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- Steve Schoemer
Managing Editor
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 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. 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 boys on campus who think they have the right to judge and torment people with alternate lifestyles. Yes, I speak of the upsurge of hate crimes on campus. Thank God we are not biding 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.

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 you.
3) Judge not, lest ye be judged.
4) Don’t take anything too seriously. Especially life.
5) Have the guts to do what is right, no matter how painful it may be.
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 future.
8) If you worry about what others think of you, you really 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 HEAD

Time to say good-bye

Step one 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. I even found a little time for studying.

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THE Pointer
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 and action movies.

What exactly is the problem with chick flicks? Many of my close friends won't go to a movie that stars Julia Roberts or inverts that many of my classmates won't go to a movie that stars Julia Roberts or inverts that many of my classmates won't go to a movie that stars Julia Roberts or inverts that many of my classmates won't go to a movie that stars Julia Roberts or

In the Ring: Action or chick flicks?

By Ryan Lins
Assistant Features Editor

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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 Schmeckle 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-Yos, 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 vendors. 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 p.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 DeBart 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 Planosch 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.

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 featured 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!”
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“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. Depression 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 necessary.
• 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.
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Top 10 Pointer sports stories of the year

By Nick Brilowski and Mike Peck

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.

1. 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.

2. Cross country teams advance to Nationals

For the first time since 1993, the women's cross country team qualified for the National meet, finishing 16th. Leah June 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 Schwamburger placed 28th as both earned All-American honors.

3. 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 championship 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.

4. 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 Schwamburger did this past year. The award recognizes student-athletes' great academic accomplishments. All four of the athletes were All-Americans on the playing field as well this year.

Thoughts from the Dawg House...

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

Backpage

FASTPITCH goes 3-1 at River Falls Invite

By Nick Brilowski

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

Jamie Lowney tossed a two-hitter while striking out four for 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.

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.

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

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Pat McCann cleared the bases with a three-run dinger to round out the onslaught for a 17-3 lead. Swez 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 two games, 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

By Zak Redding

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 four-game 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 from town ranked first nationally in NCAA Division III in offense. The Pointers came through unaunted, 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.

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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
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, Ben Treptow and Chris Horvat which finished fifth in a time of 10:26.24.

The sprint medley relay team with Horvat, Craig Gunderson, Shawn Ha and Eric Miller finished seventh in a time of 3:59.47.

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Partnership
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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 students," George said.

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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 managing just six hits in the game, but took advantage of four Blue Devil errors, scoring four unearned runs.

Point led 5-2 heading into 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.

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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."

"If we find that there is a need for longer hours and that people will use the system then, we will begin to look at steps toward increasing the hours," said Lemke.

Tony Bellovary, Jenni Schultz, Ryan Malueg, Justin Japs, and Fred Heider conducted the transit survey as part of their Natural Resources 478 class.

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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 softfish 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 themselves have a need to be successful and to earn a six-figure income. But why? Where will that get you? Greed is ugly.

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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 Pettry, 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, invoking 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 offices are issuing alerts, utilizing restrictions for areas of Bayfield and Douglas counties where acres of timber, blown down by winds and storms in 1999, pose a high fire danger. The restrictions are 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 fishing season got off to an early start due to little snowpack and a generally dry spring. Numerous fires kept firefighters 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 1,549 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 pack in 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 Bucklew.

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 forests be sure spark arrestors are in good working order and that people avoid parking vehicles in tall grass.

Anglers and hunters should also see a fire should be reported to 9-1 1 emergency number and then wait to direct arriving fire crews to the blaze.

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.

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 environment. Transgenic plants are approved after they have been determined not to pose significant 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 use of chemical inputs such as Roundup, instead of producing and using chemical pesticides.

Wildflowers are one of the many benefits afforded by reduced chemical pesticide use. In addition, the genetic diversity of many agricultural problems.

Traditional agricultural practices have led to problems with water contamination, ground water 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 use 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/organ 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 casting. 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 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 inspiration this week.

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 year.

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.
**Tea With Mussolini**

Warm and inviting...

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 Kleneex 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 at the orphanage by his father, Zeffirelli’s alter ego is an Italian lad named Luca, (Charlie Lucas) who misses his deceased mother.** Enter a trio of British grandmas and two American women, the boy finds himself suddenly adopted by Judi Dench as Florence who misses her deceased husband. Enters a trio of British grandmas and two American women, the boy finds himself suddenly adopted by Judi Dench as Florence who misses her deceased husband.

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

**Beautifu and lush cinematography of the Tuscan landscape fills the film and the interaction of Tuscan farmers with stars Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep, directed by Steffano Arnaldi and Alessio VD completely captures the ambiance of the Italian countryside. The movie is pretty to watch although it is also prettily stupid at times. However, it is indolent, cloying and fun for everyone.

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**Your College Survival Guide**

**THE END IS HERE.**

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

Guys: 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 true than ever. I've also noticed that most girls 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 most of us look bad.

**You can never remember the third one. Sorry.**

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


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 discovered the real problem was that I'd been eating a lot of Captain Crunch right out of the box. I have to tell you this isn't really a piece of advice, it's Oh well. Huzza! for Kissing! Double Huzza! Even though everyone picks their nose, it's still best to do it in private.

Don't hit on your girlfriend's roommate.

Treat your professors with respect; they control your academic future. More importantly, a lot of the ones I know fill the film and the intimate photography of the Tuscan landscape and the hazy sense of nostalgia as the director, now 76, fondly recalls his childhood.

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**With the Son~**

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**Book Closet Cases**

by Kelvin Chen

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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 signifi­
cant geographical and time con­
strains will benefit from the plan.

“Employers have higher ex­
pectations and increasing adult
access to the university will not
only increase employability op­
tions but also increase income
terest,” 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
year.

“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 expan­
sion in Wisconsin Rapids and
Waupaca.

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

The Wisconsin Idea also in­
corporates Global Environmental
Management (GEM), which “aims
to develop 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 cen­
ter. GEM, which focuses on edu­
cation instead of technical assis­
tance 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 Interna­
tional Trade Council and the Wis­
consin Works Worldwide plan.

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