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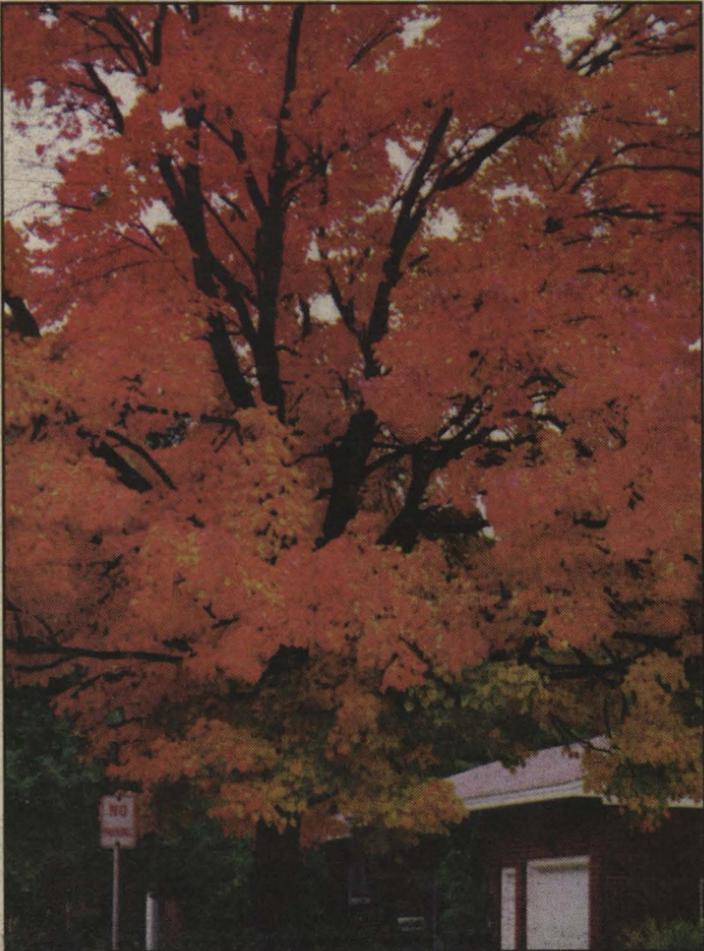


Photo by Renee Eismueller

Fall colors have painted the trees in Stevens Point as autumn hits full swing.

Public affairs show debuts on campus radio station

On Monday, 90FM aired the first campus and community public affairs show of the year.

"I think the public affairs show helps keep the students aware of what's going on in the community and the campus," said 90FM News/Public Affairs Director Nikki Montgomery. "I think that the local issues are

really important to the University."

Public affairs will air weekly Monday through Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Each show is divided into three segments each with its own topic. Between each segment is

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Photo by Renee Eismueller

Schmeekle Reserve recently received a 54 acre expansion (story in Outdoors).

UWSP parking permit situation remains far from resolved

Little in the works to aid hundreds of students who remain without permits

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

Differences between UWSP and the city of Stevens Point are keeping hundreds of students without parking permits.

Despite the enormous number of students who are on the waiting list for parking, there is little in the works to construct new lots or expand present ones.

"Right now we're trying to utilize the space that we've got," said Anita Godin, Revenue, Liability, and Parking.

"Everything is just oversold, even the faculty and staff lots."

As of right now there are approximately 260 on-campus and 300 off-campus students who are without permits.

Some on-campus students resort to legally parking in the lots during the night hours and moving their permit-less vehicles to the street early in the morning.

"I used to have to get up at 6 a.m. every morning to move my car," said Brooke Mesenberg, sophomore. "It made me mad. It was so inconvenient."

No solution seems to be in sight for this problem that oppresses 560 UWSP's students.

The university and the city do negotiate this topic quite frequently, however in most cases

they end up in a state of gridlock.

"We're always keeping dialogue open with the city," said Godin. "The city would have to rezone property to build new parking lots, and they're not willing to do that. They're concerned about losing the neighborhood atmosphere."

While the city does not approve of rezoning, the university is just as vehemently opposed to increasing the size of current parking lots.

"The university negotiated with us about tearing down houses, but the city said no," said John Gardner, director of community development. "We've been working on many different

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STV looking to improve programming

Speculations abound about student TV

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Television (STV) has shrugged off speculations going around campus that it might be taken away by the city.

These speculations have surrounded STV for quite some time now.

Channel 10 is actually owned by the city of Stevens Point and was given to UWSP as a gift. The University then gave Channel 10 to Student Television

to conduct its broadcasts.

Chancellor George suggested at a recent meeting that STV should add more programming and improve its quality.

There is speculation that if this is not done, that STV's future may be in jeopardy.

"We're trying to get better programming, which we think we're doing well at right now," said Todd Berry, general manager.

A major problem is student involvement. More students need to get involved for STV to air more programs.

"With the student interest

right now, we're only able to put so many hours of programming on a day, unless we want to run things that are sent to us from other networks," said Berry.

"We are looking for people to help behind the scenes with news and the students who are producing their own shows are looking for help; people to help them edit or help them in the studio or even be an extra on their show."

Another persistent problem for STV is money. Student Government Association (SGA)

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Campus prepares for upcoming election

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of the Presidential debates Tuesday, voting issues have been brought to the forefront at UWSP with the election just over a month away.

Voter registration, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), is taking place in the University Center (UC) every weekday.

"Every SGA member as well as some College Republicans and Democrats have been deputized to register voters," said Cindy Polzin, student body president.

An issue that concerns some UWSP voters is the four voting wards that divide the campus sending students to four differ-

ent voting sites.

"These wards were established in the 1990 redistricting," said Victoria Zdroik, city clerk. "The wards will be changed again next spring after the results of the 2000 census are tallied."

These wards have been called into question by some campus political organizations.

"The system should be changed," said Jeremy Smith, president of the College Republicans. "But you have to remember that it used to be unified and students didn't vote so the city changed it."

A debate between the College Democrats, College Republicans, and College Greens is in the works for the

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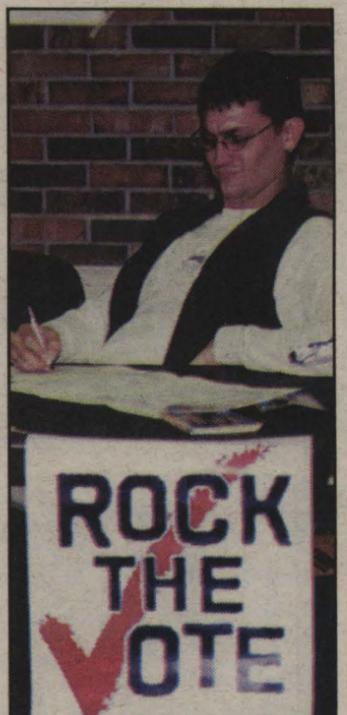


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University administration seeks new executive

By Kristin Gagnon
NEWS REPORTER

The Chair of the Search and Screen Committee is currently calling for nominations to fill the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Personnel and Budget (AVC).

The AVC is the Provost and Vice Chancellor's foremost assistant. The AVC will prepare materials, reports, and surveys, etc.

"The two most recent AVC's have been Professor Robert Beeken (current holder of the position) and Professor William Meyer (now vice chancellor and provost)," said Chancellor Thomas George.

The search committee, which is comprised of faculty, staff, and students, will be giving out applications to those who are interested.

The committee will review the applications that were recently collected and begin to interview the possible candidates for available positions.

However, the vice chancellor, ultimately has the final say in the decision.

In addition to the AVC, two new members will be selected for the University Awards Committee. Each college, as well as the university library, will be represented within the committee, as well as four students who are appointed to the position by the UWSP student government.

Positions that are currently open are those that are representing the College of Professional Studies as well as the College of Natural Resources. Dennis Riley and Eric Anderson will no longer be with the committee.

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near future.

Other events planned include a drawing that will take place in conjunction with voter registration.

"Everyone who registers to vote will be entered in a drawing," said Polzin. "We'll be giving out gift certificates for the Holiday Inn, Erbert's and Gerbert's, and many others."

Also SGA has a contest to encourage a high turnout of voters in each residence hall. "The hall that has the highest percentage of students register will win a free pizza party."

Voter registration will continue every weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UC until Oct. 25. In addition, vehicles will be stationed at various locations on campus to transport students to the polls on election day.

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

How does alcohol affect you? Alcohol is a depressant that affects the central nervous system. Every organ in the body is affected and chronic use can lead to numerous preventable diseases, including alcoholism. Alcohol lowers your inhibitions and impairs judgment which can lead to risky behaviors. Alcohol also hinders coordination, slows your reaction time, dulls the senses and blocks memory functions.

Remember: Think before you drink!

For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at 346-4044 or e-mail me at jblader@uwsp.edu.

Campus BEAT



Baldwin Hall
Wednesday, Sept. 27 2:20 p.m.

A student reported the theft of her bike from the fence outside the northwest entrance.

Pray Hall
Thursday, Sept. 28 10:31 p.m.

The hall director reported that the window of the main entrance door was broken.

Health Enhancement Center
Friday, Sept. 29 7:04 p.m.

A student reported the theft of his wallet from the men's locker room.

Pray Hall
Friday, Sept. 29 11:55 p.m.

An alarm was activated in this hall. A student found a smoke detector head laying on the floor.

Schmeekle Reserve
Saturday, Sept. 30 6:10 p.m.

It was noticed that the gate and lock to the rappelling tower were damaged beyond repair.

Pray Hall
Saturday, Sept. 30 8:30 p.m.

A student reported his bike was stolen on the north side of the building.

Nelson Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 2 11:45 a.m.

A woman notified the office that over the weekend more playground equipment had been vandalized or stolen from the Child Care playground.

Lot F
Tuesday, Sept. 2 2:26 p.m.

A student struck a meter pole on the east side.

Debot Center
Tuesday, Sept. 2 11:29 p.m.

A custodian reported that a fire extinguisher in the kitchen area was standing on the floor below its wall hanger and that it may have been discharged.

Memories are best when remembered...



The majority of UWSP students drink 4 or less drinks when they go out...

Data source: 2000 Core Alcohol and Drug Use Survey taken by UWSP students

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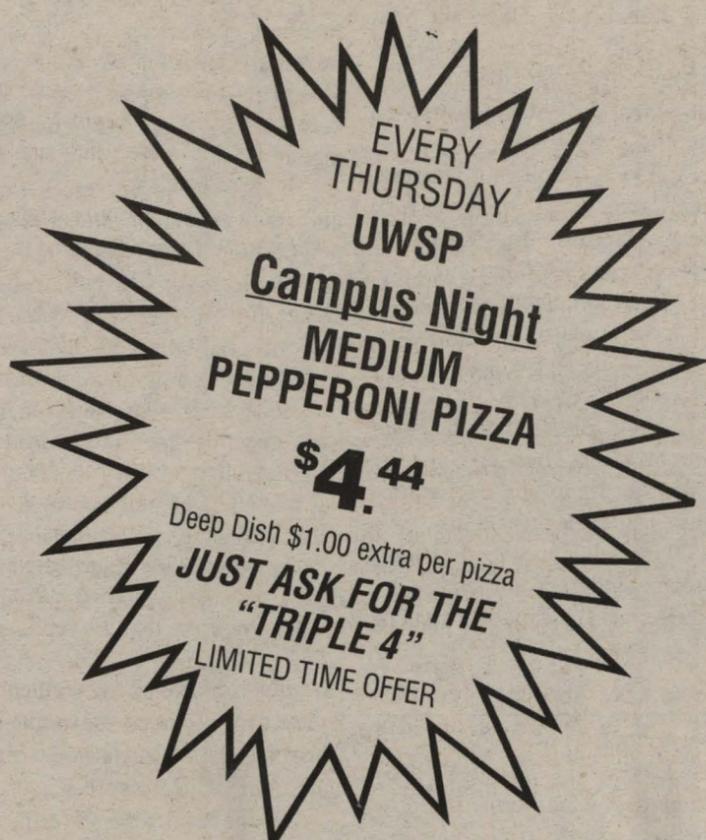
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Domino's Pizza is now hiring. Delivery drivers earn up to \$10.00 per hour.

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has given STV \$25,009 for this fiscal year. The problem is that this money only covers the television staff's salaries; there is no money left over to buy new equipment or get much needed supplies.

STV also does not generate much advertising money, which means there is no inflow of money to pay for this equipment.

"The equipment works, but it's a bit outdated," said Patrick Dailey, otherwise known as "Hambone" on the "Hambone and Shecky Show," which airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. In order to buy new equipment, Dailey suggested that, "We (STV) should do some marketing research and get commercials."

Dennis Bankson is a student

who produces his show, "Get To The Point." He strives for quality programming, which is why he uses his own digital equipment that he borrows from outside the university. Bankson has not been able to get any support from STV because they don't have enough money.

Bankson has big ideas for university television and believes that if they would adopt them, they could make money and be successful. His idea is to streamline information throughout the country and in foreign markets.

"The student organization I have recently had recognized, XL (Excelling UWSP), is creating a chance for students to sell underwriting to national players in over 30 markets, and develop public relations campaigns in those markets."

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five minutes of news.

There will be segments dedicated to student organizations, fine arts, student government, local and current events, college style, a sports show and many more.

Students, faculty and community volunteers host the segments. The DJ is responsible for researching the topic of his or her segment and presenting it as an interview, in-depth news coverage, documentary or opinion piece.

For Monday's show, volunteer DJ Amy Heart hosted the show "Focus on the Arts." Director of Multicultural Affairs Ron Strege and the Student President of the South East Asia Society Akbar Razvi joined Heart to discuss The Festival of India.

Theater Professor Ellen Margolis was also on the show to discuss *Reckless*, a UWSP main-stage performance.

Montgomery then hosted

"What's Going On?" a segment where she discussed the importance of plasma donation with Community Bio Resources.

For the final segment, Mike Stockbridge presented "Rooster's Ramblings on Election 2000" in which he shared some unconventional highlights of the Republican National Convention.

According to Montgomery, the public affairs show has improved from last year. The show will flow more smoothly between segments.

"Also, the DJs can now pre-record their interviews so they don't have to be in the studio to do the show," said Montgomery. "That way they can do the show when ever it's easiest for them or their guests."

90FM displays a complete listing of public affairs topics on their web page at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp/music.htm.

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expansion proposals but the university is concerned about the loss of green-space."

In reality, the university did not approve of the construction of Lot F, by the Heath Enhancement Center (HEC), for some time.

"Through our involvement, the city insisted they put it there," said Gardner.

"That parking lot was supposed to be a lot bigger," said Godin, "But the faculty senate wanted to conserve the hills and green-space next to the HEC."

UWSP's faculty senate is responsible for approving all parking regulations on campus and has disagreed with proposals by both parking services and city government.

Many ideas for possible expansions have been shot down because of the desire by the faculty senate to protect grassy areas on campus. "Being a 'natural resource campus,' many consider our green-space to be sacred. It would be like cutting down a tree, it's come to the point where we don't even ask," said Godin.

With 3,100 students living in the residence halls and a large

number of commuters and off-campus students who need parking for at least a few hours every day, the fact that only 2,830 student parking spaces exist causes a problem. This problem may be left unanswered for some time.

Even students who are fortunate enough to have attained permits run into trouble with parking in campus lots. "I have a permit for a lot but sometimes there aren't any spaces open," said Katie Harding, senior.

Some students feel that the university is giving special privileges to certain individuals.

"I tried to get a permit in Lot T but found out I couldn't because I wasn't a commuter or upperclassmen," said Amanda Stevens, senior.

However, the university assures that no students are discriminated against on any basis.

"Permits are given on a first come - first serve basis beginning in May of each year," said Godin.

In spite of conflicts, the city has been able to work with the university in the past to expand parking to its current size.

"We actually vacated a street and rerouted it to allow for Lot X to be made bigger in the mid

'90s," said Gardner.

Current plans between the city and university may be made into reality soon. "The city is looking to extend the lot by the Fine Arts Center, but we've been negotiating it since 1998 and the concern for conserving green-space continues," said Gardner.

Meanwhile those in parking services have can do little in the area of construction. "Building a ramp would be about our only alternative, but that would raise parking permit cost to \$600 per person. That is unrealistic.

Godin gives a few suggestions to students whose parking permit status is currently in limbo. "Students should check with off campus friends or even local businesses for possible parking spots."

"I would like students to evaluate why they have their cars here," said Godin, "Some students have left their cars sitting in the lot since school started, at an expense to those who need their cars everyday."

"We're taking quite a bit of grief," continued Godin. "Students can be very abusive, but our hands our tied."

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From the Editor's Desk The presidential debate

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Tuesday night I popped some popcorn, molded to my blue and green paisley couch and tuned in to the first presidential debate between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

The hype for this thing was hard to miss. One network had a wrestling line up style commercial promoting the debate. What is that? There's really nothing knockdown or bloody about this election.

I found the debate to be more of a prime time sit com than anything. I could almost hear the laugh track when Gore spoke about campaign finance reform and when Bush spoke about our "friends in the Middle East."

There seems to be some-

thing analogous between the phrase "You ain't seen nothin' yet" and the demand for better education standards. And I'm pretty sure that in math class, we never learned what "fuzzy numbers" were. I'm not even sure I can tell you what that term means after watching the debate, but still I remember it.

The highlight of the whole evening was when the mediator Jim Lehrer pointed out that Alann Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, said that it was impossible for either of Gore's or Bush's social security plans to work.

In the words of Ani DiFranco, "I wonder who's gonna be president, tweedle dum or tweedle dummer?"

I guess I spent too much time getting caught up in the

hype of the debate. I now know that the room was kept at 65 degrees, and Al Gore has a sunburn, and Bush is not as fluid as a speaker, and it's really annoying when someone sighs loudly into a microphone on national television, but it's even more annoying when the answers are so long that the bits of meaningful data need to be sifted out and placed back together.

If there's one thing I learned from watching the debate, it's that 90 minutes is not enough time for these guys to cover many topics. Maybe they're afraid that if they make too many promises, they might have to carry them out if they're elected to office.

I still have a lot of unanswered questions.

Pointer's advertisement found inappropriate

The September 28th edition of the Pointer inserted an ad for Yahoo!messenger which read "Stoney - Get over here quick. She's about to take her top off. - Bob." We sincerely doubt that the authors of this advertisement, or *The Pointer* staff, intended to make anyone uncomfortable. Nonetheless, this advertisement encourages its readers to imagine a situation in which one man is inviting another man to join him in a sexual encounter with a woman while remaining unfortunately silent on the issue of the woman's consent. Indeed, the fact that the invitation was hurriedly tendered by Bob, and not by the woman herself, risks giving the impression the woman hasn't been informed that the door is open to Stoney. Insofar as this ad teases its readers to envision a less-than-consensual sexual encounter in amusing and positive terms, it conveys a message which shouldn't be sent - by Yahoo or anyone else. In the future, we encourage *The Pointer* staff to refuse to print materials which in any way suggest that sexual abuse is acceptable. It is up to all of us to make a difference.

Prof. Dona Warren, *Philosophy*
and Prof. Alice Keefe, *Religious Studies and Women's Studies*

In response to your advertisement in the September 28th *Pointer*, we were disappointed to see an advertisement that degrades women. The Yahoo Messenger ad was disrespectful, repulsive and completely inappropriate in today's society. The ad portrayed women in a demeaning way and also sent the message that it is ok for woman to be portrayed as sex objects as long as women don't see it. How are we supposed to overcome differences between the sexes when ads like this expand the gender gap even more?

This ad was also horribly placed for a university that is over 55% women, which means Yahoo was not even targeting to the majority of the population. The strange irony is that we would never see an ad saying Dana, Get over here, he is about to take his pants off, Kaylyn. It just would not take place. We don't expect it of women, and we don't expect for an ad to degrade men.

Our society constantly places ads putting unreasonable expectations on women, we were sad to see that *The Pointer* did not responsibly advertise. We didn't expect that the student's newspaper would make 4000 copies of a distasteful, horribly placed ad, but as long as our society continues to accept it, our newspapers and magazines will continue to print it.

Kaylyn Jennik and Dana Manske

In response to these two letters, I would like to state that at The Pointer, it was never our intention to offend anyone in any way.

Because this particular advertisement was an insert sent directly to the printing plant, I did not see it prior to printing.

Although I can not change that this advertisement was printed, we now are requesting to view inserts prior to including them in issues of The Pointer.

This advertisement did not offend me, but I do understand how it may have been offensive to others. I would like to thank the authors of the above letters for their openness on this matter. I hope that through open communication we can continue to discuss this matter.

Andrea Wetzel, editor in chief, The Pointer

Bush holds double standard for education

In a desperate attempt to claim the high ground on the issue of education,

Texas Governor George Bush wants Americans to believe our public school are in a shambles. This lie alone is enough to convince me to vote for Al Gore.

Although it might be true that in some of the nation's schools - especially in inner-city and impoverished rural areas - student achievement levels have suffered, the reason is more likely due to unsupported teachers and inadequate resources than a failed idea.

But I want to be fair, because there is a place where Bush's so-called "education recession" is going full tilt: Texas. According to two recent studies, the dropout rate and attrition rate in Texas for black and Hispanics has soared to nearly 50 percent and for white students to nearly 30 percent. Imagine this becoming the national standard.

Dennis Coyier

Correction:

In my last Letters From the Editor column: A search for a place to study, I was mistaken, there is a study lounge in CCC 125. I am sorry for any inconvenience.
Andrea Wetzel

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Ambassador stripped of clearance

Recent news reports that US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk has been stripped of all of his security clearances pending a Federal Bureau of Investigation probe into possible espionage leads one to ask why such an avowed partisan on behalf of Israeli interests was ever appointed to that ambassadorship in the first place?

It should not be forgotten that Indyk was an Australian citizen living in the US working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) whose job it is to get the US government to support whatever Israeli government is in power with as much money that can be taken from the American taxpayer as possible.

Indyk did not become an American citizen until shortly before his confirmation as ambassador to Israel. Certainly the question ought to be asked how did this foreigner come to represent the interests of the United States in a country for which he was a professional partisan prior to his appointment?

Franklin D. Roosevelt never appointed an avowed Nazi sympathizer to represent the US in Hitler's Germany nor did any subsequent president appoint any avowed communist to represent US interests in the Soviet Union or any other communist country. Why then, did President Clinton appoint a professional Zionist to represent the United States in Israel?

Robert E. Nordlander

Pointer Poll

Photos by Renee Eismueller and John Krejci



If you were elected president of the United States, what would be your first act in office?



Drew Fietzer, Sr. Communication
Make it illegal for colleges to have GDR classes



Rose Hendricks, Fr. Arts Management
Help those poor people



Matt Komsiskey, Sr. Water Chemistry
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Michelle Kolba, Sr. Soils Science
Become friends with other countries so we can send them our extra food



Embere Hall, Jr. Wildlife/Spanish
Make quality education available



Jason Wendt, Sr. Communication
No more jails

A vote for Nader is not a vote wasted

Many people today have been conformed by the conventional, conservative election ideals, ideals that force the voter to elect a candidate from one of the two select campaigns, even if they don't agree with their views. This form of strategy voting, or voting out of fear, has turned our democratic society into a commune of passive slander.

On the belief that "a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush," I have personally never heard such a meek and cowardly conviction. A vote for Nader is a vote for Nader, a vote for Bush is a vote for Bush and a vote for Gore is a vote for Gore. PERIOD. There is nothing more to say about it.

Imagine that your child has an upcoming student council election with three candidates on the ballot. Two candidates come from very wealthy, well-known families, and the other is current student council vice president. The third candidate is poor, not as popular, but clearly the most honest, and has the BEST views and treats everyone with the same amount of dignity and respect.

Now imagine telling your child that they can't vote for the poor, hardworking candidate because he clearly isn't popular enough to win, and that "What

you believe in simply doesn't matter."

That doesn't sound like the Great American tradition of courage and sticking to your beliefs, it sounds more like simple passiveness and assimilation.

These are not the principles that our American Society was built on. Women did not get the right to vote by silently waiting for one of the two elite campaigns to endorse suffrage, they spoke up and took a stand. Rosa Parks did not sit in the front of the bus, so our society can sit in the back today, segregated from our government.

Our generation needs to reject these passive, pessimistic convictions that have been embedded in our minds since the second grade. These beliefs that, "Our voice doesn't matter," these ideals that will eventually exploit ourselves. It takes courage to vote with your heart and your mind, NOT with your fears.

Each time you are entering that booth, YOU, yourself are writing a little bit of history, just as Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and George Washington, you are telling the government where it should go.

When you cast a vote for either Gore or Bush you are sup-

porting their unmentioned, main tyrannical tenants. You are saying you support the WTO and NAFTA, global bodies that have enough power to overrule state, local and federal laws.

A vote for Gore or Bush says you are in favor of continued big money politics, ran by the corporate entities and their interests. You are saying, "I think it is OK for corporations to butt access and influence our democracy, far exceeding that of the common citizen.

A vote for Gore or Bush tells the government that you don't care that one in six Americans can't go to the doctor because of monetary issues. If you meet 12 people today, two will not have health coverage. According to Gore and Bush, "We are the most prosperous nation in the world." Last I heard, prosperity lies within the people, not the fattening of the corporate wallets.

If you believe that the Green Party, Ralph Nader and Winona La Duke have better plans for the future of American Society, then a vote for Gore or Bush releases your right to complain about the next four years, because you are part of the problem.

John Baeten

A day without the Pentagon

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for the carving out peaceful tomorrows. How much longer must we play at deadly war games before we heed the plaintive pleas of the unnumbered dead and maimed of past wars?"

In the aftermath of the major party conventions and the pro-democracy protests they inspired, Bush and Gore are trying to score points with voters by showing that each is a stronger supporter of the Pentagon than the other. While they busily attack one another, many folks know that a vote for either party is a vote for the military-corporate complex.

The choice this fall: Vote for the Pentagon or resist—in the streets and in the voting booth.

We can create the world we want, the money and political will to do it is trapped by the addiction to militarism. Overturning the Pentagon is the first step toward building a world of justice and peace. Activists in more than 50 cities across the nation will join in nonviolent protest this month demanding a day without the Pentagon.

"A Day Without the Pentagon," brainchild of the War Resisters League, began in 1997 in an effort to break the addiction to militarism. Central Wisconsin's fourth annual demonstration to protest exorbitant military spending will be held in downtown Stevens Point on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. If you'd like to help us send a message, feel free to join us on Main Street.

Just as 12-step traditions have helped millions of alcoholics and drug addicts stay clean and sober one-day-at-a-time, we need to break America's addiction to the military.

Linda C. Smith

Nader's views neglected in debates

In this age when corporations have bought and paid for the United States government, one question is paramount during the present presidential election.

That question is: Why does America's corporate elite feel secure regardless of whether Bush or Gore wins the White House?

Certainly, the shameless wholesale wheeling and dealing on the part of that corporate elite which occurred behind the scenes at lavish entertainments at both conventions this past August suggest that those who own and control most of America's wealth feel confident that they have bought the services of America's sycophantic Democratic and Republican politicians.

Another question worth asking is: Why is that corporate elite absolutely opposed to the Green Party presidential candidacy of Ralph Nader?

Could it be because Ralph Nader is not for sale and is not owned by that corporate elite?

The dutiful servants of America's plutocracy on the presidential debates commission have decided to deny Ralph Nader an opportunity to participate in the forthcoming presidential debates. This is a crime perpetrated against the democratic foundation of our republic. (Of course, Pat Buchanan should be in the presidential debates, too).

How can Americans make an informed decision at the polls this year if they are denied the opportunity to hear one of the most articulate champions of the interests of the American people?

Woodrow Wilson once observed that "the masters of the government of the United States are the combine capitalists and manufacturers of the United States." (The Great Quotations, George Seldes, p. 750).

Progressives of Wilson's era successfully curbed the power of corporate greed. Ralph Nader is a modern-day progressive prepared to take up that struggle again, courtesy of the sell-out of the Republican and Democratic parties to their corporate masters.

Patricia Gentile

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Festival of India coming to SPASH

Area residents will experience the cuisine and ambiance of South Asia at the 13th annual Festival of India at SPASH on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 3:30-8:30 p.m.

In addition to South Indian culture, ethnic foods and a bazaar, the festival will feature a stage show of Indian music and dancing. Percussionist Sandip Burman, a native of Calcutta, and flutist, John Wubbenhorst, will perform classical raga music.

Richa Chandar of Ithica, NY, will perform traditional Indian dance along with UWSP student Smitha Cherian. Chancellor Tom George will introduce the stage performances at 7 p.m.

"This event is a place for learning, but there is also plenty of opportunity to have fun and mingle with others from the world community," says Chandar. The festival attracts people from throughout the state who want to experience the connection with other cultures, she notes.

The evening will begin with workshops held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and a bazaar that features Indian clothing, henna painting, storytelling for children and demonstrations of yoga.

There will also be opportunities to participate in discussions of Vipassana Meditation with Donna Decker, associate professor of English at UWSP, and Indian philosophy with Arthur Herman, emeritus professor of philosophy.

"It's a tribute to the community that the festival is such a success," said Coordinator Jyoti Chander, a retired UWSP faculty member. "The local volunteers really make it happen and they do it from the heart."

The Festival of India is an annual event that has been held since 1988 to raise money for the Benefit Scholarship Fund for needy women attending college in India.

A small part of the proceeds is also used each year to support a women's vocational educational project in Chandigarh, India. Contributions made by the Stevens Point community over the years has brightened the hope and dreams of many destitute women in India for a better tomorrow.

To learn more about the Festival of India Project, drop by the South Asian Society booth in the UC Concourse the week of Oct. 2 to Oct. 6.

Acoustic guitarists perform at UWSP

Justin Roth and Chris Cunningham, singers, songwriters and acoustic guitarists, will perform on Friday, Oct. 6 at UWSP.

Roth, who hails from Stillwater, Minn., released his debut CD, *Up Until Now*, three years ago while attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

After graduating with a degree in performing arts management with a minor in music, he began touring extensively.

He has opened for Martin Sexton, Storyhill, Peter Mayer and Billy McLaughlin. Currently appearing in about 115 performances a year, Roth also plays guitar for a youth program throughout Minnesota.

"Justin's technical knowledge and his way of using the entire guitar for innovative instrumentals captivates people. He couples his talent with an artful mix of lyrical metaphors, evoking images of past romances, childhood friendships and personal philosophies for people to relate to their own life experiences. The music reflects his life up until now, but he manages words in a way to make you feel that he is singing about your life," says a spokesperson.

Cunningham of Bozeman, Mont., began his professional career in the mid-80s when he joined Johnny Hermanson to form the duo Storyhill that lasted over a decade.

According to a publicist, "Chris is a fluid, open-minded songwriter. He draws his lyrics from many familiar sources and presents them with a perception and understanding that makes an immediate connection with his listeners."

Audiences have described the duo as "fabulous artists with great personalities."

Cunningham and Roth both perform solos and a duo set combining vocal harmonies and an array of percussion, concertina, harmonica and other instruments.

The performance starts at 8 p.m. in the Encore.



The Homecoming parade featured many themes for Homecoming 2000. (photo by Renee Eismueller)

Homecoming 2000 a success for many organizations

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

Many organizations participated in this year's Homecoming festivities. Groups who participated were awarded five participation points for each event.

The Multicultural Resource Center won the scavenger hunt that took place on Wednesday.

Steiner Hall came in first place at the talent competition followed by Burroughs and Roach Halls for second and third place, respectively.

The best float was constructed by the Phi Omegas and the TKEs. Baldwin Hall placed second, and Smith Hall took third place.

Overall, the spirit awards went to Burroughs Hall for first place, Theta Xi in second and Phi Omegas and TKEs in third place.

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The Homecoming King and Queen share a dance at the Cottillion Ball. (photo by John Krejci)

Homecoming Ball held on Saturday

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

The Cottillion Ball was held on Saturday night in the Encore. The formal event capped off the Homecoming events occurring all week.

Voting for king and queen took place during the week. Students presented their ID and casted a vote.

The five couples receiving the most votes were accepted onto the Royal

Court, and voting for king and queen resumed from there.

The Royal Court consisted of Matt Wick and Misty Bachler, Hannes Steig and Jen Becker, Beau Morely and Tara Meise, Kolonji Kadima and Aren Soto and Matt Ziegler and Shannon Eckles.

This year's queen and king are Tara Meise and Beau Morely. They represent May Roach residence Hall.

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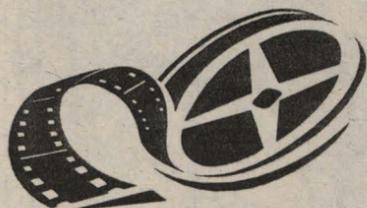


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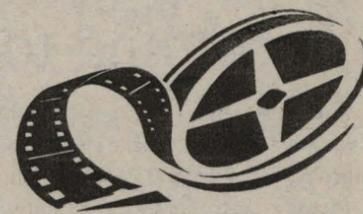
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REEL REVIEW



RATING SYSTEM

* Don't even bother sneaking into this one.

** Wait for it to come out on rental.

*** Contains decent plot and acting.

**** Excellent film well worth your time and money.



Keanu Reeves plays a sadistic serial killer preying on single, young women in *The Watcher*.

The Watcher

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

For those of you who enjoy scary movies, this is probably the best time to go out to the theater for you.

With Halloween right around the corner, the film industry is overflowing with the release of horror movies in theaters.

Sequels to *Urban Legends* and the *Blair Witch Project* will be shown during the Halloween season.

Also coming to theaters is *The Exorcist*, subtitled *The Version You've Never Seen Before*. Arguably the scariest movie since it was released in 1973, it has been re-released to theaters with about 15 minutes of previously cut footage.

Theater critic David Fear claims that, "In an era when many films compete to scare the hell out of you, *The Exorcist* remains one of the few able to successfully scare the hell into you, a feat which assuredly deserves another go-round."

I didn't get the opportunity to see *The Exorcist*, and I'd rather shoot myself in the foot than sit through one more *Urban Legend*.

I was in the mood for a good scare, and I hadn't heard much about *The Watcher* except that the bad guy was played by Keanu Reeves. For some reason, this amused me. I don't think I've ever seen him play a bad guy before, and I wanted to see if or how he would pull it off. So, the

decision was made to go see *The Watcher*.

I thought it had a fairly typical story line as far as scary movies go. You know the equation: Psychotic male selects some random, ditzzy females to kill until he gets caught.

But it had a few twists thrown into the plot. James Spader delivers a fantastic performance as a tortured ex-police detective who has relocated to Chicago to escape his past. It appears that a dangerous serial killer (Reeves) has formed an emotional attachment to the former detective. This lures the killer to Chicago to continue their deadly game of cat-and-mouse.

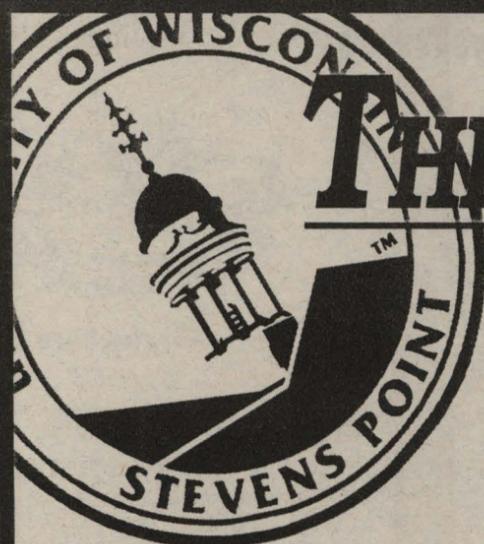
The movie is a commentary on society's effect on people: making them crudely unable to notice common people in their daily lives.

First-time director Joe Charbanic shoots his film using much elliptical editing and slow motion. Many of the scenes are very dark and foreboding.

Overall Rating: ***

I was somewhat surprised at the caliber of the acting performances. It turns out Keanu Reeves can play more than one type of character, and, as mentioned above, James Spader does a wonderful job. However, I found that Marisa Tomei, an Oscar award-winning actress, was severely underused.

I walked out of the theater afraid to walk into my own apartment, and I am still deadbolting my door behind me every time I get home-- even in broad daylight. Needless to say, the movie succeeded in scaring the bejeezus out of me.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

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CP!-Alternative Sounds Presents: LENAHAN, The Encore, UC, 8:00PM-10:00PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

CP!-Center Stage ART SHOW, 12N, Alumni Rm.-UC

Tennis, Ripon College, 3PM (H)

CP! Cinema: Erin Brockovich, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM, 073, DeBot Center

CP!-Alt. Sounds Present: JUSTIN ROTH & CHRIS CUNNINGHAM, 8PM, Encore-UC

Wom. VB, UW-Superior, 7PM (T)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: RECKLESS, 8:00 PM, Jenkins Theatre-FAB

Wom. Cross-Country, UW-Eau Claire Inv. (T)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Football, UW-River Falls, 1PM (T)

Tennis, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Wom. Soccer, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)

Wom. VB, UW-Eau Claire, 2PM (T)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: RECKLESS, 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre-FAB

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Wom. Soccer, College of St. Benedict, 1PM, St. Joseph, MN

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: RECKLESS, 2:00 PM, Jenkins Theatre-FAB

Wom. Golf, WIAC Championships (Superior)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Women's Resource Center, Design for Diversity, & Residential Living presents: Irene Farrera, Singer/Songwriter, 7:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Wom. Golf, WIAC Championships (Superior)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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Wom. VB, Viterbo College, 7PM (H)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Tennis, UW-Oshkosh, 3PM (H)

Wom. Soccer, St. Norbert College, 4 PM (DePere)

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Reckless to unravel on Jenkins stage

By Amy Shaw
FEATURES REPORTER

UWSP's department of theatre and dance kicks off its 2000-2001 season this Friday with Craig Lucas' satirical drama, *Reckless*.

"Reckless" chronicles the extraordinary life of Rachel Fitsimmons, a woman struggling to find her place in the world after discovering that her husband has taken a contract out on her life.

Encountering many quirky and colorful characters on her sojourn, Fitsimmons learns to recognize the unpredictability of life through many odd situations, such as winning large sums of money on a game show and also through tragedy at Christmas.

Fitsimmons continually finds herself in the eye of the storm, weathering the depths of human cruelty and despair, only to find herself a more compassionate, loving woman on the other side.

Phyllis O'Hara, a UWSP theatre major, plays the role of Rachel, with Donnie Nuefuss as Lloyd, Rebekah Jacobs playing Pooty, Mike Holmes as Tom, and John Blick, Nicole Johnson and Jeremy Spraker heading up the ensemble players.

Bethany Davis, junior theatre major who plays the mysterious Trish Hammers, cites *Reckless* to center around "the way you cope with the curves life can throw at you."

The opening performance on Friday, Oct. 6 will be held at 8 p.m. followed by performances on Oct. 7, 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. A matinee will be performed on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.

All performances are in the Jenkins Theatre of UWSP's Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$6 for students under 18 and \$3 for UWSP students. Tickets can be purchased at the Arts and Athletics ticket office in the lobby of Quandt gym or by calling 346-4100. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



Characters rehearse for *Reckless*. The play will debut on Friday, Oct. 6 in the Jenkins Theater of the Fine Arts Center. (submitted photo)



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~ Justin Roth and Chris Cunningham
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~ Festival of India SPASH

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~ Toastmaster club potato dinner
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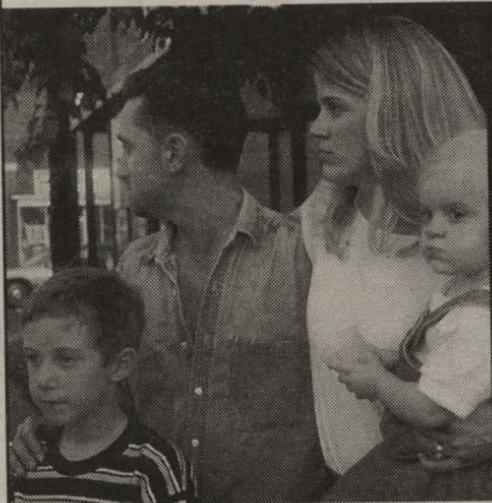
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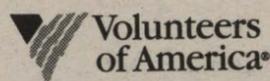


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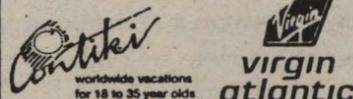
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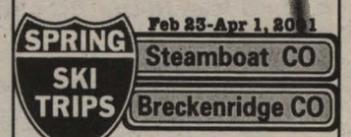
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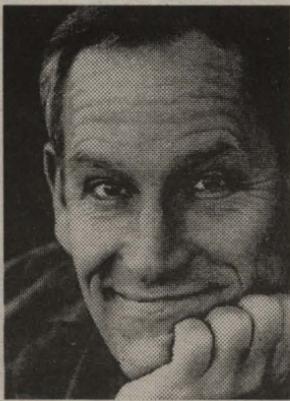
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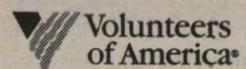
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Thursday, October 5

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As part of National Depression Screening Day, October 5, Saint Michael's Foundation and Rice Medical Center will be sponsoring Depression Education and Screenings.

The evening, will feature a presentation by Rice Medical Center psychiatrist, Paul Samo, M.D., as he focuses on identifying the signs and symptoms of depression; understanding the differences among the blues, depression and manic-depression; recognizing when depression may lead to suicide; and learning how to seek help.

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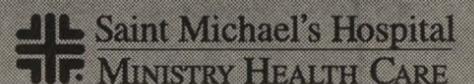
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Oshkosh dampens football team's Homecoming

Slide continues as Pointers fall to 0-4

Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

For the past two seasons, just about all of the breaks seemed to have gone the way of the UW-Stevens Point football team.

Back-to-back conference championships have been the result of the Pointers' fortune.

During the 2000 season, the breaks have been few and far between.

Perhaps it's that pesky Y2K bug finally starting to bite.

Whatever the reason may be, UWSP has found itself facing a 0-4 record (0-2 WIAC) following a tight 38-31 loss to UW-Oshkosh on Saturday at Goerke Field.

Pointer Head Coach John Miech said that his team has been unable to get any positive momentum going to get on a roll.

"The people we're playing are pretty good," Miech said. "Stout has the best defense in the nation.

"A major part of football is momentum. Beginning with that overtime game against Northern State. They were picked to win their league. And you go on to play the number five-ranked team in I-AA, Drake. Then you open up against Stout. Emotionally, you've got to come down some time."

The Pointer offense, which has been struggling to get untracked this season, came out on fire, notching touchdown drives on each of its first three

series.

Following an Oshkosh touchdown run, UWSP answered back on a 10-yard score from Scott Krause to Chad Valentyne.

Just over three minutes later, the Pointers got on the scoreboard again as Krause hooked up with Tony Romano on an 11-yard pass to up the lead to 14-7.

However, the Titans answered back with an eight-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in a touchdown to tie the score at 14-14.

UWSP retook the lead on the following possession as reconverted tight end Lance Gast found his way back to into the backfield and into the end zone on a three-yard run. Jason Steuck's extra point gave Point a 21-14 lead.

The Titans were able to notch 10 straight points, though, and carried a 24-21 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

Oshkosh's lead grew to 31-21 with 11:30 to go in the third as Alan Beaversdorf hit on his second of three touchdowns on the afternoon, this time on a 42-yard pass to Mike Vielehr.

Steuck was finally able to cut into the Titan lead with 1:44 remaining in the third as he hit on a 22-yard field goal.

Just 56 seconds later, UWSP got the equalizer as Jonah Roth stepped in front of a Beaversdorf pass and returned it 42 yards for the tying touchdown.

The game remained knotted 31-31 until 3:37 was left in the fourth when Beaversdorf hooked up with Jeremy James for his only reception of the game, a 44-yard touchdown and the game-

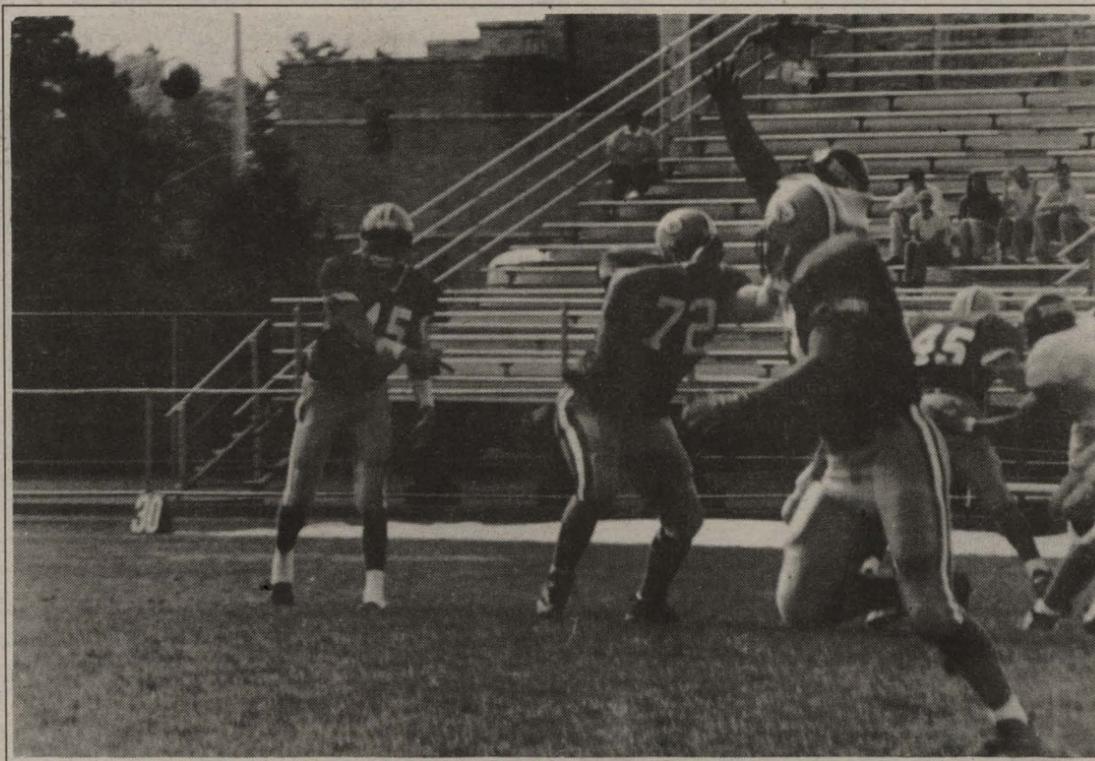


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Pointer Scott Krause (left) unloads a pass intended for running back Lance Gast during UWSP's Homecoming game versus UW-Oshkosh Saturday at Goerke Field.

winner.

Injuries took their toll on the Pointers as they were forced to play most of the fourth quarter with out their top two receivers, Valentyne and Romano, who went down with leg and shoulder injuries, respectively.

UWSP was also without the services of freshman running back Kurt Kielblock who injured his ankle in the Stout contest.

Miech remains convinced that his team is still capable of making noise in the WIAC this season, even though UWSP may be out of the race for the title.

"Now we've got the big three— River Falls, Whitewater and La Crosse," he said. "Maybe

we're not going to get the conference championship, but we'll have a say."

Miech also went on to say that the team needs to remain upbeat and try to find a way to get its confidence back.

"Coaching staff wise, you just have to understand that these guys are trying as hard as they can," Miech said.

"This is the hardest working group of kids and the hardest working coaching staff that I've had here," Miech went on to say. "And maybe that's the problem. Maybe we're putting too much pressure on ourselves."

The Pointers will continue to look for their illusive first win of the season when they travel to River Falls to take on the Falcons on Saturday at 1 p.m.

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
|-------------------|----|----|----|---|-------|
| UW-Oshkosh | 7 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 38 |
| UW-Stevens Point | 14 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 31 |

Scoring Summary:
1st 09:31 UW-O - Kaufman 3 yd run (Gaulke kick).
05:40 UWSP - Valentyne 10 yd pass from Krause (Steuck kick).
02:17 UWSP - Romano 11 yd pass from Krause (Steuck kick).

2nd 14:02 UW-O - Scovronski 10 yd run (Gaulke kick).
10:02 UWSP - Gast 3 yd run (Steuck kick).
03:27 UW-O - May 10 yd pass from Beversdorf (Gaulke kick).
00:36 UW-O - Gaulke 22 yd field goal.
3rd 11:30 UW-O - Vielehr 42 yd pass from Beversdorf (Gaulke kick).
01:44 UWSP - Steuck 22 yd field goal.
00:48 UWSP - Roth 42 yd interception return (Steuck kick).
4th 03:37 UW-O - James 44 yd pass from Beversdorf (Gaulke kick).

| | UWO | UWSP |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 20 | 23 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 41-88 | 35-77 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 355 | 301 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 37-19-2 | 43-24-4 |
| PLAYS-YARDS | 78-443 | 78-378 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 1-8 | 4-14 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 3-77 | 4-103 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 4-33 | 2-42 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 7-30.4 | 3-40.7 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 4-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-35 | 2-22 |
| Possession Time | 31:39 | 28:21 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 4-15 | 2-16 |

RUSHING: UW-O-Scovronski 20-61, Kaufman 12-33, Beversdorf 5-2, Jude 1-minus 2, Team 3-minus 6. UW-SP-Krause 10-37, Gast 10-36, Schmitt 9-20, Goodman 4-4, Team 1-minus 1, Biechler 1-minus 19.
PASSING: UW-O-Beversdorf 19-37-2-355. UW-SP-Krause 23-42-4-256, Gast 1-1-0-45.
RECEIVING: UW-O-Vielehr 8-191, Lindsley 3-43, Samz 2-26, Kaufman 2-26, Jude 2-15, James 1-44, May 1-10. UW-SP-Valentyne 6-115, Schmitt 6-46, Wilson 4-51, Romano 4-47, Gast 4-42.

Soccer team fairs well on the road

Muhvic becomes all-time leading goal scorer in UWSP history

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team won't be getting any home cooking for a while as they endure their longest stretch of the season away from home.

The Pointers continued their successful six-game stretch with games on the road Wednesday with a 4-0 victory over Edgewood College in Madison.

The Pointers got goals from Andrea Oswald, Andrea Spiel, Molly Cady and Renee DeBroux.

The Crusaders were the Pointers toughest test of late on the road as they qualified for the NCAA tournament last season.

The road trip kicked off last Saturday when the ladies traveled to Superior to take on the Yellow Jackets.

The Pointers scored early and often knocking out Superior 12-0.

"Sometimes we just get momentum going and things just start happening," said Head Coach Sheila Miech.

Marie Muhvic had a hat-trick to lead the Pointer charge.

Molly Cady also knocked in three goals for Point as the ladies out shot Superior 46-0.

That marked the second time this season that the UWSP has held a conference opponent shotless for an entire game.

Also finding the back of the net for the Pointers were Jenny Bruce with two goals, Sara Robazik, Gretchen Talbot, Abby Rabinovitz and Brianna Hyslop.

But before the Pointers began their lengthy road trip they took on Stout at the Soccer Bowl.

But just like all the other conference opponenets over the past nine years the Blue Devils went home disappointed.

UWSP was scoring in pairs, as three different players scored two goals in the Pointer 10-1 rout of Stout.

Bruce and Margaret Domka each had a pair of goals as did Muhvic.

Muhvic's two first half goals vaulted her into first all-time on the Pointer scoring list, passing Susie Lindaur's record of 55 goals.

Muhvic accomplished the feat in just two and a half seasons with the Pointers as she transferred from Eastern Michigan after her freshman season.

Also putting tallies on the board for UWSP were Cady, DeBroux and Talbot.

travel to conference rival Eau Claire this Saturday.

"Eau Claire will be very important because it could determine who gets home field for the conference tournament," said Miech.

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Big meets ahead for X-country

Pointers ready for the second half of the season

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's cross country teams are preparing for their stretch run as the midway point of the season draws near and the competition picks up.

The women had homecoming weekend off, as did the top 11 runners on the men's side, while the rest of the team traveled to Whitewater for the Warhawk Invitational.

Although the top runners had the weekend off, there were 13 others out to prove that they were worthy of the twelfth, and final, travel squad spot.

"I think that we found out that some of the guys stepped it up a bit when they were put into a position to score," said Head Coach Rick Witt.

The Pointers second team was competing against some of the conferences first teams and placed sixth in the meet.

The meet was run on the same course that will host the conference meet at the end of the month.

"It's hard to judge our performance because when you only have your second team there against everyone's first they really don't match up," said Witt. "But from that respect, our guys ran really well compared to the other teams."

Nathan Monk led the way for the Pointers placing 22nd followed by Andy Bushard.

As the mid-season approaches, all the hard training will begin to pay off while the compe-

tion will increase.

This weekend the men will travel to South Bend, Ind., to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational and face some of the top Division II and III schools in the country.

"The importance is that it will give us a good feel for where we are because I don't know," commented Witt. "It won't matter what place we get, but rather give us a reference point for where exactly we are at."

Some of the top teams the Pointers will be aiming at include Oshkosh, defending national champs North Central (Ill.), Calvin and Heidelberg.

The ladies continued their rigorous training during the off weekend and are preparing for the second half of the season with improvement in mind.

"We need to get our three through eight runners tighter together and closer to our leaders," said women's coach Len Hill. "If we can run like we do at practice as a team, we will be much improved."

This weekend the Pointers will travel to Eau Claire to compete in the Blugold Invitational.

This meet will give the team a sneak preview of the regional meet since the meet will be held on the same course as the regionals, plus many of the regional teams will be there.

"It will be a good test to see where we are at in comparison to the teams in our region," said Hill.

Unlike the men, the ladies have faced tougher competition have had the advantage of seeing where they are at and have been able to work on the areas where they have struggled.

"We are right where I want us to be, but we under-achieved at Minnesota," said Hill. "We have worked on things in practice that made us underachieve that will help us improve."

In the most recent national rankings, both the men and the women were ranked seventh in the country.

Golf team ready for WIAC

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's golf team's quick start at the Oshkosh Invitational Saturday was lost in the wind as it placed fourth in its final tune up for the conference meet.

On Saturday, the ladies started off strong, shooting a season low 343 as a team.

Included in the season best round were seven birdies and an eagle.

Sunday, however, was a different day with different weather conditions.

"I don't want to make excuses because every other team had to play in the same conditions," said Head Coach Mike Okray.

"But on Sunday we had 35-40 mile per hour wind.

"Some of the better players from the other schools knew how to play whereas some of our younger players never had to compete in those types of conditions."

The Pointers went on to shoot a 358 on the day for a two-day total of 701.

Kathryn Carlson led the way for the Pointers, shooting a 171 during the two-day tournament placing her 11th.

Rachel Sime and Andrea Miller weren't far behind Carlson as Sime placed 15th with a score of 175 and Miller 17th while shooting 177.

This was the final tune-up for the Pointers, as they prepare for the conference meet.

"Eau Claire got a Division I player, so she will be a major factor for Eau Claire," replied Okray about the conference meet.

"We have a chance to take conference but realistically we hope to be second."

Second place would be an outstanding finish for the Pointers, since they are very young and are playing in a much improved conference that has only been around for four years.

"This is a transition year, so next year we will be better," said Okray. "In four years time,

the average girl in our conference has taken ten strokes off the average to win a meet."

The young Pointers will travel to Janesville for the fourth ever conference meet which will be held on Saturday and Sunday and is hosted by Whitewater.

Volleyball places fourth at Eau Claire

Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer volleyball team started its weekend on a high note by beating Beloit and Southwestern (Texas) en route to a fourth place finish at the UW-Eau Claire Invite.

Southwestern helped set the tone for the Friday evening games as they battled the Pointers for over two hours. In a very even match, UWSP had what it took to pull off the win, 15-6, 12-15, 16-14, 14-16 and 15-13.

Raina Gagnow put down 27 kills for the Pointers and Lucy Fisher had 71 assists.

Next up was Beloit, and after being down two games, the Pointers surged forward and claimed the next three games. The team finished strong despite playing for almost five consecutive hours as the match took place immediately after the Southwestern match.

"It was very encouraging," said coach Kelly Geiger. "We should not have lost the first two games and the easy thing to do would have been to give in on the third game. I was proud that they had some pride to finish the match."

Gagnow and Chrissy Klipstine each had 18 kills and Fisher chipped in 53 assists. The Pointers won the match 13-15, 3-15, 15-10, 15-7 and 15-4.

On Saturday UWSP took the court against the home Blugolds, but lost the match with an extremely close game four, 10-15, 15-9, 8-15 and 15-17.

Klipstine and Gagnow again led the team in kills with 18 and 17, respectively.

UWSP then faced UW-Stout in the third place match and again tasted defeat 15-13, 5-15, 8-15 and 11-15.

The Pointers are now facing the heart of their schedule as they travel to UW-Superior and UW-Eau Claire this weekend.

"We need to come out on Friday and play our game and be firing on all six cylinders on Saturday. This could be a huge turn around for our team," stated Geiger.

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UWSP Career Highlights

- WIAC cross country champion (1999)
- 5 time All-American
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Hometown: Rhinelander, Wis.

Major: Business Administration

Most memorable moment: Nationals last year and the way the team came together at the after all the adversity we went through.

Who was your idol growing up?: My dad, because he taught how to be successful and showed me what hard work and dedication was.

What are your plans after graduation?: To find a job that deals with both sports and business and move somewhere warm.

Favorite aspect of cross country: It can be both a team and individual sport.

Biggest achievement in cross country: Being conference champ last season and being a two time All-American.

Most embarrassing moment: Freshman year at Notre Dame when we were warming up I tripped over my shoe lace and me and my walkman went flying.

What will you remember most about running cross country at UWSP?: Living with most of my teammates and all the road trips that we get to take.

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Women's Tennis: Ripon College, Friday, 3 p.m.; At UW-Eau Claire, Saturday,
 1 p.m.; UW-Oshkosh, Wednesday, 3 p.m.
Women's Golf: At WIAC Championships (Superior), Saturday and Sunday.
Men's Cross Country: At Univ. of Notre Dame Midwest Collegiate Championships,
 Friday.
Women's Cross Country: At UW-Eau Claire Invitational, Friday.
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| <u>Men's Basketball</u> | <u>Coed Indoor Volleyball</u> | <u>Coed Indoor Soccer</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Posse | 1. Morning Wood | 1. Real Futbol |
| 2. X | 2. MadHops | 2. The Wall |
| 3. OFFXIV | 3. Yellow 6 | 3. Demolition |
| 4. A Full Case | 4. Midgets For Sale | 4. Soto |
| 5. PAMF | 5. Squadron Niner | 5. Dawgz |
| <u>Women's Basketball</u> | <u>Women's Indoor Volleyball</u> | <u>Flag Football</u> |
| 1. Undecided | 1. Alabama Slammers | 1. Scrubs |
| 2. All Stars | 2. Six Pack | 2. Clayton Crypts |
| 3. Chumps | 3. The Yupers | 3. Midwest Carriers |
| <u>Street Hockey</u> | <u>Coed Outdoor Volleyball</u> | <u>Ultimate Frisbee</u> |
| 1. Pantee Snappers | 1. Tequilla Slammers | 1. Shockers |
| 2. IM2K Stars | 2. Bathub Virgins | 2. Tremendous Cream |
| 3. Hansen Brothers | 3. Frisky in the Sand | 3. Gravitrons |
| <u>Indoor Soccer</u> | <u>Floor Hockey</u> | |
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| 2. GBP | 2. Pantee Snappers | |
| 3. Phat Heads | 3. Fade to Black | |

Seven elected to the hall

Six athletes and legenday swim coach get inducted into hall of fame

The UW-Stevens Point Alumni Association and Athletic Department inducted seven new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame during festivities over the homecoming weekend.

Football standout Theo Blanco, cross country and Track runner Tom Morris, basketball's Tim Naegeli, women's hoop star Kate Peterson and decorated swimmers Nino Pisciotta and Jeff Stepanski along with their coach Red Blair were all introduced to the elite club.

"It's important to know where you've been so you know where you are going," said Athletic Director Frank O'Brien.

"Many people get emotional up there when they are accepting so it is a great honor for them." Blanco (class of '89) was one of the greatest wide receivers to play for the Pointers. He holds school records for career receiving yards and single game receptions.

Morris (class of '90) is in the books as one of the best runners for the Pointers.

He was Division III national champ indoors in the 5000 meters, owns the conference record for the 10,000, is a four time track All-American and has the fastest time at the conference cross country meet (24:10).

Morris was also on the short end of the closest finish ever at a cross country championship when he lost by .3 of a second.

Naegeli (class of '90) is the all-time leading scorer for the men's basketball team and also shares with Terry Porter the most games played (117).

He was also drafted in the sixth round of the NBA draft by the Boston Celtics.

Peterson (class of '91) will go down as the first ever true long range shooter for the lady Pointer basketball team.

She ranks second in school history with 169 career three-pointers and was named team MVP for the 1990-91 season.

Pisciotta may be the greatest swimmer ever to go through UWSP.

His accomplishments include: six NAIA national championships, 20 All-American and was named team MVP all four years.

Pisciotta also left Point holding eight school records and still currently holds four of them.

Stepanski (class of '88) also a well decorated swimmer was a two-time NAIA national champi on and was a first team All-American 17 times.

He was also named male athlete of the year twice and was an All-American in six events at the 1985 national championships.

Coach Red Blair held one of the longest tenures ever as a swim coach in the country at any level.

Blair coached the Pointers for 32 years and coached 477 first team and honorable mention All-Americans.

In Blair's final season the men's team gave

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University adds 54 acres of land to Schmeeckle

By Amy Zepnick
OUTDOORS REPORTER

In a ceremony on Sept. 30th, Berard Oaks, a 54-acre addition, was dedicated to Schmeeckle Reserve. Community and university members attended the dedication along with Robert "Hatch" Berard, whom the addition is named, and his family. The 54-acre area was donated by Berard and took two years to finalize.

"I knew the land was needed for the College of Natural Resources," Berard said. "The dedication itself was more than what I anticipated."

The addition highlights the restoration effort of two gigantic Oak trees each more than 40 inches wide and over 200 years

old. "We are going to be recreating the Oak Savanna environment these trees grew up in," Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeeckle Reserve said.



Photo by Renee Eismuller

UW Stevens Point's Schmeeckle Reserve just got bigger and better with a recent 54-acre addition.

"Back then, there were only a few big trees and lots of prairie grass. We are going to do Oak conditioning by removing the more recent trees, burning and replanti-

ng prairie grass." According to Craig Sikora, a natural resource major, students will benefit from the addition.

"We do a lot of class work out there," Sikora said. "The better variety there is in the natural reserve, the broader range of experiments we can do on the land. It provides more opportunities for us Natural Resource majors."

The Berard Oaks is a portion of the Green Circle trail, which connects Stevens Point and the adjoining area with a 24-mile hiking trail. According to Zimmerman, improvements will also be made to this area.

"There will be a head to the trail by Holiday Inn to the Visitor's Center," Zimmerman said. "That way the public will have better access. We are still trying to purchase that land. It's an ongoing process."

With the new addition, Schmeeckle Reserve resides over about 300 acres with swelling learning opportunities for students and the public.

"I'm just happy they did it," Sikora said. "It will only build on the reputation this university has established."

Pick up your butts!

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Campus beautification should be very important to all of us. Of course, seeing the occasional sheet of paper on the ground is commonplace anywhere you go. Even a bottle here or a can there. However, these things are avoidable. Sadly, it's up to us to clean up other people's mess.

The one thing that really irks me is cigarette butts. How many times do you see someone casually walking and smoking, and then "FLICK"! Away the butt goes, landing on the sidewalk, grass, or road never to be worried about again. Is it that difficult to deposit the butt in an ash tray by a building, or even a garbage can somewhere?

Our campus has plenty of receptacles for everything; waste, recycling glass, paper and plastic. Furthermore, many buildings have ash trays right outside them for those die-hards who need that last puff before walking in for class. Yet many choose to discard their cigarettes by flicking them onto the sidewalk.

So, is it really that difficult to hold those butts until you get to a trash can? Please don't say that it's too disgusting to hold; if you're smoking it, I'm sure that holding it for another minute or two to dispose of it properly isn't going to kill you. There is nothing worse than walking out of a building and seeing piles of cigarette butts, especially when there is a trash can right beside the door.

There is a positive side to this though. Before I came here last year, I had never seen anyone actually hold onto their cigarette butt to throw it away. However, it is more commonplace here than anywhere I have ever seen before, and to all those who practice this already, I thank you!

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UWSP's Naugle speaks at colloquium

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Grasslands. I am sure that many dismissed this colloquium because of its topic. However, how many times have you heard the phrase, "Don't judge a book by its cover?"

I was anxious to hear what David Naugle, UWSP professor had to say about this topic in the most recent colloquium on Oct. 4.

The most important belief that Naugle harped on time and time again was the short-term time frame that we have to deal with the destruction and possible preservation of our grasslands.

"We have about 7 to 10 years before grasslands are either preserved or plowed," Naugle said. This came up multiple times throughout the colloquium.

Another interesting take on grasslands is its general appeal, or lack thereof. "Grasslands require familiarity before appreciation, not the other way around," Naugle said.

Of course, "the other way around" would refer to forests, lakes and rivers. People seem to take interest and solace in them before familiarizing themselves with the specifics. Grasslands don't just jump out at one from the get-go, and one has to study them and appreciate their value before you can appreciate how important they are to our ecosystem.

Naugle explained how there were different kinds of grasslands, and that the tall grass grasslands are now non-existent. He went on to say that mixed grass is next on the list to bite the dust, so to speak. The lack of appreciation and awareness has a

large part in its destruction.

Other factors in the depletion of grasslands are not unlike regular forest destruction: habitat loss and degradation, exotic species intrusion and fragmentation.

Fragmentation is occurring because of a farming revolution. Naugle showed statistics on farming in the late 90's that showed the numbers of corporate farms on the rise while independent farming is on the decrease.

Furthermore, he said that

doing this are not thinking in a long-term state of mind.

There is good news though. To prevent all grasslands from being tilled and developed eventually, the government is paying landowners with "easements". These easements are a payment, primarily from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, to have the landowner either leave the land alone, or to continue using the land however they are to protect the native grassland species.

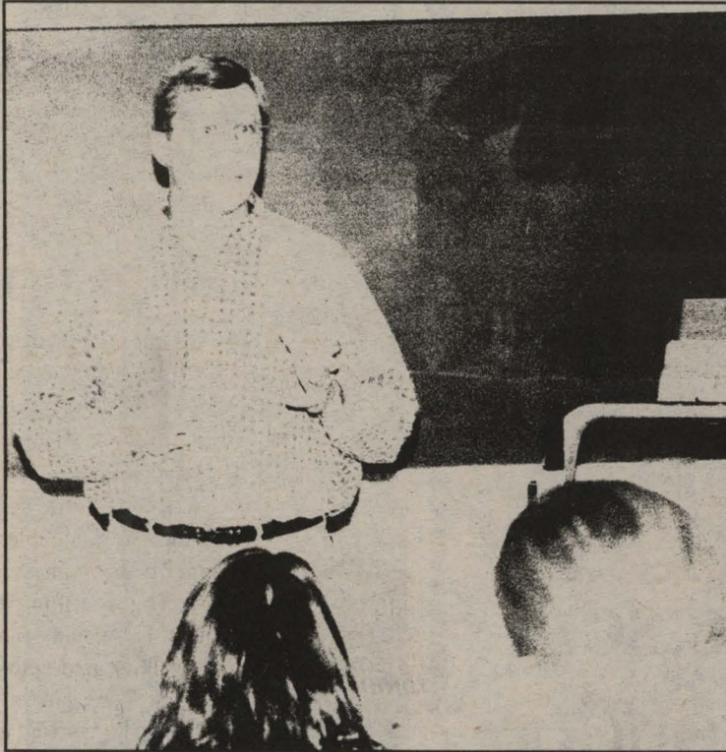


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CNR professor David Naugle speaks about grasslands and their deterioration in the Dakotas on Wednesday.

many of the independent farmers are struggling to make ends meet, so when the decision comes to plant crops, farmers do whatever is necessary to make money. If that means plowing a grassland to plant more crops, then that is what they have to do. However, Naugle added that the farmers

While this is a step in the right direction, there is still much work to be done before our grasslands are preserved. Studies are always being conducted and money is always being raised to help save more of our natural surroundings.

Wolf presence in Wisconsin increasing

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's no secret that wolves have had a tough time in Wisconsin. As a matter of fact, they've had a tough time anywhere lately. However, promising news greets environmentalists and wolf enthusiasts every day.

Ever since the bounty-hunted wolf had been nearly obliterated in the early 1900's, the presence of wolves in the US has been sparse at best. Yet recently, many different groups have formed programs to help wolves recover to their once fruitful existence in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Minnesota.

The main obstacle in the recovery of the majestic wolf is ignorance. People have read too many stories about "The Big Bad Wolf" and give wolves an unfair stereotype. True, wolves are predators. However, they are not human-killers, contrary to popular belief. They hunt to eat, just

like any other predator. They have been given an unfair bias because of stories, ads, and even team mascots. How vicious does the wolf on the logo of the Minnesota Timberwolves look? It has snarling teeth, angry eyes and a mean looking "attitude". This does not accurately portray a wolf.

Who is at fault for this?

Everyone. People are at fault for believing that wolves really are dangerous. The media is at fault for falsely displaying wolves as human-killers. Until we begin to educate ourselves and children, these inaccurate beliefs will not vanish.

Furthermore, how many times have you been walking in the woods and seen a wolf? See **Wolves** Page 16

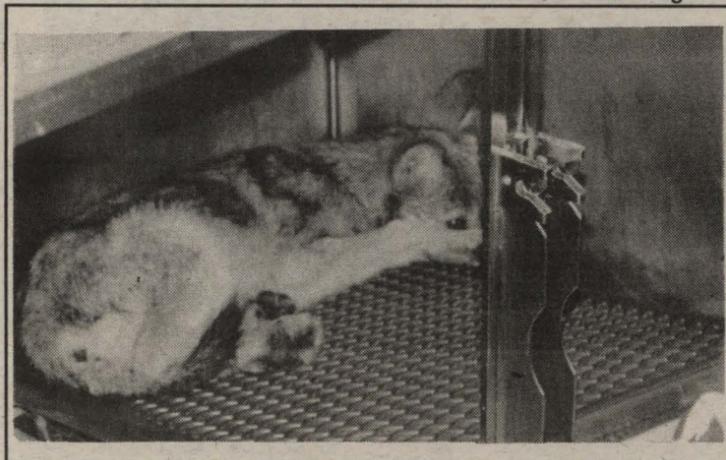


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Part of the wolf recovery program is to care for injured wolves like this pup.

Deer roadkill still an issue

With the combination of a record deer herd and motorists driving more miles on Wisconsin highways than ever before, state conservation wardens are warning drivers they need to be particularly careful in October and November to avoid colliding with deer.

In the last six months, 47,555 vehicle-killed deer were reported in Wisconsin, the highest total on record, according to Department of Natural Resources figures.

"The factors contributing to the highest total of car-deer collisions ever last year still exist this fall," said John Daniel, Department of Natural Resources deputy chief warden. "So people need to be particularly careful when they're driving early in the morning and at night in October and November, when deer are most likely to be moving around."

"The biggest factors fueling the increase in car-deer crashes is the increase in miles traveled on rural highways at the same time we have record numbers of deer in the state," Daniel said.

Wisconsin's fall population of deer is estimated at 1.7 million. DNR wildlife managers consider car-deer collisions when establishing population management goals and hunting seasons. Currently, deer numbers are above established population goals in much of the state. In order to help reduce the deer population, the state Natural Resources Board approved special "antlerless only" hunts on Oct. 26-29 and Dec. 7-10.

Car-deer crashes increase in October and early November because that is the deer mating

season and the deer are frequently moving around, Daniel said. Also, deer increasingly move toward roads at this time because vegetation in the woods is dying and the deer can find green, mowed grass on the roadside, he said.

Drivers who hit a deer should notify an enforcement agency such as the State Patrol, the local police department, a county sheriff's office, or a DNR office. Drivers who want to keep the carcass need to get it tagged by the law enforcement officer responding to the accident, or get it tagged later by contacting an enforcement agency and giving an officer their name, the carcass location, accident date and time. The officer approves the removal and gives the driver instructions and a location for having the carcass tagged within the next 24 hours.

If the driver doesn't want to keep the carcass, he can donate it to another person or a charitable organization, or allow another person at the accident scene to claim it.

People who see dead deer along roadsides that need to be picked up can call their county sheriff's office non-emergency number to report the location.

The Department of Natural Resources pays private contractors to pick up and properly dispose of the deer carcasses. Contractors check with sheriff's departments on a regular basis to find where deer carcasses are located. In the last year, DNR contractors picked up 34,425 deer for a total cost of \$577,322, or about \$18.34 per deer.

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Wolves

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Occasionally you will see a deer. Rarely, you may run across a fox or bear. However, there are many researchers who track wolves and never even actually see wolves. They do not want anything to do with us, just like most humans want nothing to do with wolves.

The DNR will continue to aid wolf recovery. However, people need to realize that we need these animals and they have just as much right to live on our land as we do.

There is plenty of excellent reading material on wolves. Perhaps the most informative book about the wolf in Wisconsin is "The Timberwolf in Wisconsin: The Death and Life of a Majestic Predator" by Richard Thiel.

Wolves are a hot topic in the wildlife field. Only humans could have had the ability and negligence to hunt them so harshly in the past, and only we as humans have the ability to aide their recovery.

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Letters From the Edge of the World



By Pat "Haptodysphria" Rothfuss
 "and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor"

Dear Pat:

Yo, I just want to tell you how phat and tight your column is, but let me get to the main point.

People I meet always end up saying, "Oh, how I love that Southern accent in your voice." I'll say some distinctive word like "y'all," then it's the inevitable "Hey, I went down to an evangelical mission in Alabama," or "I have relatives that make the best Grits in Atlanta." I politely nod and learn about their interesting Southern connection.

My problem is this: I don't like people noticing that I've got an accent. We all speak English. It may be different or hard to understand, but it's the same really. I want to talk about other subjects: ROTC, or political science, or women.

*How do I keep them from going back to the accent?
 Y'all write back, ya' hear?*

Travis Atkins

Thanks for the letter, Travis. Because you have pandered to my ego, you will be spared when the revolution comes.

Before I address your problem, I have to point out how lucky you are in some respects.

First, accents are sexy. Now admittedly, southern probably won't make the Top Ten list on Letterman, but you still beat out the real sucky accents like Hebraic, Norwegian and Texan. What it comes down to is a matter of taste-some chicks are going to dig your drawl. Once I went out with a girl that had a huge Dukes of Hazard fetish. I'd set the two of you up if she hadn't mysteriously gone lesbian after breaking up with me.

But your accent can have other benefits as well. As a freshman, you're in the friend-making business. And, unfortunately, small talk is one of the awkward steps everyone has to go through when they're meeting new people.

We've all been there, scrambling desperately to find something interesting to talk about, failing and resorting to the same mind-numbing topics that always arise when two people with no common interests converse: the weather and Seinfeld.

You have a real advantage here. Your accent is an automatic conversation starter. I'd dig it if someone told me they "love my southern accent." What's more, I'd fake an accent, even a Texas accent, if it would get me out of a Seinfeld conversation.

However, if you're bound and determined to avoid being noticed for your drawl, here are just a few options that you might want to consider.

Option one: Ditch the accent. Some people can do this with relative ease. Depending on the lengths you're willing to go to, you could even try taking Theater 332: Phonetics and Dialect. While this might seem a little extreme, I happen to know from personal experience that Tom Nevins, the prof. that teaches it, is wonderfully entertaining and well worth the price of admission all by himself.

Option two: Provide a distraction. If you give people something more interesting to talk about, they'll ignore your accent. For instance, when I get a bad haircut and I'm worried about people noticing, I just make sure that whenever I leave the house I'm not wearing any pants. Works like a charm.

Option three: Shut down the conversation. Prepare a couple bombshell one-liners for when someone brings up the whole 'southern' thing in a conversation. A few examples could be, "You don't eat grits, you f**k 'em." Or "I promised my granddaddy I'd bring him home a Yankee thumb for Christmas." Or "My sister better not be cheatin' on me back home."

After you drop this bomb into the conversation, one of two things will happen. 1) The other person will laugh, and instinctually avoid further stereotypical southern commentary. 2) The person will think you're a maniac, laugh nervously, and run away to call the police.

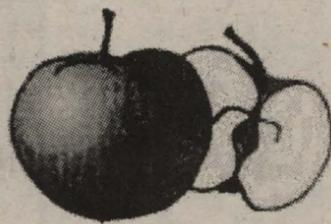
Either way, problem solved.

Option Four: Tough it out. If you can put up with the initial flurry of southern jokes, questions and stories, eventually the people you're talking with will grow to know you better. Real friends don't make fun of you because you've got an accent. Real friends make fun of you because of that time you pretended to be gay so you could date a sixteen year old girl without her parole officer getting suspicious.

Since you'll be looking for new conversation starters after this, might I suggest wearing your new, "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt? Not only is it stylish, not only is it sexy, it marks you as a free-thinking member of the intelligencia.

P.S. I'm letting you off the hook because you're the first letter of the year, but everyone else should be aware than if they use the term 'Phat' in a letter to me, I'll mock them so severely that they'll bleed from the ears and return for at least a week.

Festival in Apple Country



By Sasha Bartick

If you've yet to make your plans for the weekend might I make a suggestion? The Bayfield Apple Festival located right on Lake Superior in beautiful Bayfield, WI, is going to be taking place this Thursday through Sunday, Oct 5-8.

Bayfield, whose population goes from 686 to about 60,000 during this weekend, is renowned for its apple orchards, and this weekend the apples will be in their prime. Try a freshly baked apple dumpling or piece of pie, a carmel apple or apple cider. Whatever your little heart desires, as long as it has apple in it, can be yours this weekend.

Though apples are the theme of the festival, there are plenty of other mouth watering goodies to feast your eyes and taste buds upon. Gyros, corn-dogs, kettle corn, onion blossoms and an infinite array of artery clogging delicacies are available at the various booths lining the cobblestone streets of this historic port town.

Thursday the carnival begins and the locals will undoubtedly be entertaining themselves at the little taverns on Main street as they watch the grand stand go up.

Friday all of the street vendors as well as artists who have their booths on the waterfront in Memorial Park will be selling their wares. The Bayfield High School marching band makes its practice drill down town in preparation for Sunday's parade, and the live music on the grand stand begins. Shuttle buses run hourly up to the

most prominent orchards for tours and tastings, as well as out to the Isle Vista Casino for the Apple Jam music festival.

Saturday there are hay rides and an apple peeling contest. Peaceful Women (singing quartet) will take the stage, while Celtic street performers entertain passers by. In the evening the venetian boat parade, which features all of the local yachtsmen and their boats which they have bedecked with lights and other decorations, will take place.

Sunday wraps up the weekend while those who partied too hard the night before stumble their way through the crowds searching for a jug of cider to spike in hopes that it will kill their hangover. Vendors mark their goods down considerably in hopes they will break even, and the street entertainers sing extra hard in hopes that they will make enough tips to pay for their gas home.

Big Top Chautauqua and the Blue Canvas Orchestra dominate the stage on Sunday until early afternoon. At 2 o'clock the parade featuring nearly 100 floats makes its way down the hill, and into town where it meets the applause of the 60,000 watching.

To get to Bayfield, follow 51 North all the way to Hurley, WI, and get on Highway 2, which will take you to Ashland, WI, where you will follow Highway 13 all the way to Bayfield. The journey takes under four hours, and with the changing leaves this time of year, it's worth the drive.

Justin Roth Coming to town

By Sasha Bartick
 Arts and Review Editor

Singer/songwriter Justin Roth is on tour as we speak, trying to promote his second solo album *in between*. The title comes from moments in Justin's life that might have been overlooked if he hadn't searched for what was in between the lines of the bigger picture.

All of the songs featured on the album were written by Roth. He does the vocal and acoustic guitar work, along with various percussion instruments as well. The songs on the album range from emotional instrumentals to fast paced, fully orchestrated acoustic rock, and each has a unique sound. Roth's voice is pure yet possesses a maturity that makes you wonder what this man has been through, and his lyrics leave you with something to think about.

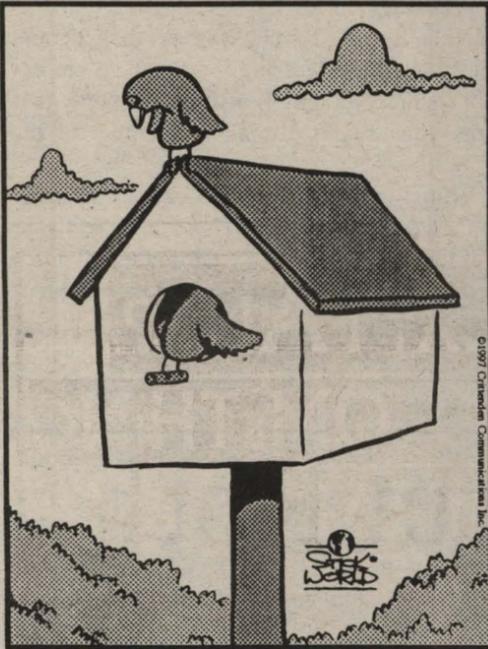
Roth will be coming to Stevens Point on Oct. 6th, and will be double-billing with Chris Cunningham. The two will be at the Encore at 8 p.m. that Friday night.



Justin Roth and his second album, *in between*. Come see Justin live on Oct. 6th at the Encore.



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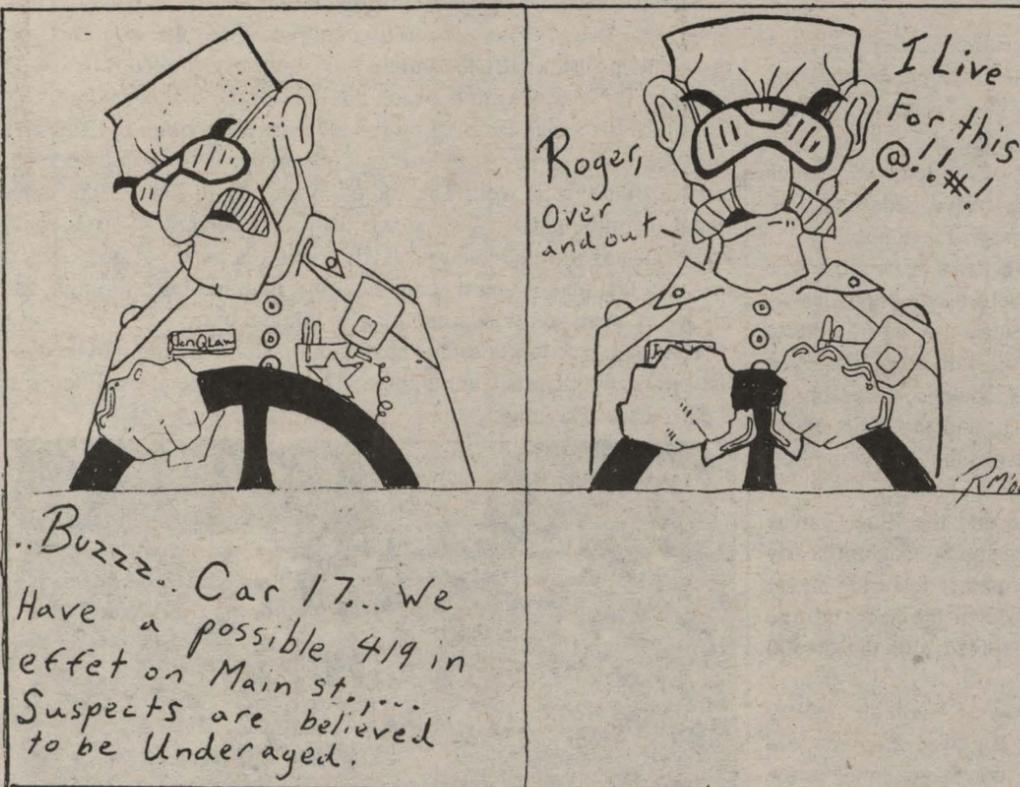
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