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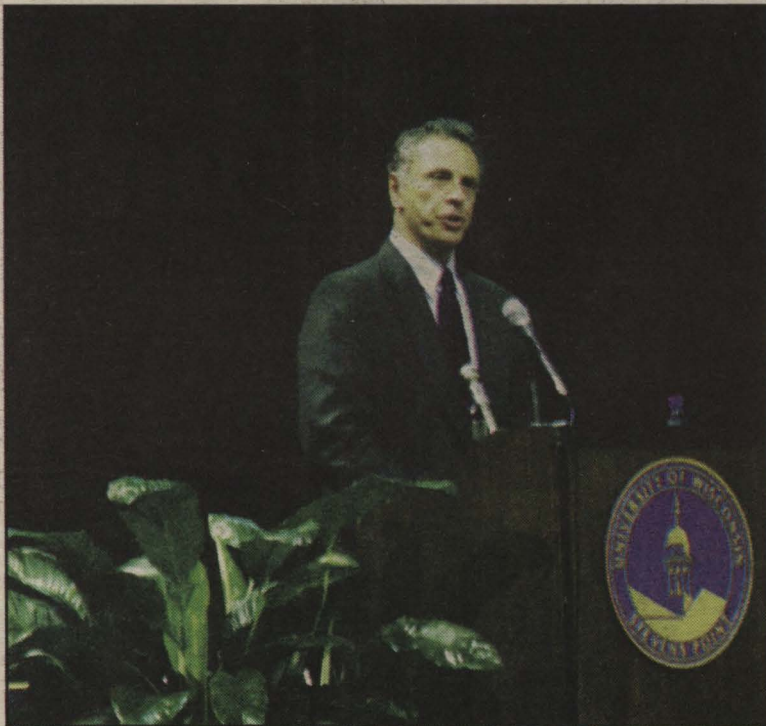


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Morris Dees spoke on civil rights Tuesday.

Civil rights activist speaks out on tolerance at UWSP

By Chris Randazzo
MANAGING EDITOR

Morris Dees delivered a simple message of love, hope and tolerance to a packed Quandt Fieldhouse at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point's (UWSP) annual assembly Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Dees, a civil rights lawyer and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), is most famous for winning precedent-setting lawsuits against hate groups.

"I didn't come here to put this nation down ... but there is a dark cloud that hangs over this

nation as we enter this century," said Dees.

That cloud, according to Dees, is intolerance. He said that there were over 9,000 hate crimes committed last year and that there are now over 450 hate websites on the Internet.

He likened the country's current state of affairs to a battle.

"There is a battle going on in America, a battle that you are going to take part in whether you want to or not, because if you don't do anything someone else will set the agenda," said Dees. "That's a battle over whose America this is and whose version of America will survive into

the next century."

Dees personalized the stories of victims of hate crimes, rather than quoting statistics. He told the story of Mulugeta Seraw, an Ethiopian man who was murdered by members of a skinhead racist group because of the color of his skin.

Dees said that while there are problems, there is also good news. He said that people are reaching out to victims of hate groups and "trying to bridge the gaps that separate us." He stressed the importance of building bridges of friendship and

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Kristin Gore promotes student involvement during UWSP visit

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Yesterday, Kristin Gore, the second daughter of Vice President Al Gore, encouraged UWSP students to vote Nov. 7.

"I urge everyone to get all of your friends, family, acquaintances to focus on what's at stake, to go to the polls and vote your conscience," she said. "Hopefully it will lead you to voting for my dad and Joe Lieberman because I really believe that they'll shape the kind of future that we want to

have."

Kristin Gore spoke to UWSP students, faculty, staff and community members in the University Center (UC) about the impact the student vote could have on this election.

"I get frustrated when people characterize our generation as apathetic because we're not apathetic at all; the volunteerism rates for our generation are incredibly high," said Kristin Gore.

She went on to say that the demographic of people who are

18-30 years old is the most powerful one in terms of advertising, TV, radio, music and movies.

"If we could harness that power in the political realm, we could make history," she said.

Kristin Gore spoke about how her father instilled environmental values on her and her siblings when she was growing up. She said that he helped her with science projects about the green house effect and encouraged her to participate on Earth Day events such as river clean ups.

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Photo by Renee Eismueller

Kristin Gore

Abortion rights addressed by pro-choice

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

Abortion has been a topic of debate since its legalization in 1973. On Wednesday, the National Young Women's Day of Action created the opportunity for this controversial issue to be discussed.

Katherine Herringlake, a member of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), spoke at the Encore about the history of reproductive rights and the state of affairs in America today in regards to the abortion issue.

"I think it's fantastic that this campus recognizes the

National Young Women's Day of Action," said Herringlake.

In addition to discussing the current threat to choice, Herringlake noted that the limited access to abortions creates a problem for women in America as well.

"It's been a long time since choice has been so threatened in this country," said Herringlake. "But both abortion rights and access to abortions are threatened every day."

In her summary of reproductive history, Herringlake pointed out that the ban on abortion in the nineteenth century was the result of physicians

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Photo by John Krejci

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10% Society comes out with new name

By Cheryl Tepsa
COPY EDITOR

The 10% Society kicks off the new school year with many changes, including a name change, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). At this fall's re-recognition ceremony, GSA introduced its new name.

"We have so many allies coming to the meetings, we decided to rethink our focus," said GSA President Michelle Fitch.

During last year's hate crime incidents, allies reacted strongly in defense of their gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (GLBT) friends. So strongly, that the 10% Society knew that they had to do something that would welcome those supporters into the group.

Throughout the years, gay students have often brought their straight friends to the meetings for support, but the general feeling on campus was that only gay students were involved.

"We wanted to make it clear that you don't have to be gay to be in the group," said Wayne Sorenson, GSA adviser.

Members of the group have an exciting year planned. GSA wants to do more diversity outreach on campus through the use of informative panels during all-hall meetings, but more importantly, grassroots advocacy efforts by the students.

"We think we would be more effective at reaching out to people one-on-one, rather than through the usual means," said Liz Fontana, GSA outreach co-coordinator.

Recently, last year's homophobia problems have been revived in the halls. In certain halls, discriminatory messages have been written on openly gay students' marker boards.

"We'll be making 'Not in our hall' posters to express how we feel about the hateful comments. They [the comments] are just not appropriate," remarked one student.

Besides the campus outreach, GSA also expects to integrate the community and nearby schools in their activities.

This year, GSA voted to create the position of outreach coordinator to put more focus on off-campus outlets for GSA involvement. They plan to work in conjunction with GLBT clubs in area schools.

GSA has been an outlet for gay students of campus since the group began in the early eighties.

"We help students from feeling isolated and alienated on campus. Gay students can meet people they have something in common with," said Sorenson.

GSA activities on campus include homecoming involvement, National Coming Out Day publicity and participation in April's Gay Pride Week. Their official purpose is outlined in their constitution; they provide support and education for the campus and the GLBT community.

They meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the University Center. Those interested in becoming involved can contact Fitch at mfitc305@uwsp.edu for further information.



Photo by News Services

ROTC helicopters landed in a field near Lot Q during a demonstration Friday.

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"I think Kristin Gore's visit to campus is a great attempt to try to pull away some votes away from the fairly large Nader contingency on this campus," said College Democrat President Andrew Halverson. "Students really need to realize that Al Gore has been fighting for environmental issues throughout his career in the political ring."

Another issue Kristin Gore touched on in her speech is education. She spoke about her friends who were struggling to pay off student loans and how her dad's plan to make college education tax deductible up to \$10,000 may alleviate some of the strain.

Some of Kristin Gore's friends are teachers, so she spoke about their experiences with

large class sizes and low pay.

After speaking in the UC, Kristin Gore toured the College of Natural Resources, making stops at The Environmental Task Force Lab and the Herbarium.

State Representative Julie Lassa was present during Kristin Gore's speech.

"It's really great that Kristin Gore is in Stevens Point because we really need students to vote in this election," she said. "SGA has done a wonderful job in registering students," Lassa added.

The national polls show Al Gore in a dead heat with George W. Bush making the next week and a half critical time to rally support for either side.

Although many people who were present during Kristin Gore's speech were sporting Gore/Lieberman pins, Jeremy

Smith, the president of the College Republicans, arrived armed with Bush/Cheney signs.

"We're here to let her know that there's a large conservative presence here on campus," he said.

The event was scheduled to take place in the Brewhaus of the UC but was moved to a room near the LaFallet Lounge due to the large number of people who showed up to hear the vice president's daughter speak.

At 23, Kristin Gore is a recent graduate of Harvard University. She currently lives in Los Angeles where she writes for the animated FOX sitcom *Futurama*. She will be campaigning full-time for her father until the election.

UWSP - Election 2000

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society is hosting a student debate in the Legacy Room of the University Center Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Four to five students from each the College Republicans, College Democrats and Green Party will square off at 7:30 p.m. and answer questions delivered by the event's moderator Chancellor Thomas George. Student representatives will face both formal questions written by University faculty and spontaneous inquiries from the audience.

With a tight election less than a week from the debate, event participants hope to inform the public of political issues from a student standpoint. Those who cannot attend the debate in person can tune into 90FM for a live broadcast.

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fearing loss of business rather than an ethical issue.

"Abortions used to be performed by midwives and was a really local practice," she said. "The American Medical Association began opposing abortions because they felt it was cramping their business."

Herringlake stressed that while abortion was illegal prior to the Roe v. Wade decision it was still prevalent and much more hazardous. "In the 1960s, there were one million illegal abortions, with three hundred fifty thousand resulting in complications including ten thousand deaths."

She explained that the pro-choice movement is not the monster that pro-lifers make it out to be. "We only support first and second trimester abortions, when it is determined that there is chance of fetal survival without the mother," she said. "We do not support partial birth abortions which are already illegal."

Herringlake pointed out that though abortion is coming under fire in the political realm lately, pro-choice activists are becoming more energized. "There have been 62 anti-choice laws enacted since Roe v. Wade but the women's movement is really

picking up steam."

She contributes the recent sway in public opinion towards the pro-life movement to "scare tactics" and complacency among the pro-choice contingency in the past.

"The pro-choice movement hasn't had control and hasn't been out as strongly or loudly," said Herringlake. "Opposition forces have used clever tactics to get the people in support of their cause."

The audience got involved with questions and comments throughout the night. "I was the result of an unwanted pregnancy," said one audience member. "I value my existence but I'm pro-choice now. I want my friends to have that choice just like my parents did."

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) sponsored the event.

"I'm pro-choice because it leaves the option open for women," said Alexa Priddy, WRC Coordinating Director. "It allows you to choose what's right for you."

In addition to bringing Herringlake to UWSP, the WRC set up a booth in the concourse of the University Center supplied with literature to educate students on both contraception and abortion procedures.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

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or e-mail me at jblader@uwsp.edu

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love, especially with those people who are different from us.

Dees also quoted civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy to emphasize how important one person's contribution can be.

"The most important point he made is everybody makes a difference. All this started with him trying to make a difference," said UWSP Student Jonathon Nash.

And Dees has made a difference. As chief trial council for SPLC he has won a number of multimillion-dollar lawsuits against hate groups. He has also fought for a variety of civil rights causes including equal rights for women, free speech and anti-death penalty legislation.

Additionally he has received numerous awards including the National Education Association's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award. Because of his work, Dees has gained the respect of many people.

"I have been following Morris Dees from the beginning, and I'm 87," said retired Attorney Mary Ellen Trotter. "I'm particularly impressed because he's so familiar with the militant groups."

According to Dees, "teaching tolerance" provides free edu-

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Bush: the best man for the job

I have seen too many letters on these pages that have bashed George W. Bush quite unfairly and have glorified Gore or Nader. It's about time that a Bush supporter be heard. I am taking this opportunity to paint a picture of why I support George W. Bush for president. After this letter, your opinion might not be changed, but please read and be tolerant of my views. Republicans are tolerant of others because that is the way democracy is suppose to work. In fact, I won't even say anything about Nader or Gore because of the great leader George W. Bush will be for uniting America.

For me as a contracted ROTC cadet, the most important issue of the election is military spending and defense. George W. Bush believes that it's not right for our government to allow our servicemen and servicewomen to be on welfare. In 1998, over \$24 billion of WIC (Women, Infants and Children) money was spent by military families. The people that protect our freedom from fear and serve the ultimate form of citizenship should deserve better. George W. Bush will increase the military's pay to respectable levels with a \$1 billion raise. This translates to about \$750 for every soldier, seaman, airman or Marine. President Clinton dragged his feet for years on giving the military a pay raise and only last year agreed to a very low 3.1% pay raise. Al Gore and Ralph Nader are mum about giving the military a raise. Isn't it only decent of us to give

back to the men and women that give so much us to us?

On Jan. 20, 1993, Bill Clinton inherited a strong military that was fresh off its amazing victory in Iraq. Over the next eight years, defense spending dropped 40 percent to a portion of the budget that is smaller than any level since before Pearl Harbor. While Clinton reduced military spending and the size of our armed forces, he used them more and more. He has sent them to Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, among others and these troops are not devastated from constant deployment. Military effectiveness is down, morale is low as parents spend long times away from their children and the armed forces are missing recruiting targets. What can be done to remedy this situation?

First, elect George W. Bush as President. He will, as I said earlier, ask for another billion dollars in pay raises. He will only use the military in protection of our national interests. I mean, what are our national interests protecting the warring Serbs and Moslems in the Balkans which is the "powder keg of Europe?" Bush will send our troops only as a last resort after exhausting all possible diplomatic forms. He will increase the military's strength by pushing for a national and theater missile defense system. Again, Bill Clinton bowing to the Chinese and the Russians have refused to support a missile defense system. He doesn't think it important to

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Gore's plan won't benefit students

This fall there have been many editorials from concerned students trying to convince us on how we should vote. Some have suggested that we shouldn't vote our conscience because it might cause the election of someone they personally dislike, and others have declared both parties beyond repair, but what has been missing from all of the articles up to this point are facts that apply to our daily struggles as Americans and college students.

Now I don't claim to be neutral, but the following facts are from news organizations and independent groups that have never been traditionally linked with conservative, causes so take these facts as you wish. Most students know what it's like to deal with financial aid and to have very little money. Al Gore's plan for a college tuition tax credit sounds like a winner, especially because he increases the lifetime learning credit from 20% to 28%, but here is where the silver lining comes off. If you don't pay federal income taxes, you don't receive the credit leaving 29 million families out of the picture. All of you Hope Scholarships students, I'm sorry, no break for you 2.6 million students. 5.5 million students don't get anything because their parents make too much.

In fact, with all of Al's hidden exceptions, 10.7 million college students won't qualify. This isn't even the worst thing about his plan. In order to fund his plan, \$300 million worth of Pell grants would be cut. Also the money given in his plan can't be used for room and board. *The Washington Post* (1/26/00) sums up Al Gore's college plan effectively, "most of the money would be in the form of a tax break that would do little to increase access to higher education among those too poor to afford it." Facts may be boring, but when you can't afford to go/stay in college because we ignored the facts on election day, it's too late to start paying attention.

Jeremy J. Smith

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GOP agenda bad for women

As a demonstrator at Monday's "W stands for women rally" at the Cottage Grove Elementary School, where the Bush-Cheney-Thompson spouses were to kick-off a three-city campaign tour of the Badger State, I was most struck by two ironies. One irony was that, since

it's no secret the GOP leadership would like nothing more than to overturn the constitutional right to abortion, the title of the rally said the opposite of what "W" really stands for--war on women. The other irony was that, since the GOP agenda is so hell-bent on destroying public education,

staging the rally at our neighborhood school again disguised what "W" really stands for--war on public schools, students and teachers. And with Thompson people in the mix, I won't be surprised if local taxpayers are socked with the bill.

Dennis Coyier

Student protests CPD practices

On Oct. 17th, I had the unique opportunity to venture from Stevens Point and protest the Presidential debates at Washington University in St. Louis. The protest was focused on the nefarious, tyrannical objectives of the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). The CPD is a private duopoly owned by the Democrats and Republicans that monitors and conducts all Presidential debates.

Recently, the powers that be in the CPD fearfully revoked Green Party candidate Ralph Nader from simply viewing the debates in a separate auditorium, reserved apart from the corporate-sponsored audience in attendance for the two-party show, even though he had a ticket for admittance.

Citizens of a democracy should not be subdued or subjected to obvious violations of basic civil rights and liberties and such high degrees of censorship. Clearly, Nader was only disallowed because of his affiliation with a third party campaign. Is our government truly a

homozygous bureaucracy ran by corporations and "Big-Brother" conspiracies?

Should the Republicrats be allowed to block information from the common citizen via media sedation and corporate intervention?

The baleful motives of the CPD were witnessed first-hand in St. Louis moments before the Presidential debates, or repetitive agreements and compulsive gyrations.

I viewed Ralph Nader as he attempted to enter the campus of Washington University with clearance form student organizations as well as the University Housing division. Despite the obvious campus approval of Nader's presence, the anti-democracy regime, the CPD revoked his entry. Before Nader's deportation he turned to the numerous supporters and stated, "That was the biggest blunder the CPD has ever made. Just wait and see what happens."

Justifiably, Nader has filed a lawsuit against the CPD, on violations of civil rights and discriminatory practices. With

Nader's background as a fearless leader for consumer rights and corporate resistance, this lawsuit seems almost like a "sure-shot", win for Ralph and the entire Green Party.

Hopefully, within the next four years, the CPD will be dismantled, and the American people will be given a chance for a Presidential debate ran by and for the people and their interests.

John Baeten, Campus Greens



UWSP students protest outside St. Louis Debate

Pointer Poll

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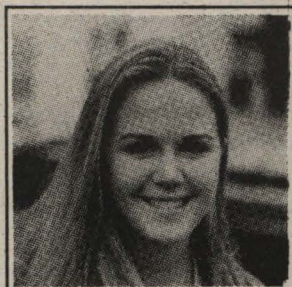
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Death



Jeff McGilvra, Sr. Chemistry
Being put on the spot



Jeff Borling, So. Undecided
Boredom



Heidi Savage, So. Communication
*Nothing because
I've got Jesus*



Reba Riedner, So. Ecosystems Restoration
Jim Jungwirth



Amanda Wars, Fr. English
Semi Trucks

The Golden Rule: do we still remember it?

I am writing about the articles printed about homosexuality, and the article responding to it. Let me state right up front I don't agree fully with either article, however the later one is the one that concerns me the most. This may come as a shock to the person who wrote that article, but one of Jesus' main teachings throughout the entire Bible is "to love your neighbor as yourself," (Matthew 19:19). It's called the golden rule for those of you who have forgotten, and if you want to know who your neighbor is, just look up Luke 10:30-37 (the tale

of the good samaritan.)

From what I could gather, the person who wrote "Intolerance remains a problem" was just looking to be treated by his neighbors the same way she was treating them, with a little, God forbid, kindness. If we as Christians can't do this, no wonder so many people see us as hypocrites. To quote DC Talk (a Christian band,) "The greatest single cause of atheism in today's society is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and get on about their life. This is what an

unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." To explain that, it means some Christians say they are Christians and only act it on Sundays at church.

The author of the rebuttal article seems to be one of those Christians who thinks it is his right to judge others. To quote Dan, "since he has made mention of the Bible, it is there we turn for the answer."

The answer is in many of the books of the Bible let us first look at James 4:12. "There is only one lawgiver and judge, the

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Humans: the advocates of reality

I would like the phone number to God since some obviously speak to him and he talks back, just like way way, back in the day when God spoke, and then man interpreted his words (Hebrew to English=Very Difficult.) There has been so many different interpretations, I just can't understand why so many believe something that was written billions of years ago and stand behind a phrase in Leviticus to justify their homophobia.

In response to the previous letter of obvious homophobia and ignorance. Ignorance, meaning not knowing the truth and fearing it. How dare one compare my "Chosen Lifestyle" to pornography and stealing. This is not my lifestyle. This is who I am. I did not choose to be gay. Why would anyone in their right mind choose to be gay, when they live in world that condemns them, calls them sick, basically creating a very hard environment to be gay. I went through hell and back with my family, friends and school, because I didn't want to admit I was gay. Because its "bad," I didn't want to shame my family, and I let people, like the one who wrote that letter, make me feel like I was a horrible sinner. I am not part of a homosexual community, I am part of this community.

I am gay. I can't help it. To put it bluntly I am

not physically attracted to women. Believe me, I tried everything in my power to be "straight," to the point where I didn't want to live anymore if it meant I was gay. But one day I woke up and said, "Either I accept myself or be miserable for the rest of my life." There is nothing I nor any one else in this world can do about that. That's why I say, a converted homosexual is a bunch of hogwash. This Bob Van Domelon obviously let society make him feel so bad, that he decided he was a former homosexual. Homophobia keeps people in the closet or pushes them back in. What does that mean? Self hate and living a lie. That is horrible to do someone. I can speak from experience. Geez people, it's hard enough to deal with the fact you can't get married like everyone else, have kids in a smooth fashion, or show affection to your boyfriend because you're afraid of getting the crap beat out of you.

I am a good person, a good son, a good older brother of eight and a good friend. I work my butt off to better my life and those around me. Everything I do in my life has nothing to do with me being gay. I am not a sinner. I did not choose to sin or make a poor choice. I do choose to how-

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Homosexuality is biological, not a sin

I am writing this letter in response to that which appeared in the latest edition of *The Pointer* entitled "Jesus: advocate of forgiveness, not tolerance." In reading the mentioned article, I find myself completely unconvinced by any of the arguments presented. First of all, a true misuse of evidence: applying Jesus' actions found in the Bible toward adultery to homosexuality.

The issues are not the same, and yet the writer makes a dangerous assumption and simply uses the argument against adultery to prove his point dealing with homosexuality. Unless there is explicit documentation on Jesus' behavior toward homosexuals, I do not believe anyone is at liberty to extrapolate on his ideals. If one holds Jesus to be the true son of God, who is a mere mortal to put words in his mouth?

Second, I believe that if Jesus was truly as great as some say he was, he would certainly show tolerance toward those who are not causing any real human harm to others, but simply pursuing a lifestyle that they find gratifying. If one cannot tolerate a consenting liaison between two like-minded individuals in which the only potential harm is to themselves, this is not type of person I would hold in such high spiritual regard.

And lastly, I would like to address the issue of changing one's sexual orientation. I simply don't believe it can be done. It is my perception that the sex drives of homosexual individuals are as biologically integrated with their bodies as those of "natural" heterosexuals. It is my belief that if a person is able to change from homosexuality to heterosexuality, one of two situations is at hand: they possess a tormented and unfulfilled psyche due to their conformity to narrow-minded beliefs, or they were never a homosexual to begin with.

I understand that homosexuality and religion are delicate issues, but I simply do not respect the attitude that homosexuals are inferior or in some way flawed as compared to the heterosexual mainstream.

No one at all stands to benefit from lack of tolerance and persecution of these people. I believe that the sex drive of a homosexual feels as natural and "right" to a homosexual as the sex drive of a heterosexual feels to a heterosexual, though the ultimatums of morality and righteousness which are so prevalent today may sometimes taint that feeling. Even if it is not, who are we to judge the lifestyle preferences of others?

Aaron Marx

Not the Christianity I know

I found it interesting that someone could take one small piece of an article and turn it into another chance to preach about how homosexuality is a sin. I suppose the title "Jesus: advocate of forgiveness, not tolerance" was a great choice because it certainly caught my eye. Apparently, I did not receive the correct message in all my years of Catholic CCD classes. I always assumed that Jesus represented love and acceptance of those normally shunned by society. I guess I should have paid more attention.

I suppose the trouble lies in fear and hatred on both sides. I've been told that the reason why so many Christians hate us is because ignorance leads to fear, and fear leads to hate. This would place ignorance as being the underlying cause of our troubles (as with most troubles). What I find interesting is that the same slippery slope can be found within the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) community towards many Christian religions. With the exception of open-minded groups like GLOBS (Gay and Lesbian Open-minded Bible Study), it seems that every time a GLBT individual reaches out towards the Bible or some religions, our hands are slapped with preaching such as "God hates Gays!" This causes many of us to shrink back from religion and live in ignorance of it and the possible benefits of its teachings. I know some people who are petrified of and even loath all Christianity because of this.

Along the lines of ignorance, I was dismayed to read that the author of the Jesus article associated homosexuality with adultery, pornography and (most interestingly) stealing. I have heard most of these associations time and again, but all they do is frustrate me more and more. Last time I checked, not all adulterers, pornographers and child molesters were homosexual, or vice versa. The struggle for GLBT equality is not about us trying to convert the world to our way of live. It is exactly what it proclaims to be--a struggle for equality. For the most part, we yearn for the right to live our lives in peace and equality. No more, no less.

Kelly Staerzl



HALLOWEEN HAVOC:

TRICK OR TREAT?



By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine.

Since then, Halloween has been an annual celebration, but what exactly is it a celebration of? Is it a simple harmless tradition, or is it, as some believe, a holiday for demon worship?

Popular belief is that the word itself, "Halloween," originated in the Catholic church. It derives from All Hallows Eve or All Saints Day celebrated on Nov. 1. This is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints.

Another possible derivation comes from the fifth century B.C. In Celtic Ireland, the summer season officially ended on Oct. 31. The holiday was called Samhain, recognized as the Celtic New year.

Legends say that, on the last day of the Celtic summer, the disembodied spirits of all those who had perished throughout the previous year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife.

All laws of space and time were suspended during Samhain, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, mortals had no desire to be possessed by these restless spirits, so on the night of Oct. 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes to make them cold and undesirable to intruders.

They would then adorn themselves in terrifying costumes and noisily parade throughout the village, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away unwanted spirits.

These traditions suggest an explanation about the origins of Halloween, but where do the customs come from? Why do we carve pumpkins every year? Why do children go to strangers' homes for treats?

The pumpkin-carving custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale goes, a man named Jack, who was a notorious drunk, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trap-

ping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

The belief is that after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, yet he wasn't welcomed in Hell because he had tricked the devil.

Instead, the devil gave him a single flame to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollow turnip to keep it glowing longer.

The Irish initially used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns". But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollow pumpkin, lit with an ember.

Scotland also may be a source of customs and traditions practiced during Halloween. Pumpkins and gourds holding lights were used as lanterns by people who traveled on foot on Oct. 31. Scary faces were carved on the pumpkins and gourds to frighten away spirits or fairies who might otherwise lead a person astray. They served the same purpose of protection when placed on household porches or windows.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated with a European custom called souling. On Nov. 1, Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of cherries and bread. The more soul cakes a person received, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in purgatory for some time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.

Although some cults and devil worshippers may have adopted Halloween as their favorite holiday, the festival itself most likely didn't develop from their practices.

Information from: *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things* by Charles Panati (1987).

Trick or can?

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat...." Halloween is back. However, this year, it is not candy many UWSP students will be asking for.

On Sunday, Oct. 29 between 3 and 6 p.m., students are encouraged to go door-to-door in the community asking for canned goods. This event, titled "Trick or Canning," is sponsored by over 15 university organizations and is the first of its kind heavily publicized in the community.

According to event coordinator Duffy Casey, in his hometown of Indianapolis the number of homeless people coming into food shelters triples in October. This statistic prompted Casey to start his own Trick-or-Canning.

"My friends and I would dress as cowboys and go trick-or-treating for cans," Casey said. "Then we would take the cans to the churches so they could distribute them to shelters."

Casey introduced the idea to various campus clubs who showed support. After speaking to student government and businesses in town, Casey met Stephanie Wendel, who also wanted to organize a Trick-or-Canning event.

"I talked to my hall director," Wendel said. "I asked him to e-mail staff members of every residence hall. Duffy and I also went to organizations to see if they wanted to get involved. I called radio stations and sent out faxes to publicize our event on the air. We hung over 100 flyers on Division Street businesses alone."

Casey and Wendel are hoping for 150-200 cans, which can be dropped off at County Market during Trick-or-Canning hours. St. Vincent de Paul will pick them up.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please call Duffy Casey at 346-3307 or Stephanie Wendel at 346-3090.



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'The Boyfriend' debuts

By Amy Shaw
FEATURES REPORTER

The roaring '20s are revisited this weekend with the opening of Sandy Wilson's "The Boyfriend" at the Sentry Theatre in Stevens Point.

Sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Community Theatre, the musical is directed by UWSP theatre professor, Linda Martin-Moore. Her husband, Jim Moore, UWSP professor of dance choreographs.

The musical is a witty parody of the free-spirited antics enjoyed by the upper-class in the '20s. See **Boyfriend** on page 10



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Jackson Browne and Indigo Girls do their part to help the environment

By Stefanie Mach
FEATURES REPORTER

The Indigo Girls and Jackson Browne delivered the message "Honor the Earth" during the concert last Wednesday. The musical performances were accompanied with speeches about local environmental issues and a video.

Wynona LaDuke, the vice presidential candidate running for the Green Party, is program director of the Honor the Earth campaign. During the concert, LaDuke spoke about the role of government in cleansing and preserving the environment. She implored each person to play his or her part in the struggle.

LaDuke defined the purpose of the tour, and all of the performers' music reflected it. The Indigo Girls performed many songs that fit the theme of the concert as well as their classics "Closer to Fine" and Galileo."

Jackson Browne had a couple of his old tunes like "Take it Easy," which he playfully ad-libbed after forgetting the words to some of the verses. Browne also performed songs to match the theme of the concert.

"It's nice to see someone (perform) that has a message, not just the typical mainstream music," said Shannon Hunter.

The Indigo Girls and LaDuke gave a personal touch to their message by coming into the audience to collect cards that audience members signed in opposition to the proposed power line to run across Wisconsin.

Jenny Femal said about the concert, "(The concert) was just awesome! It was really cool when they came into the audience."

There was an energetic atmosphere and although it was a sit-down concert, many people were inclined to get up and dance.

"The concert left you feeling inspired," said Melissa Warren as the crowd filed energetically out of the full gym.

Native American singer/songwriter Annie Humphrey opened for the double feature. Proceeds from the tour benefit and raise awareness for Native American environmental concerns.

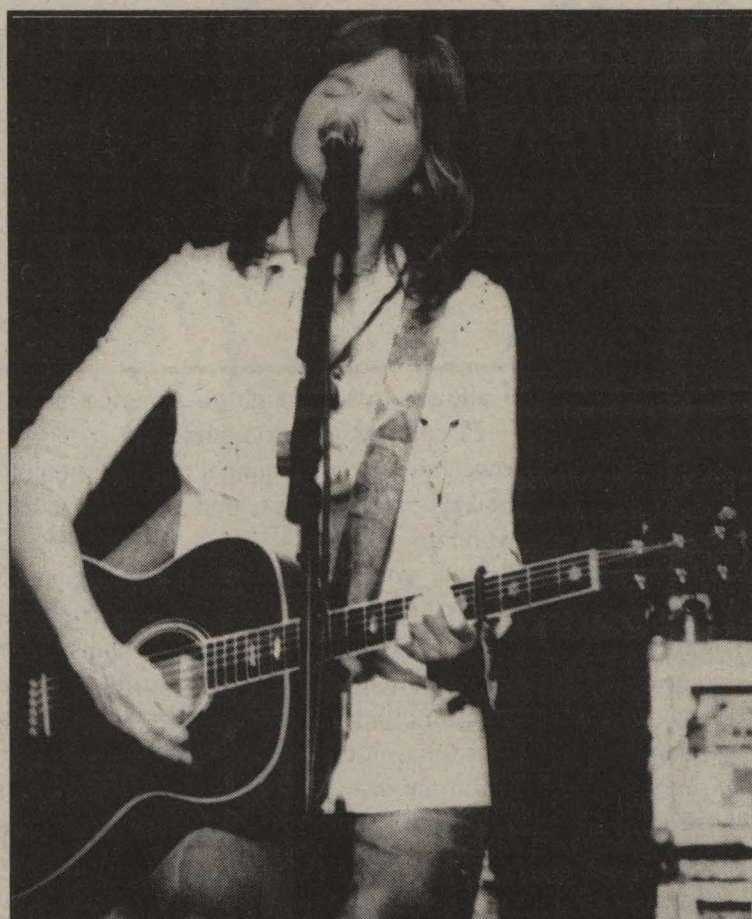


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The Indigo Girls performed in Quandt fieldhouse last Wednesday.

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ORGANIZATIONAL NOTES

UNIVERSITY WRITERS

By Katie Harding

FEATURES EDITOR

University Writers, an academic organization on campus, serves the campus and community of Stevens Point with many activities to further the development of literary appreciation and skills.

Leaders of University Writers establish workshop sessions wherein interested persons can analyze and discuss selections of writings.

The organization also publishes a literary magazine each year entitled *Barney Street*.

Last year, University Writers sponsored readings at the Mission Coffee House and a used book sale. Members also helped out at the annual Writers' Workshop held on campus every December.

Barney Street is available to the public during the spring semester. Previous issues are available in the UC bookstore and some local bookstores. Contents include art, fiction and poetry submissions accepted by the group's editorial staff.

According to president Laura Rogers, members are holding a "promotional coffee house meeting to spread the word that we're accepting submissions." This reading will take place on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7p.m. at the Mission Coffee House.

The group, led by students Laura Rogers and Leah Ostrander, meets every Monday at 7 p.m. near the Alumni Room of the UC. Associate professor of English, Donna Decker serves as the group's faculty adviser. English professor, Richard Behm, also helps oversee the organization.

If you are interested in helping with any activities, please contact Laura Rogers at 346-3465.

For more information about University Writers, please visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/univwriters.

Want to get the word out about your organization and its cause? Contact Katie or Amy in the Pointer office or e-mail khart755@uwsp.edu.



TASTE OF THE TOWN



By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR



Photo by Renee Eismueller

Arbuckles Eatery in downtown Stevens Point.

Rating System

- * Don't shove this down your worst enemy's throat.
- ** You might leave with a decent treat for your pet.
- *** Decent food, service, selection and price.
- **** Excellent dining experience.

REPORT CARD

ARBUCKLES EATERY

Neither my roommate nor I have been to Arbuckles, so we decided to give it a try this week.

Upon entering, I thought the decor was quite attractive. The lighting was dim, and the walls were full of eye-catching pictures and decorations. There was a bar nearby. The restaurant was a little small, but I didn't feel cramped.

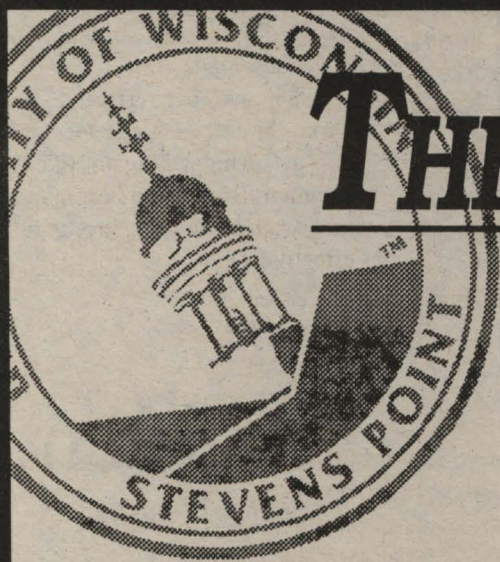
Surprisingly, we were the only diners in the restaurant the entire time we were there. It was about 5 p.m. so we thought it might have been a tad early for dinner.

We both opted for the club sandwich which consisted of turkey, bacon, tomato and lettuce on toast with french fries. I had a Coke, and my companion drank an iced tea.

Our food arrived promptly, and we both thoroughly enjoyed our dinner. It was a fairly large portion, and the price was reasonable.

Overall rating: ***

The food, portions and price were good. Our waitress wasn't too friendly, but she did a decent job.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

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CP! Cinema: Road Trip, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM, Laird Room, UC

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POINTER PERSPECTIVE DAY, 10:00 AM, Laird Room, UC
CP! Special Events: Vocal Tonic, 8:00 PM, The Encore, UC
Wom. Soccer, WIAC Semifinals
Wom. VB, UW-Oshkosh Tournament (T)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

RHA presents: FAMILY DAY, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Swimming, UW-Eau Claire, 1PM (T)
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Lobby
Wom. Cross-Country, WIAC Championships (Whitewater)
Wom. Soccer, WIAC Championship
Wom. VB, UW-Oshkosh Tournament (T)

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Dees

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cational materials to approximately 80,000 schools across the country. These materials are even being used here in Stevens Point.
"All the materials are well done and well produced. The kids are captivated by the videos. They had no concept that this stuff exists. The videos are a real true clear picture of what's going on. It broadens their horizons," said Tom McCann, seventh grade teacher at St. Peter Middle School. "The magazines are great too."
Dees ended his speech by again emphasizing that people need to get involved in their com-

munities in any way they can.
Not everyone is on the Morris Dees bandwagon, however. There are numerous hate sites dedicated to him on the Internet by various groups, including the Ku Klux Klan. There is also an article in the November issue of *Harper's Magazine* that attacks his motives saying he is only interested in making money.
However, Dees claims that this information is untrue. He pointed out that the article is actually a reprint from five years ago and that neither he nor the SPLC were contacted about the article. Numerous articles in other magazines such as *Time* and *Newsweek* also contradict the information in the *Harper's*

piece.
Furthermore, SPLC has prepared an answer to the article that should be available on their Web site soon.
Dees ended his speech by again emphasizing that people need to get involved in their communities in any way they can.
"I don't think there's a better thing you can participate in than Habitat For Humanity," he said.
"I think that he challenged all of us to move out of our self-centeredness and look for ways to work for tolerance," said Judy Bond, UWSP music professor.
For more information on Morris Dees or the SPLC go to the group's web site www.splcenter.org.

Boyfriend from page 7
The plot centers around an all-girls' boarding school on the French Riviera where young love blossoms to the toe-tapping tune of the Charleston.
With a backdrop of short skirts, bobbed hair, and beebstung lips, the musical brings audiences back to the stylish era of the flapper in the crazy jazz age.
Opening Thursday, Oct. 26 and running through Sunday, Oct. 29, tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$ 6.00 for children under 12.
Tickets may be purchased at the Sentry Theatre prior to the show, or at the Arts and Athletic ticket office in the Quandt gym.
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Bush

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Travis Atkins

Golden

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one who is able to save and destroy but you – who are you to judge your neighbor." Another is in Romans chapter 14:13 "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead make up your mind not to put stumbling blocks or obstacles in your brothers way." And still there are more First Corinthians 4:5, Matthew chapter 7:1, and so on and so on throughout the entire Bible. So before we get in a religious debate, first let us take the plank out of our eye before we try to get the sliver out of our neighbors Mathew 7:5.

Chad Jenkins

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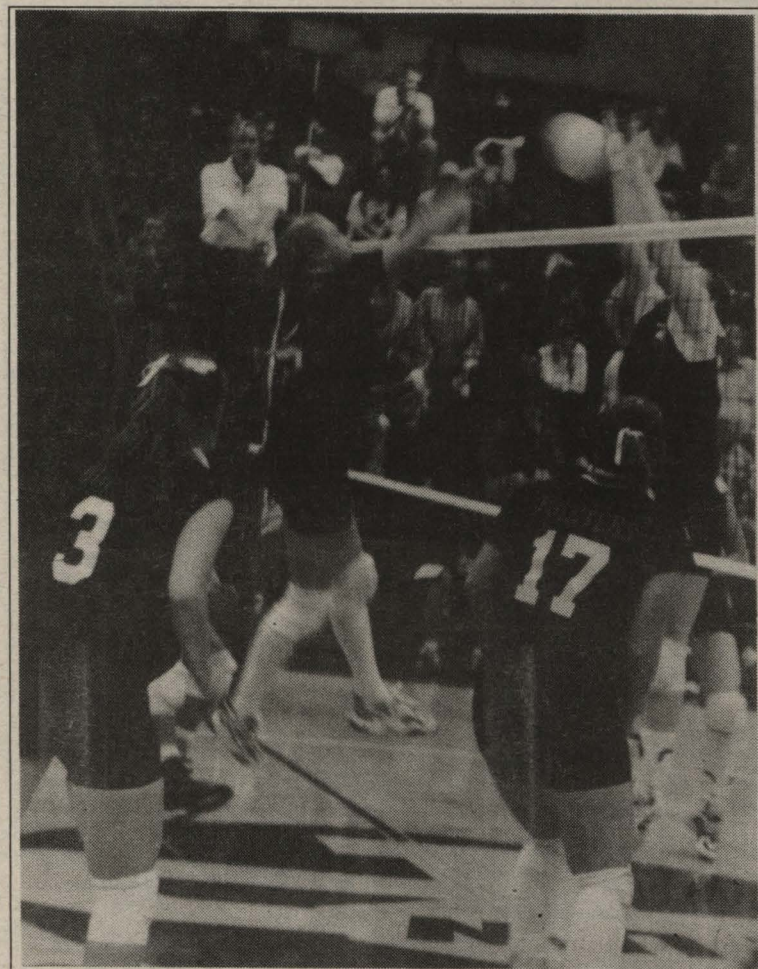


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Chrissy Klipstine (middle) goes up for the kill attempt Wednesday night during UWSP's home finale against UW-La Crosse.

Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

If there has been one consistent problem for the UW-Stevens Point volleyball team this season, it has been inconsistency.

It has been a constant struggle to put solid play together for extended periods of time, and Wednesday night was a prime example as the Pointers dropped three straight games to UW-La Crosse at Berg Gym.

The Eagles improved to 18-10 overall and 5-3 in the WIAC with the 15-6, 15-11, 15-11 victory. Meanwhile, UWSP dropped to 10-19 and 1-7.

"We did not play a consistently good match," Pointer coach Kelly Geiger said. "We had moments where we were sharp, but we had too many moments where we didn't make it happen."

The Pointers did get outstanding play by Mary Schultz and senior Emily Morgan from the outside hitter and middle hitter positions, respectively.

"Both of them really stepped up," Geiger stated. "It was possibly the matches of the year for each of those two players. Emily Morgan, that's the best she's hit all season."

Morgan led the Pointers with seven kills in the match while hitting an impressive 40 percent. Raina Gagnow also had seven kills while Schultz added six in just two games.

On Senior Night, the team honored Katy Wolf, Summer Mrotek, Courtney Herreman and

Morgan in pregame ceremonies.

Geiger said she is extremely proud of their resiliency and their work ethic over the past four years.

"As a whole, that group of seniors has stuck it out," Geiger stated. "They've seen some good seasons and they've stuck it out through the past two that haven't been as strong."

After traveling to UW-Oshkosh for an invitational this weekend, the Pointers will face a tall task when they travel to UW-Whitewater on Tuesday to open up WIAC Tournament play.

The Warhawks are currently 28-1 overall and are ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division 3.

Seniors lead soccer into tourney

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

A special Senior Day paired with two dominating victories has the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team playing with plenty of confidence as it fights for a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Saturday, the Pointers took on St. Mary's on Senior Day, looking to avenge their 4-1 loss from last season.

"They really wanted it," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "The gorgeous weather and being at home after being on the road forever. So there are a lot of factors."

The Pointers came out fired up, and had no problem avenging their only defeat from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference from last season.

What was more impressive for UWSP was that all four seniors made contributions to the 8-0 victory.

"What could be a more perfect senior day?" commented Miech. "Abby [Rabinovitz] had a shutout, Margaret [Domka] and Marie [Muhvic] had two goals and Schmitt [Jenny Schmit] scores her first goal of the season from the defensive position."

The four seniors may have played their last regular season home game, but with home field advantage for the WIAC playoffs, the Pointers will be able to defend their home turf for at least the weekend.

The conference tournament kicked off Tuesday when Platteville came to town looking to knock off the top seeded Pointers in a major upset.

"All the other teams want to be in the same situation that we do," said Miech. "All the seniors and teams don't want to end with a loss."

UWSP ended any threat of an upset as they scored early and often in the 10-0 pummeling of the Pioneers.

Domka put Point (16-4

overall) up just 5:35 into the match with her tenth goal of the season.

Then Muhvic put on a scoring display by scoring four goals, one in the first half and three in the second half, to give her 25 for the year.

Her four goals are a single game playoff record, and in the process, passed Susie Lindaur's school record for most career points with 162.

Jenny Bruce, Micky Jacob, Renee Debroux and Rabinovitz completed the rest of the Pointer scoring as they now move forward to Friday's semifinal showdown with Oshkosh.

"No one will have a poor game against us," said Miech. "They aren't just going to let us win."

"No one else from the conference has gone to the NCAA tournament except us, so that is a huge motivator."

The Titans (15-3) come to

See Soccer on Page 16



Photo by Renee Eismueller

Senior defender Jenny Schmit goes on the attack Saturday afternoon during UWSP's win over St. Mary's College. Schmit and the Pointers host the WIAC Tournament at the Soccer Bowl beginning Friday.

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Luke Zancanaro

The majority of UWSP students have never experienced memory loss due to alcohol use.

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

Any Regrets ???

Struggles continue for football team

La Crosse recovers in time to defeat Pointers

Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

Just about every sports team has that one nemesis that it can't seem to knock off no matter what the circumstances are.

Not that the 2000 version of the UW-Stevens Point football team needs any more circumstances, but for them the proverbial monkey on the back comes in the form of UW-La Crosse.

The Eagles continued their dominance over the Pointers Saturday, coming back from an early deficit for a 20-7 victory.

The loss dropped UWSP to 0-7 overall on the season and 0-5 in the WIAC. The victory was La Crosse's 24th in the last 25 meetings between itself and the Pointers.

UWSP got itself off on the right foot as it was the first team on the scoreboard thanks to a four-yard touchdown run by Lance Gast with 5:44 remaining in the opening quarter. Jason Steuck added the extra point for a 7-0 Pointer lead.

The Pointers' success on the ground in the early stages of the game forced La Crosse to make a defensive change that didn't suit UWSP well.

"After that first scoring drive, they put an extra guy to plug up that hole," Pointer Head Coach John Miech said. "That, in effect, forced [quarterback] Scott [Krause] to go to the air."

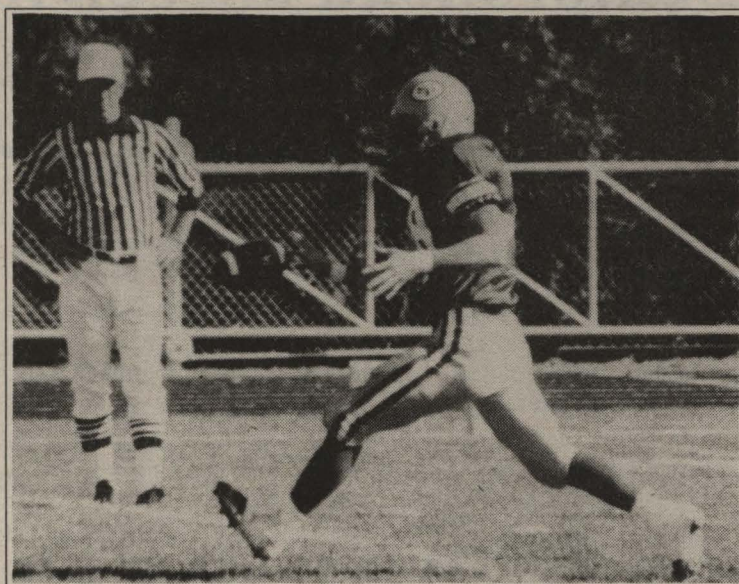


Photo by Renee Eismueller

Pointer punter Dillon Maney and the referee keep their eyes on the ball during UWSP's game with UW-La Crosse Saturday.

With UWSP's receiving corps decimated by injuries, Krause found the going rough when he was forced to throw the ball, completing just 13 of 38 passes on the afternoon for 140 yards and four interceptions.

"The situation was, when the passes were on, we didn't make the catches and when guys were open we didn't throw the ball well," Miech stated.

La Crosse was able to tie the game and eventually take the lead on a pair of touchdowns midway through the second quarter.

Jim Carrière hauled in a six-yard pass from Andrew Youngbauer to tie the game and Mike Smith rushed in from one-yard out to give the Eagles a 14-7 lead going into halftime.

La Crosse was able to salt the game away when Jeremy Unertl returned a Dillon Maney punt 35 yards to the UWSP 12-yard line.

On the next play, Youngbauer hooked up with Carrière for the second time to finish off the scoring.

"With the line and backs that we have, we should be able to put up a lot of yards against other defenses," Miech stated.

"I definitely do feel disappointed about it. But we are going to have to look past this game and move on."

The Pointers will close out the home portion of their season on Saturday when they play host to UW-Platteville at Goerke Field at 2 p.m. It will also be Senior Day.

Conference meet awaits cross country

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

Racing in their final tune-up before the conference meet, the UW-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Oshkosh dual over the weekend.

It was the last meet of the season for some of the runners on both squads, as the top runners were rested for conference, with a final few roster spots for the stretch run being determined.

Women's coach Len Hill rested his top eight, but the Pointers were still able to take the top 13 places against an Oshkosh team also resting its top runners.

"I wasn't expecting to do that," said Hill. "Even at the mile, they had runners still in position. I was very pleased with everybody's performance."

"I assume that they rested their top 12. But even at that, Oshkosh always is so deep, so putting 13 in before their first was neat."

The ladies were led by Nicki Van Gheen, who won the unscored meet with a time of 19:44.

Kendra Arendt (19:55), Maggie Dennewitz (20:17), April Raykowski (20:22) and Maureen Ruka (20:24) rounded out the top five finishers for the Pointers.

The men's side of the meet also went unscored, but that didn't mean the race was not of any importance.

"I thought we ran pretty well even though we didn't run real smart," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "We had some good improvements and I was real pleased with the freshmen."

Witt rested his top eight runners in a race that went out extremely fast.

"Eric Vossman and Billy [Pieper] got out pretty hard and it was just a matter of if they were going to come back," said Witt.

Vossman led the Pointers, placing second overall in 26:35.

The Pointers used tight pack running with Clint Eiden (26:38), Andy Bushard (26:39), Ben Treptow (26:45) and Ryan Enke (26:57) completing the top five.

The attention for both teams will now shift to the post-season, with the first meet being the WIAC conference meet.

"I think we are ready physically," commented Hill on conference. "I know we are ready. This year I am putting a little more emphasis on [conference]."

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Tennis team sixth at WIAC tourney

Jen Derse finished in third place at No. 5 singles to lead the UW-Stevens Point women's tennis team to a sixth place finish at the WIAC Championships in Madison last weekend.

UWSP finished with six team points, just ahead of UW-Stout, which finished with three points. UW-Eau Claire captured the team title with 21 points, outdistancing UW-La Crosse (18).

Derse won a tight three-set match in her opener against Mary Metzger of River Falls (6-7, 7-6, 7-5) before dropping her next match to Andrea Muellner of Eau Claire.

However, Derse bounced back to defeat Erin Ellestad of Whitewater in the third place match, 6-1, 6-3.

The Pointers next highest placewinner came at No. 4 singles where Heather Janssen captured a fourth place finish.

Janssen cruised through the opening set of her third place match, 6-0, but dropped the ensuing two sets, 1-6, 2-6.

UWSP also got fifth place finishes at singles play out of Violet Adams (No. 1) and Laura Henn (No. 6) and the doubles team of Adams and Aimee Strebig (No. 1).

The meet concluded the Pointer careers of Anne Hildebrandt, Derse and Henn.

Pointer Head Coach Nancy Page was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Rugby finishes up season



Photo by John Krejci

Members of the Point rugby team pose following a recent match.

The Pointer rugby team had its last game of the season Saturday. With a less than perfect record, the game was for seventh place out of eight teams. It was a hard fought game in which the Pointers came away victorious over St. Norbert's.

The Pointers came on to the pitch with only two subs and knowing that just two weeks earlier St. Norbert had beaten them in a friendly scrimmage. The Pointers were successful in scoring 5 tries and one kick for post. The first score was a kick made for three points.

The St. Norbert team responded with two kicks making the score 6-3, St. Norbert. The Pointers responded with a glorious run resulting in a try by Joe, the inside center, giving UWSP a 8-6 lead.

That would soon change to a large lead with another try scored by Bryant Scharenbroch and a good kick to follow making the score 15-6. The Pointers came back after halftime with fire to score another try by Scharenbroch.

Before the game ended, the Pointers scored one last try by Chris, making the final score 32-13, Pointers. It was a learning season for the Pointers as they will have the last scrimmage of the year this Saturday against Wausau on the intramural fields.

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Women's Soccer: WIAC Tournament, Friday and Saturday.

Cross Country: At WIAC Championships (Whitewater), Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Senior Spotlight

Leah Juno - Cross country



Juno

Hometown: Brillion, Wis.

Major: CIS and Math

Most memorable moment: Making it to nationals as a team last year and placing 11th.

Who was your idol growing up?: My dad, he is supportive of you regardless if you do good or bad.

What are your plans after graduation?: Move to Appleton and work for Kimberly-Clark in the MIS department.

Favorite aspect of x-country: The team aspect. You're not just running for yourself but for the team.

Biggest achievement in x-country: Placing 24th at Nationals and breaking 18 minutes in the 5k.

Most embarrassing moment: I never ran cross country in high school, and I thought we had to run on the white line. We don't, and the girls had to explain it to me before the first race.

What will you remember most about playing x-country at UWSP?: All the places I've gotten to go, things I've gotten and the cool people I've met.

UWSP Career Highlights

- Placed 24th at the 1999 National meet earning All-American honors
- Placed 5th at the conference meet in 1999



Lacrosse team posts 1-3 record at weekend invite

Jason Derks

SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP lacrosse team played four games last weekend in a pre-season tournament at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn. The Pointers finished 1-3, defeating UW-La Crosse, 8-2, while losing close games to St. Mary's (8-5) and St. John's (6-4) and Minnesota State-Mankato (6-1). The Pointers were led by solid play from defenders Dan Witman, Chris Miller and Michael Ring. Tim Ryerson had 10 goals on the weekend for Stevens Point, while Sean Brennan and Matt Ninham both added three. Also scoring for UWSP were Kevin Schabow, Mark Gonzalez and Chad Cushman.

Cross country

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After placing fourth last year, the ladies are expecting nothing less than third.

"Oshkosh is the favorite, but if we have a great meet we can beat them," said Hill. "We can probably run pretty good and get third, but run great and win."

The Pointers will be led by the best 1-2 punch in the conference in Leah Juno and Becky Lebak and a team that is coming together.

"Leah and Becky have to be up front for us," said Hill. "When you get into these meets people start to come together."

The men also have a pretty decent front-runner for themselves. Jesse Drake, the defending conference champ, will be looking to run down his second individual title for the Pointers and the team looks to rebound from a disappointing fourth place finish last year.

"If you look at the [national] rankings we are the fourth best team," replied Witt. "Plus everyone says you can't win with the experience we have. So we don't have anything to lose."

"We're not worrying about finishing first or third, but just running well."

Whitewater will host this year's meet, and the men will be off and running at 11 a.m. with the ladies following at noon.

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Wolf population continues to grow

Each winter, volunteers spend time slowly driving along thousands of miles of snow-covered forest roads and record the animal tracks they encounter along their route. These volunteer efforts are a vital part of efforts to monitor the state's growing population of gray wolves and other forest carnivores in Wisconsin, according to Adrian Wydeven, a Department of Natural Resources mammalian ecologist at Park Falls.

track and sign identification, animal gait – or walking patterns— track measurements, use of field forms, and methods of conducting surveys.

The most precise way to count wolves, Wydeven said, is to live-trap, radio collar, and conduct radio telemetry tracking of wolves by airplane. However the cost, personnel, and seasonal restrictions limit the number of wolves biologist are able to radio-collar each year.

statewide wolf population.

In the winter of 1999-2000, more than 80 volunteers surveyed more than 3,900 miles of forest roads for forest carnivores. Surveys are conducted by slowly driving snow-covered roads, and recording animal tracks encountered along the way. Volunteer trackers were each assigned survey blocks of about 200 square miles.

DNR staff began conducting surveys on wolves in 1979 using radio-telemetry and snow

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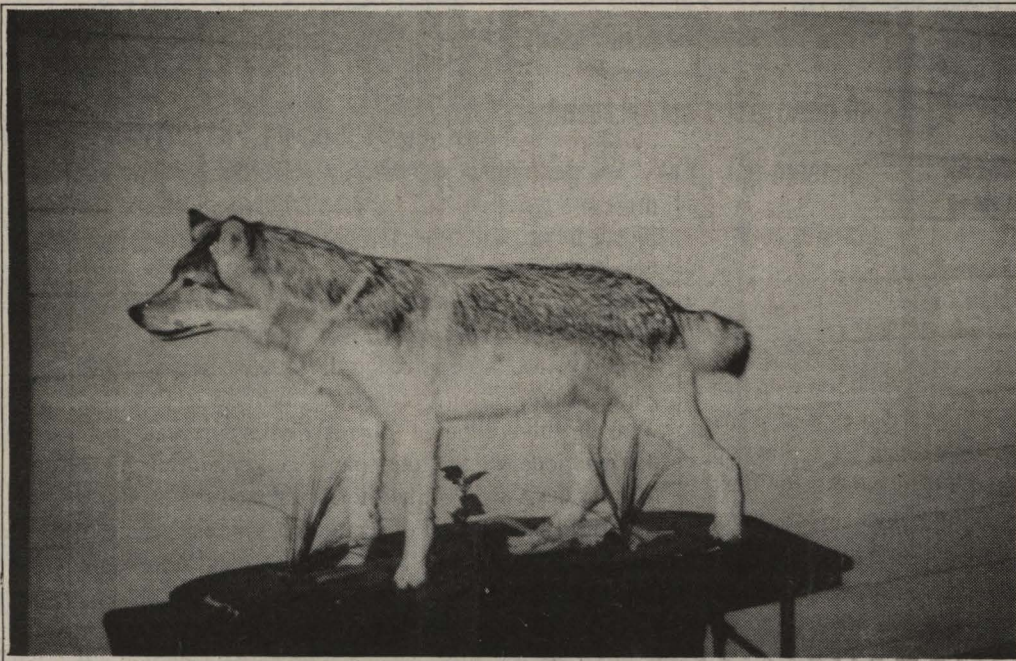


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More wolves are being found in northern Wisconsin forests thanks to tracking programs.

with information that supplements other population surveys we conduct to manage and protect these species," Wydeven said. "To ensure the accuracy of this information, all volunteers need to take some formal training in animal tracking before being assigned survey blocks."

To boost these efforts, three training sessions have been scheduled over the next two months to train volunteers who would like to assist DNR biologists in conducting tracking surveys. The courses teach

May to mid September. DNR pilots follow radio-collared wolves weekly year-round. In wintertime pilots are able to see collared wolves with pack members and get a head count. Packs without radio-collared wolves are rarely seen from the air. Wydeven said that is when snow track surveys by volunteers and DNR wolf program staff.

The volunteer tracking surveys supplement radio-telemetry tracking of packs, aiding the DNR in determining the

tracking. As the wolf population began to increase in the mid-1990s, DNR staff developed a volunteer carnivore-tracking program to assist the state in surveying this expanding wolf population.

In late summer 2000, the DNR had 38 wolves "on the air" in at least 31 different packs. The state has about 66 packs, however, so more than half of them need to be surveyed by trackers on the ground.

Gearing up for ice fishing

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Whereas last week I focused on how to pack up your summer fishing gear and tackle, this week I'll focus on how to prepare yourself for ice fishing in the great white north.

Let's face it, being unprepared while fishing in sub-zero temperatures is not fun. Finding out that your reel needs to be respoiled or that your tip-up needs a new leader is never fun, especially when you're out on the lake and just want to drill some holes and get a line down in the water.

First off, it is helpful to pick out all of your tip-ups and ice fishing gear to review your inventory. Is there anything else that you need to pick up? Make sure that your auger is sharpened and ready to go, and have an ice-scooper ready to go as well.

As for tackle, you just can't go wrong with the small tackle boxes that fit right in your pocket. Not only are they ultra-compact, they have tons of small compartments for different types of jigs. I'd rather travel with four or five of these small tackle boxes than one big one.

When it comes to rods, it is best to respool all reels. You must take into consideration what type of fish you will be pursuing as well to decide what pound test line will be best for you. Make sure that all of your reels are in working order and that all tip-ups are set to go and that all parts are functioning correctly.

Prepare all bait buckets and make sure they are cleaned out and ready to be filled. If you are a shanty-fisherman, unfold the shanty and make sure that the inside is clean and ready to be occupied. If you're the traditionalist like myself, make sure your favorite bucket is not cracked and sturdy and comfortable enough to sit on in those cold winter temperatures.

Another important aspect to ice fishing is keeping warm. Ice fishing is no fun when you can't feel your fingers or toes. Gore-Tex layered boots are almost a must for fishing (and hunting as well) as they preserve heat and ensure a frostbite-free trip. Good thick gloves are also a must. Although the gloves will usually come off when fishing, be smart. Once done handling a fish be sure to put the gloves on right away.

Small heat packs are very handy to keep in gloves and boots and are cheap as well. They last for about six hours and are only about \$.79 apiece. I have had many occasions where these single-handedly kept me on the ice for an hour or two longer just by keeping the tips of my fingers and toes warm. If you're serious about getting out on the ice for a long period of time, be absolutely sure to dress warmly and in heavy layers.

Now is the time to shop for ice fishing. A benefit to this, however, is that much deer hunting apparel can be doubled as ice fishing clothing. But it is extremely important to remember that hunting and fishing are different, and doing each requires different movements. In the end it comes down to personal preference for clothing comfort, but it is important to remember that not all clothing used for deer hunting is ideal for ice fishing.

When equipment checks, inventory stocking and clothing purchases are all made and done with, the only thing left is to wait for those lakes to freeze. Until then, get out and enjoy that late October fishing and November hunting!

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Zone T reminder

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Because of mild winters, the deer herd in Wisconsin has again reached astounding numbers causing the Wisconsin DNR to allow another antlerless deer hunt in 97 of the deer management zones in the state.

The Zone T deer hunt will begin this Thursday Oct. 26 and run through Sunday Oct. 29. Zone T hunting tags can be attained by purchasing a gun or archery deer hunting tag.

Bow hunting will be restricted during the T Zone hunt to

antlerless deer only and the DNR will be enforcing the blaze-orange clothing requirements for Zone T hunters.

Coyote hunting north of Hwy. 29 will be closed during the Zone T hunt in an effort to protect the gray wolves from being mistakenly harvested.

Not to worry if you miss this hunt as the Wisconsin DNR will also be holding another T Zone hunt from December 7-10.

Have ideas, comments or opinions about the outdoors section? Let us know! E-mail Steve Seamandel at

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Big spill on Branch River

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

In this age of environmental consciousness and Earth friendly thinking, it is somewhat rare that you hear of major environmental catastrophes in our country. Most of the work being done on the environment in the United States these days seems to be aimed at cleaning up the mistakes of our past, not dealing with present problems. We, however, are not immune to causing major troubles to our precious natural resources and this unfortunate reality recently played itself out in the Branch River in Manitowoc County.

The Branch River is actually the northern branch of the Manitowoc River, which is a major Lake Michigan tributary in eastern Wisconsin. Unlike the Manitowoc, the Branch is a smaller, spring fed stream and usually flows very clear throughout most of the lower water periods. During the summer, the river held strong populations of smallmouth bass and also hosted runs of salmon, steelhead, and brown trout during the fall and spring.

All of this is now in jeopardy due to a highly destructive manure spill that took place Sunday, October 15 on the river. According to local fishermen, the spill was first observed on Sunday afternoon as an unusual large brown cloud could be seen moving downstream in the river. At first, an estimated 20,000 gallons of liquid manure had left a path of dead fish of all kinds of species including both game and rough fish. However, at the current time, that estimate has been raised to an estimated 170,000-230,000 gallons. Not a single fish could be found in the stream that still had life in it after the spill.

The immediate effects of the spill are obvious but there is still much that must play itself out before the total damages can be assessed. Since the Branch River flows into the Manitowoc River, there is a chance that that river could also see devastating effects. The hope is that perhaps the larger river will dilute the manure causing the oxygen level to stay high enough to hold the fish. Since the Branch and Manitowoc hold the same species of fish, the Branch could rebound much sooner if the fish in the Manitowoc are not affected.

Another concern is that the forage base in the river could be killed off, not allowing fish to return to the river due to a lack of food. The Branch had strong populations of crawfish, minnows, and insects that contributed to the healthy fish in the stream. If these creatures have

also been removed, the fish will not return to the stream until they are again present.

To many, the Branch River has provided a bounty of wonderful fishing opportunities in a serene and peaceful environment.

error. Time will heal this mess, but let's hope that we have learned something from this mistake.

The DNR is still making more accurate estimates as to how much manure was actually

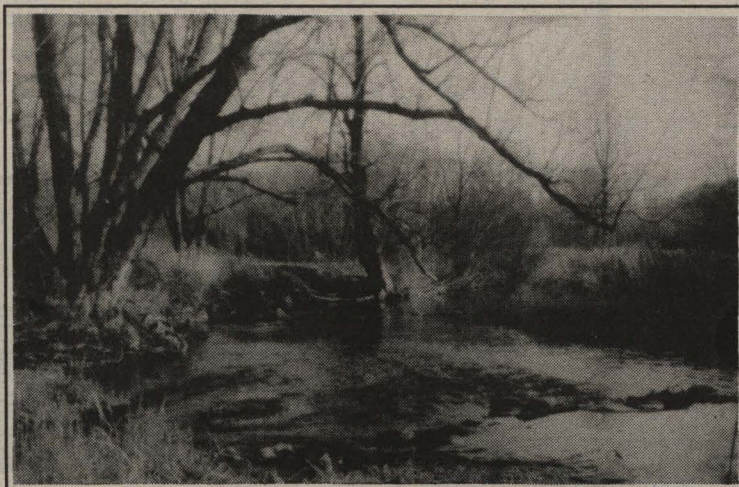


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An estimated 200,000 gallons of liquid manure was inadvertently dumped into the Branch River, pictured here, last weekend.

It is a sad tragedy when we interrupt our environment causing us to take a step back in our efforts to clean up our world. The fact of the matter is that we need to take better care of this place that has been given to us and that we are still human and prone to

spilled, in addition to conducting further research to discover how much damage will be done to fish in the Branch River as well as the Manitowoc River. A follow up article is in the works for next week and by next week more details will be known.

Outdoors fashion update

All hunters, with the exception of waterfowl hunters, who hunt in Zone T Deer Management Units during the special Oct. 26-29 and Dec. 7-10 antlerless deer hunts are required to wear blaze-orange clothing during these periods.

Because it is likely that many other people will also be enjoying the outdoors, especially in late October, state recreational safety specialists are urging all people to wear blaze-orange or other brightly colored clothing.

Archery deer hunting will remain open during these hunts, and several small game hunting seasons are also open. Archery and small game hunters who plan to hunt in any of the Zone T units during these special hunts are required to wear at least 50 percent blaze-orange coloring above the waist, including a hat if worn.

"All archery and small game hunters should consider wearing blaze-orange during these periods whether they plan to hunt in a Zone T unit or not," said Bill Engfer, chief of recreational safety for the DNR Bureau of Law Enforcement.

"Because there are so many Zone T units this year, many of those that are not designated as Zone T units do border Zone T units."

Additionally, Engfer and other recreational safety specialists are urging anyone who plans to be out during these periods to wear blaze-orange or other brightly colored clothing. The first hunt overlaps with the state teachers' convention and the tail end of the fall color season, so it is possible that many people will be enjoying the outdoors during that period. Several hiking and biking events are scheduled throughout the state that weekend and it's likely many people will be out raking leaves, cutting firewood and doing other fall chores.

"One of the basic rules of hunter safety is to be sure of your target and what lies beyond it. Still, the most basic safety precaution hunters and anyone else can take is to wear blaze-orange clothing," he said.

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Soccer

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town with nine straight wins as they knocked Stout out of the tournament, 7-0.

In their only previous meeting this season, Point defeated Oshkosh, 2-0.

The Pointers will have the luxury of the home field for the tournament regardless of who they will face.

"Not having to travel and miss class time is nice," said Miech. "When you practice and play in the same field it makes a difference."

UWSP will open up the semifinals on Friday morning at 11 a.m. at the Soccer Bowl.

Whitewater and Eau Claire will then square off at 2 p.m. in the other semifinal to determine the championship game which will be played on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Pointers will be looking to make their ninth straight NCAA tournament appearance.

The team that wins the conference championship on Saturday will get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

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Reality

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ever to make people aware that I am proud of who I am. I am not proud to be gay. I am proud to be Owen Alabado, who happens to be physically and emotionally attracted to men. And until the day people can look past that label or hide behind the "words of God," I will never be fully free. I am happy with myself and my life, my boyfriend. I will not let anyone take that away from me.

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Letters From the Edge of the World

By Pat "Greek" Rothfuss
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Dear Pat,

I need your help. This Thursday I grabbed a copy of The Pointer, and quickly turned to the end. With expectation, I scanned the pages looking for my weekly dose of "Your College Survival Guide." Unfortunately, it was NOWHERE TO BE FOUND!! How will I survive the next week without your sage advice, Pat? Have you left us forever?

Please advise,
John Graham

Thanks for the letter, John. It's NICE TO BE MISSED!! For pandering to my ego, you win an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" Tshirt. What's more, I feel I'm morally obliged to give you some explanation as to why I wasn't in *The Pointer* last week.

It probably started when I decided to

go on a vision quest. I'll admit that it wasn't a great idea, but it was late Friday night, and I was really bored. I'd heard that peyote grows wild around here, and while I didn't know what it looks like, I was betting that if I ate enough types of wild vegetation eventually I'd see something worthwhile.

Well, to make a long story short, I woke up Monday morning underneath a bus. I was wearing nothing but a rain poncho made from a hefty bag and a pair of moon boots. By the time I returned to my dorm room, I realized I'd missed my deadline for *The Pointer*.

While I lost my clothes and a good portion of my innocence that weekend, I gained some things from the experience as well. First, a deep sense of inner peace, and an understanding of my place in the universe. But more importantly I walked away from the whole experience with the ownership of a well preserved trio of human kidneys floating in an economy size Miracle-Whip jar. And as we all

know, those things are worth about \$4,000 a pop.

Anyway, the real reason for last week's absence from *The Pointer* was, of course, technology. Never before in human history has technology had such unfettered freedom to bite us in the ass as it does today. Simply said, I trusted my e-mail to work on Wednesday (my absolute latest possible deadline) and then the server here at Washington State went all hig-gledy-piggledy.

Several people have asked me to describe what it's like out here in Washington. The answer is simple, Washington is like...well....

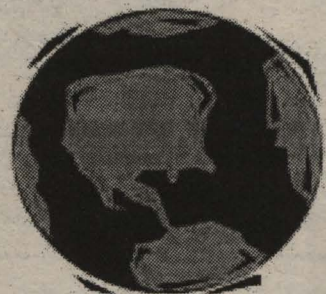
Okay. Imagine Wisconsin. (If this proves too difficult for some of you, go to a window and look outside.) Now, make it hilly and take away all the trees, cows and Wisconsinites. Voila! That's what Washington is like.

Scary, huh? Well you don't know the half of it....

If you really want to know more about

what it's like out here at the edge of the map, tune in to next week's column, titled: 'You Bastards Don't Know How Good You Have It' or "Washington Vs. Wisconsin: Frat Vs. Brat."

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@wsunix.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.



CD Review

Shannon Marsh
90FM Computer Director

Bottlefly: Self-Titled
Universal Records



After hearing just one song off of Bottlefly's first release, I fell in love with this CD. These five guys from London definitely belt out some great tunes making them one of the few boy bands that I actually enjoy. Their songs range from upbeat and popish to mellow and sweet.

Some 90FM favorites include "Got 2 B Luv," "Umbrella" and "Michael Caine," which are the more energetic songs. They don't stop there, though. Songs such as "Closer," "Merry Go Round," and "Lemoneyez," though mild, are excellent examples of their songwriting abilities.

Be sure to check these guys out if you are looking for something a little different, but wonderful. You can hear Bottlefly on 90FM, so be sure to call our jocks at 346-2696 to request one of their new songs.

Halloweenies

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

Well, it's that time again. A time when College Avenue smells like rotting pumpkins rather than stale beer. A time when the streets are orange and slick with the remnants of our local delinquents, and the scarecrows are miraculously all grabbing themselves.

With Halloween nearly knocking at our door (trick or treat.) it is time for we festive folk to choose a costume. Now, you could opt to take the classic route and dress up as either a witch, a devil, a ghost, a clown or a vampire like all the others who lack the creativity to come up with a better idea, or you could come up with a clever and humorous alternative that will impress all who gaze at you.

Here are just a few suggestions of costumes which I would like to see this Halloween:

- * A glow in the dark condom
- * A tin of sardines
- * A toupee
- * A mummy with a hard-on
- * David Bowie



Reptiles infest Stevens Point

The Reptile Palace Orchestra beckons you to attend an evening of steamy mojo music Saturday, Nov. 11 at WITZ End. Showtime is 9:45 p.m.

The Reptile Palace Orchestra is a six piece electric ethnic groove group that has won the WAMI award for best traditional/ethnic band three years in a row. The Isthmus Readers Poll awarded the group *Madison's favorite dance band* five years in a row and Biff Blumfugagng (formerly with Willy Porter) also won the best instrumentalist WAMI award in 1998 for strings.

The Madison-based group has the rare ability to take classic, traditional dance songs from Eastern lands and convert them into funky, amped-up roadhouse smokers that rock.

"Vocalist Anna Purnell is an unaffected diva, singing everything from waltzes for Ouija Boards to Greek traditional tunes to Micheal Hurley classics. Their blazing clarinets, violins and trumpets can take you as far from Wisconsin as you'd ever wish to go." -Minneapolis Star Tribune

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Early arrival to this show is recommended, and there will be a \$7 cover charge at the door.

Party at WITZ!

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

Now that you have chosen your costume from the list I have provided to the left, it is only right that I tell you about the bash out at WITZ End on Halloween night. There has been talk of a haunted house in the parking lot, a couple of killer bands and the legendary open mic, which I have incessantly talked about as being the best around.

So gather up your buds, and your guitar and get out to WITZ this Oct. 31. As always, the drink specials are unbeatable. Pitchers of Central Waters are only \$6, and bottles of Point, one measly dollar!

Come on folks! Send me your ideas. I genuinely care about what you have to say, and I'm not just saying that. If you would only drop me an e-mail with a little story, review, or whatever else you think would grab the attention of our student body, I would be overcome with glee(sbart604@uwsp.edu.) Now don't be shy. You see what kinds of pieces get put onto this page. It's not too terribly difficult to think of something that would be appropriate.

STICKWORLD



"Doc, I'm confused about my sexuality. Lately, I've found myself strangely attracted to Ellen Degeneres."



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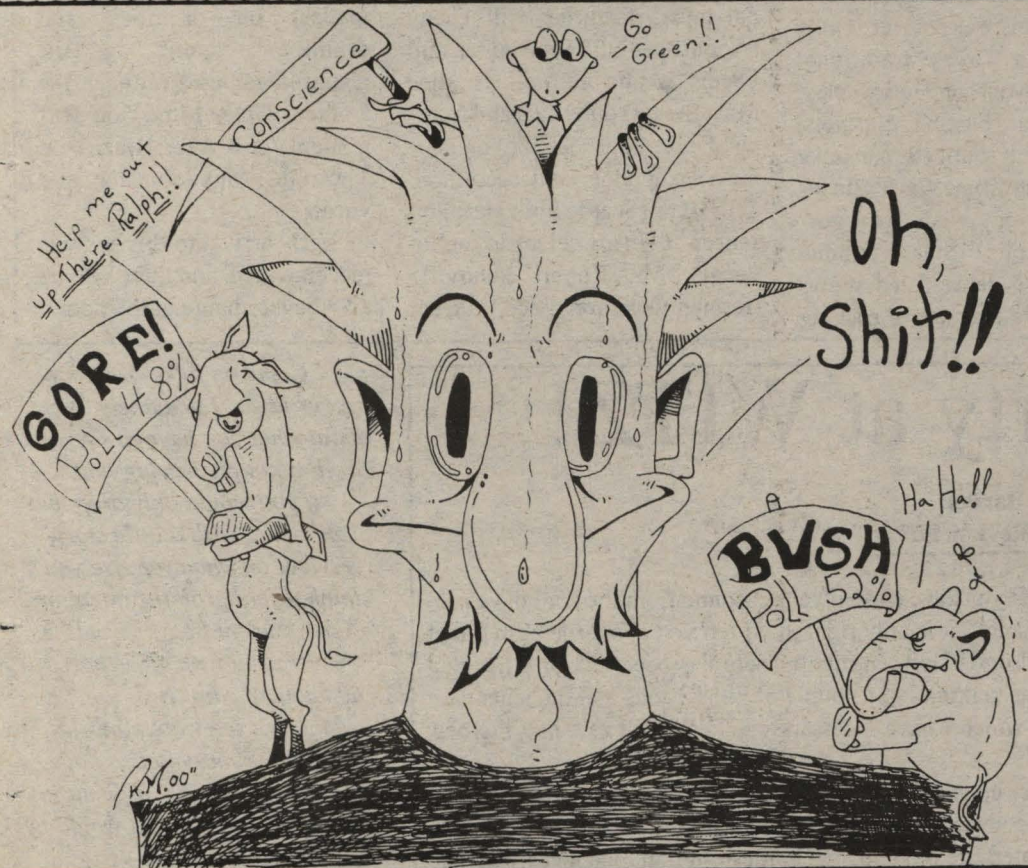
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