to enjoy. I have been there to fight for students' rights on this campus, at the state level, and at the national level. I am eager to hear students' concerns on this campus and will continue to fight for them. I am here working for you.

When casting your vote next week, please be sure to look at the issues affecting you. Diversity, health services on campus, additional green space, and student involvement are just some things that affect each and every one of us on a daily basis. I want to work with various groups on

campus to make sure that the SGA word gets out. I want to make sure every student knows what SGA does for them, and has the opportunity to question that role.

Like you, I am just a normal student trying to graduate and have some fun on the way. But while I am here, I have chosen to be involved on campus. I am proud of that, and proud of our campus. I want the opportunity to continue that involvement, and continue to make Point a place we are all proud to be a part of. On that note, I ask for your vote and support next week.

-Cindy Polzin  
2000 Presidential Candidate

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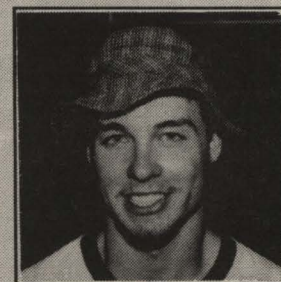
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## OUTTA SHEAD'S HEAD



## March: The elections return

Aldo Leopold heralded March as the month when "the geese return." To me it means the return of the geese, the start of the early trout fishing season and the return of the Shamrock shake to McDonald's. But for UW-Stevens Point students, it means an opportunity to influence the way the campus will be run in the following year with just a few clicks of the mouse.

The Student Government elections return to campus next week. The elections are a unique opportunity for students to have a say in how their tuition money is handled.

SGA controls over \$1 million in student money. With this kind of influence, it would be wise to get involved in elections, either directly as a candidate or indirectly as a voter.

However, as with most elections, most students fail to exercise their right to vote. Last year only about five percent of the student body voted in the SGA elections.

This baffles me. Certainly well over five percent of students are unhappy with increasing tuition, yet most fail to take any action to prevent tuition hikes or even take the time to investigate where their tuition money goes.

People who wonder why programs are cut or fail to get better funding hopefully realize that SGA is responsible for allocating funding. The lack of funding for certain organizations probably is a result of a lack of initiative for more funding. It all comes back to apathy.

Fortunately I see a bright future ahead regarding SGA elections. The new on-line voting system should make voting more convenient than ever and it's likely that voter turnout will be high.

Take an active role in how your money is spent this year and vote March 6-9, unless you think your tuition money is for the birds.

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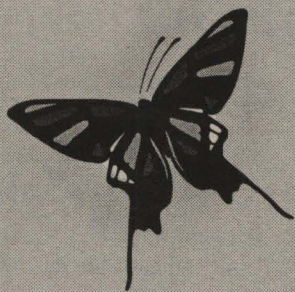
*Butterflies fly in place.*

*Wings flapping at  
incessant speeds.*

*Bumps against the  
inside of the cage.*

*Though to torment the  
mind,*

*bringing nothing, but  
painful memories*



*of the stress that builds  
up towards the Heavens  
like tall sycamores.*

*Wanting to break free and  
fly  
away from all, still is  
trapped in still bars.*



**Vote for SGA March  
6-9 online**



## STV features diverse student-produced shows on campus

By Kari Sulzer  
FEATURES REPORTER

Student Television (STV) displays student creativity and talent with several UW-Stevens Point student-produced shows airing this semester.

The shows are written, directed and edited by UW-SP students and are aired on cable channel 10. They include: "Loose Cannons," "Get to the Point," "i-tv," "Urban Rhythms," "EEE TV," "What's That About?," "Student Voice," and "Hambone & Shecky."

Students interested in creating their own shows met with Jaime Socha, STV's Program Director, this semester to discuss logistics. Socha helped coordinate all of the technical details.

"An interested student basically just needs to tell me that he or she wants to do a show," she said.

Socha added that she is very pleased with the local program-

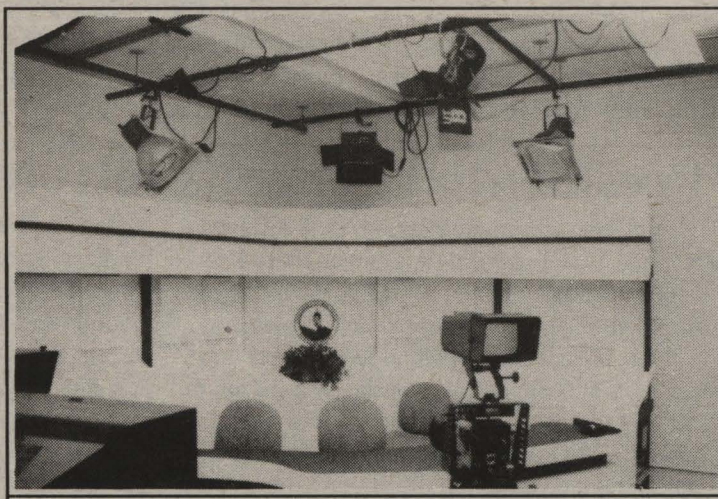
ming this semester, saying, "You can tell these people put a lot of work into their shows."

And the shows are very diverse. "Get to the Point" is a radio talk show simulcast on television," said the show's director, Dennis Bankson. "Loose Cannons," on the other hand, is a comedy.

Students are not the only ones lighting up the local cable channel. Two faculty members

are also featured on their own informative shows. Chancellor Thomas George discusses current campus issues on "The Chancellor's Chat," and Colleen Andrews, student computer lab and ResNet manager, offers helpful PC tips, as well as computer lab information, on "Cyber-Pointers."

A complete program schedule is available on the STV website: [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/stv/](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/stv/).



STV studio on campus. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

## 30th International Dinner and entertainment set at UW-SP

A variety of foods, music, demonstrations, dancing and costumes from countries around the world will all be part of the 30th annual International Dinner and Entertainment held at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, March 4.

The evening will begin with drinks and international hors d'oeuvres in the University Center's LaFollette Lounge from 5:15-5:45 p.m. A sale of cultural artifacts will also be held at this time.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Laird Room of the UC. The menu will include royal chicken in yogurt (India), Bosnian pot (Bosnia), Bahamian fish (Bahamas), spiced Somerset carrots (United Kingdom), almond float (China) and Wasserkranz cake (Germany). A vegetarian alternative will be available, along with coffee, tea, milk and soft drinks.

UW-SP students from a variety of cultures will provide entertainment for the evening, with performances such as songs from Russia, Japan and China; African drumming and dances of Africa, China, India and Latin America. An international fashion show will also take place.

Tickets for the International Dinner are \$15 each and must be purchased through the Foreign Student Office, 119 Nelson Hall, 1209 Fremont St., Stevens Point, or with an official ticket order form from the office. Those interested in sitting together must order tickets at the same time, as all seats are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Proceeds from the event benefit the UW-SP International Club.

## Search is on for new chair of theatre and dance department

By Amy Shaw  
FEATURES REPORTER

Arthur Hopper, longtime chair of the Theatre and Dance department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is retiring in May, and the search is on to find his replacement.

The theatre department has narrowed its selections down to three candidates who are interviewing on the UW-SP campus this week and holding open acting seminars for all theatre and dance students.

Students around campus are encouraged to take a proactive

role in meeting with prospective candidates. To facilitate this need, candidates have blocked off an hour in their itinerary to informally meet with students and discuss whatever issues might be of importance to them. Curriculum, teaching style and theatrical productions may be some of the topics discussed.

Theatre faculty will show candidates around the Stevens Point area, dine with them and take them to see the department's studio production of "Berlin to Broadway: With Kurt Weill."

Anyone interested in writing features should stop by Room 104 of the Comm. building or call The Pointer office at 346-2249.



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## A reserve way to pay for college

By Ryan Lins

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With full-time UW college tuition cresting at over \$2,800 a year, students have been getting creative with funding solutions. One option that is gaining popularity among UW-Stevens Point students is joining the National Guard and Army Reserves.

With a "one weekend a month, two weeks during the summer" commitment, students can earn more than enough money to pay for school.

Currently 191 UW-SP students are receiving the benefits of the benefits of the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and 91 students are receiving some form of tuition reimbursements.

"I couldn't have afforded college without it. It has given me a lot of cash for college and even some left over for the bars," said Kirk Bahr, former guardsman.

Monetarily, benefits have been very high in Wisconsin. For instance, the Army National Guard pays 100 percent tuition reimbursement. This averages out to \$1,250 a semester.

Both National Guard and Army Reserve members receive the Montgomery G.I. Bill, which pays \$251.90 a month for nine months a year. Students with

prior active duty service before joining can receive up to \$750 a month. All benefits are based on a four-year, eight-semester college timetable.

To top off the benefits is drill pay. A soldier with the rank of Specialist (E-4), which takes about two years to attain, earns

around \$175 a drill weekend before taxes.

Paying for college this way is not without price. Students must complete a nine-week basic training course and Advanced Individual Training before becoming eligible for the monetary rewards.



Students in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. (Submitted photo)

## Start of spring reveals much more than the birds...

With the onset of the beautiful weather the snow has disappeared, the birds are re-gathering, and the infamous 'naked jogger' has returned to the streets of Stevens Point.

What, you may ask, does the 'naked jogger' look like? Well, for those of you who haven't had the joy of encountering him he is a white, overweight male in his mid to upper 40s. He's often seen wearing nothing but his running shoes and a stocking cap on his head. Last Thursday's choice color happened to be blaze orange, and in the past he's been known to wear a KISS mask.

The 'naked jogger,' as he's come to be recognized, is of average height, about 5'10" to 6'. Hair color has not been noted yet due to consistent hat wearing.

The next question you're probably wondering is where. From interviewing students he's pursued the streets of Division, Main, Briggs, Prentice, Stanley, College and Fourth Avenue.

Where he will be darting out from next no one knows. It appears that he likes to hang out at corners of streets, enjoys dashing out from behind bushes, garages, and fences. Several students have reported him to frequent Division Street where many house party attendees, walkers, runners and bikers use the busy street sidewalks.

There is a word and definition that fits the 'naked jogger,' (or using the comedy TV show "friends" term, the 'ugly naked guy' as some students refer to him) and that is exhibitionism.

Exhibitionism is defined in Webster's New World Dictionary of 1987 as "a tendency to call attention to oneself or show off. Better yet, he could be labeled an exhibitionist, which is a tendency to expose oneself sexually."

Conversing with one SPASH alumnus, she recalls the naked jogger being around when she was in high school. Apparently, this has been going on for years. Several students have encountered him more than once in their years here at UW-Stevens Point.

As far as we know, no real conversations have been had with this character. Where will the 'naked jogger' strike next? It is wise and suggested that you call and report his latest sighting to the Stevens Point Police Department.

## School "Pointers" From the Lifestyle Assistants

By Becky Hibbard

LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT

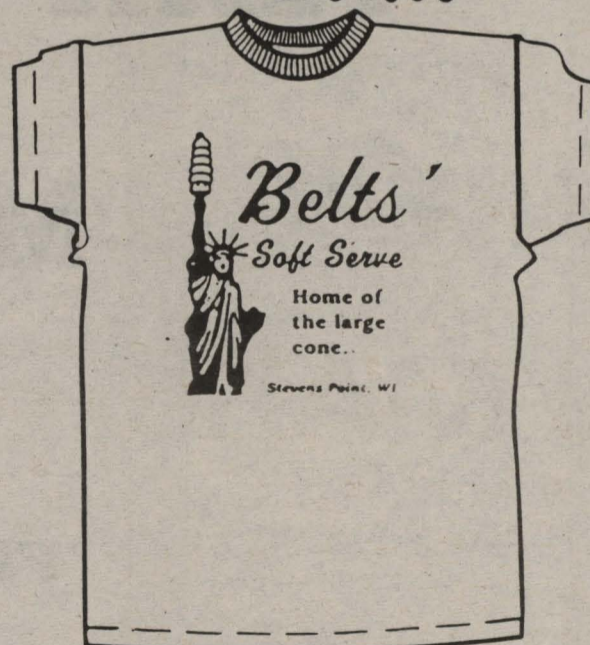
### Health and Wellness Week

March 1-8 gives students the chance to "Choose Well" during the National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week. The week makes a special effort to let students learn more about all the aspects of health and wellness. Wednesday started the day off with a Super Spring Break program in the Steiner Hall lobby. The event was sponsored by the Lifestyle Assistants as part of the Wellness Wednesday's program sequence. Tonight features Big Nick and the Cydecos in the Encore. Alternative Sounds from Centertainment Productions sponsors the 8 p.m. event. Tomorrow, Centertainment Productions/Club Variety brings you Karaoke with John Copps. The event takes place at 7 p.m. in the Encore of the UC.

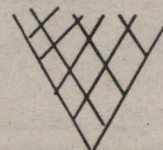
Next weekend also brings health and wellness information. Saturday and Sunday from 9-3 p.m. is Wellness in the Mall. The CenterPoint MarketPlace is offering new ideas on how to get healthy and lets students check out the great community resources.

The week starts off with more fun events on Monday. You can test your knowledge on what it takes to be well and win great prizes at Debot Double Jeopardy. The Hot SHOTS Peer Educators are holding the event in the Debot Dining Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Also on Monday is the Aerobathon 2000! Students bring a one or two dollar donation for Operation Bootstrap and can get in shape at the same time. Tuesday at 7 p.m. there is a program on Sex and Power in the Media located in the Laird Room. Ann Josephine Simonton is a supermodel turned activist with a message to convey about the impact media images have on our lives. At 8 p.m. in the Neale Hall Lobby is a luau and mocktails. Wrapping up the week is a "Choose Well" Health Fair from 1-4 p.m. in the HEC concourse. Various campus organizations will be on hand to offer information on how to improve your health. Also, each day offers more information at booths in the UC concourse on various health topics. Get informed so you can choose well!

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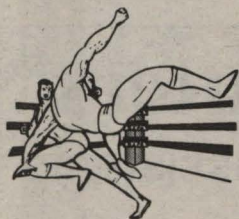
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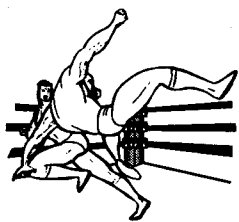
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## Miller

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When questioned by the police, Miller stated that he did not feel that he was doing anything wrong and said that he liked to "see the actions and interactions of different people in a setting with others and how the people acted differently."

In his statement on Nov. 18, Miller denied having any child pornography materials in his house but police officers found numerous erotic books with titles such as, "Taking His Teen Stepson," "Teeny Weenies," "Tender Loins" and "His Favorite Student" at his residence.

When asked why Miller was not charged for the contents of the other video tapes, Eagon said, "I think the probability of 48 years imprisonment for Miller is sufficient, whether he is charged with 24 counts or 200 counts does not make a big difference in this case."

"All information and investigation pertaining to this case will be presented to the judge before Miller is sentenced," added Eagon.

Lists of male names, recognized as local students by Sargent Robert Barge were also seized from Miller's home at 3925 Simonis Street.

Further investigation recovered additional lists of boys' names, dates of birth and addresses.

In addition to numerous digital and computer equipment capable of transferring video images to computer and in turn to compact discs, police found a luggage bag containing new male children's clothing.

Police also found pictures of a well-known missing child from Minnesota, Jacob Wetterling, at Miller's home. According to officials present during the search, Wetterling's head was digitally manipulated to superimpose over the naked torso of an unknown juvenile from Miller's YMCA videos.

Other material included a newspaper containing an article about a juvenile female who was abducted from her hometown in Minnesota sometime in August 1998.

Police investigating this missing child contacted the Portage County police, asking them to interview Miller with regards to this case. Miller is from Thief River Falls, a small town in Minnesota and spends most of the summer there.

On August 24, 1996, a complaint was made against Miller from Jefferson school in Minnesota stating that Miller was videotaping the list of children as posted in a class roster.

"Though the evidence seemed incriminating, we have no substantial proof that Gordon Miller

is linked to the disappearance of these children," said Eagon.

"When we started investigating the case and saw all the evidence before us we assumed the worst, but we did not find enough evidence that proved that," added Eagon.

The lack of incriminating evidence in Miller's office at UW-Stevens Point also tied the hands of administration and limited the course of action available.

"If we had the slightest shred of evidence that Gordon Miller used university equipment during his activities, or if he acted in this manner on campus grounds we would have the basis to release him from the university," said Bill Meyer, vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

"The dilemma that we find ourselves in is that we cannot fire Miller because the state law stipulates that we cannot fire someone based on a criminal record," said Robert Beeken, associate vice chancellor for personnel and budget.

Though no evidence shows that Miller engaged in similar activities on campus, children from the community do use the facilities on campus such as the swimming pool, Museum of Natural History and the university day care.

Parents have expressed concerns at the university day-care center.

Students, faculty and staff have raised concerns regarding Miller's continued employment on campus.

"Although I understand the university's decision, it seems almost ridiculous that such behavior is tolerated because professors should

hold themselves to a higher standard and set examples to the students and the community," said a university staff member who preferred to remain anonymous.

Area residents have also voiced concerns over Miller's case and were directed to Sargent Kurt Helminiak, investigator at the Stevens Point Police Department.

"I have received calls and visits from parents who are concerned that their children may be in one of Miller's videos. I have also contacted the parents whose children we have identified from viewing the tapes," said Helminiak.

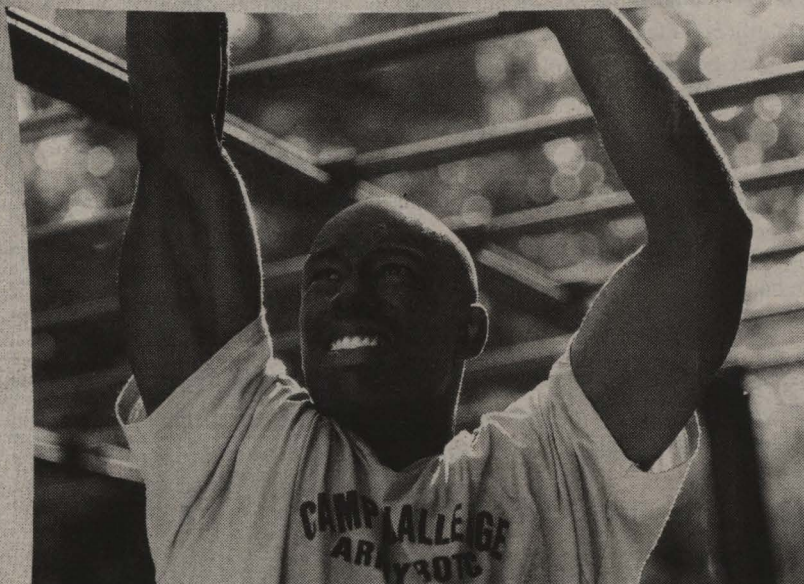
The sealed records pertaining to Miller's case frustrated one victim's parents, spurring them to file a case against the District Attorney's office requesting that information pertaining to the case be released and made public record.

In response to this, Eagon said, "We believe that it is generally against public policy to open our files as it may hinder potential future cooperation from general populous in providing information for investigation."

The pre-sentence investigation was presented to the District Attorney's office on Tuesday, Feb. 29 and Eagon said that he was unable to say for sure what kind of a sentence he would recommend.

Eagon did however allude that he was inclined to ask for five years imprisonment and a substantial period of probation.

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## NCAA has made life rough for D-3 teams trying to make it to the postseason

By Mike Peck and Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITORS

It's about that time of year again when all of the winter sports are beginning to come to a close and all of the championship tournaments and meets are taking form.

The NCAA has retooled the playoff system for most of the Division III athletics for the 1999-2000 season.

So far this season, UW-Stevens Point athletics have been very successful and just very well may be the premier school for athletics in the premier Division III conference in the nation.

Probably the toughest postseason to qualify for would have to be the D-III hockey tournament. Only eight teams get in and seven of those eight are automatic bids from the conference tournaments.

"We had 23 wins and are on pins and needles right now," Pointer coach Joe Baldarotta said. "If we don't win the conference tournament we might not get in."

With one at-large bid available, it would be hard to pick which team deserves to go.

"The best team left standing after the (conference) finals should get in," said Baldarotta. "Upsets happen, so if everyone loses then you really have a problem on who will go. We are definitely afraid of not getting in. We don't feel like we will get a berth unless we win, so we are looking at this as a must-win."

The Pointers, however, do have the advantage of playing 14 games against teams that have been ranked in the top 10 in the nation at some point in the season.

But most importantly for the Pointer hockey team is that it does control its own destiny.

The selection for the men's and women's basketball tournaments isn't any better.

Under the new format, only six of the 48 potential berths in the men's field are of the at-large variety, meaning teams had better win their conference tournament if they want to get in.

Like many coaches, Pointer men's coach Jack Bennett would like to see the field return to 64 teams.

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## Late heroics propel cagers to title UW-SP earns automatic berth to NCAA tournament

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

In sports and in life, at times when things look their bleakest, it is destiny that takes over and carries people through.

Saturday night may have been one of those times for the Pointer men's basketball team.

Trailing by six with one minute remaining in the second half of their WIAC championship game with UW-Eau Claire, the Pointers somehow found a way to force overtime and eventually came away with a 59-56 victory.

"We did it with guts. We did it with perseverance," UW-Stevens Point coach Jack Bennett said. "Sometimes that's just enough."

The victory earned the Pointers an automatic bid in the NCAA Division III tournament and left Eau Claire waiting for an at-large berth and asking "what if?"

What if they hadn't let a six-point lead slip away in the final minute of regulation?

What if 84 percent free throw shooter Matt Fermanich had made the front end of a bonus situation just once in his two opportunities with under 40 seconds left?

What if center Jon Wallenfels had shot better than one of 11 from the free throw line?

What if the team had shot better than seven of 22 from the charity stripe?

Nonetheless, UW-SP found a way to get the job done.

A baseline jumper by Dave Mellenthin gave the Blugolds a 56-50 lead with 1:08 remaining in the second half.

Jay Bennett responded, though, knocking down a huge three-pointer from the right wing to cut Eau Claire's lead to three with 55 seconds to go.

After failing to force a turnover with a trapping defense, the Pointers were forced to foul Fermanich, the Blugolds' best free-throw shooter with 36 seconds left.

UW-SP got the miss they wanted, but Mellenthin got an offensive rebound, something that haunted Point all night, and called a timeout.

Following the timeout, the Pointers were forced to foul Fermanich again, and again he missed and UW-SP corralled the rebound.

Point quickly got the ball ahead to Travis Kornowski who immediately heaved up at 24-foot three-pointer that found nothing but net, tying the game at 56-56 with 25 seconds remaining.

"As soon as I had my legs under me and took the shot, it felt perfect," Kornowski said.

"Both of those threes are as big as any long shots we've had," Bennett said.

Eau Claire attempted to hold



Jay Bennett drives past Eau Claire's Sherm Carstensen during Saturday's WIAC Championship game. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

for one final shot, but Brent Larson stole the ball and his running three-pointer at the buzzer was just off the mark.

Brant Bailey scored a lay-up on the opening possession and added a free throw later on for the only points scored by either team in the extra session.

"It was truly seven minutes of the highest emotion I can remember," Bennett said of the last two minutes of regulation and the overtime period.

"The last two minutes of the game, we were playing our best defense of the game," Bailey stated. "We just had to carry that on to overtime."

Bailey led UW-SP with 24 points, Jay Bennett added 11 points and Joe Zuiker chipped in eight points and 12 rebounds.

Sherm Carstensen paced Eau Claire with 18 points.

UW-SP had a 27-17 lead late in the first half before the Blugolds chipped away to cut Point's lead to 29-23 at halftime.

Eau Claire tightened up its defense to start the second half, going on a 9-2 run to take a 32-31 lead.

The teams battled back and forth for the majority of the second half before the Blugolds were able to stretch their lead to six on Mellenthin's jumper with just over a minute to go.

Despite the loss, Eau Claire

coach Terry Gibbons was proud of his team's effort.

"It's a tough loss. It hurts. Our kids played well enough to win that game," Gibbons said. "If we would have had some free throws go down, we win the game."

"I'm extremely proud of our kids. They were 22-4, we were 22-4. I told our kids they have nothing to be ashamed of."

UW-SP earned a first round bye in the NCAA Tournament and will take on the winner of the Lewis & Clark College (Ore.) versus Pacific University (Ore.) game on Saturday night at the Quandt Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

UW-SP (59) Zuiker 4-7 0-0 8, Frank 1-4 2-2 4, Bailey 10-17 4-10 24, Larson 0-9 0-0 0, Bennett 4-9 0-1 11, Kind 0-1 0-0 0, Iserloth 3-8 1-2 9, Kornowski 1-3 0-1 3. Totals 23-58 7-16 59. UW-EC (56) Marks 0-3 0-0 0, Mellenthin 4-14 0-0 9, Wallenfels 6-14 1-11 13, Fermanich 1-6 0-2 3, Carstensen 7-14 3-5 18, Konkol 0-0 2-2 2, Johnson 3-4 1-2 9, Jacobson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-56 7-22 56.

Rebounds: UW-SP 44 (Zuiker 12), UW-EC 39. Assists: UW-SP 9, UW-EC 11. Turnovers: UW-SP 15, UW-EC 13. Attendance: 3,075

### UW-SP 80, UW-Superior 73

With one win at the Quandt Fieldhouse already this season, UW-Superior had to feel confident coming into its WIAC semi-final game with the Pointers.

The Yellow Jackets gave UW-SP all it could handle before eventually falling in overtime, 80-73.

Point looked to have the game

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## Hockey steamrolls into NCHA finals

Pointers plow past River Falls, await UW-Superior



An unidentified Pointer player winds up a shot during UW-SP's victory over UW-River Falls on Saturday night. (Photo by Rick Ebberts)

**By Mike Peck**

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point hockey team advanced to the NCHA conference playoff finals with a series sweep over UW-River Falls last weekend at K.B. Willett Arena.

The Pointers will have a date with Superior this weekend, with an automatic bid for the NCAA tournament on the line.

"We are playing real steady hockey right now," Pointer coach Joe Baldarotta said. "We have done it all year."

The Pointers (23-6 overall) opened the series with the Falcons on Friday night with a 3-1 victory behind a pair of goals by sophomore Bryan Fricke.

Mikhail Salienko provided the third Pointer goal of the evening; more than enough for Pointer goalie Bob Gould to preserve the victory.

Fricke's two goals might have surprised some people, but it is the same kind of action that has carried the Pointers all season.

"Everyone has stats. If Salienko scores goals in these games, we do this or that," said Baldarotta. "But the fact is, our third and fourth lines have been scoring goals all season."

The Pointers carried a 3-0 lead into the third period when Gould let by his only shot of the game.

Gould had 24 saves on the night, but most of those shots weren't very threatening as the Pointers did a tremendous job with back-checking and defense.

"Our defense has been great all season," said Baldarotta. "Our forwards have also done a good job helping out in our end of the ice."

Saturday night was much like the previous three playoff games as the Pointers jumped out to an early lead on their way to a 5-1 victory.

Derek Toninato got things

started in a hurry, scoring just 52 seconds into the game. Kenny Bowers then added another before the first intermission, giving Point a 2-0 lead heading into the lockerroom.

Point didn't stop there as Salienko lit the lamp in the second period for his team-leading fifth playoff goal, giving the Pointers a 3-0 advantage.

River Falls came back and put one up on the board at 11:28 of the third period with a power-play goal.

The Pointers stopped any momentum that the Falcons had gained just a minute later when Josh Strassman slapped one by goaltender Jacques Vezina on the man advantage.

David Boehm put the final nail in the coffin at the 14:44 mark as the Pointers ran away with the victory.

"We have 23 wins and have a chance at getting the most wins in the country and no one thinks that we are any good," said Baldarotta.

The Pointers swept the regular season series with Superior this year winning both games by a score of 3-2.

The Yellow Jackets, who defeated St. Norbert in their NCHA semifinal series, are ranked eighth in this week's U.S. College Hockey Online poll while UW-SP is fourth.

"I think that Superior is the second best team we played this year, with Norwich being the best," Baldarotta stated. "We have to beat them in order to move

on. They have a chance of winning the whole thing."

UW-SP is on a roll right now but will face a much more physical team in Superior than they have faced so far in the playoffs.

"Superior has some guys that can play inside," Baldarotta said of Superior's strength. "We have a lot of respect for those guys."

The Yellow Jackets and the Pointers will tangle at Willett Arena both Friday and Saturday nights with the puck dropping at 7:30 p.m.

### Pointer Playoff notes:

-Salienko has scored a goal in all four of the playoff games.

-Gould has yet to give up a first or second period goal in the playoffs.

-Ten different Pointers have scored the team's 17 postseason goals, including five by Salienko.

UW-River Falls 0 0 1 -- 1  
UW-SP 1 2 0 -- 3

### First Period

UW-SP - Fricke (Slobodnik), 8:31.

### Second Period

UW-SP - Fricke, 4:55. UW-SP - Salienko (Michalski, Boehm), 13:47.

### Third Period

UW-RF - Bernard (Martinson, Fukushima), 9:32.

Shots on goal: UW-SP: 30, UW-RF: 25.

Goalie saves: UW-SP: Gould 24; UW-RF: Vezina 27.

UW-River Falls 0 0 1 -- 1

UW-SP 2 1 2 -- 5

### Scoring

### First Period

UW-SP - Toninato (Maxson, Drayna), 0:52. UW-SP - Bowers (Slobodnik, Westergaard), 17:19.

### Second Period

UW-SP - Salienko (Kendrick, Michalski), pp, 14:04.

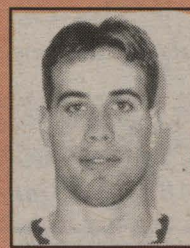
### Third Period

UW-RF - Bernard (Locker, Fukushima), pp, 11:28. UW-SP - Strassman (Boehm, Kochan), pp, 12:28. UW-SP - Boehm (Kochan, Salienko), 14:44.

Shots on goal: UW-SP: 36, UW-RF: 32.

Goalie saves: UW-SP: Gould 31; UW-RF: Vezina 31.

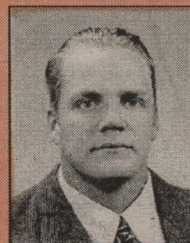
## UW-SP well represented on all-conference squads



Bailey



Bennett



Boelk



Baldarotta

Thanks in large part to the success of the UW-Stevens Point athletic teams during the course of the winter sports season, numerous Pointer athletes have been rewarded with postseason honors.

The Pointer men's basketball team captured its first conference title since 1993 and landed three players on the WIAC first team, headed by conference player of the year Brant Bailey.

Bailey, a senior center from Wisconsin Dells, averaged 24.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game in conference play.

His scoring average ranked him first in the WIAC while his rebounding ranked him fourth. Bailey was also fifth in field goal percentage.

Bailey broke WIAC records for free throws made and attempted in a season and in a game. He also set a Division III record with 31 free throw attempts in a game.

Bailey is joined on the first team team by Gabe Frank, a senior forward, and Brent Larson a junior guard.

Frank averaged 14.4 points per game. He ranked fourth in field goal percentage, second in three-point percentage and third in free throw percentage.

Larson, a transfer from Division I Central Michigan, averaged 9.1 points per game. He finished second in the WIAC with 4.56 assists per game and third in three-point percentage.

UW-SP head coach Jack Bennett was honored as WIAC Coach of the Year. He has led the Pointers to a 23-4 record so far this season and a mark of 77-30 during his four seasons at UW-SP.

The Pointer swimming and diving teams captured WIAC titles in the same season for the first time in history this year.

Al Boelk was honored as WIAC Coach of the Year for his job with both the Pointer men and women.

All-conference selections are determined by performers placing at the WIAC Championship meet.

Earning first team for the men were Jeremy Francioli (100 and 200 backstroke, 400 and 800 freestyle relay, 200 and 400 medley relay), Brent Newport (100 and 200 breaststroke, 200 and 400 medley relay), Randy Boelk (200 butterfly, 200 and 400 individual medley, 400 and 800 freestyle relay, 400 medley relay), Anthony Harris (400 and 800 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay), Nick Hansen (400 freestyle relay, 200 and 400 medley relay) and Tim Benjamin (800 freestyle relay).

Second team honors went to Hansen (50 freestyle, 200 freestyle

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## The Week Ahead... UW-Stevens Point Athletics

**Hockey:** (NCHA Finals) UW-Superior, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; UW-Superior, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball:** (NCAA Tournament) Lewis and Clark College vs. Pacific University winner, Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Track and Field:** WIAC Indoor Championships (Platteville), Friday and Saturday.

**Wrestling:** NCAA Division III Championships (Ada, Ohio), Friday and Saturday.

*All Home Games in Bold*

### All-conference

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relay), Francioli (200 freestyle), Harris (100 butterfly, 200 freestyle relay), Boelk (200 freestyle relay), Eric Sands (200 freestyle relay), Aaron Heiss (200 breaststroke) and Kevin Engholdt (one-meter and three-meter diving).

First team honors for the women went to Mary Agazzi (50 and 100 freestyle, 400 and 800 freestyle relay, 400 medley relay), Becca Uphoff (200 and 500 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 400 and 800 freestyle relay, 400 medley relay), Christine Sammons (100 and 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 400 medley relay), Mary Thone (200 butterfly, 400 freestyle relay, 400 and 800 freestyle relay, 400 medley relay), Laura Latt (400 freestyle relay) and Jen Randall (800 freestyle relay).

Earning second team were Thone (500 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 200 medley relay), Uphoff (200 medley relay), Sammons (200 medley relay), Agazzi (200 medley relay) and Melanie Luke (1,650 freestyle).

The UW-SP hockey team, champions of both the WIAC and NCHA regular season, landed three first team performers.

Bob Gould, a sophomore goalie from Eagle River, Troy Michalski, a junior defenseman from Mosinee, and Ryan Maxson, a junior forward from Hatley, were each first team picks.

Gould leads all NCAA Division III goaltenders in goals against average (2.0) and save percentage (92.1 percent).

Maxson leads UW-SP in scoring with 39 points, while Michalski ranks second among Pointer defensemen and sixth overall in scoring.

Honorable mention was earned by Josh Strassman, Matt Interbartolo, David Boehm, Mikhail Salienko and Derek Toninato.

Pointer head coach Joe Baldarotta was named WIAC Coach of the Year. He has led UW-SP to a 23-6 record so far this season and 171-84-21 mark in his nine seasons at UW-SP.

Jessica Ott, a senior guard from New Glarus, earned first team all-WIAC honors for women's basketball.

Ott finished fourth in the WIAC in scoring at 15.6 points per game and first in free throw percentage at 86.3 percent. She finished her UW-SP career as the school's second all-time leading scorer.

Carry Boehning, a sophomore forward from Auburndale, earned honorable mention. She was sixth in the WIAC in scoring with 14.9 points per game and fourth in rebounding, collecting 7.6 per game.

The UW-SP wrestling team earned a pair of first team selections based on their performances at the WIAC Championships.

Brady Holtz, a freshman from Oconto Falls, and Wes Kapping, a junior from Spring Valley, were rewarded for taking first at 133 and 174 pounds, respectively.

Darren Drummer (125 pounds), Nathan Preslaski (157 pounds) and Mitch Gehring (heavyweight) earned second team honors for their second place finishes.

### Basketball

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firmly in control midway through the second half as it took a 52-41 lead with nine minutes left.

Superior, however refused to quit, cutting the Pointer lead to 62-60 with 50 seconds remaining on a Justin Johnson lay-up.

Following a pair of Brent Larson free throws, Vince Thomas hit a line-drive three out of the left corner to cut the Point lead to 64-63 with 31 seconds to go.

Gabe Frank converted on a pair of free throws with 22 seconds left to get the UW-SP lead to three.

But a desperation three-pointer from the top of the key by Brandon Vesel with two seconds left sent the game into overtime.

UW-SP took charge in overtime and would not be denied.

UW-SP made eight of nine free throws in the overtime period and outscored the Yellow Jackets 14-7 to come away with the win.

"That was as emotionally as intense game I've been a part of," Bennett said. "I'm proud that we didn't back down."

Bailey led UW-SP with 31 points and had nine rebounds.

**UW-SP (80)** Zuiker 3-8 5-7 12, Bailey 11-17 9-11 31, Frank 3-6 5-5 12, Larson 2-6 6-6 10, Bennett 0-1 4-4 4, Kind 0-1 0-0 0, Vosters 0-0 2-2 2, Iserloth 4-4 0-0 9, Kornowski 0-2 0-0 0, Benesh 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-46 31-35 80.

**UW-S (73)** Thomas 7-16 1-2 17, Strilzuk 9-15 4-7 25, Sanders 5-8 2-3 12, Tressel 0-0 1-2 1, Vesel 4-11 2-3 14, Bouldin 0-5 0-0 0, Andre 0-0 0-1 0, Johnson 2-6 0-0 4, Hallsten 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-62 10-18 73.

**Rebounds:** UW-SP 35 (Zuiker 10), UW-S 29. **Assists:** UW-SP 8 (Bennett 3), UW-S 6. **Turnovers:** UW-SP 14, UW-S 14. **Attendance:** 1,831

## Men take first, women third at Pointer Invite

By Mike Peck

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams are all tuned up and ready to roll at the WIAC indoor conference meet this weekend.

Both teams had their final tune up before the big meet by competing in the second Stevens Point Invite in the MAC.

The men's team took first, edging out La Crosse, 110-102.

"I think that we are ready for the conference meet," said Pointer men's coach Rick Witt. "Most of the upper class guys are stepping it up."

Craig Gunderson had a rare tie for first in the 400 meters with a provisional qualifying time of 49.43.

The distance medley relay improved its national qualifying time when they ran 9:59.67.

"I am really pleased with the way things are coming together," said Witt.

UW-SP is becoming more balanced as the season wears on and it is helping in the scoring.

Joel Schult also qualified provisionally in the shot put with his toss of 15.79 meters.

The 4x400 relay was also able to put a qualifying performance together when it ran 3:19.30.

"We have 11 qualified, and whether all will get in is debatable," said Witt. "There are seven that are pretty solid though."

Heading into the conference meet, the men hope to be in the top three after the dust has settled.

"The goal is top three and that is realistic," said Witt. "La Crosse is real good and after that it is hard to say. Points are going to be at a premium."

The women's team also is beginning to feature a more balanced scoring attack going into the conference meet.

The women placed third in the meet behind Oshkosh and La Crosse.

"Everybody has been competing," said women's coach Len Hill. "We are ready to do better at the conference meet."

Megan Lundahl won the weight throw and provisionally qualified for nationals.

April Halkoski and Maggie Dennewitz went one-two in the 5,000 as the women continue to improve.

"We have good jumpers, throwers and have everything from the 400 meters up covered," said Hill.

The Point women also took home the title in the 4x400 relay.

The ladies hope to come out of the conference meet with a top three finish.

"We are shooting for top three, but it is going to be a big challenge," said Hill.

Both teams will depart for Platteville on Friday morning as preliminary events will kick off at 11:30 a.m., while Saturday will feature finals in most events.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT JEREMY FRANCIOLI - SWIMMING



Francioli

### UW-SP Career Highlights

- Three-time National Champion (200 backstroke (1997), 400 medley relay (1998, 1999))
- WIAC record holder in 100 backstroke (51.88, set in 1997)
- Fourteen-time All-American

**Hometown:** Londrina, Brazil

**Major:** Business (Minor: Spanish)

**Most Memorable Moment:** Winning my first NCAA title in the 200 backstroke. It felt pretty good!

**Who was your idol growing up?:** I don't think I had one, maybe my parents.

**What do you plan to do after you graduate?:** Work in the U.S. for a year or two, maybe go for a MBA and go back to Brazil.

**Biggest achievement in sports:** Qualified for the Brazilian Olympic time trials, two-time Brazilian National Champion, three-time NCAA Champion.

**Favorite aspect of swimming:** Swimmers have a very long season. I just love to swim year around.

**What will you remember most about swimming at UW-SP?:** The friends that I made over the years, going to Hawaii for the training trip, the meets and racing.



## Dawg House

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"The overriding impression I have is (the tournament) should be 64 teams," Bennett said. "The hard part is there are some very excellent teams that get left out. I don't think it would totally eradicate it, but if it went to 64 it would help things."

The problem with the number of automatic qualifiers is that it places less emphasis on regular season play.

"I would like to see more stock taken in what occurs during the regular season," Bennett said. UW-Eau Claire, 22-5, was lucky to get invited. Five teams with 20 or more wins are now golfing.

Baldarotta also brought up the point prior to the season that a hockey team could go winless during the regular season, win four games and four mini-games in the NCHA tourney and make the NCAAs.

That is how Concordia University (Wis.), with a record of 12-15, was able to make the basketball tournament field. They get to travel to Eau Claire this week.

Thank you for playing. Try again next year.

Regional seeding also causes problems once the field is set.

For example, the top seven ranked teams in the D3Hoops.com poll from last week are all on the same half of the bracket. The number eight team, Connecticut College, lost its conference tournament and didn't get invited.

The ninth-ranked Pointers are the the highest ranked team on their half of the bracket.

The same is true on the women's side where top-ranked Washington University (Mo.) and second-ranked UW-Eau Claire could meet in the Sweet 16.

"It always comes back to the almighty dollar," Bennett said of the NCAA being unwilling to have teams travel far distances on most occasions.

Bennett said he would like to see the billions of dollars that are earned from Division I trickle down to the Division III level, where the true student-athletes are.

It's a nice thought. Chances of it happening? About as good as Concordia's odds of winning the tournament.

## Miller

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"Putting an offender on probation is a good move because that gives us the jurisdiction to watch and limit the activities of the individual," said Helminiak.

When asked what course of action the university intends to take after Miller is sentenced Bill Meyer said, "In the absence of any new evidence, I am not convinced that we will release Dr. Miller."

At his hearing on Dec. 28, Circuit Judge James Manson ruled that Miller could resume teaching at UW-SP.

"Whether he teaches or not is up to the university. According

to Miller, he had an offer of employment from the university, which is why the bond was amended," said Eagon.

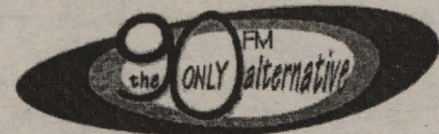
"I want to go back to teaching, and hope to do so soon," stated Miller on Wednesday.

University administrators, however, chose to assign Miller to library duties during the spring semester.

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## Spring crane count landing soon

Wildlife society asks for volunteers

By Amy Slogoski  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

By Debbie Nieuwenhuis  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Saturday, April 15 is a big day for local bird enthusiasts. Volunteers from Portage County and across the Midwest will spend that Saturday morning looking for cranes during the 26th annual Midwest Sandhill Crane Count.

Interested Portage County volunteers are encouraged to attend one of the following organizational meetings: April 5, April 6 or April 10 at 5 p.m. in the College of Natural Resources building, Room 122.

At the meeting, participants will select survey sites and receive forms and instructions. Individuals that can't attend but wish to participate may contact Kelly Rueckheim at 343-0433, or Amy Slogoski at 343-1665.

Standing up to four feet tall

and with a call audible over a mile away, sandhill cranes are the region's tallest bird and among the largest in North America.

In 1999, nearly 3,000 counters tallied over 11,200 cranes in Wisconsin and portions of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa. Despite their current abundance, sandhills were considered endangered only 30 years ago.

Sandhill cranes were common in the upper Midwest in the mid-1800s, but their population declined rapidly after 1875 due to hunting, wetland loss and human disturbance. By 1936, fewer than 25 pairs survived in Wisconsin and the species was considered rare elsewhere in the region.

Since that time, hunting restrictions and the restoration and protection of wetlands have allowed the sandhill population to rebound, slowly at first, but with rapid growth through the 1980s and 1990s. Observations also indicate that the cranes have be-



come more tolerant of human activity, adapting well to changing land-use patterns.

In addition to the cranes, counters can enjoy the early morning activity of frogs, songbirds, waterfowl, mammals and other wildlife.

The nonprofit International Crane Foundation, based in Baraboo, Wis., sponsors the count as part of its effort to preserve the world's 15 species of cranes and the ecosystems on which they depend. Learn more about the cranes at [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org).

## Early trout season underway

By Ryan Gilligan  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

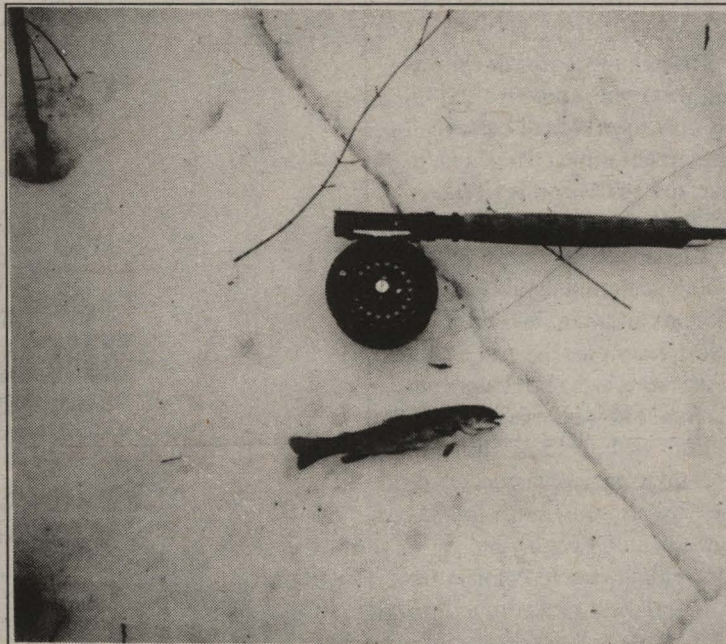
A cold, driving wind pushed across central Wisconsin on yesterday's 2000 early trout fishing opener, testing the devotion of any angler who was foolish enough to be caught on a local trout stream.

Water levels were surprisingly low on area streams considering the time of year, and recent unseasonable weather followed by a low pressure front seemed to shut trout activity down; not to mention the spirits of anglers.

But despite the rocky start, Wisconsin trout fishermen should have little reason to grow frustrated with trout angling as the season progresses. Though unusual early spring weather has made early fishing difficult, on the positive side, warmer temperatures should encourage aquatic insect hatches and improve fishing conditions.

Fly anglers will have the best luck by using nymph imitations such as gold-ribbed hare's ears and caddis fly larvae. Fished in pools along undercut banks or in rock eddies, these patterns can be very productive for early spring trout.

If you're pursuing trout with spinning tackle, your best bet is with the small spinners or even jigging spoons.



Though many local streams may not produce many large fish, anglers should still find plenty of action. (Photo by Joe Shead)

### TWS red shouldered hawk project



The TWS red shouldered hawk project will conduct broadcast surveys this spring (approx. March 15 to March 31)

If you are interested in helping out, go to the Wildlife Society informational meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 4 p.m. in the TWS office (Part of the meeting will be outside on the west end of the CNR).

Please e-mail Lora Loke if you plan to come on Thursday. A schedule needs to be made of times before spring break! If you are unable to make the meeting but would still like to participate, please e-mail Loke at [lloke755@uwsp.edu](mailto:lloke755@uwsp.edu).

## Perrier pulls plug on Mekan River proposal

By Ryan Pauls  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

After meeting strong opposition to a proposal to tap the springs of the Mekan River, the Perrier Group, producers of Perrier bottled water, have decided to seek drilling privileges elsewhere in Wisconsin.



The drain on the water table caused by pumping can have many adverse effects on trout streams like the Mekan River. (Photo by Joe Shead)

Perrier first showed interest in drilling on public land near Coloma, however, the DNR wouldn't permit them. Perrier tried to obtain access to private land in the area to drill on. There, they were once again met with strong opposition.

Currently, it appears that Perrier is trying to gain access near the Adams-Friendship area with the hopes that they will re-

ceive less opposition.

Perrier has been reluctant to answer questions regarding the issue, a fact that is very troublesome to officials for Trout Unlimited and Wisconsin River Alliance.

Perrier has been sued in Texas for dropping the flow of water from a spring that they were pumping from, however, they ultimately won the case in the Supreme Court. If Perrier does pump water, even a half of a degree change in water temperature that may occur as a result of the draining, could cause trout living in the Mekan River to die.

The Mekan River is unique because of the unusually large insect hatches that occur there and the fact that it is only one of two rivers in Wisconsin that supports all three species of wild trout that inhabit Wisconsin.

The only way the state can guarantee the protection of trout streams is to have the legislature pass an Environmental Impact Statement, outlining certain criteria a company would have to meet in order to be able to tap into this resource.

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## Wanderings

By Lisa Rothe  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Have you ever found that words lack the intensity, the feeling you wish to convey? We describe and explain people, places and objects using words that embody something that's similar but something else. For example, think of your sense of smell. What is the smell of fresh rain? I maintain we're limited and constricted by our language.

Think now of mother—someone that is familiar to everyone. Webster's Dictionary defines mother as "a female parent, a woman in authority." Does this describe the woman who used to change your diapers and serve you freshly baked cookies and a tall glass of milk?

Mother Earth is a term everyone has heard of, yet it lends itself to a subjective definition—no two people will carry the same one. In my research I found businesses small and large capitalizing on the earth-friendly, organic sector of the market exploiting this entity.

The Greeks explain Mother Earth by the deity Gaia. She is understood to have created the universe by giving birth to a race of gods and the first humans. From Mother Earth sprang the mountains, the rivers, the seas—all that which makes up the Earth as we see it. Gaia, the oldest divinity, was acknowledged by the Greeks as the supreme goddess and honored as a prophetess. Webster's Dictionary cites Mother Nature as "nature personified as a woman considered as the source and guiding force of creation."

Our own mothers gave birth to us—to be dramatic we sprung from her womb. Their efforts are seen reflected in our thoughts, our memories, how we carry ourselves, how we treat others. When I think of my mother, I think of her perfume, I think of how when she smiles the lines around her eyes crinkle.

On that same note, with Mother Earth I'm reminded of thunderstorms, of changing leaves, everything she's created that con-

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## Anticipation of Birkebeiner race melts Lack of snow causes organizers to cancel marathon

By Ryan Gilligan  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Last weekend's unseasonably warm weather turned out to be more conducive to golfing than skiing, prompting officials to cancel the 28th annual American Birkebeiner cross-country ski marathon in Hayward.

Warm temperatures prior to last weekend had already resulted in the shortening of the internationally known marathon route.

In a typical year, the marathon is divided into two trails, the full "Birkie" of 51 km and the Kortelopet of 21 km.

Due to the lack of snow, the race was initially cut down to just the Kortelopet prior to being cancelled outright. Promoters of the race were hoping to haul snow in from the area in order to improve trail conditions, but Mother Nature had other plans.

Race officials were more concerned about the condition of the area around the race route than the trail itself. Usually, close to 600 racers must be evacuated from the course because of health problems. With muddy, wet conditions in the surrounding area, it would have been too difficult

to attend to skiers.

UW-Stevens Point student Katy Edwards was scheduled to compete in this year's race and made it to Hayward Friday night, only to find the prospects of racing poor.

"There was hardly any snow. It was just grass and a lot of mud everywhere," said Edwards.

The cancellation comes as quite a blow to the Hayward area

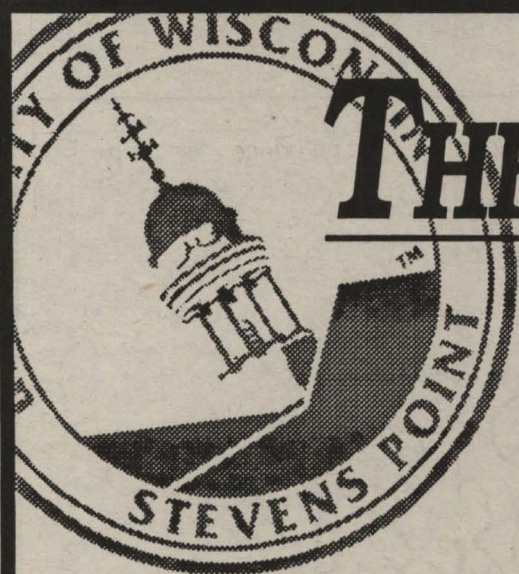
and to skiers like Edwards who train and look forward to the event all year.

"I was really disappointed because I'd been waiting for the past three years to race," said Edwards.

However, the people of Hayward tried to make the best of the situation, holding "Foodloppet," with food, music and prize giveaways in the race's place.



Katy Edwards skis the Kortelopet stretch of the Birkebeiner. (Submitted photo)



## THE WEEK IN POINT!

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Lifestyle Assistants Present: WELLNESS FAIR, 1-4PM (HEC)  
Studio Theatre Prod.: FROM BERLIN TO BROADWAY: THE SONGS OF KURT WEILL, 7:30PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)  
CPI-Alt. Sounds Concert: BIG NICK AND THE CYDECOS, 8PM (Encore-UC)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

UC Promotions Quit'N Time Series w/Joe Anne Stevens (Folk), 4-6PM (Basement Brewhaus-UC)  
Wrestling, NCAA III Championships- Ohio Northern (Ada, OH)  
CPI-Club/Variety Karaoke w/John Copps, 7PM (Encore-UC)  
Studio Theatre Prod.: FROM BERLIN TO BROADWAY: THE SONGS OF KURT WEILL, 7:30PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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Wrestling, NCAA III Championships- Ohio Northern (Ada, OH)  
30th INTERNATIONAL DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT, 6:00 PM (Laird Rm.-UC)

Perf. Arts Series: DAVID SANBORN, SAXOPHONE, 7:30 PM (Sentry)

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Planetarium Series: THE VOYAGER ENCOUNTERS, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)

Perf. Arts Series: DAVID SANBORN, SAXOPHONE, 4:00 PM (Sentry)

Studio Theatre Prod.: FROM BERLIN TO BROADWAY: THE SONGS OF KURT WEILL, 7:30PM (Studio Theatre-FAB)

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK  
Aerobics Present: AEROBATHON, 4-8PM (AC)  
Junior Recital: S. Christian Collins, Piano, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)  
Planetarium Series: NIGHT SKY PROGRAM, 8PM (Sci. Bldg.)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

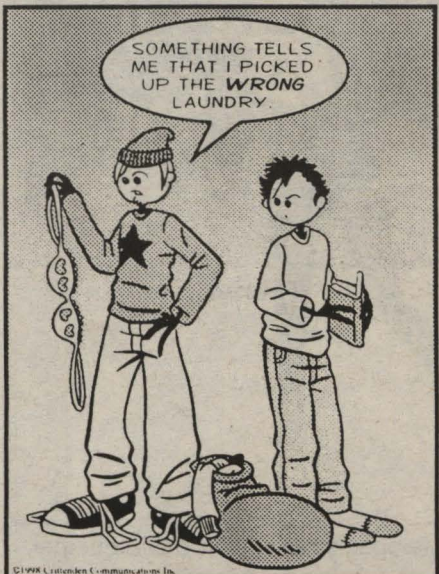
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK  
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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK  
Basement Brewhaus Presents: JAZZ COMBO, 7-10PM (Basement Brewhaus-UC)  
CPI-Center Stage Stu. Perf. Series Dance, 8-10PM (Laird Rm.-UC)  
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UWSP Wind Ensemble, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)

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## Tonja Steele



by Joey Hetzel

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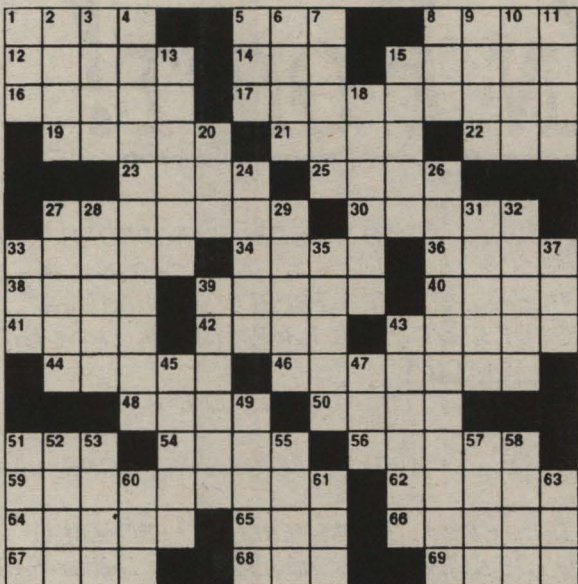
## Simple Pleasures

by Shawn Williams



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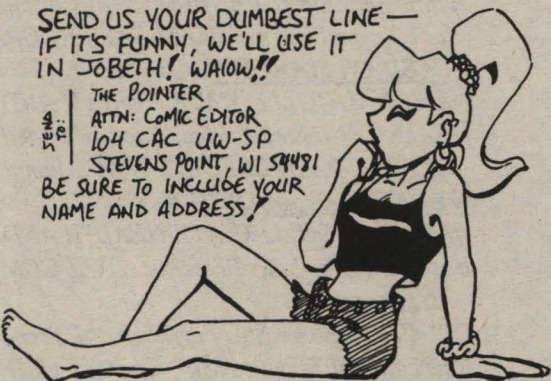


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## In search of Saturday morning

By Pat Rothfuss

LOOKING FOR HIS INNER ADULT.

I've been feeling old lately. So, in an attempt to maintain good communication skills with my inner child, I recently decided to watch some Saturday morning cartoons - the ultimate in childhood experiences.

I begin by staying up until 6:00 Saturday morning. MUCH easier than waking up at six. I have my box of sugar cereal, Captain Crunch (with Crunchberries) but although I have six cartons of milk in the fridge, they range from 'smells kinda funny' to 'x-tra thick and chunky.'

This turns out to be OK, since the closest thing I have to a clean bowl is the colander and the only clean silverware I can find is a shrimp fork.

So in lieu of milk I have a fresh two-liter of Mountain Dew. No toast, but I've got some garlic cheese bread. With a little leftover spaghetti sauce, I think I'm just about ready for cartoons.

6:30: After flipping through channels for about 15 minutes, I realize that my choices are: the Power Rangers, a test pattern, and a show that is probably called the Amazing Old Person Who Can Somehow Still Cook. Test pattern wins.

After 10 minutes I start getting bored. I turn up the test pattern hoping it will wake up my roommates so I can yell at them for interrupting my childlike rediscovery of Saturday morning. But apparently, they've started sleeping with earplugs. Don't ask me why; they're kinda eccentric.

7:00: Once again, limited options. I end up settling on an aerobics program. while it isn't technically a cartoon, it has other things to recommend it. I *mute* it, and eat Captain Crunch when the guy is on the screen, which isn't very often.

7:30: Who the hell is Captain Planet, and what is this pandering line of eco-social horseshit he's trying to brainwash into our children? Incredible Hulk was a real superhero. He would lay waste to entire acres of countryside just by walking through it. I'd pay good money to watch the Hulk slap the bejeezus out of that frilly little Nancy boy.

8:00: Taz Mania. The best part of this show was pressing my face up against the television screen during a Lucky Charms commercial. It resembled a very mellow, easily controlled acid trip. Except for those big goddamned purple horseshoes. They scared the shit out of me.

8:30: Accidentally watched a couple of minutes of Care Bears. At first I thought it was a commercial. Then I thought it was a spoof. But after about three minutes of watching fluffy, pastel bears talk about how much they loved each other, I knew the truth. There really is such a show.

I went to the kitchen to get a drink. A couple of mouthfuls of tequila later the world is starting to make sense again. I poured the rest of the tequila into the half-empty bottle of Mountain Dew. My hands were shaking so much that by the time I got back it was....

9:00: Watched Loony Toons. Good old senseless violence. Freud would have some very definite things to say about Pepe Le Pew.

Mountain Dew and tequila have settled my nerves after the Care Bear incident. But these two noble beverages have decided to have a taste war. I add a generous squeeze of Hershey's chocolate syrup and some strawberry jam. This makes my drink look like swamp water, but I take a taste anyway.

All is right with the world.

9:30: Stomach feels strange. I eat more garlic cheese bread to absorb any potentially harmful toxins present in my system. I also eat a half-box of Fruity Pebbles that I found behind the couch. Blue pebbles?

10:00: I watch Ghostbusters and mentally compose a letter to my parents trying to explain why it is very important that I get an Etch-a-Sketch next semester. I start to feel the sugar kick in.

Leaning back on the couch, I bask in it. It feels like a really high frequency vibration running all through my body. Kind of nice really. Suddenly I realize that I can hear the vibration too. This worries me a little until I remember that the wall behind me is also the wall to my roommate's bedroom.

I pound on the wall and shout. "For the love of God. Knock it off in there! There's a child in here." There comes a giggle and a couple thumps on the wall that may or may not be an attempt at communication. I turn up the volume.

10:30: Strange tingling sensation all over my body accompanied by a ringing in my ears. Everything seems very bright. I see an empty two-liter bottle next to me. This worries me, but I can't remember why.

11:47: I awaken suddenly as if from a deep sleep. There are finger paints and Play-Doh strewn about the room. Someone has written "Fugue State" on one of my arms with a permanent marker. Strange.

There is a man on the television showing me how to build a deck. I flip through the channels: no cartoons. My work is done. More importantly, I've discovered something. Youth isn't a set of experiences, youth isn't even a state of mind. Youth is all about sugar intake.

Remember this and you will never grow old.

## The Pointer 15 with 90FM

Here's this week's playlist from the alternate station- 90FM at UWSP.

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9. Friends+Lovers Bernard Butler
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11. Choochtown Hammell On Trial
12. Frankenstein Girls... Mindless Self Indulgence
13. Save the World... Midtown
14. The Great Indoors Starghost Dog
15. Stomping Ground Goldfinger

## The Beach Sinks

Abigail Ray

Eagerly awaited as Leonardo DiCaprio's first film since the enormously successful "Titanic," "The Beach" does little to live up to his past performances.

The Scottish trio of director Danny Boyle, producer Andrew MacDonald, and screenwriter John Hodge reunite after their collaboration on "Trainspotting" to bring to the screen this mildly entertaining interpretation of Alex Garland's 1997 novel. But the result is more a twisted mixture of "Apocalypse Now," "Blue Lagoon," and "Lord of the Flies."

The film opens in a seedy hotel in Bangkok, Thailand where American Generation X-er Richard (DiCaprio) meets an eccentric fellow traveler who, before slitting his wrists, gives Richard a map to a secluded

island paradise. Richard recruits the French couple next door, Françoise (Virginie Ledoyen) and Etienne (Guillaume Canet), and together they discover a small, utopian society whose inhabitants have given up civilization in order to live a simple life of peace and isolation. However, hidden deep within their hardly believable tale of adventure and romance lies the realization that no paradise comes without a price.

In the director's chair, Boyle definitely misses the mark. His far from innovative film depends almost entirely on a visually striking setting to overshadow a cast of rather generic characters.

To say that the ending is confusing is a huge understatement. With almost no provocation, Richard's character goes from love-struck beach bum to Tarzan-

gone-mad, trapped in a jungle of lost meaning.

In the end, even DiCaprio's name and a promising soundtrack can't keep "The Beach" afloat.

However, the movie does offer a pretty cool soundtrack boasting some of the hottest names in pop music today, including Sugar Ray, Blur, Moby and Underworld.

Electronica fans would probably love the track "Beached." Performed by the Orbital team and classical composer- Angelo Badalamenti of "Twin Peaks" fame, this is the best track in the soundtrack except that we get to hear DiCaprio mumbling away in monologue with the beat of songs which is distracting.

Another worthy track is the contribution by New Order entitled "Brutal." Overall the soundtrack is pretty much better than the film.

### Some Beach Trivia

The location where the film was shot, Maya Beach has been nicknamed "Leonardo Beach."

### Digger Hits Jackpot On Monte Carlo

90 FM CD Review

by Aric Otzelberger

Everyone knows that Philadelphia is famous for the Liberty Bell, cheese-steak sandwiches, and Rocky. In addition, the Liberty City can now also claim one of the best melodic pop-punk groups in the world, Digger.

Digger's latest release, "Monte Carlo," is a superb collection of three-chord rockers so upbeat, chipper, and happy-go-lucky that the members of Digger must have had ear-to-ear grins plastered across their faces when they wrote and recorded it. Monte Carlo is filled with infectious power-pop, hard driving melodies, and sumptuous vocal harmonies that would make the Beach Boys blush (I didn't see the miniseries, but I heard it was pretty bad).

The 13-song record fully displays the band's great vocal harmonies, tempo changes, and full guitar riffs. The whole album is dyn-o-mite! My personal favorites include the punk rock scorcher "Detroit River" and the slower post-punk emo number "Plastic Wings." I also "dig" (was that cheesy or what) the catchy-as-hell "Round Two" and the truth-filled "Alcohol, Women, and Misery."

Besides the music, the actual CD case for Monte Carlo is one of the coolest concepts I have seen in a while. Fulfilling the theme of Monte Carlo, the case has a mini-craps table built into it with a pair of dice.

All in all, Digger is an excellent band that knows exactly what they are doing, and they do it a whole lot better than all of their pop-punk clones that are suffocating the music business. The Philadelphia foursome's greatest attribute is their originality, something that many bands today lack.

Tune into 90 FM to check out and Digger and many other great bands that you would never hear on the wasteland that is commercial radio.

## Wanderings

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tinues living and breathing. That definition doesn't exist in the dictionary either.

I encourage you to look beyond our language constructs to express yourself. That and the true moral of my wandering: hug a tree and hug your mom.

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## Budget

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of that money to work here on campus," said Jeff Buhrandt, student-at-large member of Finance Committee.

"I feel that bringing more programming and speakers/artists onto campus will benefit the campus environment as a whole by allowing students to see their money at work," said Polzin. "The more programming that is on campus, the more student involvement there is and the more chance for open forums," she added.

The new organizations that will be funded next year are Chinese Culture Club, Weightlifting Club, Sociology Club, Women's Disc Golf Club, Men's Disc Golf Club, Circle K, Judo Club, TAPPI/PIMA and AITP.

Some organizations did not receive funding for the '99-'00 year because they did not turn in their budgets on time, but will receive SGA funds next year. These organizations are Amnesty International, Waste Management, Habitat for Humanity and SALAD.

The Pointer was funded by SGA three years ago, then went

independent, but will be funded by SGA again next year.

"I think in my three years in finance I have never seen a student government act this responsibly," said Buhrandt.

This weekend's Finance Committee meeting was only to determine funding for student organizations. In the fall, SGA will have to determine how much money is needed to subsidize Athletics, Fine Arts, Centertainment, Schmeekle, Student Transit, Aerobics, Intramurals and the Child Care Center.

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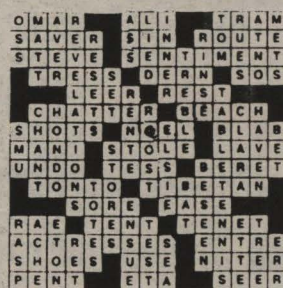
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