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UW-SP enrollment plan fosters partnership

By Pramela Thiagesan News Editor

Chancellor Tom George proposed his "Central Wisconsin Idea" (CWI) to the Board of Regents earlier this month. The presentation, part of enrollment planning, highlights the idea of partnership among various sectors of central Wisconsin.

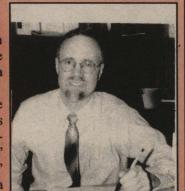
According to George, the regents were receptive to the idea. Student Regent, Joe Alexander said, "The proposal was great because it was part of the Wisconsin idea. As a taxpaying system, the university should contribute to society."

The proposal, which Alexander describes as "visionary" stems from former Chancellor Lee Dreyfuss idea of a "Ruraplex" and aims to foster partnerships with UW colleges, technical colleges, school districts, businesses and industry.

The proposal also includes the development of a "Communivercity Park," which aims to provide an environ-

ment for faculty and private sector collaboration that includes shared service, a high-tech facility for the 21th century and employment opportunities for students and graduates.

The "Communivercity Park" aims "to provide a high-quality environment for the development of a training center and a location for enterprise that would add value to the existing socioeconomic base of central Wisconsin," said Greg Diemer, assistant chancellor, business affairs.



Chancellor George

Student survey addresses city's transit problem

By Andrea Wetzel
Assistant News Editor

Students from an environmental issues and action class recently conducted a survey on campus on how to improve the Stevens Point Transit System.

The survey results show that 61 percent of the students who responded did not "feel the current Stevens Point Transit system serves the UW-Stevens Point campus adequately."

"I thought the survey would be a good way to address something current because we have a parking problem, and we have an underused transit system," said project member Fred Heider. "If we could find out why the transit system was under-utilized, we could improve it and solve the parking problem at the same time for the good of the environment."

Parking is a concern for most UW-SP students. In fact, about half of the students who responded to the survey said they had experienced problems parking on campus.

Very few students use the transit system right now. Public transit is widely used in Milwaukee and Madison where most colleges subsidize bus passes. A majority of the students who responded to the survey said they would use public transportation if the university funded it.

"I'd like to look at working more closely with the university and identify the transportation needs that are there," said Susan

Lemke, transit manager for Stevens Point Transit.

"My concern is that there is a lack of awareness regarding a public transit system in Stevens Point at the university level," she said.

One option to raise awareness on campus is through advertising of the transit system. Lemke suggested that this could be done during orientation so incoming students know what transportation options are available in the community and their parents know that their children can safely get around town.

"We would be happy to work with Point Transit on orientation and to post information in halls and on bulletin boards," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor for student affairs.

According to the survey, many students do not even know that a transit system exists in Stevens Point.

"I thought it was pretty hard to find the times and locations," said Niki Koesarek, a Stevens Point resident who used to walk or bike three miles to work, "And the times buses did run never fit my late schedule."

There are currently seven buses in the Stevens Point Transit system. Five of these buses are on fixed routes throughout the city and two are designated for special needs residents by the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. The buses run from 6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

These hours are incompatible with the needs of students and other community members who wish to use the system in the evening.

"We need to offer transit services for additional hours than those that are currently offered," one

SEE TRANSIT ON PAGE 13

Top five stories of the year

"UW-SP students subjected to hate crimes" 2-24-00

A rise of hate crimes towards gay and lesbian students caused concern in the university. Incidents of offensive writing on walls, other vandalism and threatening phone calls occurred in many residence halls.

"Olmos brings message of diversity to UW-SP" 2-3-00

Edward James Olmos, actor and activist, sent a message of unity in the human race to a packed house of over 570 on February 2. He addressed the issue of Latin Americans and other minorities in America today.

"Miller case intensifies" 3-2-00

Gordon Miller, a UW-SP math professor arrested for video taping nude children attempted to withdraw his no-contest plea. District Attorney Tom Egan unsealed files of evidence found in Miller's home that was not used in his trial.

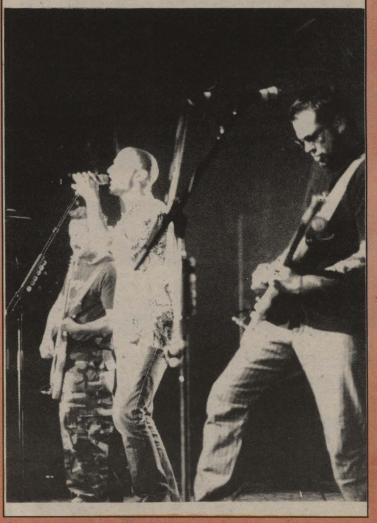
"Student home goes down in flames" 11-4-99

Eight students lost their home to a fire that rendered the house unlivable in November. "Everyone is thankful to be alive," said Amanda Julian, previous occupant of the house. Six of the students were given free rooms at the Road Star Inn courtesy of the Red Cross.

"Nude art exhibition ends prematurely" 11-11-99

A nude art exhibit was prematurely ended in the Fine Arts Building courtyard. Complaints about the life size nude portraits from students, faculty, and community led to the halt just three days after they were first displayed.

Live rocks Point



Band members mesmerize the screaming, body surfing crowd with hits before partying downtown with locals at a bar. (Photo by Rick Ebbers)



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Happy Summer...

(Censor this!)

"I'm neither a leader nor a follower. I'm not an activist. I'm not a preacher. I am your voice.

I'm a journalist."



Pramela Thiagesan News Editor

Campus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

10:03 p.m. Thomson Hall

An officer noticed a lot of smoke coming from the Thomson circle. Upon closer inspection, the smoke was determined to be coming from a vehicle belonging to a student, which had caught fire due to wiring.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

2:11 a.m. Pray Hall

A student reported prank phone calls were made to his room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

2:21 a.m. Roach Hall

A student reported there was a person on the roof of the east wing of Roach Hall and a window may have been broken.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:26 a.m. University Center

A Point Card Office worker notified this office of the disappearance of a CPU from Room 101B in the University Center. The unit had last been seen at the end of the business day the day before.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

11:42 p.m. Pray Hall

A student reported the sound of glass breaking coming from a room in the hall. The hall director was notified and contacted this office.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 p.m. UW-SP campus

A student called this office to report a car was on fire. Further investigation disclosed that a the student had stopped his car on Reserve Street next to the Neuman Center to drop off his track partner when he noticed smoke coming from under the hood.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:10 a.m. Baldwin Hall

The fire alarm panel in this office indicated the fire alarm system had been activated in Baldwin Hall.



SUNDAY, APRIL 30

10:25 p.m. Roach Hall

A student reported that someone had printed a derogatory message on his room door and he had been receiving harassing phone calls over the last month.

MONDAY, MAY 1

9:16 a.m. Smith Hall

A student notified this office that between 7 p.m. April 25 and 9 a.m. April 27, someone removed her unlocked red mountain bike from the exterior main entrance of Smith Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 1

10:40 p.m. Debot Circle

An anonymous call was received at this office stating that one of the dumpsters in the Debot Circle was on fire. The Stevens Point Fire Department extinguished the fire, which burned the entire contents of the dumpster.

MONDAY, MAY 1

11:18 p.m. Collins Classroom Center A call was made to this office stating someone had masturbated on a chair in room 330 of the CCC.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

10:00 p.m. Allen Center

A call was received reporting that the glass on the copy machine in the Cardio Center had been shattered. Employees were confronted and no one admitted to causing the damage.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

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hat was most memorable about this year



Dan Milbrath

COMM, JR.

"Our cat, she's the best."

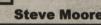


"Seeing the Incredible Hulk's butt at a superhero party."



Billy Taylor
COMM, SR.

"All the party sluts I've met."



Bio, SR.

"Getting drunk and pooping in the Sundial."



Photos by
Rick Ebbers and Renee Eismueller



"My grandfather once told me that all experiences build character, but how you deal with each experience, especially the tough ones, determines the quality of character.

He couldn't have been more right.
It was a hell of a ride.
Thanks Pointers."

- Steve Schoemer Managing Editor

LETTERS & OPINION

News editor reviews UW-SP school year

Just looking at the events of this past year bears testament to the claim that size isn't really all that important. For a small campus, UW-Stevens Point has seen quite an eventful 12 months. The 1999-2000 year has been the year for student activism, sporting achievements and a fine example of shared governance.

To start things off, we began the year with a tuition freeze, and under the stewardship of our presidential duo, Andrew Halverson and Ryann Nelson, had one of the most productive student governments this university has seen. We lobbied against tuition hikes, financed 11 new student organizations without increasing segregated fees and almost had a full senate.

This year, the learning process was not limited to the classrooms as students took to the streets and increased awareness of social issues such as the Crandon mine, the proposed power line by the Wisconsin Public Service, the inhumane sentencing of Mumia Abu Jamal,

racial profiling, labor conditions of sweat-shops and the list just goes on.

Of course there were controversies, Gordon Miller being the most infamous example. The university has not issued a public statement, but we all know that Miller did not resign out of the blue. Hats off to the administration for getting off the fence. On the down side, we seem to have acquired a few bold bigots on campus who think they have the right to judge and torment people with alternate lifestyles. Yes, I speak of the upsurgence of hate crimes on campus. Thank God we are not hiding the fact that it happens. It is about time residential living took off its rose-tinted glasses and looked at the world and acknowledged all that's gory.

Thanks to Centertainment, we have also had some pretty exciting guests on campus, from the comedy of Bill Cosby to the Irish beat of Gaelic Storm and the radical, thought-provoking speech by Edward James Olmos

As both the news editor of The Pointer and news director of 90FM, I have tried my best to bring all the news to you the best I can. This year has been one of the most memorable in my life. I have watched so many victories history and our destiny.

I would like to applaud all of you who care because you have changed my life and have inspired me. I know that if I lose everything tomorrow, I could still live without all of it, but not without all the people. We did all these things together, and we have the memories. Especially the memories. May the memories bring us to new heights.

> -Pramela Thiagesan **News Editor**

HEAD

rise like a phoenix from tears of frustration and learned that there is nothing more powerful than the human spirit. As students, we have a voice, we have power and, as an institution, we (UW-SP) have the power to advocate a change and dictate the course of

Cheers!

"HEY, SHEAD, YOU KNOW WHAT?"

"YOU SUCK AS A BOSS."

"How can you fire ME? YOU NEVER EVEN PAID ME!"



JON TEREBA ON-LINE EDITOR

Jon (T-Bone) Tereba was unavailable for comment. He was probably kicking Jeff Mace's butt in a game of racquetball.

WHAT?"

You're right, but GUESS WHAT? YOU'RE FIRED!"

UH, OOPS. SORRY."

To my readers, sorry about the hat.

I wouldn't want my worst enemy



JOE SHEAD EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

(Dave Willoughby) to put up with the crap at The Pointer. But I survived and I'm stronger for it Remember, you get one shot at life. Take it. P.S. Hey, Gill, peace-out!

The first and last Pointer advice column How to survive if you're too lazy to flip to Pat Rothfuss' column

1) If you truly believe that 90FM is your only alternative, seek help.

2) Don't burn your bridges. Those people you can't stand in class are probably very similar to yourself. However, they may take better notes than you and may be willing to share with

3) Judge not, lest ye be judged.

seriously. Especially life.

5) Have the guts to do what is right, no matter how painful it

6) Live your life in a way that you'll never regret anything.

7) Focus on the present, but never lose sight of the past or the

8) If you worry about what others think of you, you really

4) Don't take anything too have something to worry about 9) Take the time to appreciate

the simple pleasures of life. 10) Keep your head on

straight.

11) Admit it if you make a mistake.

12) Strive for excellence in everything you do.

13) Be good to yourself, your friends, your family and your enemies.

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OUTTA SHEAD'S



Time to say good-bye

Stop me if you've heard this one.

I came to UW-SP four years ago with no idea what I was doing. Going to college was just the thing to do. Who wants to get a real job when you can delay facing the real world for a few more years?

I guess the idea of going to college is to get an education and to prepare yourself for the real world. That's exactly what I've done.

I know what you're thinking. I've heard that people actually refer to me as "that guy in the back row that always falls asleep." And maybe I do sometimes. But don't for one second think I don't learn new things every day.

I'm proud to say that I've taken courses in every academic building except the Fine Arts Center. (Anyone who's seen me draw or play chopsticks on the piano knows why I didn't end up there.) I spread myself around campus and tried to milk this place for all its worth. I joined organizations. I competed in athletics. I made a lot of friends. I even found a little time for studying.

Tuition is always a concern of students. Each course we take costs us money. But here's one thing the bursar's office hasn't figured out (so don't tell): as far as learning goes, I've gained much more from my friends and my extracurricular experiences than I ever could in a classroom, but I haven't been charged for that education.

Thanks, guys, for the lessons and the memories, from getting along with each other, to laughing and even crying. You know who you are. And that's not just students. Thanks Uncle Dougie. I haven't forgotten all our adventures. And Al, enjoy your retirement.

On the fourteenth I'll walk away with two degrees, but the education I got from my friends is something no piece of paper could ever measure.

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SENIOR ADVISER Pete Kelley The real test of debating an

issue is taking up the other side

of the argument and effectively

defending it. We figured that

since it was the last issue of The

Pointer this year, we would give this idea a try. For nine months,

my "quasi-evil" editor and I have

been debating myriad topics from

jet-skis to strippers. This week we will be arguing about chick flicks

What exactly is the problem

with chick flicks? Many of my

close friends won't go to a movie

that stars Julia Roberts or in-

volves a romantic love scene.

They are missing the point of

ment, you get what you get. "Pretty Woman" or "Steel Mag-

nolias" are not four star movies

by any means, but use them for a

purpose like getting some nookie,

and you're halfway there. You don't even have to buy the pop-

Women are suckers for sensi-

The real secret is really getting into the chick flick. Take the

tive men. Since the sensitive man,

just like the Tibetan sasquatch is

movie "Home Fries" for instance.

a myth, our secret is safe.

Use a chick flick for entertain-

and action movies.

chick flicks entirely.

FEATURES



In the Ring: Action or chick flicks?



By Ryan Lins ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



Barrymore is a washed up, rehabbed, ex-childhood actress burnout, but that point is moot.

Show your significant other your sensitive side, embrace Barrymore's pregnant stage presence and if the mood fits, fake tears. The end result is worth it, unless your significant other is the Tibetan sasquatch.

When has an action movie gotten you action? The typical Wisconsin woman Shopalotis queious doesn't want to hear Arnold Schwarzenegger's thick Austrian accent while he mows down Lucifer with a grenade launcher, they want to be romanced.

If you want a good romp in the hay for under 12 bucks, invest your time in those crappy chick

Well, Lins went and did it again. He argued both sides of the issue. Is it just me, or does he like both action and chick flicks? It's fine if he does, but it's screwing up the purpose of the column. To tell you the truth, I know Lins likes the girlie movies, and it's not because of women. He just likes them so he can have a good cry. (Okay ladies, NOW you can come running. That's right! Lins is sensitive.)

Me, I prefer the action movies as opposed to the girlie chickie movies. The lack of plot lets your mind take a little vacation. That, and the attracitve men don't hurt, either.

If chick flicks are so great, how come they don't have beautiful men? They are sweet and have very creative plot lines, but they need to add guys running around with no shirts on and swinging on vines.

By Annie Scheffen

FEATURES EDITOR

In most cases, women like to watch good-looking men, while men like to watch gorgeous women. There is usually one "leading lady" in a James Bond movie, but that's it. Now, if there were 200 beautiful women in an Indiana Jones film, I would think it would be more appealing to the

Do men put themselves in these main character positions, and wish they could rescue small children from burning buildings, stunning women from rock slides, and never pull a muscle? Perhaps. I wouldn't know, I'm not a guy. I watch these types of movies because of the looks. It's not a bad reason. Perhaps this is why chick flicks are appealing to Lins. Oh, wait. That and the fact that he thinks women will want him if he sits through them. Good luck, Lins!

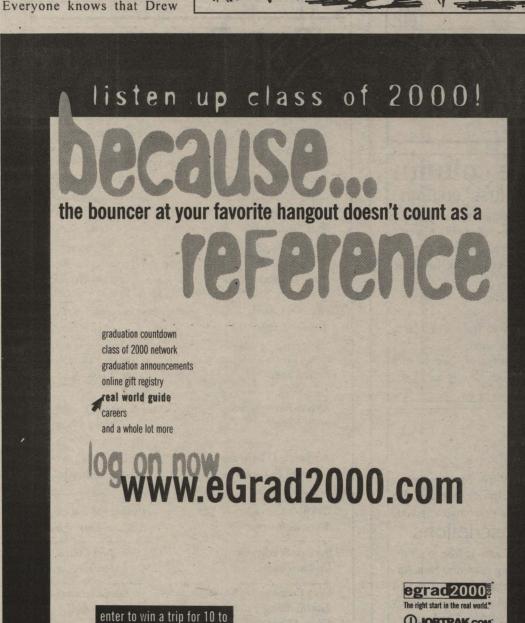
Speaking of Lins, I would just like to thank him in this last issue of the paper for all the work he has put in this year. He put a great twist of humor into this section that wouldn't have been there otherwise. Best of luck to you, Lins, and the rest of you that will be graduating.



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Danstage puts on the moves

UW-Stevens Point's department of theatre and dance will present its final dance performance of the year, entitled Danstage. Danstage opened Friday, April 28, and runs through Saturday, May 6.

Danstage is a collection of faculty, student and professionally choreographed dances set to music and poetry. Incorporating jazz, ballet, interpretive and modern dance styles, Danstage offers a unique experience for everyone.

One of the common misconceptions is that dance is very slow and boring to watch. Danstage is sure to change this belief with its energetic, rhythmic and ultimately graceful movements set to a variety of musical styles including swing.

This year's performance marks the 30th anniversary for Danstage and the dance department which will include a touring dance film festival entitled Dance on Camera Festival 2000. The films will be shown 45 minutes before each performance in the Fine Arts Center, room A206 and are open to students and the public free of charge.

Tickets for the performances are free to students the day of the performance and \$3 in advance. For more information and tickets, call 715-346-4100 or visit the Arts and Athletics Ticket



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FEATURES

Word of Mouth



Straw Bale Workshop

If you like straw and want to find out more about how it's used in the construction of houses, come to the Straw Bale Workshop. The workshop covers economical, efficient, and environmentally friendly house construction. The event runs on Saturday, May 6, from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center.

Copper Fountain Festival

The 5th annual Copper Fountain Festival takes place this Friday, May 5, from 4-10 p.m. in Lot Z. There will be free food and novelty games. Vent, Boogie and the Yo-Yo's, and Pat McCurdy will be performing on stage. Everything is free!

· Stevens Point Festival of Beers

The Festival of Beers will take place this Saturday, May 6 from 1-6 p.m. There will be over 30 breweries with over 100 different beers. Music will be provided by the Boilerhouse Blues Band and food will be sold from local venders. Tickets can be purchased at the Point Brewery Office or at the door.

· Lot Z to close this Friday

Lot Z, on High and Reserve street, will be closed all day Friday. All cars must be removed from the lot by 1 a.m. The lot will be used for the Copper Fountain Festival on Friday.

· Rent the cargo trailer

Moving for the summer? Rent the cargo trailer from Recreational Services. The price for the 6x12 foot cargo trailer ranges from \$25 for a one day rental to \$100 for a seven day rental. Prices are higher for non students.

· Lifeguards needed

If anyone is looking for a full-time or part-time job for the summer, the UW-Stevens Point pool needs lifeguards. It's a good opportunity to earn money, and could lead to a job next semester. If you would like more information, please contact Juone Suomi.

· Use them or lose them!

If you want to use up your food points before the end of the semester, look for the orange shelf tags at the DeBot convenience store. You will receive 20% off those items. The University Bookstore will accept food points for purchases. Some of these purchases include UW-SP clothing, books, cards and more.

· Humane Society and animal shelter

Time is running out for your chance to help out the Portage Co. Humane Society and Animal Shelter by bringing in a donation of pet food, pet bedding, grooming supplies, bleach, laundry detergent, pet toys or treats. Leave donations in one of the donation boxes that are located in the CNR west end lobby, or in the Science Building by the pendulum.

· Witz End performances

There are quite a few new coming attractions coming to Witz End this month. On Friday, May 5 will be The Justin Planasch Group. On Saturday, May 6 Irene's Garden will play, and on May 12 and 13, Plasmic Style Coalition will perform, followed by Burnt Toast and Jam. If you can't make the show, many of these bands can be heard on 90FM Club Wisconsin from 3-7 p.m.

· Danstage

The Department of Theatre and Dance will have its final dance performance of *Danstage* which will run through May 6. Call 346-4100 for tickets or visit the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office.



The Features section has enjoyed writing for you. Have a great summer and good luck in the future.

School "Pointers"

From the Lifestyle Assistants

On behalf of the Lifestyle Assistants, thank you students, faculty and staff of UW-SP for your readership this year. Each week the Lifestyle Assistants presented articles on various health topics in the features section of the Pointer. It has been our pleasure as peer health educators to provide current information related to college health. We hope that the information we have provided throughout these semesters has helped you with your health goals. We challenge you during the summer months to take this information and use it to continue enhancing your health. Be sure to look for more "School Pointers" in the fall semester of 2000. In wellness,

The UW-SP Lifestyle Assistants

Annie Scheffen

Features Editor



In your future endeavors, remember, "No one is perfect and mistakes will be made. You have to laugh at yourself because you'd cry your eyes out if you didn't."

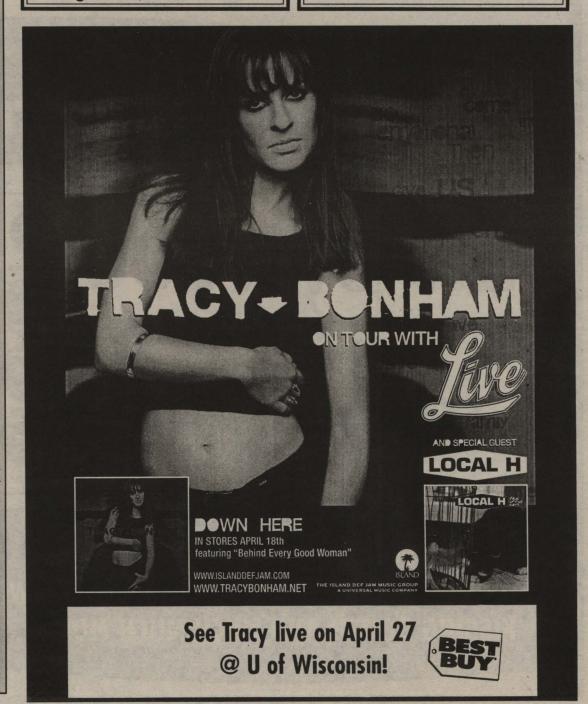
- Indigo Girls, "1200 Curfews"

Ryan Lins Assistant Features Editor



"I want all of you peasants to stand up and pay homage to the great, Ric Flair. Whooo!"

- Linser



FEATURES

"Pointers" for finals week

By Jill Sanders
FEATURES REPORTER

Do you think you are at risk of depression? As college students, you may be more at risk than you think. Our lives are filled with everyday stressors that push and pull us in all directions. This can lead to mild or severe depression.

Depression may often be initiated by high levels of stress, failure associated with school, work, relationships, or by a life crisis.

Depresion may start when you miss important deadlines, projects fail, you feel out of control, you are very tired, or you are bored for a long period of time.

How can you help yourself handle depression before it gets serious? Positive thinking can help. As long as you can draw useful lessons from failure, then failure can be positive. Talking about problems to a partner or someone you respect can be a tremendous help. Friends or family may have been through a similar situation, seen the problem before, or may be able to gently point out that you have the wrong perspective on a situation.

If you are already suffering from a mild form of depression, try the following suggestions:

- Using effective time management can improve things.
- Taking an enjoyable break may reduce stress.
- Ask yourself whether it is realistic to worry about the things you worry about: if you have no control over them, then worry does no good.
- Assert yourself. Learn to express your wishes firmly, but only be confrontational if absolutely nec-
- Examine your relationship rationally: you may find that people around you are causing problems.
 If people are making life worse, then you may be better off without them.
- Assess the standards that you can reasonably achieve within the set constraints, and aim at these.

Deep depression is a clinical illness and should be treated medically. It is important if you are depressed that you take it seriously. Severe depression can cause years of unhappiness and low performance. Depression can be neutralized quickly with different kinds of drugs, by the appropriate form of psychotherapy, or by other forms of personal action. An important part of intelligence is knowing when there is a problem and when to ask for help.

Three cheers for beer

By Ryan Lins
Assistant Features Editor

This Saturday, many students' palates will be painted with a full spectrum of beers at the 5th annual Point Festival of Beers. Over 30 local breweries such as Sprecher, Point, New Glarus and Leinie's will tempt patrons with over 100 different selections from their barley vaults.

For the admission price of \$18, beer connoisseurs receive a five-ounce shot glass and a free key to the candy store. As much beer as can be tapped can be consumed in the five hour free for all.

Most drinkers, however, find one or two favorite breweries and socialize with their representative, and of course drink. The



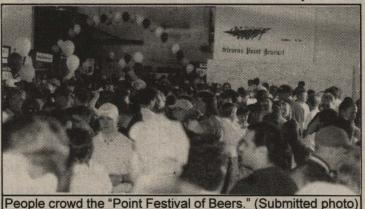
Stevens Point Brewery started this festival in 1996 for both social and community reasons.

"It's another outlet to have fun. It's well-controlled and monitored. This event is a way to showcase our product and bring in people to the community," said Mae Nachman, director of corporate development at Stevens Point Brewery. Point Brewery has worked in conjunction with the UW-SP athletic department for this festival. The proceeds of this event benefit Pointer athletic programs and the security is covered by the UW-SP wrestling team.

"We are very supportive of university projects. We like it because it supports both men's and women's athletics (on campus)," said Nachman.

This year's festival also includes musical entertainment by the Boilerhouse Blues Band and a food tent featuring local restaurants. There are also many games and other novelties at the fest.

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SPORTS

Thoughts from the Dawg
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Top 10 Pointer sports stories of the year

By Nick Brilowski and Mike Peck
, Sports Editors

With the year-end issue of *The Pointer* comes our annual list of the top 10 UW-Stevens Point sports stories of the 1999-2000 school year. This year it was especially difficult to pick the list because of all the accomplishments of the Pointer sports teams. Nonetheless, here it goes. It's been a fun year and we hope for continued success in the future.

10. Ott ends basketball career as second all-time leading scorer

As a four-year starter, Jessica Ott enjoyed one of the finest careers in UW-SP women's basketball history, finishing with 1,592 career points, the second most in school history. She was named all-WIAC three times.

9. Cross country teams advance to Nationals

For the first time since 1993, the women's cross country team qualified for the National meet, finishing 10th. Leah Juno led the way for the ladies, placing 24th and earning All-American honors. The men, who have established themselves as a national power over the past couple years, finished sixth. Jesse Drake, the WIAC champion, led the way with an eighth place finish while Dan Schwamberger placed 28th as both earned All-American honors.

8. Soccer team takes seventh WIAC title in eight years

The women's soccer team has established itself as the premier soccer power in the WIAC as it took home its seventh conference chamionship in the last eight seasons with a 1-0 sudden-death overtime defeat of La Crosse. Although the ladies bowed out of the playoffs in the first round, Coach Sheila Miech's women will definitely be a force to reckon with in the upcoming years.

7. Four Pointers named academic All-Americans

It is an honor to have an athlete recognized as an academic All-American, but to have four is almost unheard of. That is exactly what Andy Palzkill, Brent Newport, Becca Uphoff and Dan Scwhamberger did this past year. The award recogizes student-athletes' great academic accomplishments. All four of the athletes were All-Americans on the playing field as well this year.

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BE ALL YOU CAN BE:

Baseball outduels third-ranked Oshkosh Pointers get on track heading toward postseason

By Zak Redding
COPY EDITOR

Despite a shaky start in conference play, the UW-Stevens Point baseball team has clawed its way back into the WIAC title race.

The Pointers completed a fourgame sweep of Platteville and Oshkosh Friday and Saturday, respectively, boosting their conference record to 6-4.

UW-SP managed to break out of an offensive slump, scoring 48 runs on 54 hits for the weekend.

"We saw the ball well," said Kevin Fry. "By being more patient, we got into hitters' counts and were able to hit our pitch."

On Saturday, UW-Oshkosh came to town ranked first nationally in NCAA Division III in offense. The Pointers came through undaunted, dismantling the Titans, 17-14 and 6-3.

UW-SP scored runs in every inning of game one except the eighth, coming away with the marathon victory. After UW-SP jumped out to a 7-0 lead after three innings, UW-O countered with 12 runs in the top of the fourth when the wheels appeared to fall off for the Pointers.

Starter Justin Duerkop was tagged for nine hits before a single out was tallied. Jared Szews was summoned from the bullpen to stop the barrage, but not before Oshkosh scored three more runs for a 12-7 lead.

The Pointers refused to quit, however, scoring seven runs in the seventh. A two-run single by Jon Jagler sent Oshkosh starter Brian Herzog to the showers.

Matt Peetz greeted reliever Neil Juckem with a single and Rob Govek's smash down the left-field line sent Jagler home.



Matt Peetz eyes the upcoming pitch from an Oshkosh pitcher during the teams' first game Saturday. (Photo by Rick Ebbers)

Pat McCann cleared the bases with a three-run dinger to round out the onslaught for a 17-13 lead.

Szews held Oshkosh in check, giving up two runs during his appearance, which went into the ninth, to set up a save opportunity for David Busse who induced a pop-up to short and struck out the final batter to slam the door on the Titans.

Bill Verbrick took the complete game win in game two, yielding three runs on just six hits while striking out seven.

"We were looking to change

speeds a lot on Oshkosh," Verbrick said.

"Our charts really helped us out. The approach kept the hitters from getting into a groove, and that kept them guessing at the plate."

UW-SP picked up where it left off, pounding out 11 more hits, led by two apiece from Matt Peetz and Mike McCann. Sam Molski added two RBI.

On Friday, the Pointers sent UW-Platteville packing with a

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Fastpitch goes 3-1 at River Falls Invite

By Nick Brilowski Sports Editor

The UW-Stevens Point fastpitch team posted an impressive 3-1 record at the River Falls Invitational last weekend as it attempts to get hot heading into the WIAC Tournament.

Jamie Lowney tossed a twohitter while striking out four to get UW-SP a 2-0 win in its opening game against UW-Stout.

The Pointers notched single tallies in the third and fifth innings for the game's only scoring.

Nikki Best was the only Pointer with two hits in the contest, and also drove in one run.

UW-SP needed to work extra innings in its next game, scoring four times in the top of the eighth inning to get past host River Falls, 10-6.

The Pointers held a 6-1 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth, but the Falcons reached

Karen Guckenberger for five runs to tie the game.

Cari Briley was perfect at the plate going 5-for-5 with four RBI. Michelle Gerber went 3-for-4 and Sarah Berg, Kimberly Grubba and Heidi Hoff added two hits apiece as the Pointers banged out 17 hits in the contest.

Guckenberber got the complete game win, surrendering nine hits while striking out five and walking two.

The Pointer bats went cold in

their opening game Sunday as Heidi Bergstrom limited UW-SP to four hits as UW-Eau Claire defeated UW-SP, 6-0.

The Blugolds, on the other hand, reached Guckenberger for 12 hits to drop the freshman's record to 14-3 on the season.

Eau Claire scored twice in each of the first two innings for a 4-0 lead and never looked back.

The Pointers did bounce back

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Zak Redding Copy Editor

"I hope this job was the beginning of a great career. The pay won't be great yet, but hey, I can live off Blatz for a while."

SPORTS

UW-SP alum leaves his mark on professional ranks

Whitsitt, President of Seahawks, Blazers, set to give commencement address May 14

By Nick Brilowski Sports Editor

On May 14, the UW-Stevens Point graduating class of 2000 will have the opportunity to listen to one of the university's most distinguished alumni give the commencement address.

Bob Whitsitt, the President of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and NBA's Portland Trail Blazers and a 1977 UW-SP graduate, will take

time out from his busy schedule to return to his alma mater.

Attempting to oversee one professional sports team



Whitsitt

may seem like enough of a challenge for most people, but Whitsitt manages to look after two.

"First of all it's very exciting," he said. "There's certainly never a down time. That's sort of the bad part. The logistical challenge, besides managing my time, is the fact that the teams are in two different cities in two different states, so I have to do a lot of commuting back and forth.

"I guess the bad thing is I'm almost always in season," Whitsitt added. "You almost always have some team playing. It's challenging and it's right out there because everyone has an opinion and everybody will know how you did last night and the whole world watched it. There's a lot of pressure, but it's very exciting."

Currently, it's the Trail Blazers that are the center of Whitsitt's attention, having advanced to the Western Conference semifinals with a first round victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"We feel this year that we're one of the teams that has a legitimate chance," Whitsitt said. "I think every year there's three or four teams that can say that and I think we're one of them.

"It's hard just to get where we are. We're down to the final eight (teams) and all you can think

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about is getting down to the final four. And you get there and you try to get to the final two. There's no certainty and there's no guarantees. You just have to work very hard and hope everything can come together for you."

A Communication major during his time at UW-SP, Whitsitt, a Madison native, enjoyed his time at the university, thanks to the size of the classes and the ability to participate in athletics. During his senior year as a member of the football team, the squad finished third in the country.

"I think it was a great experience for me," Whitsitt said of his time in Stevens Point. "I really enjoyed learning from the professors and I liked being able to seek them out outside of class time and they were always receptive to giving their time, which I think is a great way to enhance what you're doing.

"If I could go back and do it again, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

During his junior year at UW-SP, Whitsitt took up an interest in sports administation after looking at a brochure for the University of Ohio.

He ended up attending Ohio State University and was three credits away from his master's degree when he needed an internship to complete his degree.

After about 30 to 40 rejections that Whitsitt seems to recall, he received a call from the Indiana Pacers, the last team he was waiting to hear from, on Labor Day of 1978, inviting him join the organization. The next day Whitsitt was in Indianapolis living with a former high school classmate.

Both teams that Whitsitt runs these days are owned by billionare Paul Allen. Whitsitt says that the pair has an excellent working relationship.

"We have a very good relationship," Whitsitt stated. "In the businesses I run for him, he's very supportive and very interested in us doing well. He wants us to be the best. In terms of the sports teams he runs, he takes owning them very seriously. He wants to make each of the communities very proud."

Whitsitt went on to say that Allen is very involved in the communities of both Portland and Seattle and tries to pass that on to everyone involved with his teams.

"I couldn't be happier," Whitsitt said of working for Allen. "I've worked for a lot of different people over the years and Paul is by far the best owner I've ever worked for."

While it's the Trail Blazers that are at the top of Whitsitt's priorities at this time, the Seahawks are preparing for their second season under head coach and general manager Mike Holmgren.

Whitsitt hopes that Holmgren is able to bring the same winning attitude that made him successful in Green Bay.

"Mike's done a great job," Whitsitt said. "He's come in as our coach and general manager and we're really challenging him to try to mold a team that can be very successful and allowing him to put his fingerprints on it. Hopefully he can have the same success he had with Green Bay and get the Seahawks to the Super Bowl

and bring it home one day."

Since his graduation from UW-SP 23 years ago, Whitsitt has never been able to return to Stevens Point due to work conflicts. He had been invited back yearly for Hall of Fame inductions and golf outings, but has never been able to work out his return. That is until this year.

Whitsitt will provide the commencement address at graduation ceremonies on May 14, an event that he is excited about participating in as well as returning to his alma mater, even if there are still conflicts.

"The good news is, I might have to miss a playoff game to do this," Whitsitt stated. "The bad news is, I've never missed a playoff game in my life. But I really got to the point where every time you're invited back, I can't make it because you've got something going on."

He went on to say that his wife, Jan, and his daughter, Lily, a junior in high school who is looking

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

Fastpitch: At WIAC Championships (Oshkosh), Thursday thru Saturday. Baseball: At UW-Superior (2), Friday, 1 p.m.; At UW-Stout (2), Saturday, 12 p.m. Track and Field: (Men and Women) At WIAC Championships (Superior), Friday and Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Track teams set stride for WIAC meet

By Mike Peck

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field teams split up the squads as they both ran in their final tune-ups before the WIAC meet this weekend.

The men sent nine athletes to the Drake Relays and the women sent five to compete in one of the most heralded track meets in the United States.

"We ran well, not great," said men's coach Rick Witt. "Well at the Drake Relays means you place okay because you have to be outstanding to be on top."

The team was led by the distance medley squad of Dan Schwamberger, Jesse Drake, BenTreptow and Chris Horvat which finished fifth in a time of

The sprint medley relay team with Horvat, Craig Gunderson, Shawn Hau and Eric Miller finished seventh in a time of 3:24.24.

"There were some areas that we made some mistakes," said Witt. "But as far as efforts are concerned, we ran well."

The women competed in two relays, the sprint medley relay and the 4x400.

"They ran good," said women's coach Len Hill. "The sprint medley was a school record by 10 seconds.

"But they were disappointed because they felt they could have run a little faster."

The sprint medley team composed of Laura Lacrosse, Katie Eiring, Missy Kraemer and Leah Juno finished seventh in 4:05.93.

The other relay representing the Pointers featured the same team as the sprint medley and finished sixth in its heat with a time of 3:59.47.

The rest of the men's team traveled to Eau Claire to compete in the Blugold Invitational. The undermanned team finished the meet third behind Eau Claire and Oshkosh as it managed to score 106.9 points.

The team was led by the onetwo punch of Mike Heidke and Ryan Wenos who swept the 5,000 meter run. Heidke ran 15:04.78 and Wenos crossed the line at 15:06.05.

Other winners for the men included Joel Schult who crushed the field in the discus with a toss of 50.16 meters. Steve Tingum picked up the victory in the 1,500meter run with a ferocious kick in a time of 4:00.51.

"I think any time that you split a team up you won't get as good of performances," said Witt. "A couple of 1,500 guys ran well and the shot putters really improved."

Other highlights for the Pointers included Robbie Pieper provisionally qualifying in the 3,000meter steeplechase in 9:20.3.

The rest of the women traveled to the La Crosse Invitational, placing seventh with 35 points.

Becky Lebak was the only winner, claiming the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:43.91

"We had some real good performances there," said Hill. "Without the whole team there we didn't have a good showing."

Both teams will travel to Superior this weekend to compete in the WIAC meet.

The women will try to overcome the loss of one of their standout athletes, Megan Lundahl.

Lundahl, an All-American indoors, was lost for the season due to a knee injury she suffered throwing the javelin last weekend.

"That's big, real big,"said Hill. "She should win the hammer, place in the discus, shot and maybe the javelin."

"It was just one of those freakish things.'

Despite the loss of Lundahl, the ladies are still hoping for a top four finish.

The men will be shooting for the top two with La Crosse being tabbed as the favorite.

"It will be a great meet," said Witt. "La Crosse should be the favorite, but they don't give away awards for should be best."

The meet kicks off Friday afternoon with the prelims for most events and finals in select events. It concludes Saturday afternoon with the remainder of the finals.

> Best of luck with Finals! Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall. From The Pointer sports staff

Baseball

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sweep, 7-0 and 18-5.

Troy Bielmeier chalked up the win in game one to raise his record to 5-1 and lowered his ERA to 0.38, ranking him second in Division III. The shutout was his third of the season and the team's seventh.

The 20th win for UW-SP marked its fourth straight 20-win

Randy Reed led the Pointers at the plate, going 2-for-2 with a double, a home run and three RBI while scoring three runs.

A 13-run third inning helped Jeff Pieper pick up another win despite having a string of 21 scoreless innings pitched snapped in the 18-5 victory.

The game was called after

seven by the 12-run rule.

Designated hitter Kevin Fry feasted on Pioneer pitching, collecting four hits and three doubles while Reed and Molski had two hits and two RBI each in the 15hit Pointer onslaught.

A WIAC tournament berth is on the line this weekend as the Pointers travel to UW-Superior and UW-Stout to round out the regular season.

"This week we can't get too aggressive," said Reed.

"Superior is competitive this year and can beat us if we get away from our game."

UW-SP will need all four wins to earn the conference tourney berth and vie for another Division III National tournament appear-

Whitsitt

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at colleges, helped influence his decision to come back.

"I've got a lot of good feelings about Stevens Point and I'm very proud of that school," said Whitsitt, who also has a son, Sean.

"I think for me, it's time to take a small step back and say, 'Hey, this is an honor for me to be able to come back and some day I may not be able to.

"It all fit pretty well," he said of the timing. "I'm looking forward to it. I think it will be very exciting, very fun, very nostalgic for me."

Commencement ceremonies will take place on May 14 at 1 p.m. in the Specht Forum, otherwise known as the Sundial. Shortly afterward, you'll likely find Whitsitt back on a flight to the West Coast, preparing for his next order of business.

Dawg House

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6. Men's hockey team skates to NCHA championship

Riding the goaltending of Bob Gould, the UW-SP hockey team surprised everyone and won the NCHA title. Unfortunately, the team's magical season came to a disappointing end after being denied a bid in the NCAA tournament. The team received several honors led by Gould's being named NCHA Player of the Year.

5. Mead, Schwamberger capture National indoor track titles

Mike Mead and Dan Schwamberger took home National titles in helping the men's track and field team to its highest finish (4th) at the indoor National meet. Mead claimed the high jump with a leap of 6 feet-9 inches and Schwamberger blew away the field in the 5,000meter run with a time of 14:33. They were the first Pointers to stand on top of the victory stand since Tom Morris won the 5,000 in 1987.

4. Women's hockey becomes newest varsity sport

In October of 1999, UW-SP added women's hockey as its newest varsity sport in an attempt to further reach Title IX compliance. Student Government Association (SGA) approved a petition, followed by a recommendation by the athletic committee to Chancellor Thomas George, who approved based on a budgetary decision. Jason Lesteberg was hired as the team's first head coach in March.

3. Swim teams unify conference title, women win for first time

For the first time ever, the Pointer men's and women's swimming and diving teams captured the WIAC titles in the same season. Both teams unseated Eau Claire, with the women's victory being the first in history. Randy Boelk also earned an invitation to the U.S. Olympic Trials, qualifying in the 200 backstroke.

2. Football team captures back-to-back WIAC titles for first time in 65 years, earns first Division 3 playoff bid

John Miech's squad took home a share of consecutive WIAC titles for the first time since the 1934 season, posting a 9-2 record. Redshirt freshman Dave Berghuis stepped in at quarterback for the injured Ryan Aulenbacher and the team didn't miss a beat. The team made its first NCAA Division 3 Tournament, falling to St. John's (Minn.) in the first round, 23-10.

1. Men's basketball team makes a remarkable run; Bailey earns numerous honors

Picked to finish fifth in the preseason poll, Jack Bennett's team won the regular season title by two games and defeated Eau Claire in overtime to win the WIAC Tournament. The team came within 2.1 seconds of going to the NCAA Division 3 Final Four only to fall to Eau Claire. Senior Brant Bailey was named First Team All-American, WIAC Player of the Year and West Region Player of the Year.

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Partnership

The University has worked closely with the Portage County Business Park to attract outside firms such as Lands End and hopes to improve economic development through business expansion, graduate placement, reduce "brain drain" and put the Diversity 2008 Plan into action.

"It's about time we started working together rather than separately. With this plan, we are pooling together the resources of various educational institutions and enhancing adult access as well as student success at UW-SP," said Chancellor George.

In his presentation to the regents, George stated that the Central Wisconsin Idea is a component of the "New Economy of Wisconsin" and that it will foster. "economic growth through workforce development, adult access, information technology and international education."

George also included diversity as part of his enrollment plan through Plan 2008-Design for Diversity which aims to increase ethnic diversity in all areas of the university with an emphasis on student retention.

"2008 is an important component of enrollment which will help foster a climate that is more respectful and comfortable for those SEE PARTNERSHIP ON PAGE 18

Fastpitch

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in their tournament finale, scoring a run in the top of the seventh for a 6-5 victory over Stout.

UW-SP managed just six hits in the game, but took advantage of four Blue Devil errors, scoring four unearned runs.

Point led 5-2 heading intó the bottom of the fourth, but Stout tied the game with two runs in the fourth and one in the sixth before UW-SP got the winning run in the seventh.

Lowney picked up her second win over Stout in the tourney, allowing nine hits while striking out five without allowing a walk.

The Pointers (23-11-1 overall), the fourth seed, will open up WIAC Tournament play on Friday when they take on fifth-seeded Platteville at 1 p.m. in Oshkosh.

Transit

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student responded in the survey. "For the safety of the people in the community, and the students in the area, there must be an alternative to driving your own vehicle home from the bars."

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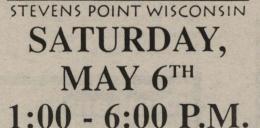
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OUTDOORS

Wanderings

By Lisa Rothe
Assistant Outdoors Editor

This being my last *Wanderings* column, and my last year as an undergraduate, I leave you all with a lesson that I've learned from the time I've served as a Pointer.

Up north this past weekend, celebrating the budding of trees and the glorious sunsets with my love, we took off to hike on the north country backroads. We ended at a tiny lake in the center of the American Legion Forest, at the bottom of a worn set of stairs. Just as we had begun descending, a giant great blue heron flew low, caught in the middle of eating his dinner. There we sat, as the sun was lassoed by the moon, falling slowly into the horizon. The sunfish hung just below the surface.

I was blown away by the simplicity of the cycles revolving around me. The feeding, the breathing, the lovemaking (usually associated with spring)-all that *despite* my presence on those steps.

So the lesson that I pass to you—life is not as complicated as others make it to seem. Everyone has a drive—some deep within them have a need to be successful and to earn a six-figure income. But why? Where will that get you? Greed is ugly.

I find that when I look to the forests and the rivers I am washed clean of my human drives, I begin to reconsider what successful actually means. I have learned that happiness lies in simplicity; that's where it begins and where it ends.

So my advice, take it or leave it: don't look too far ahead when you decide on your life plan, the answer may lie before you.

It's time to move on

It's time to get going

What lies ahead I have no way of knowing

Under my feet baby, the grass is growing

It's time to move on, it's time to get going.

- Tom Petty, from the album Wildflowers



Lisa Rothe



DNR issues emergency fire restrictions Portions of Bayfield and Douglas counties affected

With the 2000 general fishing season opener just ahead and spring turkey hunting under way, fire control officials are requesting that anglers and turkey hunters use extreme caution with all fires, smoking materials or any other heat source as fire danger conditions are considered serious in many areas of the state.

Department of Natural Resources fire control officials are issuing an emergency burning restriction for areas of Bayfield and Douglas counties where acres of timber, blown down by windstorms in 1999, pose a high fire danger. The restrictions will be in place for the opening weekend of the fishing season. The U.S. Forest Service is expected to do the same for lands under its management in the affected counties.

Wisconsin's spring fire season got off to an early start due to little snowpack and a generally dry spring. Numerous fires kept firefighting crews busy.

"We're substantially ahead of last year in the number of fires

we had at this time last year," said Ken Terrill, DNR forest fire operations specialist. "We're at 1,049 fires this year compared to 709 in 1999."

"Fields are starting to green up in the southern part of the state, giving people a false impression that the high fire danger season is over," said Rick Bucklew, DNR forest fire prevention and law enforcement specialist. "However, the woods are still dry and ready to burn."

Anglers stopping for a shore lunch need to be extra cautious with any fire. Anglers and hunters often push into some of the most remote areas, making access to a fire difficult. Campfires can linger for a long time, especially in larger fuels, then flare up.

"We'd like to see folks drown a camp or cooking fire, stir it, drown it again, stir it and drown it a third time," said Brucklew.

Trash and spring cleanup fires are the most common cause of wildfires according to state records, but Bucklew is beginning to see fires started by electric fences and vehicles This indicates very dry conditions. He asks that people operating any equipment in the forests be sure spark arrestors are in good working order and that people avoid parking vehicles in tall grass.

The first action anyone who sees a fire should take is to report it to a 911 emergency number and then wait to direct arriving fire crews to the blaze.

Homeowners can protect their buildings by making sure all leaves and litter around buildings are cleaned up and grass is cut short for a distance of at least 30 to 35 feet around all structures.

Firewood should not be stacked next to structures, and access roads should be clear and capable of allowing emergency vehicles to reach buildings. Pines, spruces and other evergreens should be 30 to 35 feet away from buildings and hardwoods 15 to 20 feet. Tree limbs should be trimmed up 10 to 12 feet above ground level.

Modern farming not without problems

Consumer interest in genetically engineered plants has increased in recent months. However, unsubstantiated data and exaggerated claims have resulted in considerable confusion about the benefits and risks associated with these plants.

Transgenic plants provide the world with benefits such as reduced pesticide use, increased yield and use of less hazardous herbicides. These benefits not only help the farmer save money, but also prove to be a more environmentally sound solution to many agricultural problems. Traditional agricultural practices have led to problems with water availability, deforestation, poor soil quality and chemical pesticides/herbicides.

Plants that are resistant to herbicides, insects and diseases could allow farmers to reduce their dependence on chemicals. Farmers could increase the stability of the food supply, help clean up the water supply and improve soil quality. Furthermore, development of plants that can utilize water and nutrients

more efficiently could allow nutrient-poor soil to be put to good use

Currently, transgenic plants are regulated by the USDA, FDA and EPA before release into the agricultural envi-

ronment. Transgenic plants are approved after they have been determined pose nificant environmental risk. However, a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences has called for stronger regulation of transgenic plants.

 Approximately a billion pounds of pesticides are sprayed every year to control insect damage on agricultural crops in the United States, of which an estimated 99 percent never reach target organisms. By putting the mechanism to resist pest damage directly into the plants themselves, we reduce the hazards of pesticide application.

Studies of cotton by the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy have shown that by planting 2.3 million acres of insect-resistant cotton, farmers reduced chemical pesticide use by over a million pounds and increased yields by 85 million pounds.

Crop plants with herbicide resistance have many benefits to the agricultural world, including reduction of herbicide application, less groundwater contamination and reduced soil erosion resulting from no-till practices. In addition, weeds are responsible for a 10 to 20 percent reduction in crop value, amounting to an annual cost of \$3 to 4 billion in the United States. Transgenic soybeans will allow farmers to more environmentally safe herbicides, such as Roundup, instead of longer-lasting herbicides like acetochlor. They also reduce the need to till the soil, which causes erosion.

The jury is still out on the value of transgenic plants in our agricultural system. While the benefits afforded by reduced chemical inputs are obvious, they must be weighed against environmental safety and human health concerns. Each plant-gene combination presents different benefits and risks. It seems reasonable to consider each separately, rather than condemning or condoning transgenic crops as a whole.



Finesse methods for finicky bass

By Ryan Pauls OUTDOORS REPORTER

As you launch the boat, the outlook is not good. The water is stained and the fish are close to structure. In order to catch fish on this kind of day, casting accuracy is a must. One way to handle this situation is to use the flipping or finesse techniques.

There are several baits that work well for close and accurate casts. When using spinnerbaits, choose a smaller size to avoid making huge splashes. The jig and pig, which is the most common bait to flip, can also be great on certain days. Finally, don't forget the artificial worm. A fourto six-inch size is probably the best size to use.

Rod size is critical. Anglers will need at least a 6 1/2-foot rod spooled with 10- to 14-pound test Recently introduced superlines such as Fireline and Fusion also work extremely well.

Next, determine where the fish are located. Visible structure is a good starting spot. After finding a log or rock sticking out of the water, position your boat about 15 feet away and make short casts in and around the structure. Don't be afraid to actually flip your lure into a treetop and retrieve it out of there, especially if the fish are holding super tight to the structure.

Boat positioning is critical because positioning too close will spook the fish. Being too far away will cause too big of a splash and that could also possibly spook fish. Plus, it is hard to make precise casts from a long distance. Also, don't get too close to the structure because you could also

scare off fish if they hear or see the boat.

This technique is very effective if the conditions are right. It may help catch a lot of fish when conventional methods simply will not work.

If you are lucky enough to have these techniques pay off this summer, practice catch and release-you might be surprised how good it feels to let a nice fish go to grow bigger.



The author caught this Wisconsin River smallmouth using finesse techniques. (Submitted photo)

Gill's Grumblings

Okay. I've had it. If you are one of the half-dozen people who might actually read this column, please forgive my lack of inspira-

It's 85 degrees outside. I'm sweating. I want to go fishing. Work is bad. And I'm sure you all agree.

As I wrap up this final issue of the year, I realize that I don't really have anything to complain or preach about. This year I've gotten up on this little soapbox to shoot my mouth off about hippies, protesters, animal rights activists and even my fellow hunters and fishermen, but now I'm all out of hot air. I hope you're happy.

So in this final burst of opinionated, close-minded ramblings I only have one thing left to say: enjoy your summer. I know, that's what everybody says at the close of the school year, but there's more to it than the off-handed good-bye that we all give at this time of

I will be coming back this fall to rant and rave in this little column once again, but my graduation is in sight and I'm not exactly thrilled about it. Those of you in the same shoes as I'm in know what I mean; those who aren't soon will.

Summer is the last connection to our childhood and the last barrier that stands between us and the "real" world. Treasure it while you still can. Don't spend your summer days in front of a TV or your nights in your local tavern.

Crackling fires and the cry of a loon will stay with you long after college is over and you've joined the rat race. The smell of the woods after a hard rain, northern pike slime, and hot dogs cooking over a bed of coals are sensations that will hopefully sustain you when your days, spring, summer, fall and winter, will be spent punching a clock and staring at computer screens.

I hope your summer is all you could possibly ask for.

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

Schmeeckle Reserve Prog.: Tales of a Night Sky, 8-9PM (Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center)

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

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

MONDAY, MAY 8

FINAL EXAMS

Planetarium Series: NIGHT SKY PROGRAM, 8PM

(Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, MAY 9

FINAL EXAMS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

FINAL EXAMS

THURSDAY, MAY 11

FINAL EXAMS

Earth Week Prog.: "Birding-Threats to our Local Birds," 6:30AM (Meet in front of the UC-Bring a Bike or Car) Schmeeckle Reserve Prog.: Wisconsin's Night Fliers (Bats),

7:30-8:30PM (Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center)

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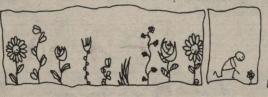


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BY BJ HIDRNS &







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ARTS & REVIEW

Your College Survival Guide

By Pat "Pat Rothfuss" Rothfuss

GRADUATE

Well folks. This is it. The last College Survival Guide. After nine years I'm finally graduating.

And because this is the last one, now's the time I get a bunch of really cool ideas about things to write about. For instance, I really should have a column on napping, or on the mechanics of a good practical joke. I should have written a column entirely in Haiku. I should have written a column naked.

Actually, I did do that last one. Actually, I'm naked right now.

But anyway, I guess I'll just have to cram all my remaining wisdom into this final Survival Guide, lest it be lost forever.

If someone steals your pants, and you have to go to work right afterwards, and while you're working an attractive member of the opposite sex asks what you're wearing underneath your towel, go on and tell them the truth. Show them if they don't believe you.

A good practical joke should always follow three rules. 1) It should cause no permanent physical, mental, or environmental damage. 2) It should be extravagant and original. 3) Damn... I can never remember the third one. Sorry.

THE END IS HERE.

Guys: Never compare a woman to a dog, a cow, or cheese. I know I've mentioned this one before, but it bears repeating.

Girls: Buy flowers for your boyfriend. Treat him to dinner. Give him a backrub.

If there's ever something that you really want to do, but you're not sure if it's strictly legal, remember this: if you don't ask for permission, they can't say no.

William Blake once said "When the lights are out, all women are fair." I've found this to be more or less true. I've also noticed that most of them are pretty hot when the lights are on, too.

If you eat nothing but taco dip and Mountain Dew for three days you'll throw up on the third day. On the other hand, if you eat nothing but Nutty Bars and milk, you won't throw up for about 10 days.

The best rule of thumb for governing your actions is an old one: Do no harm.

Girls: Wear midriff shirts.

Guys: When you're checking out girls, try not to be total knuckle-draggers, you make the rest of us look bad.

Go barefoot. Lots.

Use all your leftover food points to stock up on Penguin Caffeinated Peppermints at the University Bookstore. If you eat enough of them you'll see God. Tell Him Pat sends his regards.

Try to write some poetry, even if it's really bad.

If you're ever in a bookstore and you see a book titled, <u>The Song of Flame and Thunder</u>, buy it. It's my book. It kicks ass.

Taco Bell food costs less, pound for pound, than gum.

Once, because the inside of my mouth hurt I thought I was getting scurvy. I was pretty worried until I realized that the real problem was the fact that I'd been eating a lot of Captain Crunch right out of the box. Hmmmm, I guess this isn't really a piece of advice, is it? Oh well.

Huzzah for Kissing! Double Huzzah! Even though everyone picks their

Even though everyone picks their nose, it's still best to do it in private.

Don't hit on your girlfriend's/boyfriend's roommate.

Treat your professors with respect; they control your academic future. More importantly, a lot of the ones I know are one small step away from freaking out and snapping your neck like a brittle twig.

Well, that's about it. Remember to have fun and not take anything too seriously. For those of you that care, I'll be going through the graduation ceremony on Sunday the 14th at 1 P.M. Show up and make a lot of noise when they call my name. Afterwards we can all go back to my place and grill out.

I'm serious. Everyone's invited to my party. But there is one tricky bit. I don't want to put my address in *The Pointer* for safety reasons. (I have a vague, persistent fear that one of these days someone's going to drive by and throw a bag of flaming monkey intestines through my window.)

But if you come up to me after the graduation ceremony you have three chances to get my address out of me so you can come over and hang out at my house. 1) Wear your "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt. 2) Show me the bag of chips/potato salad/whatever that you thoughtfully brought along to share. 3) Pander to my ego. (This is remarkably easy, usually a smile will do.)

Thanks to all of you who've been reading over the last year. Thanks to those of you that wrote in letters. Thanks for wearing the T-shirts.

Thanks to *The Pointer* staff who put up with my raving and megalomania. Thanks to Brett for drawing pictures for me, even though I never gave him enough advance notice. More thanks to Brett for drawing Jobeth naked this week. I'll consider that my personal graduation present.

Thanks to all the professors who made things worth staying nine years for. You know who you are. Thanks to the university administrators for mostly ignoring me. You guys have no idea some of the stuff I've gotten away with...



by Kelvin Chen

Based on the life of director Franco Zeffirelli who brought us tear-jerkers like "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) and the Brooke Shields Kleenex sales booster, "Endless Love," "Tea with Mussolini" is a cup of English tea that is as warm and inviting to drink as it is to watch.

Left the orphanage by his father, Zeffirelli's alter ego is an Italian lad named Luca, (Charlie Lucas) who misses his deceased mother badly. Enters a trio of British grandes dames and two American women, the boy finds himself suddenly 'adopted' by Il Scorpioni: a name given to this bunch of ladies known for their poisonous wit. Joan Plowright plays Mary, the double-chin-

Tea With Mussolini

Warm and inviting...

clenched and ever righteous, is matronly fortitude personified; Judi Dench flutters as much as her ubiquitous scarves as the bohemian Arabella; and Maggie Smith plays Hester, the snotty widow of the late ambassador who holds her

head at an imperious 45 degrees. Lily Tomlin takes the unconventional role of a lesbian archeologist, and Cher plays Elsa, a former chorus girl with no class but a heart.

Nuzzled by so many loving bosoms, it is no surprise that the boy grew up to make such soft hearted, some would say sissy films. Set in 1930s Florence Italy, "Tea with Mussolini" is like a fairy tale with the typical dragons and monsters (in the form of fascism) and yet the danger is never really felt. Instead, we all get a hazy sense of nostalgia and sentiment as the director, now 76, fondly recalls his childhood. While the plot may suffer a little, the fine acting of the cast cannot be argued. Each of them delivers

a flawless performance. Despite the rising tide of war before them, these ladies never lost their sense of duty to uphold their bourgeois manners that is far more impor-

Tea with Mussolini is like a fairy tale with the typical dragons and monsters... and... a hazy sense of nostalgia and sentiment as the director, now 76, fondly recalls his childhood

tant than any life-threatening situation. "Stop this nonsense at once!" snaps an indignant Hester at a Nazi soldier who is about to shoot her friend Arabella.

Beautiful and lush cinematography of the Tuscan landscape fills the film and the intimate score by Stefano Arnaldi and Alessio Vlad completes the soundtrack, painting an impressionistic world of Luca and his guardians. The movie is pretty to watch although it is also pretty stupid at times. However, it is indulgent, campy and fun for everyone.

Book Closet Cases

by Kelvin Chen

I have to admit one of my favorite past time here in Stevens Point, besides watching a post-plastic Joan Rivers bitching about people on E! is to do on line shopping. Although some items that I craved for can never be found on line- i.e. a pair of Prada dress sandals for the coming summer, still there are tons of places to shop, one of the best places besides the I-can-never-afford-to-shop luxury-finder.com (Thank God they are going through a web renovation now) is good ole' amazon.com.

So there I was, browsing through the endless sections of books, music to videos when I sudden stumbled across this thing that astonishes me. Amazon.com apparently keeps track of the buying pattern geographically right down to specific universities. So naturally, UW-SP is ranked there. Fair enough, it is a good way to track the demographics and buying patterns. What amazes me most is what the students of this fine establishment are ordering off amazon. Now, we are all college students here, so we all like to think of ourselves as more intellectual and read stuff that will make people go "whao!" The Platos, the Descartes and of course the Jackie Collins etc. (Did I mention Jackie?) Yet the top 3 books, nevermind the rest of the 7, of the list is beyond that! Apparently, the 3 most popular titles currently off the amazon racks ordered by our students here are:

- 1. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- 2. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
- 3. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

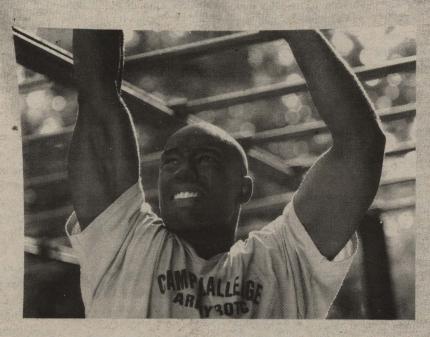
Are we in a college or is this elementary school? The very thought of college students reading Harry Potter to me is disturbing. I admit though I have yet to read a single one of them because I have the impression they will be the kind of books I will buy only when I have kids of my own. What is this fascination of Harry Potter with everybody here? I went around asking people whom I know and nobody admits to anything. The respond I got is something like "Oh! I got this fascinating novel by Jim Thompson that explores the dark nature of man. It is very profound." Granted, that book, "The Killer Inside Me" is no. 7 on the UW-SP amazon list. So who are the ones buying Harry Potter? And why are they hiding like some closet case?

The next time you are at amazon.com, visit their ranking list and you will be amazed to see what our best sellers are compared to other institutions of higher learning. See Amazon.com's buying circles for the UW-SP list

This is my final word at "The Pointer," to the staff and everyone else, remember my mantra- "Sunny, rainy or cloudy skies, always remember to accessorize!"

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who live and work here," said George.

George also hopes to increase adult access to the university and stated in his presentation that adult students who have significant geographical and time constraints will benefit from the plan.

"Employers have higher expectations and increasing adult access to the university will not only increase employability options but also increase income levels," said George.

George validated the plan by quoting from UW System Board of Regents president, San Orr's address before the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance last

"I believe the UW System is Wisconsin's greatest hope for continued success and it's future quality of life," said Orr.

Currently, the Collaborative Degree Program (CDP) has access in Wausau, Marshfield and Stevens Point, but Chancellor George hopes for future expansion in Wisconsin Rapids and Waupaca.

Other advancements in CDP include courses such as Computer Information Systems and an anticipated major in technology and new media arts. Currently, only courses in business administration and general studies are offered.

The Wisconsin Idea also incorporates Global Environmental Management (GEM), which "aims to work as a framework to unify UW-SP's leading edge vision of the future, build excellence to serve students and stakeholders in the 21st century."

According to the Chancellor's presentation, UW-Stevens Point would be the GEM education center. GEM, which focuses on education instead of technical assistance and doctoral also aims to broaden student experiences and increase international contacts.

According to George, the plan ties closely with Governor Thompson's global initiatives such as the Wisconsin International Trade Council and the Wisconsin Works Worldwide plan.

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