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## Political organizations on campus face off in student debate

College Democrats, Republicans and Greens tackle the issues in debate

By Casey Krautkramer  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last night a political debate was held between the College Republicans, Democrats and Campus Greens in the Legacy Room of the University Center.

The debate was moderated by Chancellor Thomas George and conducted in a question and answer format.

In the opening statements, the parties voiced the main issues that their parties are standing for. The Republicans urged the audience during the debate to look for which party stands on American principles and doesn't deviate from political expediency.

"For as Ronald Reagan coined, 'Republicans believe that every day is the Fourth of July, but Democrats believe every day is April 15,' " said Jeremy Smith, college Republican president.

The Democrats stated in their opening statement that our country is better off today than it

was eight years ago.

Democrat Jill Hassenfelt asked the audience to "look at the issues being presented to you and decide not only which views that you share, but who it is that you can vote for that can either go to Washington or Madison to make those ideas a reality."

The Greens discusses dangers to the earth in their opening statement.

"We, the association of state Green parties, are here because this cannot and will not stand.

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Photo by Renee Eismueller

The College Republicans (pictured above) debated the College Democrats and College Greens on Wednesday.



Photo by John Krejci

Jenny Bruce (2) charges toward the goal in UWSP's 7-0 victory in the first round of the NCAA-III soccer tournament against Edgewood.

## Women's soccer eyes a championship opportunity

By Mike Peck  
SPORTS EDITOR

With many fresh faces on a team that has forever dominated the WIAC, the UWSP women's soccer team wasn't expected to be the team that they usually are.

Coach Shelia Miech's squads are the only team ever to win a WIAC title and even play in the NCAA Division III tournament from the conference.

As predicted, this team wasn't the same as it has been in years past.

The "underdog" Pointers battled all season and not only

won the WIAC tournament, but did something that the last three teams couldn't do, win in the NCAA tournament.

"I don't think that anybody thought we would do well with the loss of all the seniors last year," said Miech. "Hats off to this team. We expected this as a team."

Point wasn't just handed the conference crown however, as they had to play two tough opponents just to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

On Friday the ladies squared off against a much-improved

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## Kareenna Gore, Franken to campaign at UWSP

Celebrity adds comic relief to tight race for the White House

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

Comedian and Political Activist Al Franken will join the Vice-President's oldest daughter in campaign efforts for Al Gore on Friday.

Franken and Kareenna Gore, who is also her father's campaign adviser, will be attempting to garner votes in a state whose electoral points are still up for grabs.

Best known for his acting and writing involvement on *Saturday Night Live (SNL)*, Franken is also a popular political satirist now concentrating his efforts on the Gore campaign. He

gained most of his recognition in the political realm for his 1996 book *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot*, which poked fun at conservative politics.

"Now the whole point of *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot* was to satirize the breakdown of civility in our public discourse, which is having a tremendously corrosive effect on society in general," said Franken.

Franken followed this work, which hit the number one spot on the New York Times Best Seller List, with his book *Why Not Me* which sold nearly a million copies of its own.

Franken's past political involvement includes speeches at both the 1994 and 1996 White House Correspondent's Dinner.

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## Wallflowers scheduled to perform at UWSP

By Kristin Gagnon  
NEWS REPORTER

The Wallflowers are coming to UWSP in December. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Nov. 2 at 10:00 a.m. arts and athletics ticket office and the information desk at the University Center.

The Wallflowers consist of five members: Jakob Dylan, Bob Dylan's son, lead singer and rhythm guitarist; Michael Ward lead guitarist; Mario Calire, drummer; Rami Jaffee, piano and keyboard; and Greg Richling, bassist

Some of their most well-known songs include, "One Headlight," "Three Marlenas," and "6th Avenue Heartache."

The band was nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of "Best rock performance by a duo or group with vocals" for the

group's cover of David Bowie's, "Heroes."

The Wallflowers have recently introduced a new CD to the market, entitled *Breach*.

"The song structure and the whole thing [frontman Jakob Dylan's] laying down is a completely different sound," says Julian Raymond of Rolling Stone

When asked what he has been doing since the release of their latest album, Jakob Dylan stated, "I've just been on the road doing the only thing I know how to do, which is playing shows."

The concert will take place on Dec. 2 in the Quandt Fieldhouse.



The Wallflowers



## Speaker to discuss women's leadership

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

The newly-appointed chancellor of the River Falls will address women's leadership issues during her visit to UWSP on Friday, Nov. 3. Ann Lydecker will promote involvement by women in faculty, staff and student leadership positions.

After speaking with faculty and staff earlier in the day, Lydecker will respond to prepared questions, engage in an open forum discussion and review her career as a female leader during the program.

The event is co-sponsored by Wisconsin Women in High Education Leadership (WWHEL) and UWSP's Committee on the Status of Women.

"It is important to acknowledge women in high administrative positions such as Dr. Lydecker," said Kyle Niedfeldt, student representative for the status of women committee. "She serves as a great role model for not only women but all people."

Lydecker has spearheaded initiatives at both state and national levels for education reform and has served as chair of

the Massachusetts Task Force on Exit Assessment as well as having been involved in higher education in Minnesota.

She is the 14th chancellor of UW-River Falls and was described as "an excellent fit for the position" by Katharine Lyall, the UW-system president. Lydecker was born and raised on a Michigan dairy farm and began her educational career as an elementary school teacher.

The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday and will take place in the Founder's Room in Old Main.

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The time has come to end this enjoy-it-while-it-lasts attitude that is still reminiscent of our so-called manifest destiny," said Gretchen Rueth, Green. "Republicans, Democrats and society in general are not changing fast enough to meet the rates of our destruction. We truly believe that we can change things for the better."

Chancellor George's first question was on whether the tax burden on Americans is too high. The Democrats responded by saying they fought to get the federal tax burden on the middle to lower class to the lowest level since 1979.

"These people are the right people for responsible tax cuts," said Democrat Jason Zajicek.

The Green Party called for a system-wide tax reform that acts to simplify the tax system.

"We believe that fiscal tax policy should be drawn to end corporate welfare and subsidies,"

said John Baeten, Green.

The Republicans believe that everyone deserves a tax break; they don't agree that special people should get it.

In response to the environment the Democrats believe the Earth isn't going to last forever, therefore they strongly support renewable energy resources. To the Greens, self-sufficiency is important. The Republicans take the stance that government needs to work with a free market to provide scientific information and resources to global areas.

When asked whether the parties would put in place a litmus test concerning abortion, gun control, affirmative action or any other policy issue, the Greens stated that the government doesn't have a role in enforcing abortion. While the Republicans believe that Supreme Court justices shouldn't be legislating from the bench because the Constitution was set up with separation of power, the Democrats said that Al Gore would appoint

three Supreme Court Justices to look at the Constitution as an interpretative document.

"What do you propose to do about the 42.6 billion people who lack health insurance?" asked an audience member.

"The Green Party supports a universal health care plan similar to Canada's system," said John Duray, Green.

While the Republicans are against universal health care, the Democrats want to expand health care to all children and eventually all adults.

Both the Democrats and Republicans are in support of the death penalty. The Democrats believe it has to be administered correctly, and the Republicans firmly believe that it protects society as a whole. However, the Greens are against the death penalty, because execution costs more than life imprisonment.

Chancellor George concluded by commending the 2,800 students who have registered to vote. Election day is Nov. 7.

## Campus BEAT



### Knutzen Hall

Thursday, Oct. 26 5:43 p.m.

Protective Services received a call pertaining to possession of drugs in a resident's room.

### Physical Education Building

Thursday, Oct. 26 11:42 p.m.

A student reported that a male took a metal chair from the building and struck two to three light poles along the sidewalk. An arrest was made.

### Surplus Store

Friday, Oct. 27 7:39 a.m.

A man reported that three shrubs had been pulled from the ground on the east side of the building.

### Steiner Hall

Saturday, Oct. 28 2:59 p.m.

A student reported that her bike had been stolen from the northeast bike rack of the hall.

### Northeast Intramural Field

Saturday, Oct. 28 7:00 p.m.

Two students reported finding an intoxicated male laying on Michigan Avenue directly across from the Village Apartment's west entrance. The students then observed the intoxicated male get up and collapse on the rugby field.

### Baldwin Hall

Sunday, Oct. 29 2:32 a.m.

The fire alarm was pulled in the east wing of the second floor. The Stevens Point Fire Department responded.

### Physical Education Building

Sunday, Oct. 29 3:03 p.m.

Several people reported that money had been removed from their wallets in the football locker room.

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## Rock the Vote -- Nov. 7

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Never drive until you have cleared all windows and side mirrors. Don't be one of those people who look like they are driving a tank with peepholes. Also check to make sure your car battery is ready for winter, if not replace it now.

Don't wait until your car won't start, the wind is blowing and the temperature is below zero.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact  
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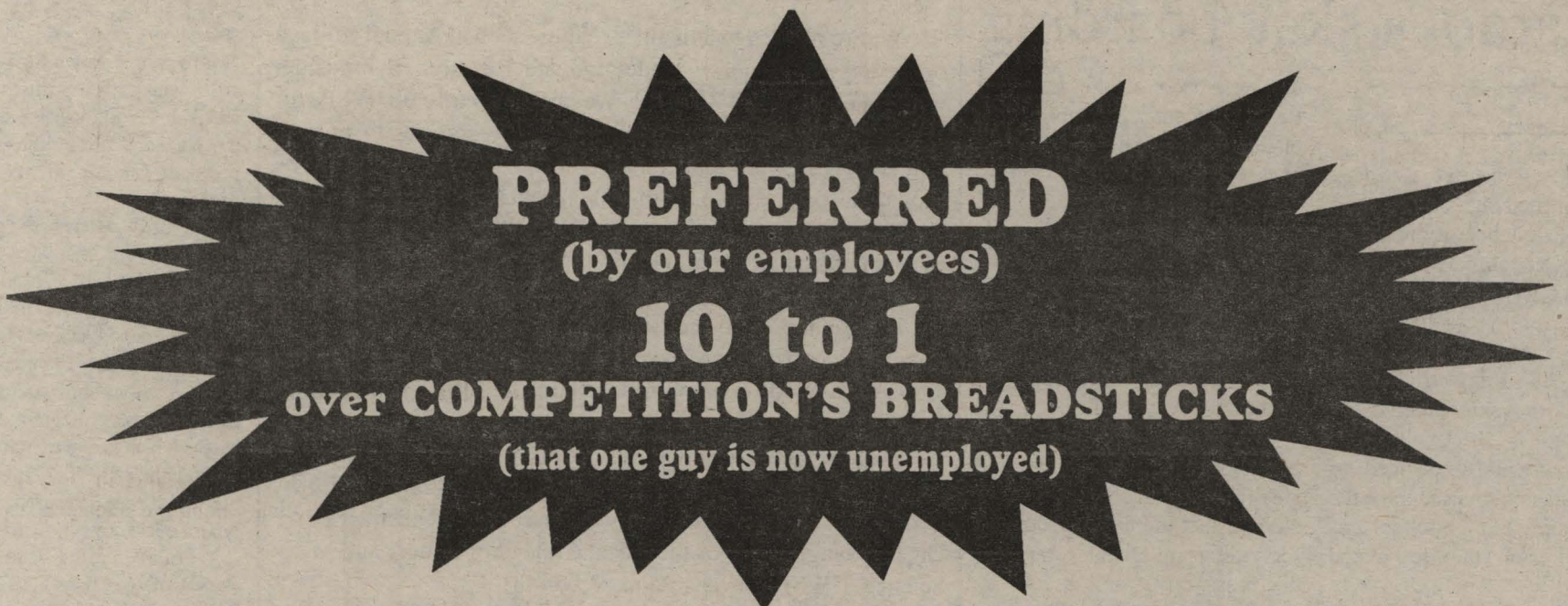
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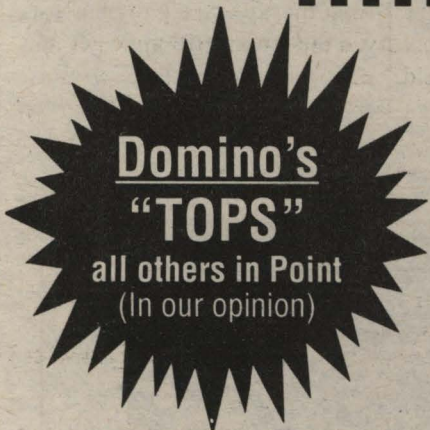
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## Campus cracks down on hazardous skateboarding

By Seth Voeltner  
NEWS REPORTER

UWSP Protective Services recently posted signs prohibiting the use of skateboards and roller blades in certain areas around campus a few weeks ago.

For several years, local juveniles have damaged university property by doing tricks and stunts with skateboard and rollerblades.

The university decided to put the signs up to discourage the youth, mainly of high school age, from riding in the designated areas.

"We've given them policy cards and issued citations, but it doesn't seem to help," said Don Burling, director of Protective Services.

Officers placed the signs on

the west side of the Learning Resource Center, the north side of the fine arts building and the backside of the Collins Classroom Center.

Burling says that if someone is caught, they could receive a fine anywhere from \$50 to \$150.50. The fine comes from a Wisconsin administrative code, which prohibits wrongful conduct on university lands.

In addition, a sign has been posted in the main hallway of the Health Enhancement Center alerting that there is a \$100 fine for riding rollerblades through that passage.

According to Burling, the signs have helped to some extent. If anyone would like more information about the policy or have any questions, call Protective Services at 346-3456.

## GOP candidates visit UWSP

GOP candidates running for both state and national offices visited UWSP last Thursday to inform students of their stances.

The candidates included John Gillespie, senate, Shawn Cronin, seventh district, Leo Harris, state assembly, Mary Ann Lippert, state assembly and Hans Walther, clerk. A representative

from the Bush campaign was also in attendance.

The candidates fielded questions from local media and members of the audience during their visit to the Encore in the University Center at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

The 2000 election will take place Tuesday, November 7.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We are pleased to announce that the second Annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on April 21, 2001. We invite all current UWSP students with an Letters and Science faculty sponsor to present your scholarly work to a college-wide audience. Lunch will be provided free of charge to student presenters. Lunch tickets will be available for others to purchase. Faculty members are urged to encourage student participation.

Participation may consist of oral and/or poster presentations. Two copies of an abstract must be submitted per presentation (300 words maximum) by March 2, 2001, in two forms:

1. One copy of the abstract must be laser printed using black ink in 10-point Times font. Use one-inch, right- and left-justified side margins. Please send your laser printed abstract to Dr. Jin Wang, Office of the Dean, College of Letters and Science, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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The abstract should include the title and type (oral or poster) of your presentation; the name of author(s), co-author(s), faculty sponsor(s) and your department; equipment needed for your presentation; and a brief description of your research and summary of your major findings.

Please direct any other questions concerning the symposium to:

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In an appearance on *Larry King Live* in August, Franken stressed his desire to rekindle Americans' interest in politics. "More people watch Survivor than are watching politics," said Franken. "What can we do . . . to motivate and fire up the American people to get more involved in politics."

Shortly after his graduation from Harvard, he was hired by Lorne Michaels of *SNL* in 1974. In addition to his role in the cast, Franken gained success as a writer for the program. Franken's political inclinations showed themselves from the very beginning of his career which is apparent in his successful sketch "Final Days" which parodied then-President Richard Nixon's last days in office.

Following the lead of *SNL* stars Chevy Chase, Dan Akroyd and John Belushi and creator Lorne Michaels, Franken left the show to pursue a movie career. However, he returned to writing, acting and producing roles on the show in 1986.

During his second tenure on *SNL*, Franken developed his most prominent character, Stuart Smalley. It was this character that lead him to again pursue a movie career with the filming of *Stuart Saves His Family* before landing a role on the short-lived NBC sitcom *Lateline*.

Franken and Karenna Gore will speak at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3. The location is tentatively set for Room 101 in the Collins Classroom Center.

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## From the Editor's Desk

### The horse race and the great fallacy

By Andrea Wetzel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Why are Americans obsessed with the presidential election? The horse race, the polling, the 24 hour coverage on MSNBC, CNN and CSPAN. Suddenly every American with an IQ over three believes herself to be a political scientist, but a week from now, after all bets are picked up off of the table, no one will care.

Traditionally, presidential elections have a much higher turnout than any other election (if half of the eligible voters is really a high turnout.) Yet, an individual vote means less in a presidential election than any other race due to the electoral college our founding fathers so confidently bestowed upon this intelligent country and a winner take all system where Californians are considered more important than Alaskans.

Many Americans can't even name the two US senators who represent their state. Perhaps the presidential hype is due to the fact that the campaign seems to be one large commercial. Two rival corporations trying to get you, the consumer, to buy from the company. Sorry folks, no refunds.

No matter what the outcome of this election is, US foreign policy won't change and Washington will remain polarized.

As a citizen of the United States it is your civic duty to vote. This can mean a number of things, but hopefully to some it means researching all of the issues that affect their daily lives and voting on Nov. 7 for not just their favorite of the two golden boy presidential candidates, but for the public servants who are more likely to listen to their needs.

## Nader can't win, but Bush can

So you're thinking about voting for Ralph Nader—a good man committed to protecting the environment and the American consumer. Well, I applaud your idealism. But remember, if you vote for Nader, you will be voting for oil derricks in the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge, big tax breaks for the wealthiest of the wealthy, increased power for the HMOs that have already put good health care out of reach for most Americans and decades of an ultra-conservative Supreme Court which will very likely overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Because, if you vote for Nader, you vote for George W. Bush.

The election is too close to promote third parties at this point. You may wish, as I do, that the Democratic Party would do more in its battle against obscene wealth and environmental degradation, but the reality is that the Democratic Party headed by Al Gore is, for now at least, the only party that can effectively fight for the environment and working Americans.

Nader can't win this election, but George W. Bush can. Don't help him turn the next four years into a disaster for the entire country. Support Al Gore and the Democratic Party.

Ann Bloom

## Ward divisions make student voting difficult

UWSP students, especially those living on campus, have three difficult things to determine on election day. Not only must they decide who to vote for, but they also have to determine where they're supposed to vote and how to get there.

It's really quite remarkable that the UWSP residence halls and the students who live in them are divided among FIVE voting districts in the City of Stevens Point. The fact that students who live within a few blocks of each other are forced to vote in such diverse places as the Briggs Street Hi Rise and the National Guard Armory would be laughable if this situation didn't threaten to significantly deter student participation in the electoral process.

A glance at the voting districts suggests that those who designed the borders intended to discourage and limit the impact of student voters. UWSP students would find it very difficult, if not impossible, to influence local politics; in addition, the confusing boundaries and disparate, inconvenient polling places simply discourage voting at all. The polit-

ical strategy known as gerrymandering comes to mind. How many freshmen, for example, know the location of the Recreation Center or the Franklin Street fire station? Indeed, how many seniors would know how to find those places, once they were able to determine which was the polling place for their voting district?

Hopefully, in the short term, students will take the time to determine where to vote, and take the time to go to that polling place on election day. Hopefully, as 2000 census results are considered and boundaries are redrawn, students and other Stevens Point residents will work to re-shape voting district boundaries so to avoid the inequity and inconvenience of the current voting map.

It's hard enough deciding which candidate to support; determining where to vote and how to get there shouldn't be so complicated.

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## One Sierra Clubber on Gore/Nader/Bush

In 20 years when today's students look back on this election, we will not see it as the turning point where America won or lost the battle for affordable prescription drugs. We will see it as the moment when Americans saw the first warning signs of global warming, debated it in the election, and then either seized the opportunity for action, or let it slip through our fingers.

When I voted for Ralph Nader in 1996, I did so because I wanted a "clear conscience" as I cast my ballot. When I vote for Al Gore in 2000, it will be for the same reason.

The simple fact is that because of warmer water temperatures caused by global warming, all coral reefs in the Caribbean will likely be dead by 2020, and every reef in the world by 2050. 2050 is also the ominous date when the arctic ice cap may cease to exist entirely during the summer. The world's poorest citizens are in for some very rough hurricanes.

Al Gore's record on global warming is clear and strong. He personally went to Japan to negotiate the Kyoto treaty and showed leadership by doing so at a time when polls showed that most Americans weren't yet concerned with the issue. He has consistently supported vigorous investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency (the blame for the fact that many of those budgets never became reality lies squarely with the Republican Congress, not Gore.) He has also consistently supported mandatory air pollution controls, both to protect the rising number of kids with asthma and to encourage power companies to switch to cleaner alternatives.

George Bush, in a recent speech at a school in Illinois, took time from his standard lines to mock both solar power and efficient automobiles. He used them as his laugh lines. In the second presidential debate, he raised doubts as to whether or not global warming is occurring at all. In Texas, he

authored a bill to make power plant pollution controls voluntary. Since asthma is now the number one cause of absenteeism in our schools, the would-be "education President" clearly has some studying-up to do.

Ralph Nader supports the entire wish list of environmental and other progressive issue groups. He has been a long-term supporter of clean energy alternatives and global warming solutions. My eager vote for Nader in 1996 was to applaud his holistic political approach, including his opposition to the death penalty and to our enormous military budgets, positions Clinton and Gore don't share. My vote for Ralph Nader was a vote with a clear conscience, a protest vote without a downside.

The 2000 election is however very close. This year we must consider our responsibilities as global citizens, not just the momentary pleasure of a protest vote. Is it more important for the next President to protect the millions of the world's poor from the storms of global warming, or more important for Nader to get five percent of the vote? Is it more important for the next President to support laws to protect children with asthma, or more important for Nader to get five percent of the vote? Is it more important for women to continue to have reproductive freedom for their own bodies, or more important for Nader to get five percent of the vote? It was one thing to be for Nader in 1996 or even August of this year, and entirely another in November of 2000.

We have an obligation to protect the Earth and to remember the weakest among us. For these reasons, the Sierra Club has endorsed Al Gore. And this year I'll proudly vote, with clear conscience, for Al Gore for President of the United States.

Hans Detweiler is Former Political Chair of the Wisconsin Sierra Club Chapter



# Pointer Poll

Photos by Renee Eismueller and John Krejci

How would you bring more people to the polls?



Carrie Skinner, So. Biology Ed.  
*Bring the Polls somewhere central on campus*



Pete Canmus, Sr. Biology  
*Need to educate people*



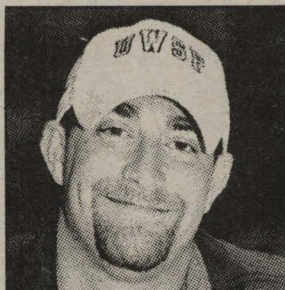
Tara Johaneck, So. Biology  
*Tell people more about what their vote can mean, for everyone*



Jason Neumann, Sr. Biology  
*Offer an incentive, like an "A" in Phychology*



Brian Harmon, Sr. Fisheries  
*Make it a more social event: friends, parties etc..*



Jeff Spohn, Sr. Biology  
*Offer sex, drugs and rock & roll*

## Gore's appeal not enough

In his visit to Madison last week, Al Gore stated that he would go "toe to toe" with Ralph Nader with regard to his environmental record. That was a bold and daring statement, to be sure, but didn't Gore already squander an opportunity to do just that? Gore could have gone "toe to toe" with Nader on all sorts of issues if only Nader had been allowed in the debates -- something that Gore could have insisted on but didn't.

If Gore wants to compare his record with Nader's, he should have seen to it that Nader was included in at least one of the debates. Then we all could have decided for ourselves who has the better position on the environment and a host of other issues.

As for Gore's appeal to Greens to jump ship and vote for him, I'm wondering what incentive -- other than the prospect of a Bush presidency -- he's willing to

offer. Drop his support for the death penalty, maybe? How about calling for an end to the sanctions against Iraq? Bow out of NAFTA and the WTO? Single-payer health care?

C'mon Al. If you want Green votes, you're going to have to earn them.

Jeff Peterson  
Coordinator Wisconsin Greens  
Campaign Committee

## United Council urges student to vote

On Nov. 7, students in Wisconsin will have the opportunity to send a message to their state and federal legislators that students are voting in massive numbers, and their issues can no longer be ignored. Students across the state have been working diligently to bridge the divide between politics and students. Students at UWSP are part of a statewide and national coalition to dispel myths about student apathy. Although youth voting levels have sagged in recent elections, we believe that lack of information, not apathy, is the cause. Students across the state and nation have organized a massive voter registration, education and get out the vote campaign to ensure that students' voices are represented at the ballot box.

Student and youth participation in the electoral process is critical. The presidential election is extremely close - and every vote counts. Youth between the ages of 18-24 make up 25 percent of the voting population, yet we are the smallest voting demographic. The 150,000 students in the UW-System have the potential to determine the outcome of this election. Wisconsin is a critical swing state; this is our opportunity to utilize our collective electoral power, and highlight the issues of a generation that has been traditionally ignored.

Students are passionate about many issues: education, health care, the economy and environment, to name a few. Our voices, however, have

been silenced by disillusionment with the political process and the lack of legislative accountability to our issues and concerns. Our representatives in the state and federal legislature are making decisions that will impact our future - this is our time to elect legislators who will ensure that our voices are consistently heard - not only during election time.

Our power is in our vote. The myth that students are apathetic has been used to silence the student and youth voice for too long. Students are registered in record-breaking numbers nationally, statewide and here. Utilize your power and vote.

United Council is running a massive non-partisan statewide voter registration, education and get out the vote campaign. United Council is also part of a national non-partisan coalition, Youth Vote 2000. In 1998, UC registered over 20,000 students which resulted in ballot shortages and long lines in polling locations in predominantly student districts. This year, United Council has registered over 25,000 students and is working to turn out students in record-breaking numbers.

Jorna E. Taylor,  
United Council President

May Va Lor,  
United Council  
Organizing and Communications Director

## Teacher protection act: a license for spanking

Voting parents should be warned that George W. Bush's education platform includes support for the federal "Teacher Protection Act," an initiative touted to shield teachers and school officials from discipline-related "junk lawsuits" (to use Bush's term) but which in reality is intended to protect teachers who spank their students.

Candidate Bush's support for spanking school children is further evident in his praise for a recent Texas case brought by Alice Ramirez, whose eight-year-old son was beaten on the buttocks so severely by his teacher for tardiness that he was left with visible bruises.

In explaining his decision Texas District Judge William Bell replied, "It's silly to be wasting our time and taxpayer's money. We can't have people suing every time there's a spanking." In addition to dismissing her case, Judge Bell fined Mrs. Ramirez \$15,000 for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

I urge voters to oppose both Bush and the Teacher Protection Act. Send the message loud and clear that teachers who spank and judges who protect them do more harm to society than tardy children.

Dennis Coyier

## Veganism is a stand against factory farms

Down with the factory farm! Factory farms are a crummy blemish upon our beautiful land. Factory farms are an insult to the dignity of living things. Factory farms should be an anachronism, a relic of a should be regressive era, but no, there are an abundance of these contemporary travesties.

Factory farms are a moral flaw, a sinful strike against our modern society. Factory farms are a clear testament to the ubiquitous practice of emphasizing profits over lives. Factory farms are a total disgrace.

Something has to be done against this plague, this menace, this portrait of decadence and depravity. Vegetarianism contributes to the crumbling of this saddening empire. Veganism further impedes the maniac progress of the profit machine. I have taken both of these steps to protest the horrendous suffering so characteristic of our modern food industry practices.

I firmly believe effective statements stem from personal sacrifice, and eloquent words however well articulated are not enough in themselves. Veganism is not some hypocritical whining, it is vastly powerful because people are willing to sacrifice some hedonism and indulgence in order to make the world more animal friendly. We are animals too, and non-human animals are our brothers and sisters, and through veganism, one disparages the abuse of amazing, wonderful animals. Veganism has definitely been one of the best choices in my life; I am so thankful my heart could no longer take me con-

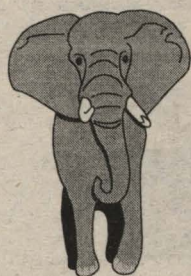
tributing to such a wretched industry. Veganism demands respect for our non-human relatives, and how? Through the most valiant and effective activist technique, personal sacrifice.

Judge a conviction on how much a person is willing to sacrifice for it. Anyone can blather. Few will give up difficult things! I don't want a kind of world where our animal relatives are murdered and battered endlessly in the most callous fashion. I want a world with peace and love, and where does it start? It starts right here with me; revolution begins inside of us. May we all serve as exemplification of personal sacrifice as we pursue our most noble political and social goals. Some time ago, I could no longer in good conscience continue contributing to our vile animal products producing industries. Thus I became a vegan.

The most profound statements are not what we say, but what we do, what we give up for a noble cause. In the past, I have fasted for as long as 7 and 10 days at a time, and in this fashion, I will again commence a long fast starting on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000 to protest the inhumane plight which splendid animals are forced to face, a life of misery and pain. Farm animals deserve better. This upcoming fast will be for the affirmation of life and for love! This is for the cows, the chickens, the hens, pigs and all other farm animals! Please join me in this struggle, so we can change lives and make loving souls like Peter Singer proud.

Andrew Bushard





## PUT UP YOUR DUKES



By Amy Zepnick  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

Coming from Republican roots, George W. Bush will have my vote Nov. 7. He is what Americans need.

Children of low-income families will have a chance at a better future with Bush's school vouchers. Workers can open private social security accounts with the government, assuring all their hard-earned money will be theirs when they retire.

Bush will provide minorities a chance to prove themselves on the job-- not to be hired based on affirmative action.

He will give children the freedom to pray in school before a spelling bee. He says no to soft money and yes to China in the World Trade Organization.

His five-year plan for tax cuts anticipates a surplus of \$586 billion. There is so much he can do for the country.

Why not George W. Bush? After all, an elephant is naturally stronger than a donkey.

I guess the deciding factor for me in this presidential race is plain and simple: intelligence. After listening to the debates and learning what each candidate plans to do, I simply don't think that George W. Bush has the mental capacity required to run this country successfully.

Under George Bush senior's administration, we had the highest deficits in history. Under the Clinton/Gore era, we turned those record deficits around into record surpluses.

Now we have enough money to start paying off the national debt created during the Reagan/Bush administration. If we're going to have Social Security and Medicare when we retire, we have to pay off the national debt. We can't afford to pay interest on the debt and afford Medicare and Social Security at the same time.

Bush's plan is the same as the Reagan/Bush plan. Except Bush has promised to drain \$1 trillion from the Social Security Trust Fund into private accounts for younger workers. Unfortunately, he has also promised this money to senior citizens.

Gore's plan is the same as Clinton's plan. We have tried it both ways and we know the end results. Gore's plan works. Bush's plan doesn't.

True, an elephant is stronger than a donkey, but do Americans need brawn or brains to lead their country?

*Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Our country is counting on you to make a difference.*

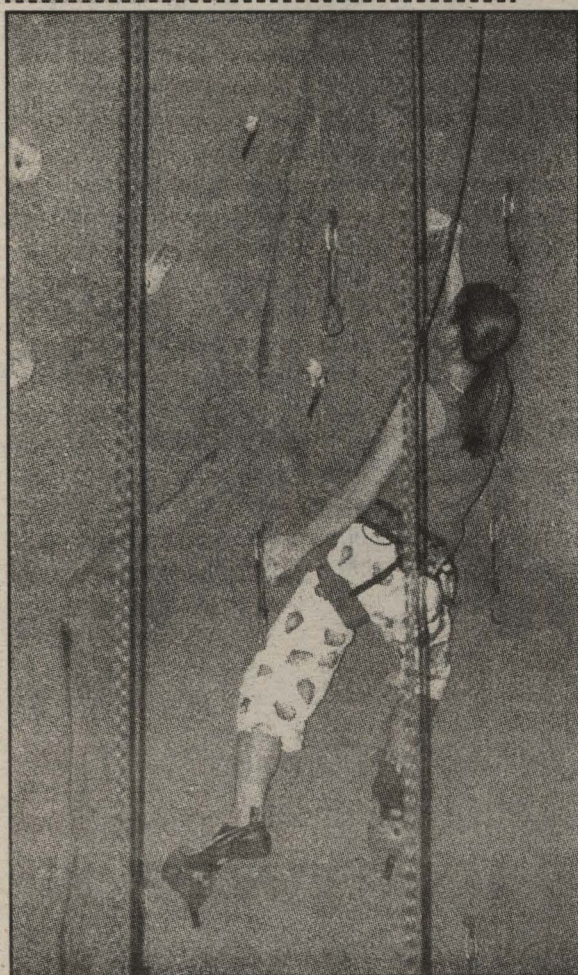


Photo by John Krejci  
Students compete in the first annual climbing competition at UWSP.

### Climbing a popular attraction

With the new climbing wall complete in the Health Enhancement Center, climbing has become a competitive sport.

A climbing competition was held on Tuesday night. Participants were ranked according to the amount of time it took them to scale the wall.

First, second and third places were awarded to competitors separated by male and female.

## ORGANIZATIONAL NOTES

FEDERATION WITHOUT TELEVISION

By KATIE HARDING  
FEATURES EDITOR

Federation Without Television focuses on several aspects. The group strives to promote awareness of television's negative effects on society and to encourage less television watching.

According to the organization's president, Andrew Bushard, members hope "to provide a forum for the expression of ideas often vilified, suppressed, ignored and marginalized by mainstream media and to promote the virtues of creativity and spontaneity."

Federation Without Television has participated in and sponsored many events on campus. The group promotes religious debates, informal discussions on the death penalty, autonomy conferences, natural living rallies, tobacco awareness week and demonstrations and fastings for Mumia Abu Jamal.

General meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday nights. The next meeting is in Room 111 of the UC, and the topic of discussion is "Television and School."

"Meetings are a forum so people can chat about intellectual topics," says Bushard. "Our meetings are exciting, spontaneous and free where even digressions and tangents are okay," he adds.

Everyone is welcome to join general meetings, even television addicts.

"A diverse representation of viewpoints is appreciated, because diverse views open minds and strengthens one's arguments," says Bushard.

For more information about Federation Without Television, e-mail fedwittel@uwsp.edu or contact Bushard at 342-5750.



*Are you proud of your organization and all the good deeds it participates in? E-mail khard755@uwsp.edu to spread the good word about your organization.*

## THEATRE IN LONDON 2001

(JUNE 14 - JULY 5) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STEVENS POINT



Enjoy plays and the theatre in London, the theatre capital of the world! You'll see plays, hear British guest lecturers, and enjoy visits to the world-renowned theatres. We'll stay at Cartwright Hall on the campus of the University of London in Bloomsbury.

**Special Attraction:  
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**LEADERS:** Stephen Sherwin is

Assistant Chair in the Department of Theatre and Dance and Michael Steffes is Assistant Professor of English at UWSP.

**CREDITS:** This trip carries two course options for three transferable UW-Stevens Point credits: Theatre 490/690. Seminar in Theatre or English 395/595. Workshop in Drama. 3 undergraduate or graduate credits

**COST:** Approximately \$2,985.00 for the three weeks based on 25 participants; this includes round-trip airfare (Chicago-London-Chicago), room with breakfasts/dinners, theatre tickets, workshop fee, UWSP Wisconsin resident undergraduate tuition, tours, lectures. (Graduate tuition at an extra cost.)



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*The theatre is a world apart, ...as long as men have minds and hearts that sometimes break, they'll always leave the mundane street, to see the gods awake...*



## PRIVATE EYES

Ladybugs are everywhere. Walking to class, I must have plucked at least three from my jeans but not before they probably crawled in my sock and laid eggs between my toes.

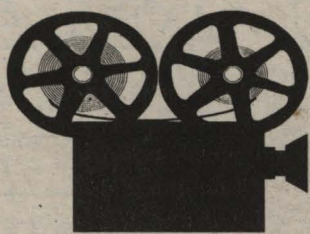
And, they hardly live up to their name. A lady is supposed to be gentle, kind--not dangerously buzz straight for your eyeballs or try to knock off a piece of your ear.

I have been told that they were imported to prey on crop-destroying bugs. Instead, they prey on unsuspecting students who lie in bed at night frightfully wondering what they feel crawling up their leg.

It is hard not to step on the little beasts or to resist flicking all twenty of them off a screen to see how far they will shoot. Some say ladybugs are good luck. "It landed on you! You're lucky! Don't flick it off!" Sure, I will just wait for it to crawl up my shirt instead.

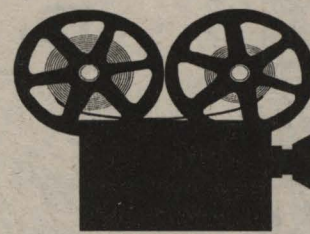
So, do not worry if you see a guy in front of you on the sidewalk squirming around, with his arms flapping uncontrollably in the air. He probably just has a ladybug in his pants.

*Did something on campus tick you off this week? You could be our Private Eyes. Vent your frustrations to us. Contact Katie or Amy in the Pointer office or e-mail khard755@uwsp.edu. We don't need to print your name.*



## REEL REVIEW

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR



### GOSSIP

*Gossip* is a new release at the video store. I saw it preview before another movie at the theater once, but I don't think it ever actually hit theaters. That should have been my first clue.

Most of the stars are popular, young, attractive actors not necessarily known for their acting abilities.

Three college roommates (James Marsden, Lena Headey, Norman Reedus), enrolled in a media/journalism class decide to fabricate a rumor and track its progression for their midterm project.

Sound a little far-fetched? I'm lucky if I get to write a paper instead of take a test for my "midterm project."

It gets worse. This class has about 500 seats in it, and every classroom scene reveals that *every last seat* is not only filled, but with an eager student anxiously sitting at the edge of his seat. Okay, maybe this would be plausible if it was a test day, but there wasn't even a student dazing out or nodding off.

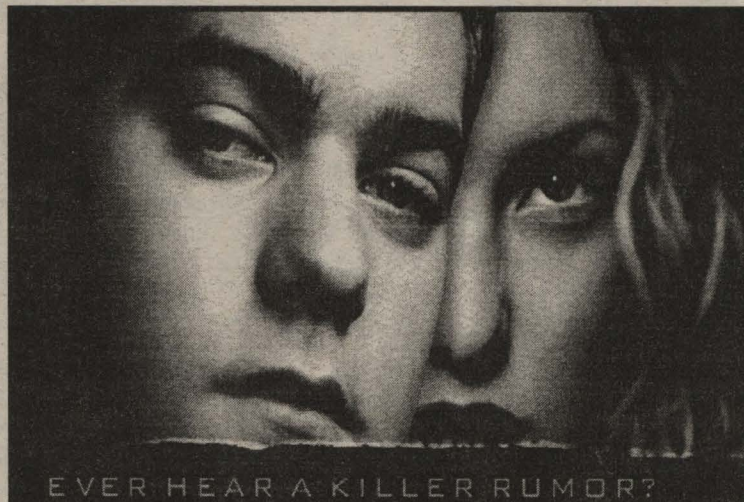
Jack Kerouac could come back from the dead to speak to one of my classes, and I guarantee that there wouldn't be perfect attendance that day. If there was, I'm sure there'd be a sleeper in the back.

Here was another shocker: The home to these college students was a three-story Manhattan loft with Ethan Allen-like decor. I didn't see any of these students go to work, so I couldn't figure out how they could foot the rent bill.

Yet another difficulty I had trouble relating to: Hundreds of freshmen were at the bar where the rumor was started. Police get involved, and nobody questions how all these people got into the bar?

These are just a couple examples of several scenes that didn't make sense to me. Lou Limerick of the *New York Post* says, "*Gossip* is a remarkably accurate title for a glossy, shallow thriller where not a single scene rings true." I'd have to agree with him on this one.

OVERALL RATING: \*



Joshua Jackson and Kate Hudson play Beau and Naomi, victims of *Gossip*.

### Rating System

\* You'll be begging to have the last two hours of your life back.

\*\* Maybe it would be okay if you were having trouble sleeping.

\*\*\* Decent plot with good acting.

\*\*\*\* Excellent movie.

## Where did the time go?

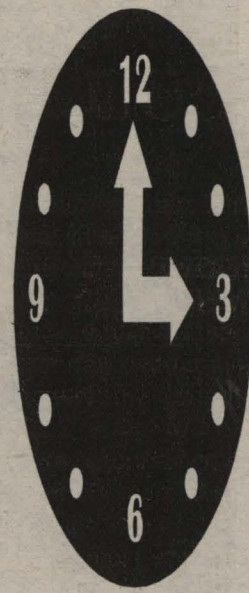
By Angela Kirchoff  
LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT

Have you ever considered time to be your bank account? You are allotted \$86,400 to spend during the day. If you don't spend it all, you lose what was left over.

Time is similar. We are all given 86,400 seconds a day. Time management allows you to savor each second.

There are three important categories in time management:

- 1) **PRIORITIZING:** Try ranking tasks weekly or daily with the ABC method. A: Tasks that **MUST** get done; B: Tasks that are important, but can be done after the As; and C: Tasks that can be put off with little chance of serious consequences.
- 2) **SCHEDULING:** After deciding what needs to be done first schedule the tasks by using a planner, desk calendar, e-mail or whatever works best for you. Be careful not to overschedule yourself with too many tasks. Make sure you allow time for fun and yourself.
- 3) **IMPLEMENTING:** This category can be the most challenging. Procrastination is the result of self-talk. Change "do it later" to "stay on task." Break down large tasks into smaller, more manageable tasks. Using time wisely is the key to effective time management skills.



## ACT sponsors UWSP blood drive

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

ACT (Association for Community Tasks) sponsored the blood drive held in the UC Melvin Laird room on Tuesday and Wednesday.

ACT works with the American Red Cross to collect as many pints of blood as possible.

Volunteers may help by working at the blood drive or by donating blood.

"We had an excellent turnout this year," said Anne Sayre, blood drive coordinator. "We surpassed our goal and gathered 265 units of blood within two days," she added.



Photo by Renee Eismueller

UWSP College of Natural Resources Professor Ron Hensler, donates blood during the blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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## UPCOMING



## EVENTS

**Thursday, Nov. 2**

~ *Speaker from Grange party*  
12:30 p.m., Room 111, UC  
Free food

~ *Mindfulness Workshop*  
3-4 p.m. Counseling Center  
Call 346-3553 to sign up.

~ *Open Mic*  
8 p.m., UC Encore

(To perform at Open Mic, sign up in the UC Concourse Wednesday or Thursday 12:30-2 p.m. or Thursday night between 6:30 and 7:30.)

**Friday, Nov. 3**

~ *Movie: Cider House Rules*  
Starring Michael Caine, Tobey Maguire and Charlize Theron  
7 and 9:30 p.m., 073 DeBot Center

~ *3-Minute Hero, alternative band*  
8 p.m., South wall, UC Encore

~ *Ladybeard*  
8:30 p.m., Mission Coffee House  
Downtown Stevens Point

~ *Norbert Bleion, author of 16 books of fiction, nonfiction and poetry*  
addresses "The Role of the Small Press in America."  
8 a.m., Room 235, UC

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

~ *Habitat for Humanity project*  
9 a.m., 320 5th Ave.  
Lunch is provided.  
E-mail shext899@uwsp.edu to sign up

~ *Improv Olympics*  
8 p.m., UC Encore

~ *Ethan Danger Blues Project*  
8:30 p.m., Mission Coffee House  
Downtown Stevens Point

**Monday, Nov. 6**

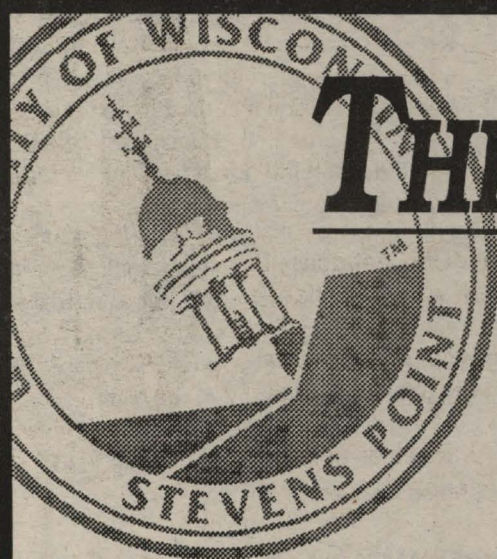
~ *Football party: Packers vs. Vikings*  
8 p.m., Encore  
Free pizza and snacks  
Bottled beer with valid ID

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**

~ *Get Motivated*  
Motivational tips to boost your mood  
1-2 p.m., Counseling Center

**Wednesday, Nov. 8**

~ *Landlord/tenant rights meeting*  
6 p.m., Rm 205, UC

**THE WEEK IN POINT!****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

CP! Club Variety: Open Mic, 8:00 PM, The Encore, UC

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Schmeeckle Reserve Presents: *Voices of the Past*, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Visitor Center

CP! Cinema: *Cider House Rules*, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM, 073 DeBot Center

Wom. VB, WIAC Semifinals

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Swimming, UW-Whitewater, 1:00 PM (H)

Football, UW-Eau Claire, 1:00 PM (T)

Schmeeckle Reserve Presents: *Paddling Through Time*, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Visitor Center

CP! Club/Variety Presents: *IMPROV OLYMPICS*, 8:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Brewhaus Blues Night w/TERRY SHROPSHIRE, 9:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC

Wom. Soccer, NCAA Tournament

Wom. VB, WIAC Championships

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Schmeeckle Reserve Presents: *Natural Rhythms*, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Visitor Center (reservations required)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

CP! Issues and Ideas PRESENTS: "Random Acts Of Kindness Week"

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Basketball, Purple-Gold Game, 7PM (H)

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343



## Drake, Juno capture cross country titles



Photo by Dan Schwamberger

Leah Juno (53) and Becky Lebak (55) move to the front of the pack as they approach the mile at the conference meet.

By Mike Peck  
SPORTS EDITOR

### Women finish solid second at WIACs

The expectations for the UW-Stevens Point women's cross country team were fairly high at the beginning of the season.

But the way the season is unfolding, it's only a matter of time to see how far those expectations can be exceeded.

The Pointers placed second to Oshkosh in Whitewater at the conference meet on Saturday, took home the top two individual spots and their coach was rewarded with Coach of the Year honors.

"It was great," said WIAC Coach of the Year, Len Hill. "We had a great race and Oshkosh had a great race. If Oshkosh doesn't show us a great race, we would have beat them."

Leah Juno and Becky Lebak took home the top two spots in the race and the Pointers (53) was only ten points behind the conference champion Titans.

See Womens CC on page 12

### Men struggle to fifth place at WIAC meet

As the cross country season begins to wind down, a thin line appears, between being just an average team and being a team that stands out above the rest.

For the UW-Stevens Point men's cross country team the difference between a fifth place finish and a third place finish at the conference meet at Whitewater was marginal, as one of the teams top runners, Mark Lalonde, had to sit out due to an injury.

"We still ran well," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "Over half of the guys had their best times of the year and it was on a difficult course."

"I'm disappointed with the place, but not with how are guys performed."

Jesse Drake continued his brilliant year, as he won his second straight conference title by running a course record 24:45 for the 8k race.

He is running as well as  
See Men's CC on page 13

## Football team gets elusive first win



Submitted photo

Dillon Maney upends UW-Platteville receiver Troy Gagner during the Pointers' victory Saturday.

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

From the smile on Pointer football coach John Miech's face Saturday afternoon, it would have been easy to think that UW-Stevens Point had earned a share of its third straight WIAC title.

Even though a conference championship was lost a number of weeks back, the Pointers' first victory of the season was sweet enough to bring a smile to everyone's faces.

It may have taken almost the full 60 minutes, but Scott Krause's quarterback sneak with 26 seconds remaining in the game was enough to earn a 14-7 victory over UW-Platteville at Goerke Field.

"If we are evaluated strictly from a win-loss record, then maybe this season can be called a failure," Miech said. "But if we are evaluated by character and staying together and being there for each other, then this has been a very successful season."

The victory improved the Pointers' record to 1-7 overall on the season and 1-5 in the WIAC. Platteville fell to 2-6 and 1-5, respectively.

A Senior Day crowd of 1,182 was treated to a defensive battle that saw neither team find the end zone in the opening half.

UWSP captured the first break of the game with just over 10 minutes to go in the third quarter as Travis Muldowney forced a fumble which Paul Schmitt pounced on at the Platteville 5-yard line.

One play later, senior Todd Goodman found

the end zone for the five-yard touchdown run. Jason Steuck's point after gave UWSP a 7-0 lead.

However, the Pioneers were able to answer on the ensuing possession, when Dave Rakow culminated a nine-play, 78-yard drive with a 32-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Oliverson. Brad Abraham's extra point tied the game, 7-7.

The Pointers had a pair of golden opportunities to tie the game in the early stages of the fourth quarter, but Nic Nehring's double pass was intercepted by Tony Lewis and Steuck was unable to hit on a 33-yard field goal attempt.

UWSP had a chance of its own to take the lead but a fumbled snap on a 40-yard field goal attempt gave the Pointers the ball back with 4:22 to go.

The game appeared headed to overtime when Krause's third down pass fell incomplete with one minute remaining, but a face mask penalty gave UWSP a first down at the Platteville 21-yard line.

A 11-yard run by Lance Gast got the ball to the 10-yard line and Goodman had runs of four and five yards to set up Krause's one-yard sneak on third down for the game-winning score.

Gast paced the Pointers with 98 yards rushing on 23 carries while Goodman carried 14 times for 88 yards.

Despite the disappointing record, Miech said that he remains proud of his team.

"This has been a long season," Miech stated. "Our kids could have given up. These kids have great character."

## Soccer: Pointers strike early and often; Cady sets national record for assists



Photo by John Krejci

Molly Cady, who set an NCAA single game tournament record with five assists Wednesday, dribbles past an Edgewood defender.

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Oshkosh team and were starring a 1-0 deficit in the face at half time.

But Andrea Oswald and Mickey Jacob each scored a goal to help the Pointers knock off the Titans, 2-1.

On Saturday, UWSP played Eau Claire for the right to compete in the NCAA tournament.

In another close game, the Pointers were able to earn a spot in the NCAA's with a tight 2-0 victory.

Margaret Domka assisted on both Jacob's and Marie Muhvic's goals. That was all that goal-tender Abby Rabinovitz needed to seal the victory and her 12th shutout of the season.

"Our strength of schedule

really makes us ready for the conference tournament," commented Miech.

So on to the big dance it was for the ladies and a first round date at home versus Edgewood College on Wednesday, a team the Pointers knocked off earlier this season.

"The biggest fear is that you already beat them 4-0, so you don't want the team to come in and think that since we already beat them it will be an easy win," said Miech.

The ladies didn't seem to take the Crusaders lightly as they sent them packing in a 7-0 rout.

"It shows that we have picked things up a bit and are a better team now than during the middle of the year," said Miech.

Margaret Domka, Jenny

Bruce and Muhvic took care of all the scoring for Point. Bruce and Muhvic each had three goals apiece, but Molly Cady was the offensive story of the game as she recorded an NCAA tournament record with five assists.

"The first comment made by the players in the huddle was 'we did it,'" said Miech.

"It's great to win the first game and go on to play Macalester again."

Macalester, which had a first round bye, defeated the Pointers earlier this year, 2-0.

The game will be played at Wheaton (Ill.) College on Friday.

If the Pointers win, they will play in Wheaton once again Saturday against an opponent yet to be determined.



## Women's hockey set for first face-off

**Men open up ranked No. 2 in the country**

**By Mike Peck**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in UW-Stevens Point history, two hockey teams representing the purple and gold will tip the puck as a brand new hockey season opens. One team is as etched themselves as or is the most storied teams in all NCAA Division III hockey. The other has no history, but it looks to make its own history as it takes the ice for the first time.

The new team is, of course, the brand spanking new UWSP women's hockey team.

After a lot of hard work by the Athletic Department and by first year coach Jason Lestenberg, the team is now a reality.

"For the girls who were on the club team last year, they are very excited," said Lestenberg. "Now we are a varsity sport and we don't have to worry about things like trying to complete a full game in one-and-a-half hours.

"There was a lot of work before I got here. But as for needing the equipment and getting everything ready, we had plenty to do."

The puck will drop at 4:30 on Friday afternoon and a new era in Pointer athletics will be underway.

The Pointers will open up with another team in their first year, UW-Eau Claire.

"Our expectations are to come in day-in and day-out and improve ourselves," said

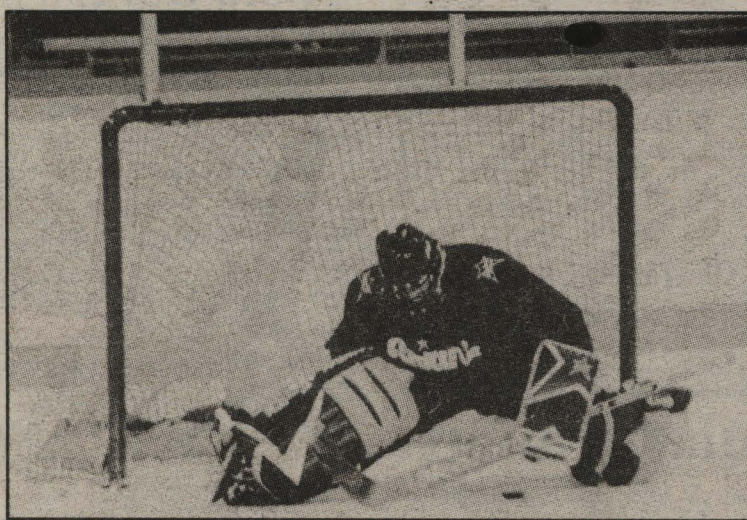


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*Amanda Senn turns away a shot during practice for the UWSP women's hockey team, which will play its inaugural game Friday.*

Lestenberg. "We have improved a great deal already from our first practice.

"Every game we want to come out and fulfill our game plan."

The Pointers will display a team with 13 players including eight forwards, five defenders and two goaltenders. They will play in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association with Eau Claire, River Falls, Superior and Lake Forest.

"Our key to the season is staying healthy and keeping in shape," commented Lestenberg. "We've got some girls that have played since they were young and some that have only played a couple of years."

As for the other team to hit the ice on Friday, they have a little bit more experience, and will settle for no more than a National title at the end of the year.

The UWSP men's squad will open up their regular season Friday, ranked second in

Division III, when they take on Eau Claire.

"I would be lying to anybody if I didn't say our goal was to go all the way in our league and go to the championship to win that," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "One thing that we can do this year is that we can set our goals high and we can realistically reach them."

The Pointers are coming off a season in which they were underdogs, but still compiled a 23-7-1 record, won the regular season conference title and were runners up in the conference tournament to UW-Superior.

Goaltender Bob Gould

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## Spikers' season ends in loss to Whitewater

**By Michelle Tesmer**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point volleyball team saw its season come to an end on Tuesday night, falling to UW-Whitewater in its WIAC quarterfinal match.

Despite the loss, the Pointers pulled out a win in the third game, and ended the Warhawks' 47-game win streak. UW-Whitewater, which is ranked #2 in the NCAA Division III, won the match 15-1, 15-10, 8-15 and 15-0. Their record now stands at 34-1 on the year.

Raina Gagnow led the Pointers with 15 digs and 13 kills while Chrissy Klipstine added 10 kills. Lucy Fisher had 32 assists and nine digs.

Head Coach Kelly Geiger has never beaten the Warhawks in her eight years at UWSP.

"It wasn't a completely unsuccessful season," said Geiger. "The season wasn't a waste even if we did not have a lot of wins. The teamwork, attitude and enjoyment level seemed fairly high all season."

The Pointers were also in Oshkosh this past weekend, playing in their final weekend

tournament of the year.

"We played well for three of the four matches. It was a good last tournament of the season," stated Geiger.

Macalester dominated the first match and swept the Pointers 15-5, 15-3 and 15-6. Klipstine had 12 kills and Fisher had 29 assists in the loss.

Things didn't get much better in the next match against Simpson. Despite some improved offense, the Pointers still lost in four games, 9-15, 9-15, 15-11 and 11-15.

Fisher once again led with 58 assists, while Carry Boehning had 17 kills and Gagnow added 11 kills and 25 digs.

The Pointers reversed their luck on Saturday by defeating Edgewood 15-4, 15-12, 10-15 and 15-2. Klipstine had 13 kills and Fisher 36 assists.

Next up was Finlandia and UWSP continued to roll, completely dominating the match 15-1, 15-3 and 15-4.

A balanced scoring attack led to only one Pointer scoring in double digits and that was Kim Haynes with 17 assists.

UWSP finished its season with a record of 12-22.

## Swim teams open with wins over Eau Claire

**By Nick Brilowski**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's one thing to get the opening of your season off on the right foot, but to do it by dominating your arch-rival in the process just makes it that much sweeter.

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming and diving teams wasted no time trying to prove that they're prepared to defend their conference titles, sweeping UW-Eau Claire.

The women pulled off a 138-86 victory while the men handled the Blugolds, 158-76.

Pointer Head Coach Al Boelk said he was happy with the team's performance but the outcome was a little misleading.

"It's kind of deceiving because we train harder in the pre-season than anyone in the conference," Boelk said. "(Eau Claire) will be a lot better at the end of the year. But it did still feel pretty good."

Nick Hansen earned WIAC men's Athlete of the Week for winning the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyles and was a part of the 4x100 meter freestyle relay team that placed first.

Christine Sammons earned WIAC women's Athlete of the Week honors after capturing three titles at the meet. Sammons captured the 200-meter individual medley and the 200-meter backstroke and was a part of the winning 400-meter medley relay team.

Boelk stated that a major part of the opening of the season is becoming a closer unit.

"We got a lot of work to do and we've got to come together as a team," Boelk said. "We've got to focus on making these individuals a team and then making this a family."

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## The Week Ahead...

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**Women's Soccer:** Macalester College (At Wheaton, Ill.), Friday; Willam Penn/Webster vs. Wheaton winner (At Wheaton, Ill.), Saturday (if win Friday).

**Men's Hockey:** UW-Eau Claire, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday, 7:05 p.m.

**Women's Hockey:** St. Olaf (Minn.), Friday, 4:35 p.m.; St. Olaf (Minn.), Saturday, 2:35 p.m.

*All Home Games in Bold*

## Muhvic named soccer scholar-athlete

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Marie Muhvic has been named the 2000 Judy Kruckman Women's Soccer Scholar-Athlete, it was announced recently by WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner.

Muhvic, a senior from Stevens Point, Wis. (SPASH), is majoring in Physical Education/Health Education and has a 3.93 grade point average.

Last year, she was named to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District Team and a NSCAA/adidas North Central Region Scholar-Athlete. She has also received the UW-Stevens Point Alumni Honors Scholarship Award and been named a UW-Stevens Point Scholar-Athlete. In addition, she is a two-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and a member of the Dean's List at UW-Stevens Point.

Muhvic, who transferred from Eastern Michigan after her freshman year, was named NSCAA Central Region All-America Second Team last season. She is a two-time member of the All-WIAC First Team and led the WIAC in points and goals in 1998 and 1999. Muhvic is the all-time leading scorer at UW-Stevens Point, with 70 goals, 24 assists and 164 points entering the 2000 NCAA III tournament.

The Pointers won the WIAC Women's Soccer

Championship this year, their fourth consecutive and eighth in nine years, extending their conference record to 63-0-2 in that span. UW-Stevens Point will be participating in its fourth straight NCAA tournament and seventh in eight seasons on Wednesday.

Muhvic is the fifth Pointer in nine years to receive the WIAC Women's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Muhvic is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Societies. She was named an Outstanding Junior in Physical Education and is a member of the UW-Stevens Point Athletic Advisory Committee.

Other athletes nominated for the award included: Kari Blasczyk of UW-Eau Claire, Amy Schroedel of UW-La Crosse and Megan Diethelm of UW-River Falls.

The WIAC Scholar-Athlete Award is sponsored by Verizon. In order to be nominated for the scholar-athlete award, a student-athlete must have minimum 3.25 grade point average, be in their last year of competition, or on schedule to graduate this academic year, and have competed for a minimum of two years.

## Women CC: Hill named coach of year

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"That is so neat and I can't think of two people that deserve it more," said Hill. "Of course Leah has the honor of being conference champ, but I think Becky deserves a share of that."

Juno and Lebak have been next to, or very near, each other the whole season. They have not only shaped themselves into the best one-two combination in the conference, but one of the top duos in the country.

Even with the lethal pair up front, in order for the ladies to finish in the top three at conference, they needed to have some else step up.

Marcie Fisher was up to the task, as she placed ninth with a time of 18:47. Rounding out the five scorers for the Pointers include April Halkowski (17th, 19:07) and Isabelle Delannay (24th, 19:26).

"Our runners could see each other and knew that that runner was having a good race and knew that they couldn't let up," replied Hill. "That's a problem that we might have to deal with at regionals if we can't see each other and get too spread out."

After the weekend off, the Pointers will then travel to Eau Claire for Regionals to compete for a spot at the National meet.

"I think that we can our pack up a little bit and we know that our training program will take it up another notch," said Hill.

Hill was also rewarded for his team's solid performance at the conference, as he received the Coach of the Year Award.

"It feels great," said Hill. "But it all goes back to the team and their willingness to run the hard workouts week in and week out."

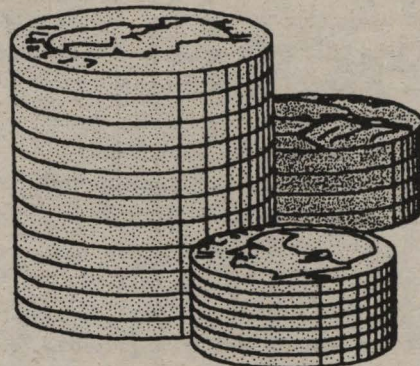
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## Men's CC

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anybody right now and is real sharp," replied Witt. "He broke a course record held by a pretty goo group of guys."

So impressive was the old record; that the last three previous course record holders went on to place no worse than second at the national meet.

Casey Cook, who has been a very solid second runner all season for the Pointers, continued his consistency placing 10th in the meet in a time of 25:36.

Curt Johnson (24th, 26:04), Eric Fischer (25th, 26:05) and Adam Freihoffer (39th, 26:35) rounded out the Pointers top five.

"The key for us is that we are there if Mark is healthy," said Witt. "If he's not, we have some work to do and some guys have to step it up."

In a virtual five team race, UWSP (93) was only seven points behind Platteville and Whitewater (86) who tied for third. Oshkosh (51) won their first conference title since 1995 edging out La Crosse (57).

"We may not be as good as the top team that won, but there's not much difference between the rest of us," said Witt.

The Pointers will now have the weekend off before they race for a spot at nationals when they compete in the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional hosted by Eau Claire.

The top five teams at regionals advance to the NCAA championship and the Point will be right in the thick of the race competing for a spot.

"You hate to put pressure on guys, but Freihoffer and (Jesse) Lalonde have to move up and run

with Fischer and Curt," said Witt. "I think that everybody feels good about themselves."

"I'm still confident and we know with five good teams, anything can happen."

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## Hockey

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established himself as one of the premier goaltenders in Division III and the Pointers knocked off some of the top teams in the country.

But the one thing that eluded the team last year was a shot at the NCAA Championship because of the loss to Superior in the NCHA finals.

"The only way that you can guarantee a championship is if you go out and win all of your games," replied Baldarotta. "Is it our expectation? Yeah. Our seniors played in the National Championship game as freshmen and ever since then we have felt that we've had a better team every year."

If the Pointers are going to have a perfect season, they are going to have their work cut out for them.

"We are taking on all comers and are not ducking anyone," said Baldarotta. "We have a tough schedule and we know it."

"We will play anybody, anytime, anywhere. And that's a great feeling. I didn't make the schedule. I asked the players and they wanted to play the best teams that we possibly could."

Along with Gould, UWSP will still have their four top goal scorers back with Ryan Maxson, David Boehm, Mikhail Salienko and Josh Strassman.

The men will follow the women on Friday with the puck dropping at 7:30 at Willet Arena. Eau Claire hosts Point Saturday.

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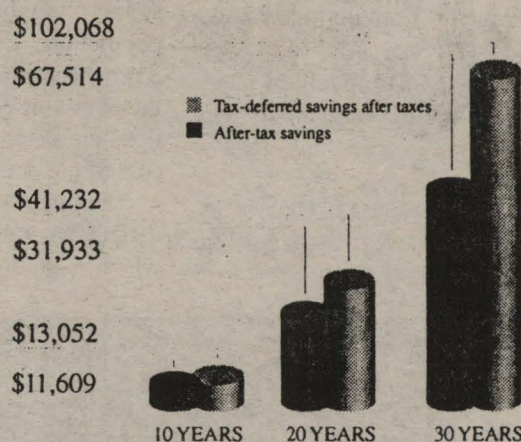
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# Who let the dogs out?

## Recent trip to South Dakota reveals importance of grasslands and its ecosystem

By Karen Zienty and  
Erick McGinley  
OUTDOORS REPORTERS

On the twelve-hour drive from the west end of the CNR to our hotel in Wall, South Dakota, I was expecting to be visually unmoved. I anticipated flat, mono-crop farmland, and every fifty miles or so an occasional tree. Thankfully the good people at Wall Drug have nearly saturated the roadside with wooden effigies, some of the worst advertising I have ever seen, all built upon the gimmick of free water. If anyone ever says to you, 'but we are so close, we have to stop at Wall Drug,' you don't have to. You will not be missing much if your wagon just keeps to the trail, and arguably you will be better off.

The purpose of our trip to Wall was to look at grassland ecology, prairie dog restoration, and ferret reintroduction. Along with looking at these characteristics of prairie communities, we also wanted to look at how these different aspects are intertwined to create the community that they live together and survive in.

The communities of prairie dogs we saw, also called "dog towns" were in the National Grasslands and the Badlands National Park. Dog towns are a concentrated group of prairie dog burrows. Looking across the land, you can see small little heads popping up all over the ground and a good share of "yip-ping" to warn the other dogs of intruders.

In the National Grasslands, the government manages for

multiple uses. Though most private ranchers complain about prairie dogs, the National Grasslands have found little trouble in managing for both prairie dogs and cattle. The most difficult task in fact is managing people and their conflicting desires.

Educating ranchers in the value of biological diversity is needed to ease these conflicts. Many people can only find value in wildlife and natural resources

found in the late 1980's, the last 18 were captured to make sure of species survival. Due to the great success in the captive breeding programs of the Fish and Wildlife Service, black-footed ferrets have now been reintroduced in Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

In managing for the endangered ferrets, the park service must also manage prairie dogs, the ferrets main source of food.

thing. Genes can flow through the population and this allows for healthier, more viable offspring. Unconnected, and thus isolated populations, can become threatened by inbreeding. Populations with the ability to move are also much more protected against random events such as environmental factors that might take out a few small populations. Unaffected patches nearby can move in and repopulate the area, rather than losing the species to that area forever.

Genes and the target species are not the only things that can utilize the "stepping stones" to move to larger patches. Negative aspects to a population can also move. An aggressive disease can spread easily and quickly. In this case, rather than affecting only a certain patch, it is able to potentially affect the entire population. Predators are also able to use patches to move and follow right along with their prey. In this later example this is both a deterrent to the population prairie dogs and a benefit to the management of ferrets.

At one point, one of main researchers and participants in ferret reintroduction told us of a drastic measure they would consider if disease threatened to move through the prairie dog population. In an attempt to stop the spread of the disease, which could easily reduce prairie dog numbers to a level that would no longer support ferrets, they would destroy the small, connecting patches by whatever means necessary.

The health of the reintroduced ferret population directly correlates to the health and success of the prairie dog population, and the quality and quantity of the habitat relates to both ferrets and prairie dogs.



Photo by Deanna Erickson

Grasslands, as seen here, exhibit an important part of our ecosystems that are commonly forgotten about.

when there are direct and obvious benefits to humans; they have difficulty seeing a larger picture filled with complex interactions, and even more difficulty sacrificing economic opportunity at the cost of biological diversity.

A very simple and obvious interaction of prairie dogs is their role in the food chain. Along with other predators, prairie dogs support the black-footed ferret population. The black-footed ferrets feed almost exclusively on the prairie dogs so ferret populations are determined by the success of the prairie dogs.

Ferrets were thought to be extinct by the mid 1970's but when a small population was

There are complexities though. One of the complexities that we looked at was fragmentation. Prairie dog populations are not one contiguous block. Instead the populations are made up of patches. A few patches are large, and sustain a large number of prairie dogs; while others patches are small, supporting smaller populations, but are still important to the overall health of prairie dogs.

Small patches act as stepping-stones to connect the larger patches, creating an illusion of one contiguous habitat. Adding complexity, there are benefits and damages to this connectivity. Connecting fragments allows for greater genetic variation, a good

## Branch River update

By Ryan Naidl  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

More information was released this week by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources concerning the spill of liquid manure in the Branch River.

Investigators for the DNR were able to pinpoint the cause the spill, blaming mechanical problems in a liquid manure holding system. The manure flowed ¼ mile out of the holding system before it reached the river. Legal action will most likely be taken against the holding tank manufacturers to cover the cost of killed game fish in the Branch River.

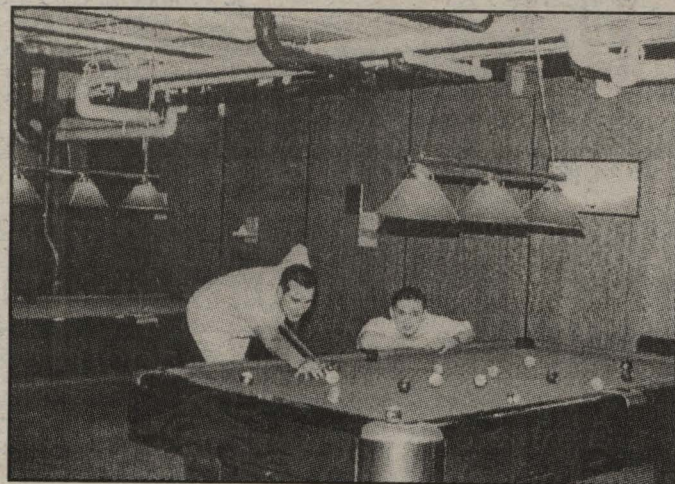
The river itself seems to already be rebounding from the spill, according to DNR officials. Though most of the fish in the river were lost, Chinook salmon are already starting to populate the stream and more species are expected to follow. The salmon and trout run into the stream each year from Lake Michigan so those fish should make a quicker return. Smallmouth bass, however, live in the river all year long so that species is expected to take several years before it comes back. The crawfish population in the river, another concerned area, was basically left untouched because all of the crawfish crawled out of the stream when they sensed a lack of oxygen.

It was first believed that the Manitowoc River, which the Branch River runs into, was not affected by the spill because a great deal more water flows in the Manitowoc. Investigators have now found evidence that that stream was affected by the spill as dead fish were found in that stream. The extent of the damage is not known because the Manitowoc River does not run as clean as the Branch, making it harder to located dead fish.

The DNR expects the entire system of the Branch and the Manitowoc to rebound within several years. More investigation will need to be done before the DNR can decide what restoration, if any will be needed. Planting of smallmouth bass could be open possible means of restoring the stream. Fortunately, the spill is not expected to have any long-term effects on the stream.

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The majority of UWSP students have never experienced performing poorly on a test or project due to alcohol use.

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## Any Regrets ???



## UWSP receives six million dollar grant for environmental education

By Andrea Wetzel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After receiving the largest competitive federal grant in UWSP's 106-year history, the College of Natural Resources (CNR) will be home for the first ever National Environmental Education Training Program.

Former Senator Gaylord Nelson, who is the founding father of Earth Day, joined Chancellor Thomas George, CNR Dean Victor Phillips as well as UWSP faculty, students and members of the community at a press conference Wednesday at the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center where details of the award were discussed.

The award consists of a \$5 million federal grant and \$1 million from partner institutions across the United States. UWSP was selected to serve as the national hub for the program because of the CNR's longstanding commitment to environmental education.

Another main reason that UWSP was selected is because it is home for the National Environmental Education Advancement Project (NEEAP). Members of NEEAP have already created partnerships across the nation and helped over 20 states strengthen their environmental education programs.

Professor of Environmental Education Richard Wilke, who has been honored as a distinguished professor by the UW-System was the lead author of the 104 page program's proposal and will oversee its implementation.

At the press conference, he addressed the need for a better standard for environmental education nationwide, and how the program will take steps to meet this standard.

"A recent Roper's-Starch survey indicated that 96 percent of the parents in the United States

Project WILD and Project WET.

"We really assembled a super bowl caliber team if you look at the partners that we have, and UWSP is the quarterback," said Wilke.

According to Wilke, the program will prepare over 50,000 educators to teach about the envi-



Photo by John Krejci

The largest grant in UWSP history was presented by Gaylord Nelson, pictured here, at the Visitor Center in Schmeeckle Reserve.

want environmental education taught to their children," said Wilke. "However, the nation's children are not getting the environmental education wanted by their parents."

To implement the National Environmental Education Training program, UWSP is joining with partners such as the North American Association for Environmental Education, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Northern Illinois and Ohio State Universities, the World Wildlife Fund and Project Learning Tree,

ronment in the next three years. He also highlighted some of the initiatives that the National Environmental Education Training Program will undertake.

The program will provide teacher education programs at colleges and universities across the country in traditional means as well as through Internet courses.

Abby Ruskey, co-director of NEEAP, will lead efforts to provide leadership training at the local, state and national levels to help environmental educators

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## Nader vs. Crandon mining

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader today called upon the South African mining company Billiton to drop its plans for the Crandon metallic sulfide mine in Wisconsin, about 100 miles northwest of Green Bay.

Nader immediately challenged Vice President Gore and Governor Bush to also contact Billiton on behalf of Wisconsin's environment, before next Tuesday's election.

On Monday morning, Nader faxed Billiton's London headquarters, calling upon the South African mining firm to drop all permit applications for the proposed Crandon mine project next to the Mole Lake Chippewa Reservation, close its Nicolet Minerals Company subsidiary in Wisconsin, and begin talks with federal, tribal and township governments for a turnover of the mine site to the people of Wisconsin.

Zoltan Grossman, co-founder of the Wolf Watershed Educational Project, said "Wisconsin is a major battleground state in the presidential election. A big Wisconsin issue is the environment, and a battleground environmental issue is the Crandon mine. The candidates' competition for our environmental voters could make a difference in the 25-year battle to stop the Crandon mine."

Nader's vice-presidential candidate Winona La Duke visited Crandon and Mole Lake on Oct. 19, to offer support for the Town of Nashville's legal fight to rescind a Local Agreement with the mining company. Vice President Gore also recently met with Nashville Chairman Chuck Sleeter and Mole Lake Chippewa environmentalist Sylvester Poler recognizing the joint tribal/township economic development program.

Grossman said, "The political support of Wisconsin envi-

ronmentalists, tribal members, and sportfishers is not automatic; it has to be earned. Voters will be drawn to either electoral camp by a serious move to defeat the Crandon mine. Wisconsin's environment can win if voters put pressure on their candidates, and candidates put pressure on each other to protect it."

Local residents have been fighting to stop the Crandon zinc-copper sulfide mine for 25 years. The mine has been proposed at various times by Exxon, Phelps-Dodge, and Rio Algom, which was bought on Oct. 16 by Billiton. The proposed mine site is next to wild rice beds of the Mole Lake Ojibwe Reservation, and upstream from the pristine Wolf River and the Menominee Nation. Mine opponents contend that it threatens water with sulfuric acid, toxic chemicals, and underground water drawdown, endangering the area's Native American cultures and tourism-based economy.

The Crandon mine state permitting process continues to move forward, despite the state's passage of a moratorium law three years ago, which supporters say has been undermined by the state DNR.

Many groups around the state are fighting the proposal, and are backing a legislative bill that would prohibit the 20 tons a month of cyanide planned for use at the mine. The anti-mine alliance has united tribes with sportfishing groups, grassroots environmentalists with unionists, and local rural residents with urban students.

Billiton Senior Corporate Affairs Manager Marc Gonsalves told the Wausau Daily Herald that "we don't like to be where we're not wanted," and that the company is looking at Crandon mine concerns "very carefully" because it has received an "endless stream of e-mails" from around Wisconsin and the world.

## The environment: indoors or out, it's up to us

By Matt Filipiak  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The "Outdoors" Section of the paper. What does that mean, "Outdoors?" At the end of our first class in Environmental History this semester, the point was made that we created the concept of national parks, wilderness and metropolis. When we take a moment to view the Earth as the one planet it is, I wonder about our concept of outdoors and indoors and the veil of illusion this seems to bring upon us.

As we get ready to sit indoors in our warm shelters this winter, how aware are we of the effects on our home ecosystem thanks to the "benefits" of our indoors living. Power plants alone are spewing out pollutants into the air, water and land for us to have energy in the way we currently do.

In last weeks Pointer it was noted that 100 tons of sulfur dioxide are emitted each year by our UWSP coal burning facility. Coal burning plants, like our very

own, spew out high levels of nitrogen dioxide and carbon dioxide as well. Even Southern Energy, Inc., with their "cleanest fuel available" proposed natural gas plant, plans on sharing with us two and a half tons of air pollution a day if they build in Plover.

Guess what? Whether we are indoors or outdoors we breathe the same air. We cannot have polluting cities and healthy vibrant forests. It doesn't logically or ecologically work that way.

Everything that we pour into the rivers we are pour into our drinking water. What we spew into the sky, we breathe into our lungs. What poisons we bury in landfills, ends up in our food and bodies. We were born into a world where human society has been greatly influenced by our historical land clearing, wetland drainage, forest decimation, monolith housing, habitat destruction and overall disconnected practices. Disconnected, that is, from any balance of

responsibility for our actions of conquering, controlling and manipulating our regional ecosystems. We can change these practices the more we conglomerate together to care for our home in a realistic ecologic way, and by acting in our local bioregions as the compassionate species I believe we are.

So what exactly does "Outdoors" mean? Well, if there is to be a separation, doesn't it appear that anytime we are not enclosed in a structure we are no longer indoors? Yes, indeed. If you're not reading this under a majestic pine or to the sounds of a babbling brook, I highly suggest getting outdoors and discovering the infinite truths of life to be known.

We can teach, act and hope our grandchildren's grandchildren only read articles like this one as ancient environmental history (while being "outdoors" too.)

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## Grant

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build stronger programs and services," said Nelson.

The National Environmental Education Training Program will provide a system that will enable experts to travel the nation.

To ensure that environmental education is quality, the program will provide guidelines for developing and choosing environmental education materials.

Wilke noted the important role that Congressman Dave Obey and his staff played in securing the funding for the federal grant and for promoting environmental education overall.

"Through the influence that Congressman Obey had in the national level, we are obtaining more money than we would have otherwise through this grant," said Wilke.

This year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was subject to budget cuts. Although they proposed cutting the budget for their Office of Environmental Education by 40 percent, Obey convinced the EPA to fully fund the Environmental Education Act of 1990 according to Wilke.

Obey is the ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee of the US House of Representatives. He was unable to attend the press conference because he is in Washington working on the federal budget.

"The overall goal of environmental education is to create a culture in which everybody involved is guided by an ethic of when we intrude on the environment we ask: What is the conse-

quence?" said Nelson.

Nelson spoke about the experiences he had when talking to children and how they reflected the evolution of environmental ethics. He spoke of one young girl who made her mother drive back to the grocery store to replace a can of tuna with a can that was labeled as dolphin safe.

Nelson served one term as Wisconsin's governor then served as a US Senator from 1963 through 1980. Throughout his career, he fought for the environment, creating the Environmental Education Act in 1970 and writing legislation that preserved areas such as the Appalachian Trail and the Apostle Islands.

"The environmental cause has been hanging by a thread for several years and only saved by the veto end of the President," said Nelson. "I am afraid that if we get an anti-environmental congress as we've had and a president who has no interest and doesn't understand this issue, that it will be disastrous for the environmental cause for several years to come."

CNR Dean Victor Phillips and UWSP Chancellor Thomas George also spoke at the press conference.

According to Wilke there is very possible that the National Environmental Education Training Program may be extended from three to five years.





## Letters From the Edge of the World

By Pat "Hair" Rothfuss  
"and the government shall be upon his shoulder"

Hey Pat,  
I feel a little stupid writing in about this. I have a problem. Admittedly it's a stupid problem. But I was hoping you could help anyway.

I've been going out with the same girl for about two and a half years now. She's really great, everything a guy could ask for. She's pretty, smart, funny and fun. Honestly, it's the best relationship I've ever had.

Here's the thing. My girlfriend recently decided she wanted to get a haircut. I begged her not to. She's got beautiful long brown hair that I really love. I mean, I actually got down on the floor and begged her not to cut it.

But she went out and did it anyway. I tried to tell myself that it's no big deal. But the fact remains that I'm really pissed off and disappointed. I guess I want to know if this makes me a jerk.  
Mitchel Dexterson

Boy Mitch. Until about halfway through, I thought I'd finally received an erectile dysfunction letter.

Are you a jerk? Well, the answer to that is pretty easy: Yes. I don't even need to know about your problem to answer that one. You're a man, and knowing men as well as I do (not in that way) I can speak with some authority when I say that all men are generally pretty jerky. It's one of our defining characteristics.

I sense the real question you want to

ask is 'Am I too much of a jerk?' or maybe even, 'I know I'm being a jerk, but aren't I a little justified?'

The answer to your first question revolves solely on your reaction to her haircut. Did you yell? Throw things? Kick her dog? Unplug her refrigerator while she was gone for the weekend? All of these things would qualify as 'too much jerk.'

However, if you managed to choke down your bitter, seething rage like a good member of society we can address the more important question. Are you justified in feeling the way that you feel?

My initial thought on the matter: Dude, it's a haircut. Get over it.

Thought # 2: Looking back to your letter, I see the first thing you mention about your girlfriend is that she's pretty. I don't bring this up to be critical, but it does prove a point. We men are (for better or worse) attractiveness oriented. Biology has brewed us that way. Therefore, while it might not be nice, it's probably natural for you to get upset with anything that gets in the way of your girl's pretty. Even if it's the girl herself.

Thought # 3(a): The haircut itself might be secondary. The real issue might be one of authority. She didn't do what you told her, and that's why you're pissed off. Jerk.

Thought #3 (b): On the other hand, it might not be authority at all. You're probably upset because she cut her hair without consideration for how it affected you. Normally I'd say this was your own damn problem. But if you really got down on the floor and begged her not to do it, I have to believe you made your feelings

clear. If she disregarded those feelings, it's only natural that you feel hurt and angry.

Thought #3 (c): On the other, other hand, it is her hair, not yours.

Here's a little story that might help us get away from the boy-girlness of the issue: A little less than a year ago I had a great-big Walt Whitman of a beard. It was cool, but after a while I got tired of it and decided to shave it off. My girlfriend made a strenuous objection, she liked the beard. So what did I do? Duh. I left the beard the way she liked it. My relationship philosophy is always, 'if it makes the other person happy, do it.'

Now, one conclusion you might draw from this is that I care more about my girlfriend's emotions than your girlfriend cares about yours. Too bad for you. Another conclusion might be that I don't care about my appearance as much as your girlfriend does. (A likely possibility.)

So, are you justified in feeling the way you do? It doesn't matter in the least. Justification has nothing to do with it. Here's why.

I know that if my girlfriend cut her long, beautiful hair while I was out here in Washington I'd be mad as hell. Is this a reasonable response? No, of course not. But our emotions are never reasonable. I'm willing to go out on a limb and say that your girlfriend has had a couple of these non-rational outbursts during your relationship. One of the things that makes relationships so difficult is tending to the other person's unreasonable emotional needs.

My advice is that you find some way of broaching the subject with your girl-

friend. Chances are this isn't going to screw up 'the best relationship' you've ever had, but if you're having a #3 (b) sort of problem, you might want to address it sooner rather than later. No one wants to feel like their emotions are disregarded by their partner. If things get uncomfortable, you can always smooth them over by letting her wear your new 'I am not Pat Rothfuss' t-shirt.

My column is already pretty long this week, but I feel a sense of moral obligation to say something about the upcoming election. I'll have to do away with social nicety and get right to the point.

If you enjoy the thought of a clean environment, campaign finance reform (possibly the most important issue of all), and genuinely improving the educational system, vote for Gore.

On the other hand, if you believe charisma is a suitable substitute for intellect and a famous name replaces the need for actual political experience, vote for Bush. As an added bonus, if you vote now you'll get to see our government sucking even more corporate dick than ever before!

Seriously, get up off your ass and vote, but not for Bush.

Something going on that pisses you off? Do you lack the words to describe the far-flung boundaries of your bitter rage? Drop me an E-mail (proth@wsu.wsu.edu) If your topic pisses me off too, I'll give the powers that be such a vigorous tongue-lashing that they'll cry like kittens in a tilt-a-whirl. Remember, sometimes if you bitch loudly enough, things get fixed.

## Music you're missing out on

By Sasha Bartick  
Arts and Review Editor

If lately you've been perusing your musical collection, and are dissatisfied by what you see, I just might save your day. I know that we all grow bored with our CDs after a while, so I am going to offer a few suggestions that you really should consider adding to your collection.

Black Oak Arkansas is a band who had their glory days back in the 70's, but that doesn't mean that you should turn your nose up at them. I recently came upon their album *Keep the Faith*, which was released in the early 70's.

The band has one of the most unique sounds I have ever encountered, mainly due to the unrelentingly raw vocals which come across as almost humorous. A cross between harsh and strained, yet dominating, would be the best description that I could give although I realize that sounds contradictory.

The groove of the album is classic Seventies. Aggressive bass lines, catchy lead riffs, and a vocalist who ties it all together, make for one hell of a combo. I recommend *Keep the Faith* to the daring musical entrepreneur, whose goal is to find something on the more obscure side.

Another must have as far as I'm concerned, is ZZ Top's *First Album*. Probably right now, the opinion that you have of ZZ Top is not the highest (cock-rock was out a long time ago) but upon listening to the masterful work on the boys' first try, you're likely to change your tune.

The songs range from trippy jams to elaborate mixes and there isn't a bad song on the whole thing. A great party album for those who dig a low key scene, and equally great for those willing to give a listen to a great piece of work.

Well there you have it, album advice from your little A&R Editor that deserves to be considered. Give a listen.

By Josh Goller  
News Editor

### "Bedazzled"

I've always hated Brendan Fraser. To put it bluntly, his acting ability is ultimately limited to playing loveable morons. Think about it. In *George of the Jungle* he's a slow talking jungle man who can't dodge trees. In *Encino Man* he plays the similar role of a prehistoric mummy who's revived only to become a babe magnet. With *Blast From the Past* he again tackles the daunting role of playing a clueless stud who has been pulled out of the archives, in this case from a cold war bomb shelter. And who else could portray the part of *Dudley Do-Right* with such perfection.

With that said, I think that it's plain to see that I had low expectations when I lowered my cinematic viewing standards and went to see *Bedazzled*. I cringed as Brendan Fraser's name crossed the screen during the opening credits. I couldn't believe what I'd gotten myself into. Yet despite all this, I somehow liked this movie.

This remake of the 1967 classic (which starred Dudley Moore in Fraser's role of Eliot Richards)

far surpassed my expectations. Elliot is a misfit who is love struck by Alison (Frances O'Connor), a beautiful co-worker who doesn't know he exists. In need of help, the foxy princess of darkness, yes the devil herself (Elizabeth Hurley) comes to his aid. Elliot trades his soul for seven wishes in an attempt to win Alison, which, predictably, all go terribly wrong. But when he crosses the devil, he comes face to face with the temptress's dark side.

Even the original '67 movie was lacking in originality. Tales of wishes turning ugly are over-used and almost cliché. However, the characters in this movie (yes, even Fraser) brought charm to the story. Elizabeth Hurley portrayed this unusual manifestation of the devil with a sassy attitude that almost made me want to root for her. And, despite the frequent elbowing from my girlfriend, I was really only looking at her acting, I swear. Each of the wish sequences brought a great deal of intrigue, some humor and, dare I say it, even a trace of wit to the story. Fraser plays a decent part in this movie. Though not escaping from the dufus role, he does transcend it during the course of

this movie in a way that makes you cheer for him by the end. I was surprised by *Bedazzled* and recommend seeing it if you're in a mood for pure entertainment.

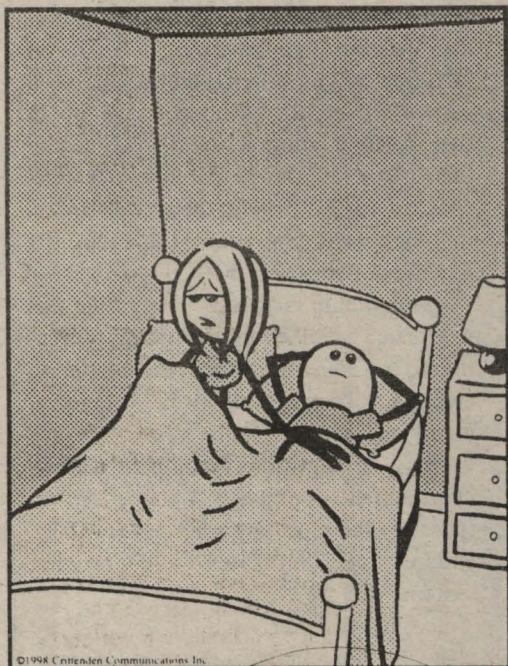
There's no real substance here, but it's fun and much less flaky than any other Fraser film I've seen. But has this movie changed my opinion of the previously despised Brendan Fraser? No, I still can't stand the dork.



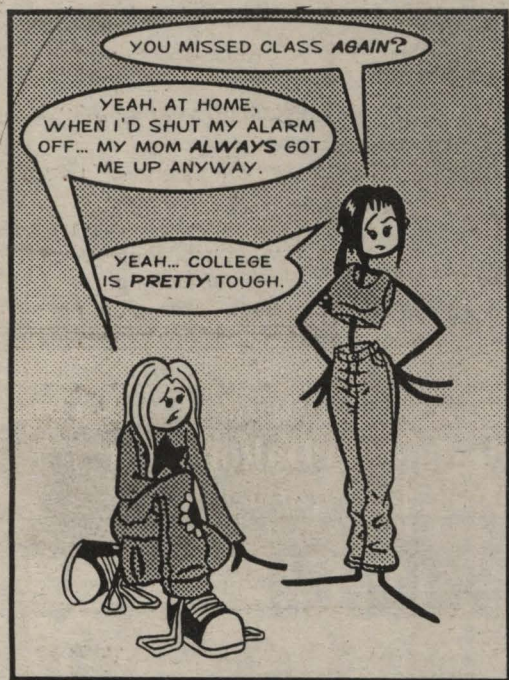
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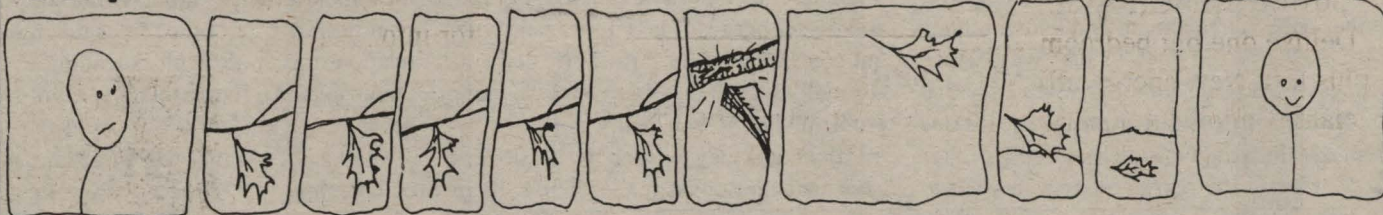


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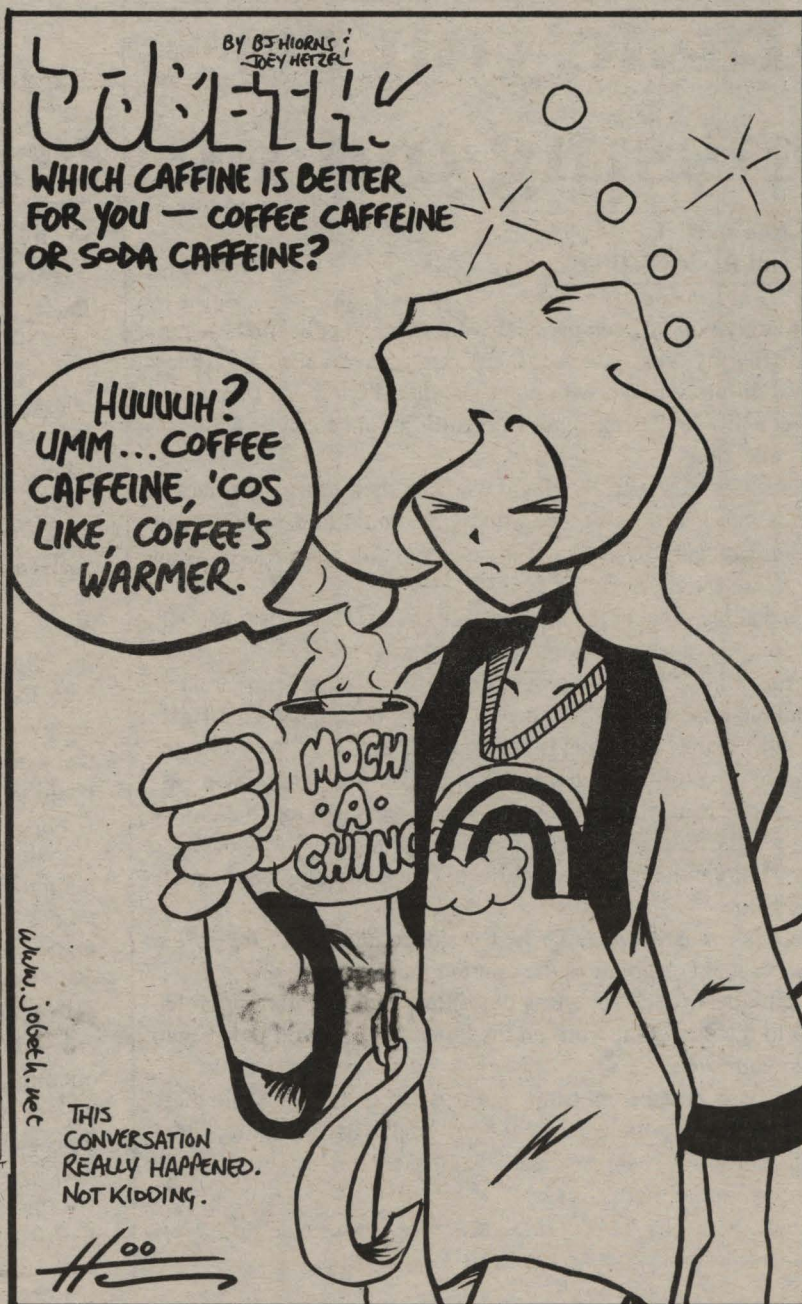
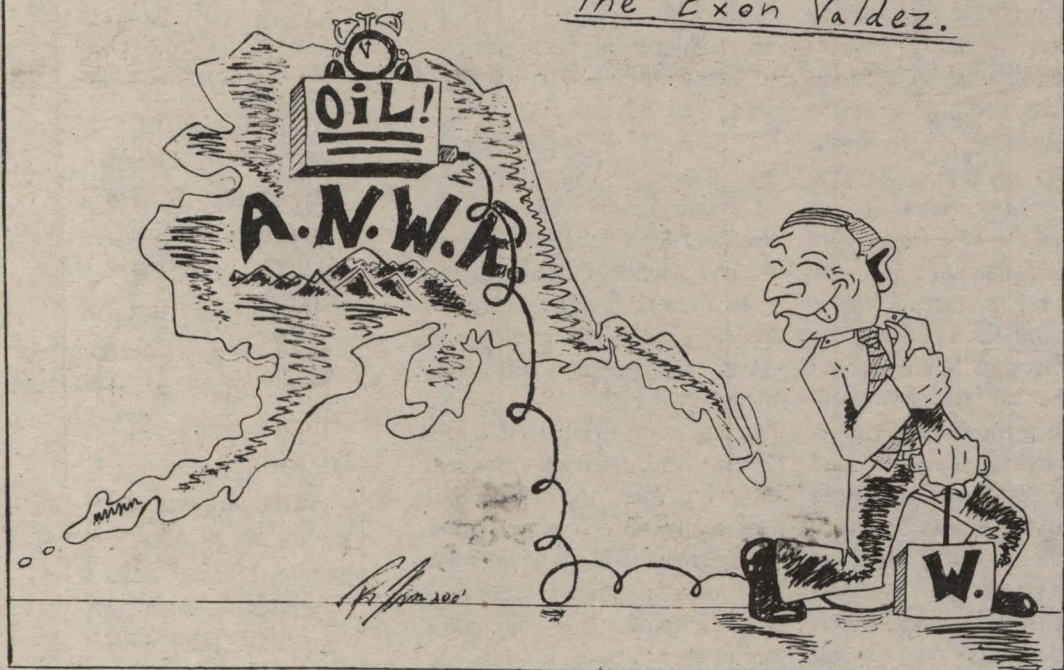
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