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Photo by Luke Zancanaro
Clark Street construction underway. Details on Page 4

Network failure puts UWSP on hold

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The campus-wide computer system came to a halt for a few hours last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday causing unrest amongst students and faculty.

"I had an assignment due on Wednesday, but couldn't do anything on Tuesday," said senior Russell Fuerst, health promotion major. "I explained the situation to my instructor and he understood, thus giving me more time to complete the assignment."

Fuerst wasn't the only student frustrated by the computer outages. Laura Gehrman, who works for Centertainment, was late on getting her promotional materials sent out for her shows.

"I was freaking out," said Gehrman.

"I have multiple papers due, and couldn't work on them because I couldn't get online," said Jessica Pollack, an interpersonal communication major.

The computer outages had an enormous effect on the students taking the online courses UWSP offers as part of the new TechLead program.

Roger Bullis is one professor currently teaching an online class. Students in his online class need to have their assignments posted by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday; they are required to post their own assignment and then post replies to other students in the class.

"I had problems with the online class; people could not respond to me

and the class and finish their assignments," said Bullis. "I basically had to cancel my Wednesday Communication 307 class where we were discussing our final web projects and seeing examples of them. And I answered a lot of queries by students off campus who were going 'what's up?'"

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) was also hit hard by the outages. "We couldn't scan student I.D.'s right away because they weren't going into the computer system; we had to save them on its memory and add them later when the system was fixed," said Luke Zastrow, main circulation desk worker.

"Students weren't able to look up books and periodicals because the

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Plane crash threatens Food Service milk supply

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

UWSP's milk supply was threatened this week forcing food service staff to scramble to find alternative sources. A twin-engine jet crashed into a refrigeration warehouse at the Morning Glory Dairy plant in Green Bay on Monday night.

"I was watching the news when I heard the story," said Jerry Wilson, director of food services, "I thought, holy cow, that's where our milk comes from."

The crash killed the pilot and left seven employees of the dairy plant injured, several in critical condition. In addition, the refrigeration warehouse was rendered non-operational prompting Governor McCallum to tour the site on Tuesday.

Food services on campus receives its milk from Alternberg Dairy whose source is Morning Glory Dairy. According to Wilson, UWSP goes through a large quantity of milk each week.

"We use a ton of milk," said Wilson, "We go through 1800 gallons of bulk milk, 5000 cartons and plastic bottles and 400 gallons of ice cream a week."

Because of the disaster, Food Services was forced to find an alternate source of milk or risk going without serving milk for the week. Reinhardt Foods agreed to supply Food Services with a larger order of milk than they usually allowed.

"They (Reinhardt Foods) jumped through some hoops over

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UWSP student elected alderperson

Filipiak defeats incumbent by slim margin of four votes

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Senior Matt Filipiak defeated incumbent Ward 3 Alderman Perry Pazderniks by a four-vote margin in Tuesday's election. Filipiak is a philosophy major with an emphasis in environmental ethics.

"I think my duty is to inform the citizens of Ward 3 and all students what's going on at the city level, and to inspire them to be involved and speak their minds on issues," said Filipiak.

As Alderperson, Filipiak will hold office for two years. He will attend city meetings every month and the mayor will

appoint him to a committee or two. Alderpersons are responsible for making decisions about zoning, development plans, the city budget and taxes.

Filipiak received 98 votes while Pazderniks pulled in 94. According to City Clerk Vickie Zdroik, Pazderniks will have until Monday to request a recount.

Filipiak has campaigned for the past several weeks dropping pamphlets door to door throughout Ward 3, holding meetings at residence halls and hosting a dinner for commu-

nity members.

"I had help and support, inspiration in campaigning," said Filipiak

He said that through campaigning, he found that students make up approximately 50 percent of Ward 3. The ward contains Neale Hall and Hansen Hall, many UWSP campus buildings and residential housing, which includes a lot of student housing.

"I think it would be great if this can inspire other students to run for their wards," said Filipiak. "With the percentage of student resi-

dents in this town, I don't know why we can't have an equal representation in city hall."

Student Government Association (SGA) President Cindy Polzin said she was very excited that Filipiak was elected Alderperson.

"We're lucky this year because Nic Boltz is on the redistricting committee, now that Matt is on the city committee, it will give more of a voice to students," said Polzin "Considering how much money we're bringing into the Stevens Point economy it's about time that we're being heard," she added.

Some of the initiatives Filipiak has as Alderperson for Ward 3 are: increasing awareness

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UWSP representatives fight for more funding

This week members of the Student Government Association accompanied Chancellor George and administrators to Marshfield to testify before the Joint Finance Committee in an attempt to gain more funding for the UW-System.

SGA legislative issues director Nic Boltz testified about the lack of funding for advising.

"Students need quality advising to pick the major and choose the classes that will utilize their skills and talents as well as benefit them in their careers."

State representative Julie Lassa was present to testify along with George and the SGA members.

"She (Lassa), to my joy, testified for the Central Wisconsin Idea," said George. "I talked

about it and she reinforced it."

The Central Wisconsin Idea is an economic stimulus package, which will put more jobs into education programs, according to George.

Due to lack of funding in certain areas, Governor McCallum's budget will cause the university to increase tuition to make up the difference. To make matters worse, financial aid would not increase to match the increasing tuition.

"Increasing tuition and not increasing financial aid may prevent many students from staying at the university or even coming to college at all," says SGA president Cindy Polzin. "If we don't speak up, some students won't have a chance to fulfill their goals."



Filipiak



Photo by Luke Zancanaro
A job fair was held in the Laird Room in the UC on Wednesday.

Cloud discusses minority issues as part of American Indian Awareness Week

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Sharon Cloud, director of the UWSP Native American Center, gave a presentation entitled "An American Mother's View of Public School Curriculum" at a brown bag session held Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Student Services Room 018 as part of UWSP's American Indian Awareness Week.

Cloud, an Oneida Indian, described the disturbing experiences she had while her three children were enrolled in the Stevens Point public school system and called for changes to be made to the current Wisconsin public school curriculum.

"There is a bit of history not highlighted in most high school textbooks; there's no history [about Indian tribes] in there before Columbus," said Cloud. "It's hard for us (Native American parents) to educate our children because it's going against what teachers said in

school." Cloud thinks that most problems with race relations would never happen if kids in the public school system were educated about Indian history early on. Cloud related an experience she once had while one of her daughters was in kindergarten.

There was a form of racism developing. The teacher thought it would just blow over ... but my kid was crying at home

Her daughter was in the bathroom for an extended period one day after she came home from school. "I asked her what she was doing in there, and she said 'I'm rubbing my elbows clean,'" said Cloud. "The boys in school were teasing her about having a dark elbow. I had to discuss skin pigmentation with her and that a brown spot forms when her elbow comes together. I also had to tell her that people don't always understand another

culture." "There was a form of racism developing," said Cloud. "The teacher thought it would just blow over; it maybe did for the other kids, but my kid was crying at home."

Cloud is bothered by the lack of quality teaching on Native American history. She said that Native Americans shouldn't be lumped together as one group; Indian tribes are separate and distinct. She had an experience once in which she was asked to come into her daughter's class and talk about Native Americans.

"The teacher wanted me to give a 50 minute talk about Indians around Thanksgiving," said Cloud. Cloud said that Indians should be talked about year-round in classrooms, not only around Thanksgiving.

"I told the teacher Indians is a broad topic. The teacher wanted me to dress up in my Indian clothes." When Cloud arrived in

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Snow shower damages 90 FM transmitter

90FM staff assures that this week's transmitter outages won't effect Trivia

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS REPORTER

This weekend, 90FM listeners heard an unfamiliar sound over the airwaves ... silence. The dead air was due to the surprise snow shower that shorted the main transmitter. The station switched to their back up transmitter, which was supposed to be more stable. However, the moisture affected the antenna zapping out signal.

"We couldn't go back on the air on Sunday until the ice had melted," Shannon Marsh said. "The same thing happened Monday and Tuesday. We couldn't go on until it was warm and all the moisture was gone from the air."

The shortage of daily airtime has created problems. According to Marsh, lack of airtime means having to skip sponsor plugs, which are paid for each semester

by the sponsor. Also, there is limited time to advertise Trivia week.

"We try to get the sponsors and Trivia mentioned by doubling up during shifts. The time on air we do have, we talk it up as much as possible. So far no one is upset although we've had several calls from the community asking why they can't get us in. We try to explain the problem and ask them to be patient."

Because there is a scarcity of equipment professionals in the state, 90FM has to wait in line for help. Although, technicians from Madison are scheduled to fix 90FM's problem this week, the station might be dropped if another problem in Wisconsin is more urgent. The money to repair this uncertain damage is coming from an account accumulating revenue from trivia.

Although the station has been suffering this distress, Marsh wants to reassure listeners, "We will have the problem fixed soon. Don't worry, Trivia will still be on the air this year."

PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

When walking home alone use well lit areas to walk in at night. If possible, use the buddy system and walk with a friend. Be alert and trust your instincts, if you feel like something is wrong, there is probably something wrong. If you feel like you are being followed, cross the street and change directions. Avoid taking short cuts or walking in construction areas.

Remember: Our department operates the Student Transit Service and we also have Student Patrol available to give walking escorts on campus to anyone after dark. Just call us at x3456.

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

Filipiak

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of bicycle and walking safety in the community, tapping into the expertise of professors when considering development, developing the local business center and getting students involved in the city level.

"There's a lot of students that have very strong opinions on this campus, but you can talk a lot but until you work at the decision making level, the talk is just talk," said Filipiak. "We need to inspire local activism and know how we can work to make that change happen."

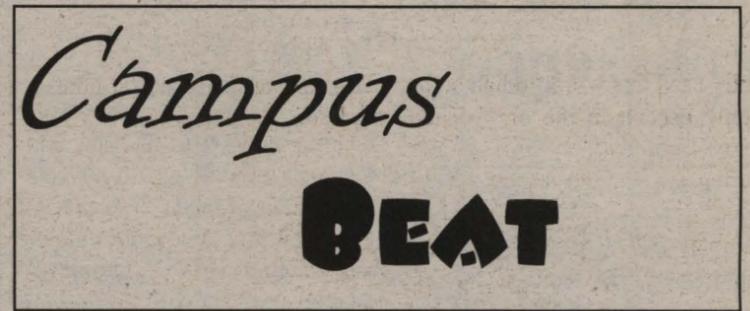
Filipiak is a Wisconsin native. He studied environmental studies at the Audubon Expedition Institute in Main as well as Milwaukee Area Technical College and St. Norbert College. He is currently an SGA senator for UWSP.

Network

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online library database wasn't working," said University Librarian Alex Schmetzke. "Everything was put to a standstill."

Jason Dreier didn't understand why there were computer outages on three consecutive



- **Sims Hall**
• Thursday, March 15 11:35 p.m.
• A custodian reported theft and vandalism on the third floor.
- **Thomson Hall**
• Friday, March 16 12:46 p.m.
• A student reported that his wallet, with cash and valuable had disappeared from his unlocked room.
- **Hansen Hall**
• Saturday, March 30 12:40 a.m.
• An officer was dispatched to the fourth floor where a pull station fire alarm had been pulled by someone.
- **Lot T**
• Saturday, March 30 3:07 p.m.
• A man reported that someone had damaged his vehicle while it was parked.
- **Lot W**
• Monday, April 1 5:48 p.m.
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UWSP to offer Chinese language classes next fall

The most spoken language in the world will be offered at the UWSP during the next school year through the UW-System's Collaborative Language Program (CLP).

Distance learning technology will bring Chinese classes to UWSP from UW-Milwaukee using two-way interactive video. A native speaker of Chinese will facilitate the class in Stevens Point and offer tutoring.

Chinese 102 will be offered at the same time in the spring of 2002, and the third and fourth year Chinese classes may be offered the following year depending on interest. Credits earned by the classes will satisfy the language requirement for the bachelor of arts degree and count toward graduation.

Through the CLP program, UWSP currently receives three Japanese classes from UW-Oshkosh and sends two Russian classes, taught by Bob Price, to UW-Parkside, according to Jan Seiler, chair of the foreign language department.

"There was interest in bringing Chinese language classes back," Seiler said. History professor

Hugh Walker offered the classes until 1996. Faculty members Jianwei Wang and Teresa Chao requested the course addition as over 25 students had expressed interest in taking Chinese.

Students with a variety of majors are interested in using it to teach English and do business in Chinese speaking countries, according to Chao.

"Any student studying business, economics, politics, international relations or international studies would benefit from knowing how to read, write and speak Chinese," she said.

Learning Chinese also may help students who want to study abroad in Asia. UWSP will offer a summer 2002 trip to Beijing, China, for study of the country's art and architecture. UW-LaCrosse and UW-Madison currently offer study abroad programs to China during the spring and fall semesters.

The four-credit Chinese 101 course will meet during the fall semester, Monday through Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. in room 113 of the Communications Arts Center.

Cloud

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the classroom, the teacher had the kids sitting cross-legged with their hands together in a circle around a tepee. "I got that 'look' because I didn't come in wearing 'Indian' clothes. The kids said, 'how' Mrs. Cloud."

She said Indians never actually used this word; Indian actors only used it in the old Western movies. Cloud said this word is offensive and the teacher had an outdated map locating where Indian tribes were located in Wisconsin.

When Cloud asked the audience comprised of adults how many federal reservations there are in Wisconsin, only her assistant knew the answer. "There are

11 federal reservations in Wisconsin," said Cloud.

Cloud stated her daughter, attending SPASH (Stevens Point Area Senior High) at the time, was harassed during the Northern Chippewa Treaty rights conflict during the 1980's.

"The guys in her classes were saying, 'your dad is shooting all the deer and taking all the fish up north. I can't go hunt or fish up there anymore.'" Cloud said that her husband, 52, is Ho-Chunk and that each Indian tribe is different from one another."

Other events slated for the remainder of the American Indian Awareness Week include a presentation by Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills on Thursday night and an intertribal pow-wow on Saturday.

Milk

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there," said Wilson. "But they got the milk here."

According to Wilson, the university receives fresh milk four days a week and is expecting to receive its regular shipments from Morning Glory by Friday. However, Morning Glory still won't be fully operational for some time.

"The FAA has to get the plane out of the facility before they can do anything," said Wilson, "Right now they have no refrigeration facility so they have to rent it."

Wilson is proud of the effort that Food Services made to make sure that UWSP wasn't without milk even for a few days.

"I didn't want my kids on campus to go without milk," said Wilson. "Nobody missed a drop this week."

SGA elections draw second largest turnout

The 2001-2002 Student Government Association (SGA) student body elections had the second largest turnout in recent history. Aaron Koepke and Jessica Van Hammond won the presidency and vice-presidency respectively.

"I am very excited to represent the student body in the coming year," said Van Hammond. "Aaron and I want to thank the students for all their support throughout our campaign. We will continue to work on the needs and issues of the students on this campus."

There are a number of new senators that will join the body this year as well. Complete election results are posted on the SGA website. (<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/electionresults.htm>)

Senators:

College of Professional Studies
Akbar Razvi

College of Natural Resources
Deanna Erickson
Danna Churness
Katherine Disterhaft

College of Fine Arts and Communications
Kaitlyn Julius
BJ Christensen
Dennis Bankson
Michelle Ringhoffer

College of Letters and Science
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Kaylyn Jennik
Matt Filipiak
Judy Birchbach
Beth Ann Richlen
Chris Horvat
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Andrew Bushard
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Bethany Johannes
Travis Atkins
Michelle Fitch



Koepke and Van Hammond won the SGA presidential race

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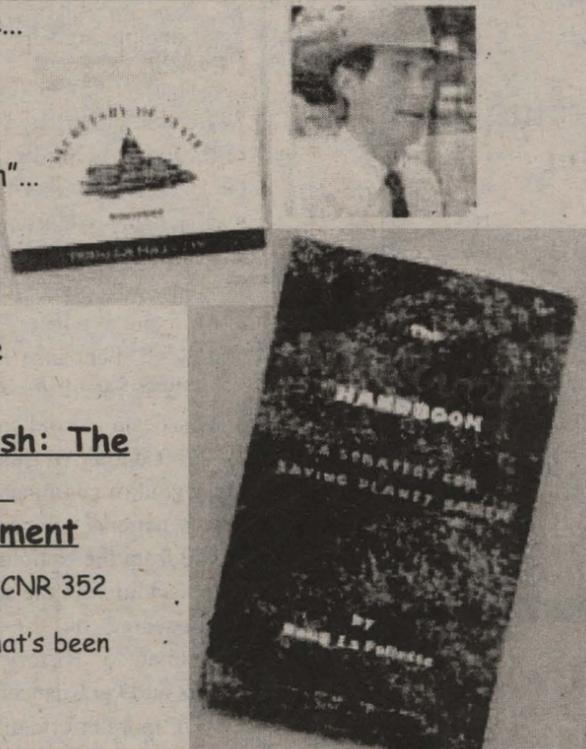
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Clark Street construction underway

Clark Street project to detour traffic throughout summer

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

The summer road construction project on highway 10 has begun in Stevens Point and could make travel in that area more difficult.

"We're doing a total reconstruction of the existing highway," said Ryan Schanhofer, project engineer. "Right now we're blocking off both the eastbound and westbound roadways from about Chase (Street) to Lindbergh (Avenue)."

The project is set to proceed in several phases. From April until late June, the Minnesota/Main/Clark intersection will be closed. Following the completion of this phase, crews will move on to an area between Division Street and Wyatt Avenue until late October.

According to Schanhofer, the crews will tackle 1000 ft. sections at a time to reduce inconvenience to travelers.

"We don't want to disturb people in the town," said Schanhofer, "But the project will cause significant inconvenience."

In addition, the Michigan Avenue/Clark Street intersection will be closed for about a month from August until late September.

The construction will consist of replacing the sanitary sewer and water main. Following this, crews will put in a new storm sewer putting down a layer of gravel, concrete and asphalt pavement. Crews will also construct new curbs, gutters and sidewalks in addition to new signs and pavement markings.

According to the city website, the Westbound traffic detour for highway 10 (coming from Waupaca) is I-39 North to Business 51 South to U.S. Highway 10 West. The Eastbound traffic detour (from Marshfield) is highway P to highway HH East to U.S Highway 10 East.

For more information about the project, e-mail clarkstreet2001@yahoo.com or check out the website at www.ci.stevens-point.wi.us.



Photo Luke Zancanaro

The Clark St. construction project will force traffic to detour until late October.

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Africa Peace Tour journeys to UWSP

The Africa Peace Tour rolls into town on Thursday, April 5, in an effort to educate and inform the UWSP campus and the community about African issues.

The event will take place from 8-10 p.m. at the University Center Alumni Room. The American Friends Service Committee sponsors the tour. University sponsors include the Political Science Department, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Federation Without Television, Progressive Action Organization and the Alliance for a Sustainable Earth. It is free and open to the public.

Speakers include Habiba Benderradiji of Algeria, who will discuss the current strife in her homeland and the effects of exile on Algerians now living in Europe. Other speakers will include Bakary Tandia, a human rights activist from Mauritania who has spent much of his time struggling to end slavery and political repression in his homeland. Richard Kikonde from Uganda has been in the Ugandan military since childhood. Once a first lieutenant, he subsequently became a Quaker and as a matter of conscience disobeyed orders and chose not to fight with the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The tour travels from Philadelphia beginning March 30 and ends on April 6 in Indiana. The group also has scheduled stops at several other Wisconsin campuses.

For more information, people may contact UWSP's political science department at (715) 346-2688.

UWSP hosting state history competition

History is coming alive for students in grades 6-12 as they prepare for the regional and state competitions of Wisconsin History Day held at the UWSP this spring.

Held in conjunction with the National History Day program, the Central Wisconsin regional event on Saturday, April 7, will bring approximately 200 students from area schools to UWSP's College of Professional Studies beginning at 8 a.m.

Students will compete in the junior (sixth to eighth grade) and senior (ninth to 12 grade) levels with presentations that explore this year's theme, "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." Awards will be held in the Collins Classroom Center at 2:30 p.m.

Regional competitions are also being held in La Crosse, Sheboygan and Oconto. Nationwide, 700,000 students will compete in the National History Day program.

Students have been preparing for the competition since the beginning of the school year, said Wisconsin History Day State Coordinator Tom Reich, a library services assistant at UWSP.

Working with their teachers, students put together presentations in the categories of exhibit, historical performance, documentary or research paper. Students may choose to work as a group except in the research paper category.

"Participation causes the students to stretch beyond their usual effort in school," Reich said, "and provides them with a greater understanding of the significance of history, as well as valuable practice in critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork."

The top presentations from each category from both grade levels will go on to the state competition, held at 8 a.m. at UWSP's College of Professional Studies on Saturday, April 28. Awards will follow in the University Center Laird Room at 2:30 p.m.

The top two from each category from both grade levels will advance to the national finals, held June 10-14 at the University of Maryland in College Park. Full and partial scholarships are awarded to the national winners, and teachers also benefit throughout the program with attendance at workshops and in-service sessions.

UWSP received a \$5,000 grant from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin to hold and coordinate the state finals. The coordinator for the Central Wisconsin region is Paul Aleckson, a teacher and social studies coordinator at D.C. Everest High School who was one of two national winners of the Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award from the National History Day organization last year.

In addition to the state historical society, Wisconsin History Day is sponsored by the UWSP College of Letters and Science, Department of History, University Library, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's offices.

For more information about National History Day, contact Reich at (715) 346-3726 or treich@uwsp.edu or visit the Web site <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/oss/nhd>.

Student finds Coke contract unfair

I just recently learned of the fazing out of Pepsi and Pepsi products all over campus because of the contract the University signed with Coca-Cola. This is horribly unfair to those of us who prefer Pepsi to Coke, Mountain Dew to Mello Yello, Mug to Barq's, Sierra Mist to Sprite, All Sport to Powerade, and so on.

I just don't understand why we, as students, are allowed to make the choice to come to UWSP. We are allowed to make the choice of what classes to take. We are allowed to make the choice of what our major will be. And, after two years in the residence halls, we are allowed to make the choice of where to live.

But, we are not allowed to make the choice of what soft drink we wish to consume. I have been a CA in Neale Hall for the past two years and nowhere in any of my meetings do I recall hearing about a Coca-Cola contract being negotiated calling for the end of Pepsi, as we know it, on this campus.

In other words, this choice was made without the knowledge or input of the people the choice directly affects. I just have one thing to say to the UWSP genius that decided to sign the Coke contract. I use Pilot pens so why don't you go out and sign an exclusive contract with Bic so that I can look at banners lining the hallways of all the buildings, as I walk from class to class trying to get the education that I chose to come here and receive.

Scott Mundro
UWSP Student

UWSP international programs provide a world of experience *Students learn about life in London*

Dear Pointers,

Well, our time in London is coming to an end. It's a bittersweet time for us all. We're sad to leave this place. It feels as if we'd only just arrived, but three months have now passed us by. Yet, we're excited for our European tour.

We've had a lot of fun, met some great people and learned so much. We've learned about history, art, theater and Shakespeare. The truly brave have even tried to understand cricket and the British Monarchy. Our film class took us from what it is like to watch a silent film all the way to the 3D IMAX experience. Yet nothing of what we have learned in class compares to what we've learned about ourselves and the world around us. We're packing our things now and saying our goodbyes. Our next stop is Paris. Although we are sad to see our time here is at an end, two and a half weeks of homework-free travels await.

That is something the past weeks of paper writing have made us all excited about. There

may be some sad moments as we pack our bags, but many of us will return. We will never forget our experiences here and we will carry them with us wherever we go. Yes, our departure may bring some sadness, but another thing you learn when you study abroad is that it's always good to come home.

*Take care of yourself and we'll see you soon,
The UWSP Spring Semester London Group*



UWSP student experiences outback

Hi!

I can't believe how fast this semester is going. We only have 4 weeks of school left here and then it is off to New Zealand. I hope you were able to figure out all of our registration sheets that we sent back to you last week. I imagine those will take a little while to figure out. (You're probably thinking this semester isn't going fast enough for you and all that work.)

A few hours ago we returned from our Outback trip. Australia definitely has a range of environments and people. Last Thursday night we hopped on the bus and drove westward through the night. Luckily we had some good Australian videos to help us overcome the boredom. I was also kept busy by watching the bus driver avoid hitting kangaroos at five in the morning. I was so excited to finally see wild kangaroos! We arrived in an old opal mining city called White Cliffs by 8 a.m. One could only laugh at the remoteness and emptiness of this small town. There we had a chance to tour an old mine that was now changed into an underground house. The guide was quite animated, telling strange Australian jokes and how proud he was to now have t.v. with three channels. It was like taking a step back in time to the old American West. We also toured the first experimental solar power station and shopped for opals. Can't say there was much else to do there.

That afternoon we left for our night at Tirlta Station. It turned out to be a family's land in which they would entertain us, cook for us, and

allow us to sleep in their sheep shearing shed. They did a great job on all three goals. Their daughter-in-law let us play with her pet kangaroo. We had a tour of their house and land, including their antique and Aboriginal art museum, plus a sheep shearing lesson. The food they made was excellent, their facilities were good since they had a flushing toilet and hot shower, and they were very friendly and hospitable. It was a unique experience that I'm sure many people miss out on.

The next day we toured Mutawintji National Park. Our two Aboriginal guides took us on walks to see original Aboriginal artwork carved and painted onto the old rocks. There is a lot of history preserved in this area. That night we stayed in a mining city called Broken Hill. It supposedly has a population of 30,000, but I can't say that I could see how. It was a good spot for a night at the bars, though, and it was great to sleep in a hotel.

Sunday we drove all day until we reached our accommodations at a camping resort in Dubbo. Monday we woke up early to take a walk through the Western Plains Zoo. A few weeks ago we had taken a field trip to the Sydney Taronga Zoo which was a major disappointment, but this zoo made up for it. The exhibits are wide open with the animals in their natural habitats, not those cement confinements like most zoos. After the walk and a lecture, we headed back to Sydney.

The Outback is a world of difference from Sydney and is needed for an actual understanding of Australia. The bus trip was a long one and doesn't seem worth it when you're sitting there, but I feel like I was in Australia now rather than any large city in the US. I believe the trip was set up well and had a variety of things so that it appealed to different people. I'm glad it is part of the program. That's all for now. I hope the weather is warming up for you guys back home, it's starting to cool off down here.

Thanks,
Katie Opitz
UWSP Student



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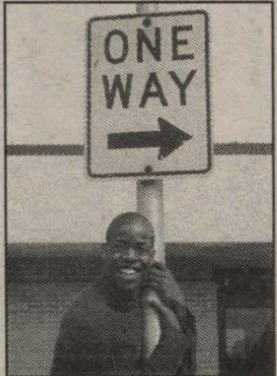
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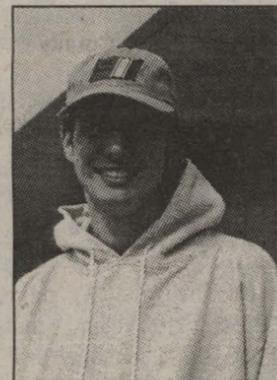
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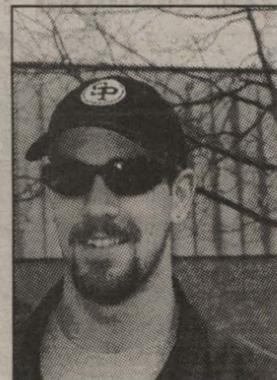
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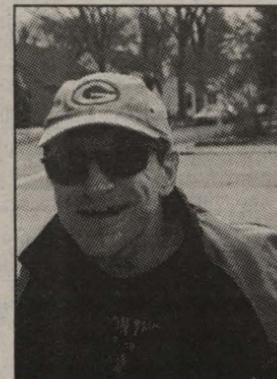
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Influence of corporations. It seems that a lot is acceptable for the sake of money



Jared McDonald, Jr. Chemistry

People who are misinformed



Don Zivney, Sr. Sociology

Greed for money.



Amy Ecklund, Soph. Phy. Ed. and guy who wanted to be in Pointer Poll

Probably Poverty

From the Editor's Desk Thank you for not stealing *The Pointless*

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF



In case you missed it, last week *The Pointer* staff indulged in the best issue of the year, *The Pointless*.

Granted, it was fun making up a bunch of stories, and it was even better reading everything our witty staff came up with, but, most of all, I was looking forward to a little feedback. You know the type, the letters telling us we're bad people and should be shot and such.

So I sat by the computer, but no letters came. The phone did not ring and it snowed a little outside. Then, after crying myself to sleep for three consecutive nights, it hit me. Hey, maybe everyone who read *The Pointless* truly enjoyed it.

And I was even more excited to see that no one decided to remove the papers from the

racks, despite the fact that there was a bunch of high school kids on campus.

Perhaps we failed to offend anyone. Or just maybe, this campus learned a little about the First Amendment after last year's fiasco.

So, I guess it's back to the grindstone. No more making up articles, (except perhaps in my column) no more false identities.

If you didn't get your hands on *The Pointless* last week, be sure to check out our website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/pointer.

SGA President responds to student letter

In response to Michael Roth's previous editorial, I would like to set the record straight. First some background.

The Student Government Association (SGA) on campus is in charge of all the segregated fees paid by the students on this campus. It is a fee separate from tuition. All of that money gets placed into a reserve in which SGA has control of, thus allocating various monies to on-campus organizations and departmental units. Now to set the record straight.

This year's SGA did in fact approve a \$790,000 renovation to the intramural fields, not because "we had to" but because we thought that the students on this university deserved a safe area to play various sports and games. There was no way in this biennium that the renovation was going to happen coming from GPR funds, or general tax dollars.

Students will not be paying for those fields until it is complete and sports/games can actually be played on them. Construction will be complete in the 2002-2003 school year and therefore students will not get charged until it is done, not next semester or any semester until then.

I have an awful hard time believing Michael is

so strongly affected by increasing fees when he himself has advocated in the past for student senators to get paid which would indeed increase the fees that students campus wide would pay.

Student Senators currently do not get paid, it is all volunteer. They are standing up for their constituents to be sure that all opinions are heard on various issues throughout the university.

I have been involved for three years with SGA on this campus. My administration has been the only administration in a long time to not increase student fees, yet continue existing programs and fund new ones.

I am very proud of that fact. The only increase other than tuition that students will see on their next bill will be due to utility costs rising. This is something that could not be controlled.

If such strong feelings are felt, students can talk to their respective senators, come to any meeting and voice their opinions at any time or even join the body and try to change how things are being done.

Cindy Polzin
SGA President

Madison's birthday – a time for reflection

While we're acknowledging the 250th birthday of our capitol city's namesake, James Madison, permit me to point out that the vision laid down by the father of the Constitution lies in direct contrast to that expressed today in the form of President George W. Bush's new Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

When a bill officially incorporating an Episcopal church in Washington, D.C., reached President Madison's desk one day in February of 1811, he knew just what to do: reach for a veto pen. That's because Madison was

never one to tolerate any official ties between church and state.

Madison was one of the first thinkers in colonial America to understand why church and state must be separated. His advocacy for this concept grew out of his own personal experiences in Virginia, where Anglicanism was the officially established creed and any attempt to spread another religion in public could lead to a jail term.

But today we're headed back where we were before Madison's time. The Bush initiative would for the first time divert money from the public treasury directly

to houses of worship, allow for tax funded employment discrimination, proselytize people seeking government assistance, and open the door to federal regulation of religion and government favoritism of one religion over another.

This new scheme to build bridges between church and state poisons the roots of religious liberty and thumbs its nose at James Madison's greatest achievement.

Dennis Coyier
Cottage Grove, WI

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Contact Andrea for an on-line application at pointer@uwsp.edu or stop by *The Pointer* office, Room 104 in the Communication Building

Spring 2001 employment fair scheduled for May 1

By Karla Zakrzewski and Stephanie A. Sotiros
FEATURES REPORTERS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Employment Fair on Tuesday, May 1. Held at the Holiday Inn Expo and Convention Center in Stevens Point, the event is open from 1-6 p.m.

Co-sponsors of this event are the Portage County Job Center, the Stevens Point Buyers Guide and Mid-State Technical College.

Prior to the Employment Fair, jobseekers are encouraged to write a professional resume. The Portage County Job Center has staff on hand who provide assistance in creating professional resumes, resume preparation software and other writing resource services available free to jobseekers. Stop in during Job Center office hours to check out these services (Monday 7:45 a.m.- 6 p.m., Tuesday -Friday 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Over 40 employers will be present at the job fair with full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal position openings. Jobs in multiple industries including technical, manufacturing, service, health, government, retail and possible apprenticeship programs will also be available.

Area employers can meet with interested jobseekers. Past fairs have drawn 500-700 applicants during the 5-hour period.

The registration deadline is April 16th. Booth space is limited, so early registration is suggested. Direct requests for registration materials or questions to Jeanine Harper at 344-4700 or Donna Swanson at 345-5339.

The Portage County Job Center is a collaborative effort of eight local and state agencies providing employment, educational and training services for job seekers and employers in Portage County.

Reflections on Camp Challenge 2000

By Mary Almquist
FEATURES REPORTER

When I hear the words Camp Challenge, I just close my eyes, take in a breath and smile. It has been almost a year since I graduated from Camp Challenge 2000, but my memories and experiences from it will stay with me forever.

Upon graduation from camp, I discovered a new outlook on life, and I now possess more self-confidence than ever before. It is definitely an experience of a lifetime— one that I will always be able to use in my life whether or not I decide to make my commitment to the military a long-term career.

My first thoughts of five weeks of Camp Challenge were exciting, but also very apprehensive. However, I wanted to learn more about the military, and I learned that Camp Challenge could give me that extra knowledge that I wanted and needed.

Most of the people at Camp Challenge have little to no military experience, so I knew I would not feel out of place there.

One of the biggest eye catchers was the fact that I had a good chance at a scholarship, but the best part of it all was that I would be "under no contractual obligation." That means that you can go to camp, get paid while you are there, get offered a scholarship, all while learning more about the military, and you don't even have to be committed to it until you return to Stevens Point.

Camp Challenge was better than any summer job I could ever have. Not only that, but you also receive tuition-free college credits for attending and completing the camp.

This was my chance to get a real taste of military life before having to become committed to the Army. Not only did camp give me a good taste of military life, but it also did so much more for me personally.

Life at camp really helped me grow as an individual and develop a more positive outlook on life. At camp, I created strong ties of new friendships. It was through these relationships that we learned, grew and became stronger in our lives.

Camp gave us the motivation, dedication, attitude, confidence and team-building skills that are needed to help us in our effort to become great future leaders, either in the military or in the civilian lifestyle.

Camp Challenge was just the beginning for me. It really made me realize that I can accomplish so much more in my life. I have realized that each of us possess unique skills and experiences.

The self-discipline and leadership foundation that Camp Challenge instills will be with you for the rest of your life. I strongly agree with Camp Challenge Commander Colonel Stephanie S. Hunter when she states, "It is choice, not chance that determines ones destiny in life." You hold the power to make that decision.

If you would like more information on Camp Challenge and how it can change your life, contact Doug Ferrel at 346-4010.

UWSP staff members write and edit books

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

Corinne Dempsey, assistant professor of philosophy at UWSP, has written her first book, *Kerala Christian Sainthood: Collisions of Culture and Worldview in India*, published by Oxford University Press of New York.

The book is an ethnography-based review that demonstrates how saints consistently extend outside their capacity as earthly mediums of phenomenal power and infiltrate into areas of national and international concern.

Throughout the book she highlights the traditions of Saint George, the martyr, and Sister Alphonsa, two figures that reflect the many fixations of sainthood in Kerala, south India.

Dempsey's goal in writing the book was to provide a comparative study of cultures, religions, and worldviews, grounded in contemporary ethnographic, post-colonial and feminist concerns.

Dempsey holds a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University and master's degrees from UC-Berkeley and Syracuse University. She completed her Ph.D. in religion in 1997 at Syracuse University.

Her areas of specialization are religions of south India, gender and religion, the worldwide flow of religious traditions and popular religious expression.

Dempsey joined the faculty of UWSP last fall after one year as visiting assistant professor at

Syracuse.

Her book is priced at \$45 and can be ordered from amazon.com.

Theresa Kaminski from UWSP's history department has edited and written the introduction to *Enduring What Cannot Be Endured: Memoir of a Woman Medical Aide in the Philippines in World War II* by Dorothy Dowlen and published by McFarland and Company, Inc.

Kaminski also wrote *Prisoners in Paradise: American Women in the Wartime South Pacific*, a product of remarkably extensive research, drawing on letters, interviews and diaries of internees.

She spent five years researching and writing the book with support from the American Association of University Women. In 1996, the association awarded her a summer fellowship, one of the most competitive and prestigious fellowships awarded to female scholars.

As a lecturer and writer, Kaminski's works have appeared in various history publications. Kaminski, who joined the History Department at UWSP in 1992, earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Kaminski teaches a variety of courses on U.S. history and American women's history with a specialty in gender and war.

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Spotlight Trivia



1. Who won the Oscar for best actor in 1996 for his starring role in the movie, *Shine*?
 - a. Kevin Spacey
 - b. Tom Hanks
 - c. Anthony Hopkins
 - d. Geoffrey Rush
2. Who directed the movie *Jaws*?
 - a. George Lucas
 - b. Wes Craven
 - c. Martin Scorsese
 - d. Steven Spielberg
3. Who played "The Fonz" in the sitcom *Happy Days*?
 - a. John Travolta
 - b. Henry Winkler
 - c. Bob Hope
 - d. John Ritter
4. Which of the following actors was not a part of the movie *GoodFellas*?
 - a. Robert De Niro
 - b. Ray Liota
 - c. James Caan
 - d. Joe Pesci
5. Which is the number one rented film in history, exceeding \$230 million in rental dollars?
 - a. *Star Wars*
 - b. *E.T.*
 - c. *Batman*
 - d. *Indiana Jones*
6. What was Dirty Harry's last name?
 - a. Garcia
 - b. Callahan
 - c. Quinn
 - d. Mitchell
7. What word was intentionally omitted from the screenplay of *The Godfather*?
 - a. mafia
 - b. kill
 - c. prison
 - d. family
8. Lee Ann Rimes made an appearance in
 - a. *Man in the Moon*
 - b. *The Lonely Hearts Club*
 - c. *Coyote Ugly*
 - d. *Cocktail*
9. 2001's *Almost Famous* won an Oscar for
 - a. Best picture
 - b. Best comedy
 - c. Best original screenplay
 - d. Best musical score
10. Renee Zellweger gained 20 pounds to play a British secretary unlucky in love in
 - a. *Me, Myself, and Irene*
 - b. *Bridget Jones's Diary*
 - c. *One True Thing*
 - d. *Jerry Maguire*
11. Bette Midler, Diane Keaton and _____ were members of *The First Wives Club*?
 - a. Goldie Hawn
 - b. Sarah Jessica Parker
 - c. Shelley Long
 - d. Kirstie Alley

Answers:

1. d-Geoffrey Rush; 2. d-Jaws; 3. b-Henry Winkler; 4. c-James Caan; 5. b-E.T.; 6. b-Callahan; 7. a-mafia; 8. c-Coyote Ugly; 9. c-Best Original Screenplay; 10. b-Bridget Jones's Diary; 11. a-Goldie Hawn.

The wonderful wizard of Trivia

By John Adams
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Not just anyone can be responsible for 54 straight hours of trivia-crazed madness. Nor can most people say they've been kidnapped by toy-gun-toting commandos or had the pleasure to know the One Eyed Wonderworms and their ringleader Captain Trivia.

But when you are the mastermind behind the world's largest trivia contest, you're not just anyone ... you're the Oz.

Jim "Oz" Oliva grew up in Chicago where he gained his first radio experience cueing up records for WLJS disc jockey, Dick Biondi. His love for radio grew from there and soon after, Oliva could be found roaming around the Madison area, looking for radio towers.

"When I was going to school I would look for the blinking red lights in the sky," recalls Oz.

"Sometimes radio stations would be right underneath the towers, so I would look for the towers and then go and ask to do an air check. I'd really suck so I'd never get on the air."

Then Oliva came to Stevens Point after getting his teaching degree from Madison. His desire to get on the air brought him to WWSP in 1976.

"I came in and asked what I had to do to get on the air. Andy Miller, the station manager, told me I needed a 3rd class license," says Oz. "So I went back to Chicago, studied for the test, and a couple months later I went back but the only thing I knew how to do was cue records."

Apparently Miller saw something in the ambitious Oliva ... he gave him a shift that afternoon. Thus began Oz's legacy at WWSP.

Oliva participated in Trivia in 1976 and answered phones in '77 and '78.

Then, after only nine years, Trivia found itself without a writer when the trivia coordinator left for school in New Orleans.

"The station manager said 'Hey, you've been around here the longest, do you want to write Trivia?' So I said 'Sure, I'll give a shot.'"

Little did Oz know that it would turn into a project that would span over 20 years and become the world's largest contest of its kind.

Trivia was no small gig even back then, but back then WWSP broadcasted at a mere 300 watts compared to today where they boast the "the largest student-run station in the Midwest" at 11,500 watts.

"Back in the earlier days it was more of an all-in-out party...kind of like the town was. In those days if you went down to the square on a Friday or Saturday night you couldn't even get your car through after midnight," said Oz. "I think it has gotten away from that. There's a certain degree of fun

Trivia's great Oz back in the old days.

(submitted photo)



that carries on, but it really is about the game."

To those who have never experienced Trivia, it may seem a bit outrageous: from the team names, to the parade, to the sheer number of participants. Last year over 12,000 people played on 465 teams.

When asked about his favorite Trivia story Oz glances at the clock to see how much time he has. After all, 23 years of Trivia results in more than a few good times.

"Well, I've been kidnapped repeatedly," he says with a grin. "I had to put a stop to it after a group of ski-mask clad commando's tried to kidnap me at the same time as another team. Well, I went with the first group, with a black mask over my head and handcuffed behind my back in the back of their van. But the other group followed us and we soon found ourselves in a chicken match and I began to think, 'this is how it's going to end. I'm going to die over Trivia!'"

People don't take Trivia lightly and neither does Oz. While he says that the most important thing to remember is that it is just a game, he and co-writer of 11 years John Eckendorf are so secretive about the questions that they don't even give their wives hints as to what the questions may be.

So what advice does the Great Oz offer eager Trivia buffs?

"Have a lot of players on the team and have fun. Trivia is fun."

Jim Oliva has dedicated a great deal of his life to a game that has brought endless memories and great deal of fun and excitement to the University and the City of Stevens Point.

He prepares year-round for an event that thousands of people from all over the country...and the world...enjoy each and every year.

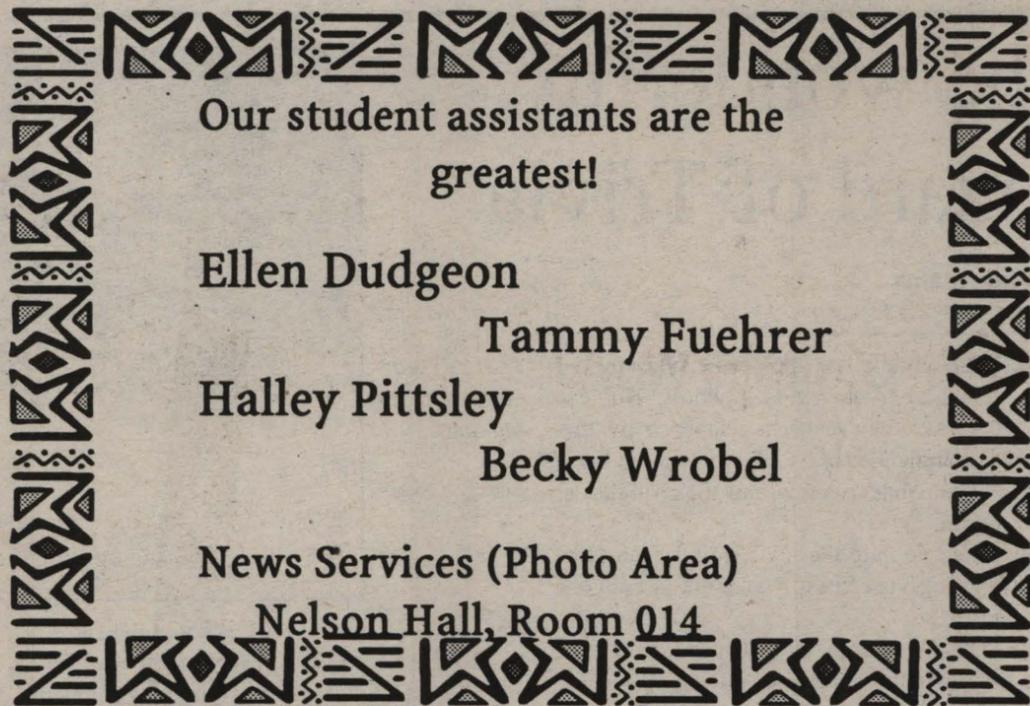
From picking the theme each year, to organizing each individual song that is played on air, to writing thousands of questions, to organizing a national premier movie, Oliva is truly the master of the game.

So when April 22 rolls around, and the contest is in its 39th hour, just remember the immortal words of the Great Oz...

"Let's play Trivia ... Fast Eddie ... "

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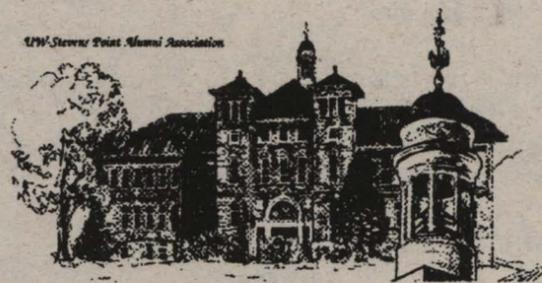
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Trio of Pointer athletes earn academic honors



Muhvic



Domka



Juno

Three UW-Stevens Point athletes have been selected to the Verizon Academic All-District team for women's at-large sports.

Soccer players Margaret Domka and Marie Muhvic were joined by cross country runner Leah Juno as UW-Stevens Point had three of the 11 athletes named to the squad. All three athletes are now eligible for Academic All-American honors.

The team includes all NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA athletes from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Indiana in fall and winter sports besides volleyball and basketball. Included are women's cross country, ice hockey, soccer, swim gymnastics and field hockey. Every athlete named to the team at least a 3.70 grade point average.

Domka, a Stevens Point native, carries a 3.74 grade point average in Spanish and is currently studying overseas in Vallar Spain. She was the Most Valuable Player of the Pointer soccer that finished 22-5 and advanced to the Division III semifinals. Domka was one of the nation's top scoring defenders with 12 goals and three assists for 27 points, earning first-team All-American honors. She was also a first-team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and first-team All-Central Region selection.

Muhvic, a Stevens Point native, was named to the All-District team for the second straight year, while carrying a 3.93 grade point average in Physical Education. She was the conference's first-ever Player of the Year this past season and also earned the league's scholar athlete award. Muhvic is the conference's all-time leading scorer with 74 goals and 173 points despite playing just three seasons since transferring. She is a three-time All-Conference

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Baseball team keeps stride



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Jeremy Mueller delivers a pitch during game two of UWSP's win over Northland College on Sunday.

Pointers see record rise to 13-4 on year

By Dan Mirman

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The move from warm to cold weather didn't cool down the UW-Stevens Point baseball team as they swept two weekend doubleheaders and split a third one on Tuesday to improve its record to 13-4 for the season.

In Tuesday's doubleheader, Point held Winona State score-

less in all but one of the thirteen innings they played. Unfortunately that one inning was a big one as Winona scored five runs on four hits in the fourth inning of the second game. The Pointers fought back with two runs in the sixth inning on a single by Pat McCann to score Paul Molitor and a passed ball that allowed Jon Jagler to cross the plate.

Point tacked on one more in the seventh inning, but that was all the offense they could muster as they lost by a score of 5-3. Bill Verbrick pitched the entire game and picked up his first loss to drop his record to 2-1.

Troy Bielmeier picked up his first victory of the year (1-2) by shutting down Winona in the first game. He threw a complete game and only allowed one hit, a fourth inning single. Bielmeier got all the support he would need in the third inning when Molitor scored on a throwing error. Point tacked on two more runs in the final inning on a double by Randy Reed as UWSP won by a final of 3-0.

Sunday's games against Northland College were not nearly as close, as Point won the games by a combined score of 30-3.

In the first game, Point got four home runs from Kevin Fry, Ryan Ivy, Sam Molski and Molitor. Jon Jagler also had a solid day at the plate picking up three hits and three RBIs.

Jason Kozelek took a no-hitter into the seventh inning but he surrendered a leadoff home run to Chris Hamp to break it up. Kozelek picked up his second win of the year as Point won by a final of 12-1.

The second game was more of the same as McCann and freshman Ryan Jones combined to drive in 11 of the 18 Point runs in an 18-3 victory. Jones hit two three-run homers and ended up

with a total of seven RBIs for the game. McCann also had a three-run home run and scored four runs to go with his four RBI and three hits. Randy Reed also went yard for Point.

Freshman Jeremy Mueller picked up his first collegiate victory after pitching six innings and giving up three runs.

In Saturday's twinbill, the Pointers not only had to battle Marion College but also adverse weather conditions as snow had covered the field by the time the second game ended.

Trailing by a score of 3-2 going into the fifth inning, Point used the long ball to take the lead. Jagler started it out with a solo shot and then later in the inning, with Molitor on first, Molski hit a big fly to nearly the same spot to give Point a 5-3 lead which proved to be the final margin.

Jeff Pieper went the distance scattering eight hits to pick up his third win of the year.

The second game was a back and forth contest that saw Point blow leads of four and three runs before coming from behind to win 9-8.

The Pointers jumped out to 4-0 lead in the third inning that saw two of those runs score due to errors. Two home runs by Marion tied it up at 4-4, Point went back on top 7-4 with three runs in the fifth, two coming from Molski's home run. However, Marion charged right back with four runs in the sixth inning to go up by a run. Point came back picking up two runs from a sacrifice fly and a pass ball to take back the lead and win the game.

Jared Szews pitched 1 2/3 innings to pick up his second victory.

Point will host Augsburg College Saturday at 1 p.m. before traveling to St. Norbert on Sunday.

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Brisk weather can't cool off track teams

Men, women take first at Coldman Invite

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams opened their outdoor season at home last weekend by taking first place and outdistancing the second place teams by over 100 points.

The women grabbed four first place finishes, led by Becky Lebak in the 10,000 meters. Lebak's time of 36:53.60 automatically qualified her for the NCAA outdoor championships.

Coach Len Hill was not surprised that Lebak qualified so early in the season.

"She's an outstanding athlete," he said. "She can probably qualify on any given Saturday in anything from the 1,500 to the 10,000."

Other first place finishers include Leah Juno in the 400 meters, Kara Vosters in the 800 meters and April Socha in the high jump.

Hill is looking forward to possibly having a better outdoor team than indoor.

"I think we're a stronger team outdoors. We pick up more athletes and a few more events," he stated.

The men also put on a spectacular showing by finishing with nine first place performances.

Noah Eschenbach was a double-winner as he claimed the shot put and the hammer throw crown along with a second place finish in the discus.

Aaron Carley also won two events for the Pointers in the long jump and the triple jump. Other field events winners were Luke Hilgers in the discus and Scott Dreger in the javelin.

Finishing off the list for the men were Craig Gunderson (400 meters), Ben Treptow (1,500 meters), and Chris Pfaffenroth (3,000 meters).

"The best performance was probably Noah Eschenbach in the hammer and shot put," men's coach Rick Witt said. "Also, Craig Gunderson ran the 800 for the first time and ran a good race."

UWSP will be in action again this weekend at UW-Oshkosh.

Softball settles for tough split



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Members of the Pointer softball team prepare for action at practice on Wednesday afternoon.

Pointers improve to 11-2 on the young season, host Elmhurst Thurs.

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point fastpitch softball team opened its conference schedule on Tuesday with a doubleheader split against UW-Platteville in Platteville.

The 11-2 Pointers dropped the first contest, 1-0, failing to score any runs despite garnering five hits off Platteville ace Jess Van Lannen. Sophomore pitcher Karen Guckenberger picked up a hard-luck loss despite only giving up three hits and an unearned run in six strong innings. Despite the loss, Guckenberger lowered her earned run average to a scant 0.50 this season.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Stevens Point had better luck with a 4-1 victory. Senior pitcher Nicki Bertram improved her record to a perfect 6-0 by scattering eight hits and only giving up one run over seven innings. The offensive MVP of the game was senior centerfielder Sarah Berg, who blasted a two-run homer in the top

of the first inning after a walk by senior second baseman Kelly Rutta. Berg also added a single in the sixth inning that drove home freshman third baseman Jenny Marlborough.

Stevens Point capped its scoring by adding a run in the top of the seventh inning when freshman outfielder Emily Schlender scored on an error by Platteville leftfielder Jen Kilian.

Last Friday, UW-Stevens Point began its northern league schedule by taking both games of a doubleheader against Concordia University at Concordia.

Point won the first game 13-4 behind Rutta, who went 2-2 with two triples, and Berg, who went 3-4.

In the second game, the Pointers prevailed 12-0 behind a career-game for freshman shortstop Nicole Alexander, who hit a grand slam and had a three-run homer to finish 3-4 with eight runs batted in. Junior first baseman Nikki Best and senior rightfielder Cari Briley each had three hits apiece.

UW-Stevens Point will host their home opener Thursday at 3 p.m. against Elmhurst College from Illinois. The Pointers will also take part in the UW-Stout Invitational this weekend.

UWSP lacrosse team drops three

The Pointer lacrosse team traveled to Ames, Iowa this past weekend to participate in three Upper Midwest Lacrosse League games.

On Saturday, the Pointers lost the opener in a close 7-4 game to St. Mary's College. On Sunday, the Pointers were defeated by Iowa State and St. Olaf College, 10-3 and 11-4 respectively.

The Pointers are now 0-6 in conference play, 4-12 overall.

Scoring: Ryerson 7, Gonzalez 1, Clemens 1, Weber 1, Marsh 1.

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Academic

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performer and earned second-team All-American honors. Muhvic was also named a second-team NSCAA scholar athlete.

Juno, a Billion native, holds a 3.86 grade point average with a double major in Computer Information Systems and Mathematics. She was a WIAC individual champion in

cross country this past season, leading the Pointers to their highest WIAC finish ever at second place.

Juno also placed second at the Division III Midwest Regional and 16th at the Division III championships to earn All-American honors for the second straight year. She has won individual national titles in the indoor and outdoor 800 meters in track and field as well.

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Track and Field: At UW-Oshkosh Invitational, Saturday.
Baseball: Augsburg College, Saturday, 1 p.m.; At St. Norbert College, Sunday 12 p.m.; At Concordia University, Monday, 2 p.m.
Softball: Elmhurst College, Thursday, 3 p.m.; At UW-Stout Invitational, Saturday and Sunday; UW-Whitewater, Tuesday, 3 p.m.

All Home Games in Bold

Stadium can't solve all that ails Brewers

Miller Park alone will not help Milwaukee become a contender

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite three straight losses to open the season, baseball optimism in Milwaukee, and the state of Wisconsin for that matter, is as high as it has been in a number of years.

Most of that optimism can be directly related to the construction of the brand spanking new structure known as Miller Park.

The new stadium had fans "oohing" and "aahing" following an open house and a pair of exhibition games over the past two weekends to show off the Brew Crew's new digs.

Brewer players have been raving about the stadium as much as the fans have and feel

that the move over from the dinosaur-like County Stadium will only be a bonus.

While the clubhouses and bathrooms may be nicer and the crowds will be larger on a consistent basis, the last time I checked, games were still won and lost on the playing field. The fact of the matter is that Milwaukee is still a bottom-feeding team compared to the majority of teams.

General Manager Dean Taylor has made major strides to try to improve the ball club in the off-season, signing free agent Jeffrey Hammonds and resigning free-swingers Geoff Jenkins, Richie Sexson and Jeromy Burnitz.

While the upgrades and the retention of key players are a welcome sight, there is still a long way to go. The minor league system has been in shambles for a number of years thanks

to poor drafting and shady transactions by the Sal Bando regime.

Taylor has already shown that he's not willing to put up with high-priced flops (see Jamie Navarro and Sean Berry). Even though some of his moves may be less than perfect (see Jose Hernandez), Taylor has the organization headed in the right direction.

While the position players are steadily improving in quality, the pitching continues to be an area that needs to be addressed. For the Brewers to have any success in 2001, the hurlers need to put more consistent performances together than the ones that caused them to lead the majors in walks allowed last season.

So while Miller Park should prove the insinuation that, "If you build it, they will come," there is still work to be done until the day the Brewers are contending for a title once again.

Senior Spotlight Pat McCann - Baseball



McCann

UWSP Career Highlights

- Team MVP (2000)
- First team All-WIAC (2000)
- Honorable Mention All-WIAC (1999)
- Led team in RBIs during 2000 season (39)

Major- Biology

Hometown- Antigo, Wis.

Most memorable moment- The last three years beating UW-Oshkosh five of the last six times, including last year when they were ranked No. 1.

Who was your idol growing up?- My dad. He pretty much showed me everything and I followed in his footsteps. And he coached me growing up.

What are your plans after graduation?- To attend chiropractic school.

What is your favorite aspect of baseball- The team aspect.

Biggest achievement in baseball- Last year being voted team MVP and Second Team Midwest Region.

Most embarrassing moment- My first year playing, all the dumb things that the seniors would do to you.

What will you remember most about playing baseball at UWSP?- My teammates, my coaches and the friends who came out to support us.

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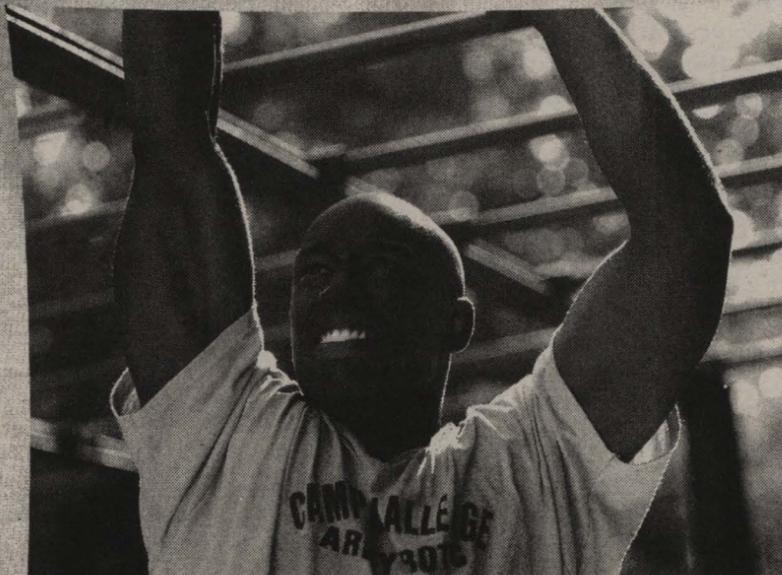
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2001 spring fishing preview: where, when and how

Editor's note: the following is a mere excerpt from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' webpage. For more state-wide coverage, point your browser to <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>

New rules and regs for 2001

The following new rule changes take effect April 1, 2001, unless noted:

Anglers fishing Wisconsin waters of the Mississippi River adjacent to Iowa must abide by a 25 daily limit for any one of the following: white or yellow bass, crappies, rock bass, bluegills, sunfish or yellow perch. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. Formerly there were no bag or possession limits.

Waters south of Waldo Boulevard in Manitowoc and the entire Manitowoc River now have a 26-inch minimum length limit and two daily bag limit for northern pike. Lake Michigan waters south of Waldo Boulevard now carry a 15-inch minimum length limit and five daily bag for walleye. Removal of the Chair Factory Dam allows anadromous trout and salmon to move farther upstream and has brought several stream reaches under the definition of "tributaries to Lake Michigan," spurring changes in regulation and trout stamp requirements.

Anglers must now follow the rules for fishing for anadromous trout from Lake Michigan and its tributaries, and must buy the Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp instead of the inland trout stamp. "Lake Michigan tributaries" now consist of the Pike River and its tributaries, Kenosha and Racine counties; Kewaunee River and its tributaries excluding Little Scarboro, Scarboro, Roger and Casco creeks, Kewaunee County; Milwaukee River upstream to the Grafton dam in the village of Grafton, and tributaries to the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake; Menomonee River upstream to the Lepper dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries to the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or lake; and all other tributaries to Lake Michigan upstream to the first dam or lake.

Special regulations – size and/or bag limits – have been established on the following waters:

Yellowstone Lake in Lafayette County: Anglers will be allowed an aggregate daily bag of two fish total of walleye, channel catfish, flathead catfish, largemouth bass, or smallmouth bass. Fish between 12 and 15 inches may be kept. A fish refuge has also been established on Yellowstone Lake sub-impoundment and rearing ponds at any time while posted closed to fishing with department signs. No person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any time when posted.

Christner Lake in Sawyer County now has an 18-inch minimum length for bass.

Christner, Moose and Nelson lakes in Sawyer County now have daily bags of 10 panfish.

Bayfield Hatchery outlet ditch in Bayfield County now has a fish refuge established there from July 15 to October 31. No person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner during that time.

DNR's Northern Wis. fishing forecast

Wisconsin DNR Northern Region encompasses the northern 18 counties in the state. It runs "coast-to-coast" from the border with Michigan's Upper Peninsula in Florence County to the St. Croix River bordering Minnesota. Across the region, a wide variety of waters and associated land types provide very different fishing opportunities.

There are two large "lake blocks" in the region, one centered in Vilas and Oneida counties in the center of the region and the other to the west in Sawyer, Washburn and Burnett counties. While not exclusive, these areas support the greatest fishing opportunities for warm water species.

Most walleye lakes in Wisconsin are in Northern Wisconsin. An intensive survey program keeps close tabs on the status of walleye populations. Walleye reproduction was down the last couple of years but we monitored excellent reproduction of walleyes in 1994 and 1995 across the region. Surveys last spring showed that these

should continue to improve fishing for this popular fish.

Northern Wisconsin is the heart of the range of **muskellunge**. Recent population estimates and angler catch surveys show that anglers have a better chance of catching a muskie now than at any time in the past. Most waters have a 34-inch minimum length limit. Others have 40, 45 or 50-inch minimum length limits. Waters with high length limits are listed in the regulation pamphlet by lake under the county in which they are located. The popular practice of catch-and-release, coupled with high length limits and stocking where appropriate, will maintain this fishery.

Bass populations, both largemouth and smallmouth, have benefited greatly in terms of both abundance and size from increasingly high length limits. Bass are easily exploited and quality-size fish were formerly removed as fast as they were produced. Most waters have a 14-inch minimum length limit but a number have special, more



"year classes" have carried over into adulthood. We are confident that our naturally reproducing walleye waters will provide good fishing and quality size. Stocked waters provide lesser numbers but often quality size fish.

Anglers should also be aware that we have a variety of harvest regulations for walleyes. Bag limits for walleye are five daily although a number of waters in the north have more restrictive bag limits which change annually in response to tribal harvests. These bag limits are printed in a special insert to the fishing regulation pamphlet. Most waters have a 15-inch minimum length limit. Exceptions on specific waters vary from no minimum length limit to an 18-inch minimum length limit. On some waters, anglers can keep small walleye but only one over 14 inches. On still others, walleye from 14 to 18 inches may not be kept and only one walleye larger than 18 inches may be kept (slot size limit). Lakes with these special regulations are listed in the regulation pamphlet under the county in which they are located. We have monitored encouraging results from a number of our lakes with these special regulations.

For instance, the Eagle River and Three Lakes Chain, where anglers may not keep walleye between 14 and 18 inches, have greater numbers of walleye both within the protected range and above than have been seen in a long time. Walleye angling regulations tailored to specific waters

restrictive regulations. Lake Superior, especially Chequamegon Bay, supports a world-class smallmouth bass fishery under a 22-inch minimum length limit coupled with a daily bag limit of one fish. Anglers can expect good fishing on inland waters as well.

Anglers should be aware that throughout most of the northern region, bass fishing is catch-and-release only from the May opener until the third Saturday in June. This year the date is June 16. Anglers have increasingly been fishing the many small lakes "back in the woods" where a boat must be carried in. These anglers are finding some solitude and good fishing in an area increasingly full of other water users on the larger more populated lakes.

Northern pike populations experienced good natural reproduction in the mid-1990s, as did walleye. Many lakes in our region have good numbers of this willing biter.

Panfish are the "bread and butter" fisheries over most of the state and the north is no exception. Cold weather in late spring the last several years in the north have not been good for panfish reproduction. Lower reproduction and increased predation from more abundant gamefish populations have reduced overall abundance. The upside is that size of panfish appears to have improved in many waters.

College of Natural Resources undergraduates present research

Who: Over 40 student presenters, planned by a multidisciplinary committee of students and faculty.

What: College of Natural Resources (CNR) Second Annual Student Research Symposium – presentation of research projects conducted by undergraduates during the last year. Both oral and poster presentations in the categories of water, soils, fisheries, forestry, wildlife and resource management.

When: 10 a.m. Friday, April 6

Where: CNR Room 120

Oral presentations until 1:40 p.m. when poster presentations and judging occur throughout the first floor of the CNR to 3 p.m. Photo contest in the CNR central lobby, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., entries in the categories of flora, fauna and scenery.

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It's time to gear up

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

At this time of year, a classic Homer Simpson one-liner comes to mind.

"Lousy Smarch weather."

It sure seems as if it's that in-between month, or even that in-between season. It's just not quite spring, yet it's not quite winter. It's not quite March, and it's not quite April. It's definitely Smarch.

Last weekend I went back home to the nether-regions of Milwaukee to enjoy a taste of what I like to call spring. The temps were in the 50's, the sun was shining, and the snow was gone. When I departed for Point on Sunday afternoon, I left wearing a long-sleeved shirt and sandals.

Flash forward two hours when I'm about to step out of my car for the first time. I open the door to be overwhelmed by a bone-chilling breeze. Later that night it snowed lightly. Monday it SNOWED. Tuesday afternoon showed us 50s. What a tease. This isn't funny anymore.

I hear constantly, "Yeah I went fishing over the weekend," and things like that. Well, that would be nice if the weather were to stay put for more than nine minutes at a time.

The remainder of this week's forecast, according to weather.com, implies that it will be getting warmer but rainy. Temps are expected to hit the 50s and even 60s this weekend and returning to anywhere between 35 and 60 degrees next week. Thanks so much for narrowing it down. Yup, it's definitely Smarch.

And be sure to look out for Thursday, April 12. Apparently, we are due for some scattered showers that day. It never ceases to amaze me how meteorologists can predict something nine days away when they can't even peg tomorrow's forecast accurately.

I suppose that if we get anything out of this kooky weather, it's that we have more time to study. We all know that the first 70-degree day will give us all the more reason to go outside and be crazy.

However, the one thing that everyone is thinking about now is, "I know I want to be crazy when it gets nice, but how will I go about doing so?" Let us take the time to think about what we'll need in order to enjoy our wonderful outdoors in the upcoming weeks.

For the sports-types, discs are a must-have. Whether it's plain old Frisbee or disc golf, you can never have enough discs or the coolest disc. Play-It-Again Sports in Point has a great selection and decent prices on regular Frisbees and discs for golfing.

Of course, fishing season is also sneaking up rapidly. It's definitely time to check those rods and reels. Make sure your reels all have good working line on them, and be sure to cut off at least a good 10 feet of line if not re spooling the whole thing. Clean out your entire tackle box and discard anything that is sticky, old, moldy, bent and generally unusable. Restock it if necessary. Whether you're an on-line shopper, catalog shopper or traditional store browser, great sales are going on right now.

Boating safety is also important. Many people leave their boats outside for the winter and it's obviously very important to check up on the hull of the boat for any weak spots. Also take time to investigate seat cushions, life preservers, motor equipment and gasoline gauges and hookups.

Sure, we all moan about the weather at this time of the year. But nobody wants to be unprepared when the nice weather comes around, so be sure to look into it now before it's too late!

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In seach of crane counters

By Rachel Jepson Wolf and Amy Slagoski
OUTDOORS REPORTERS

April 21st is a big day for local bird enthusiasts. Volunteers from Portage County and across the Midwest will spend that Saturday morning looking for cranes during the 27th Annual Midwest Sandhill Crane Count.

Interested Portage County volunteers are encouraged to attend one of the following organizational meetings: April 12 at 7 p.m. or April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the CNR building Room 120.

At the meeting, participants will select survey sites and receive observations forms and instructions. Individuals that cannot attend, but still wish to participate may contact the Portage County Coordinators, Susan Hammerly at 341-5844 or Amy Slagoski at 345-0704.

Standing up to four feet tall and with a call audible over a mile away, sandhill cranes are among the largest birds in North America.

Trends from previous crane counts have indicated a significant increase in crane populations in Wisconsin, portions of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa. Despite their current abundance, sandhills were considered rare and endan-

gered only 30 years ago. Sandhill cranes were common in the upper Midwest in the mid-1800s, but declined rapidly after 1875 due to hunting, wetland loss and human disturbance. By 1936, fewer than 25 pairs survived in Wisconsin and the species was considered rare elsewhere in the region. Since that time, hunting restrictions and the restoration and protection of wetlands have allowed the sandhill population to rebound, slowly at first, but with rapid growth through the 1980s and 1990s. Observations also indicate that the cranes have become more tolerant of human activity, adapting well to changing land use patterns.



Photo submitted by author

Counters can experience the early morning activity of frogs, songbirds, waterfowl, mammals, and other wildlife, in addition to the cranes. After completing the rewarding experience of volunteering for a good cause, counters will receive refreshments and can fill out travel reimbursement forms when returning completed data sheets.

The non-profit International Crane Foundation, based in Baraboo, Wis., sponsors the count as part of its effort to preserve the world's 15 species of cranes and the ecosystems on which they depend upon. Learn more about the cranes at www.savingcranes.org.

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Spring break in beautiful Tennessee

By **Ryan Naidl**
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

While it may not be number one on the list of Spring Break destinations, Tennessee was the place I found myself headed at the brisk hour of 5:00 a.m. on the Saturday that

Mountain National Park. We could barely see the mountains silhouetted against the dark night sky but John Denver was on the stereo and expectations ran high.

Sunrise found us in a green valley with the Smokey Mountains on all sides and since

kids who fall under the title of "at risk." Many of the students who live at the ranch have experienced a great deal of hardship and trials in their life and the ranch is there to allow students to get out of their situations and to give them an awesome opportunity to experience a change. The nature related atmosphere and stunning setting of the camp provides a real break from the life that many of the students are used to.

Although our task on ranch centered around the building of a house that was being constructed for some of the staff of the ranch, the experience was much more than that. Spending time with the kids, hiking through the mountains or just having quiet reflection under a Tennessee sky full of stars all seemed to fill our hours along with taking advantage of some of the tourist activities in the near by town of Gatlinburg.

The rolling Smokey Mountains are a beautiful sight for any outdoor enthusiast as great opportunities for hiking, backpacking and fishing all exist. Crystal clear rivers and cool mountain springs seemed abundant on our travels. Although the weather a couple of the days made us Wisconsinites feel right at home, much of the week was warm and sunny. Overall, Wears Valley Ranch was a great alternative to the crowded beaches of Florida.

Perhaps the peace and quiet of the Great Smokey Mountains will be just the ticket for your next Spring Break trip.

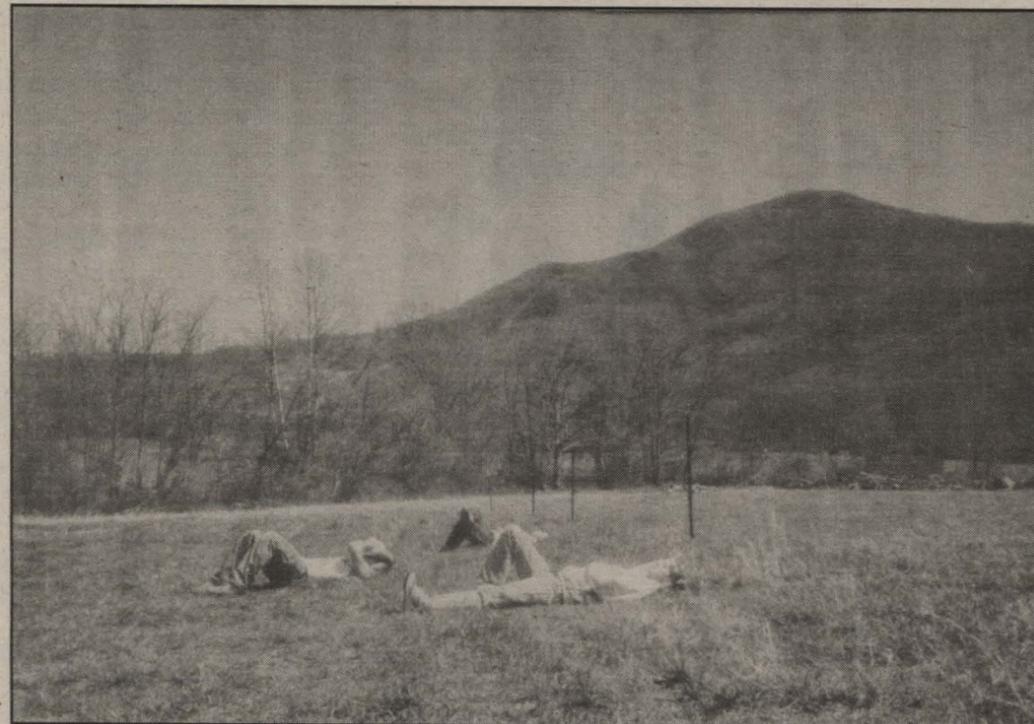


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It may not be Daytona Beach but the Great Smokey Mountains are a wonderful place to spend spring break.

officially kicked off Spring Break 2001 for UWSP students. After a 17-hour drive that included events like stopping at the birthplace of Kentucky Fried Chicken, we finally pulled into the Wears Valley Ranch in Wears Valley, Tennessee on the edge of the Smokey

work on the house we had come down to help build would not begin until Monday morning, we had plenty of time to get ourselves settled in and explore the area a bit.

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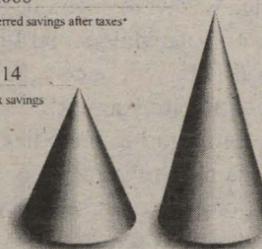
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Thrilling Performance at The Mission

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

Over the weekend preceding *The Pointless*, I had the fortune of seeing a couple of really outstanding live shows. After running the press release for Maggi, Pierce and E.J., I felt compelled to go and see them. Besides, what else is there to do on a weeknight in this town, but go and see some music? The group was playing at The Mission Coffee House, and although I arrived late, I haven't been to a better performance at the Mission since the first time I saw The Electric Company (who by the way recently released an album.)

The four musicians (there was a tuba player along for the tour as well) played and sang original tunes while constantly alternating instruments. One minute E.J. would be slapping the bass guitar, Pierce dominating the electric and Maggi setting the pace on drums, all three of them offering their tight vocal harmonies while telling their story through song, and the next, each would be on a different instrument ranging from the mandolin to the kazoo!



Compelling performers, and cool people too. We ended up migrating to Goo's after the show to throw back a few, and got to talking about their lives a little bit. Apparently the group originated in Philadelphia, and were connected to Rage Against the Machine for a while. The two groups have been together for the same length of time. Their dog, Pochohantis (the town where they rescued the abused and hungry canine) accompanies the group to the shows and lays alongside them on stage until they're done playing.

MPE have four albums out and though none have titles, each has a different colored cover and are quite simply, *The White Album*, *The Black Album*, *The Red Album* and *The Blue Album*, in that order. The sounds range from psychedelic rock, to harder rock, to folk and each song has it's own feel which is an accom-

plishment in its self. Many times a band has a lot of great songs but they all have the same groove, and tend to run together.

I was so impressed with the group that I traveled to Wausau the next night to see them at The Rockwater Cafe. An equally stellar performance and slightly larger audience made for a great gig. The group ended both of their shows with an incredible acapella number called "69 and 70," which displays the vocal ranges of the threesome while the tuba pumped out a polished bass line. If you ever have the opportunity to see this group perform my advise is do not pass it up! They are amazing and you will be glad to have been able to witness their musical versatility.



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Thursday, April 5
The Gourds - Alternative country
Live at Witz End

Friday, April 6
Marques Bovre - Solo acoustic
Live at Witz End

Irene's Garden - Electric rock
Live at The Mission Coffee House

Saturday, April 7
Burnt Toast and Jam - Bluegrass
Live at Witz End

Ladybeard
Live at The Mission Coffee House

Saturday, April 14
Star Hustler - Psychedelic rock
Live at Witz End

★ Star ★ Hustler Update

By Ivanna Hiram
Music Reporter

Just in case you've been curious as to what the members of the band Star Hustler have been concocting this time, here's a bit of info.

Last time the group performed out at The Witz End, they drew a huge crowd and gave a sensational performance to an incredibly receptive audience. Dance contests, free fondue for all, Johnny Grapejuice's dirty delta blues opening act and Pete's incredible stage wit were only a fraction of the attraction!

This time, on **Saturday, April 14th**, the band has even more up their sleeve. They will once again take the stage at The Witz End and will captivate you with their amazing original material ranging from eerie gothic melodies to upbeat folky diddies to hard rockin' jams. The group has also added over a dozen spankin' new songs to their set list which will be unveiled.

The band has been rehearsing with Simon Weller, the killer sax player, who will be joining them for their entire second set. There will also be an Easter egg hunt (you want to know what's in these eggs!) and pagan food to chomp on.

You can catch the group on 90FM on Good Friday the thirteenth during the Club Wisconsin segment between 3 to 7 p.m. Star Hustler will be sure to get into the Friday the thirteenth spirit and haunt you with numbers like "Dance with the Demons" and "The Vampire Song" and Maggie (Club WI hostess) will give eager listeners a chance to win free tickets to the show the following night (either that or you may win the opportunity to be a roadie for the bands charming drummer.)

Your job as a faithful fan is to spread the word and get as many people to this show as is humanly possible. See you there!

Hello readers. I am making one final plea. We have a fine establishment on this campus called the library. You can check out books there. If anyone happens to check a book out and reads it and feels that others should partake in its joy, please write a book review and submit it to this section. sbart604@uwsp.edu

CD Review



Dave Matthews Band
Everyday

By Shannon Marsh
Program Director, 90fm
WWSP

After the CD review that John wrote for the March 15 edition of *The Pointer*, I thought that it would be appropriate for me to write my own review of a CD I loved, from a band I adore. I was not angry with John for anything he wrote, and we often talk about this CD and music in general (sometimes we agree, sometimes we don't), but I wanted to get another opinion of this particular CD out there.

I have been waiting a long time for this release. Fans have been appeased for a while with live releases, but I was ready for the new and amazing stuff I

knew DMB could turn out.

What they gave their listeners with the release of *Everyday*, was a tight studio version of their songs. Did they sell out? Maybe to radio stations, but not to their listeners. They released an album that was radio-friendly, and I seem to remember Phish doing the same thing with the release of *Farmhouse*. Most radio stations don't play five minute and up songs (DMB made more of their songs accessible to the airwaves.) So why do I say they didn't sell out to their listeners? Because their songs are going to reach jam lengths in their concerts, which is what DMB does best, hands down.

This album was an experiment of simplicity. The complicated and long solos were left out and straightforward rhythms and accompaniments

were used instead. The first time I heard "When the World Ends," I will never forget the excited feeling I felt, and the way I practically screamed, "This is so cool!" Those feelings didn't change much while I listened to the rest of the album; especially during "Angel" and the title track "Everyday" (which is probably my favorite song on the album). Some of the sounds may have changed, but the backbone of what makes them great is still there.

I recommend this album to any DMB fan. Critics say what you want, but they will always turn out great music (better than any Wallflowers CD, anyway). As for my score, I give *Everyday* a 9 because Dave Matthews Band will always outdo itself with every new release.



Dave Mathews: The band that everyone seems to have an opinion about.

If anyone else would like to do a review on this controversial issue, send it to sbart604@uwsp.edu.

Correction:

In the CD Review in the March 15th issue of *The Pointer*, the name of Dave Matthews Band drummer Carter Beauford was mistakenly replaced with fellow band member and saxophonist Leroi Moore.
-John Adams

Letters from the edge of the world



By Pat "Free love" Rothfuss
Well... cheap love at any rate.

Hey Pat,

My friend Jessica just wants to say "I LOVE YOU!!!!" Anyway...is the Washington University the same thing as the University of Washington? I go to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and am trying to find someone at the University of Washington, and my friend Jess said "write to Pat!"

This guy I met on spring break was holding onto my shirt for me...and I somehow got separated from him. I need to find that shirt (and I wouldn't mind finding the boy holding it either)! Well, I look forward to chatting with you soon. Thanx!

Kendra and her obsessed friend Jessica

Ahhh, the sweet smell of unconditional love. Thanks Jessica, I needed that.

Unfortunately Kendra, Washington State University is different than University of Washington. Consequently, I will probably not be able to track down your shirt.

Now a mean-spirited columnist would probably take this opportunity to make some sarcastic speculation as to how some boy got hold of your shirt in the first place. But I'm not going to do that. I'll simply point out, in a fatherly way, that nice girls don't end up leaving their shirts with strange boys they met on spring break. For shame.

Your letter (combined with my desolate, soulless existence here in Washington) got me thinking about the nature of friendship. You see, I had a really great batch of

friends back in Point. Now that they're not around I miss the good times we had, the companionship, the emotional support.

But more than anything, I miss being able to use them. After all, ruthless manipulation is the key to all lasting friendships.

With that in mind, here's a list of friends that you should go out of your way to cultivate.

The Truck Friend

It's two o'clock in the morning and you have to get the body of a dead cow out of your ex-girlfriend's swimming pool, only one thing can help you.

You guessed it, the friend with a truck.

On a more regular basis they can be used to help you move furniture and steal otherwise unmanageably large lawn ornaments.

The Cook Friend

The benefits are obvious, but only if they like to cook a lot of food. A friend who cooks for one is really just an acquaintance.

The more common, but less valuable, version of this friend is the friend who springs for pizza. Lower still is the friend who brings home food from work.

The English-Major Friend

The tangible work this friend produces is limited to proofreading and the occasional clarification of obscure literary references in movies. However, the intangible benefits make this friend worthwhile. If you ever feel like you aren't doing anything productive with your life, you

can always count on your English major friend to cheer you up. Just call them up and ask what their job prospects are after graduation. I guarantee, suddenly you'll realize your life is comprised largely of sunshine and lollypops.

The Computer Friend

Perhaps one of the most valuable breeds of friend in this day and age. If you need new computer stuff, not only do they know what's good, they know where to find it cheap. The best version of this friend can also fix your computer after you crash it trying to install Pimp-Pirate III.

The Sex Friend

There are many versions of this friend. The rarest is the purebred sex-friend, often referred to as a 'theatre major.' Much more common is the sex-friend who requires reciprocal dinner, often referred to as 'girlfriend.' Note that the combination of this type of friend with the truck-friend or cook-friend results in something that is not, technically, a friend at all, but is more appropriately termed 'husband' or 'wife.'

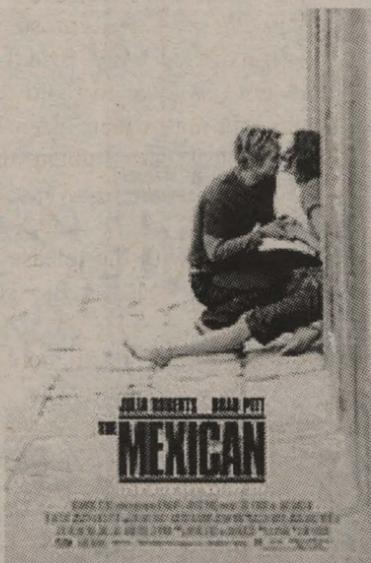
Ok, I am filled with shame again. The "I am not Pat-Rothfuss" T-shirts have been delayed. But they are coming, probably next week. I'll contact the faithful few with specifics on delivery. Don't give up hope.

MOVIE REVIEW: THE MEXICAN

by Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

I usually stay away from such star driven movies as *The Mexican*. Movies of this type, with both a superpower lead actor and actress, tend to be overhyped yet quite disappointing, with too much emphasis on the stars and not enough on the plot, cinematography or, quite frankly, anything else besides the stars. Yet I still found myself in the Campus Cinema a few Friday's ago viewing this Brad Pitt/Julia Roberts collaborative project.

The Mexican revolves around the conflict between Jerry's (Pitt) ties to organized crime and his impulsive girlfriend Samantha's (Roberts) demands of him settling down. Jerry tries to convince Samantha to allow him to complete one last job (which his life depends on) but she won't budge on the issue. Jerry heads to Mexico to recover an antique pistol (creatively named *The Mexican*), but after finding it with ease he discovers that getting home with it isn't



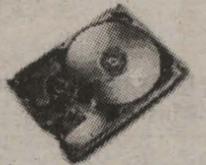
quite as easy. Meanwhile, Samantha is kidnapped and is headed for Las Vegas. Somehow this whole ordeal leads to a romantic reconciliation by the end, but you all saw that coming anyhow.

This is a typical action/comedy (which is just a stupid genre to begin with) where all the bad guys (and some other people too) get killed at some point and yet we're supposed to be in an upbeat amused enough mood to laugh at

Brad or Julia when they say something funny. And there's romance in the film to boot! Movies like these are filmed to make some cash today, entertain a few people who don't know any better and then collect dust on movie rental store shelves, forgotten. But hey, I actually didn't think it was half bad.

Despite an extremely unoriginal plot (a bunch of people all trying to get their hands on the same thing and getting killed and kidnapped in the process) and an unrealistic premise in general, I was at least mildly entertained. Julia Roberts is always fun to watch and Brad Pitt is one of the few talented actors that unfortunately makes it into *People Weekly* or are featured on *Entertainment Tonight*. The combination of these two stars makes the movie all it can hope to aspire to: entertaining. So, in conclusion it wasn't anything special but worthy of a casual view if you have the time. Pure Hollywood Video fodder.

CD Review



John Adams
Music Director
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Music Review

Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals
Live From Mars

For those of you who are familiar with Ben Harper, you won't be surprised by what you find on his latest release, *Live From Mars*, but for those who don't know about him, this is your chance to find out what you've been missing.

Harper and his Criminals are known to their concert going fans as high-energy performers who give it their all on stage. It's this experience that is captured on *Live From Mars*, a two-disc, 25-song live masterpiece. With a touring schedule of more than 200 shows a year, Harper knows what it takes to please a live audience, and this album captures him at his best.

The first disc is edgier, more electric. The set opens up with "Truth and Consequence," a hard electric jam. It slows down a bit with the Marvin Gaye cover, "Sexual Healing," but moves right along with tracks like, "Ground on Down," and the beat-boxin' "Steal My Kisses." The second disc isn't quite as dynamic as the first, but rather it showcases Harper's acoustic talents and focuses more on the songwriting.

But it's Harper's powerful lyrics that are at the core of his best tunes. Ranging in subject matter from the same sex relationship of "Momma's got a girlfriend," to the obvious references made in "Burn One Down," to the environmental issues addressed in "Excuse Me Mister," Harper's music makes you aware on multiple levels.

It's refreshing to hear a live album that doesn't echo all the same material found on previous albums. While most of the tracks can be found on Harper's studio releases, they are definitely new songs when played live. Its good to know there are still a few originals out there doing it live and a simple review doesn't do this album any justice...

Album rating:
9 out of 10



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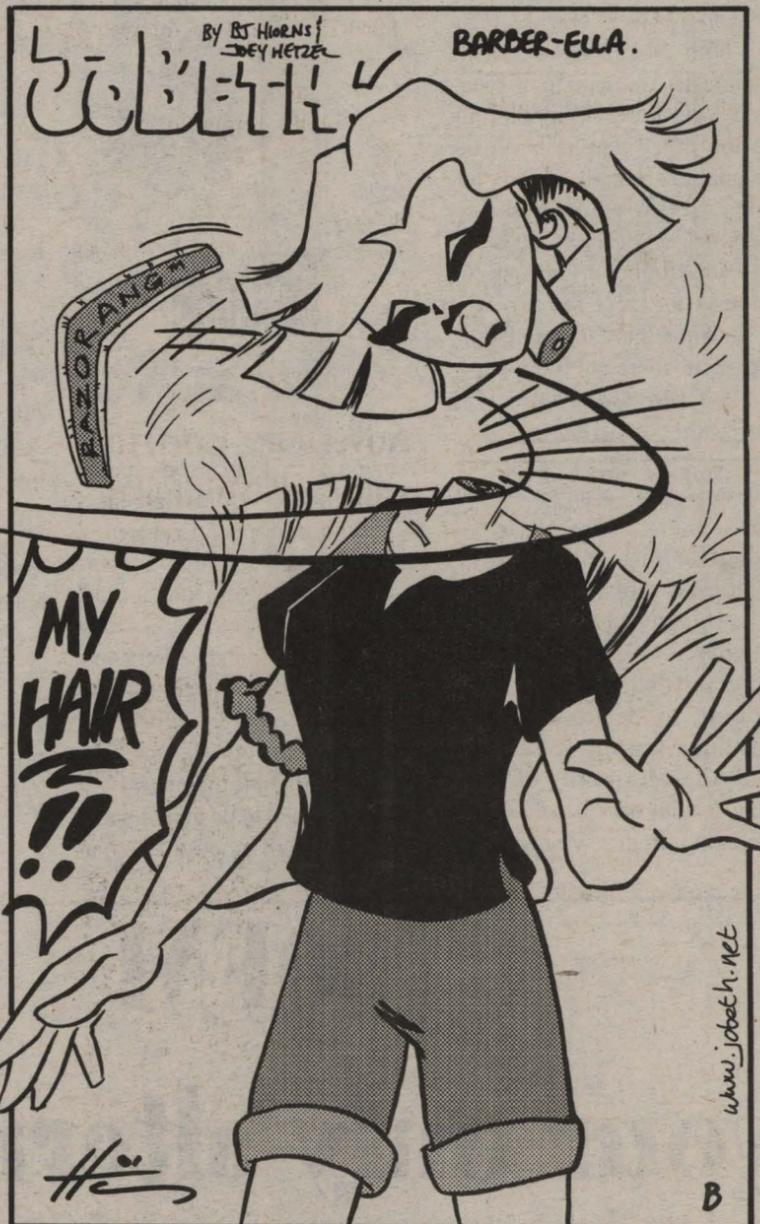
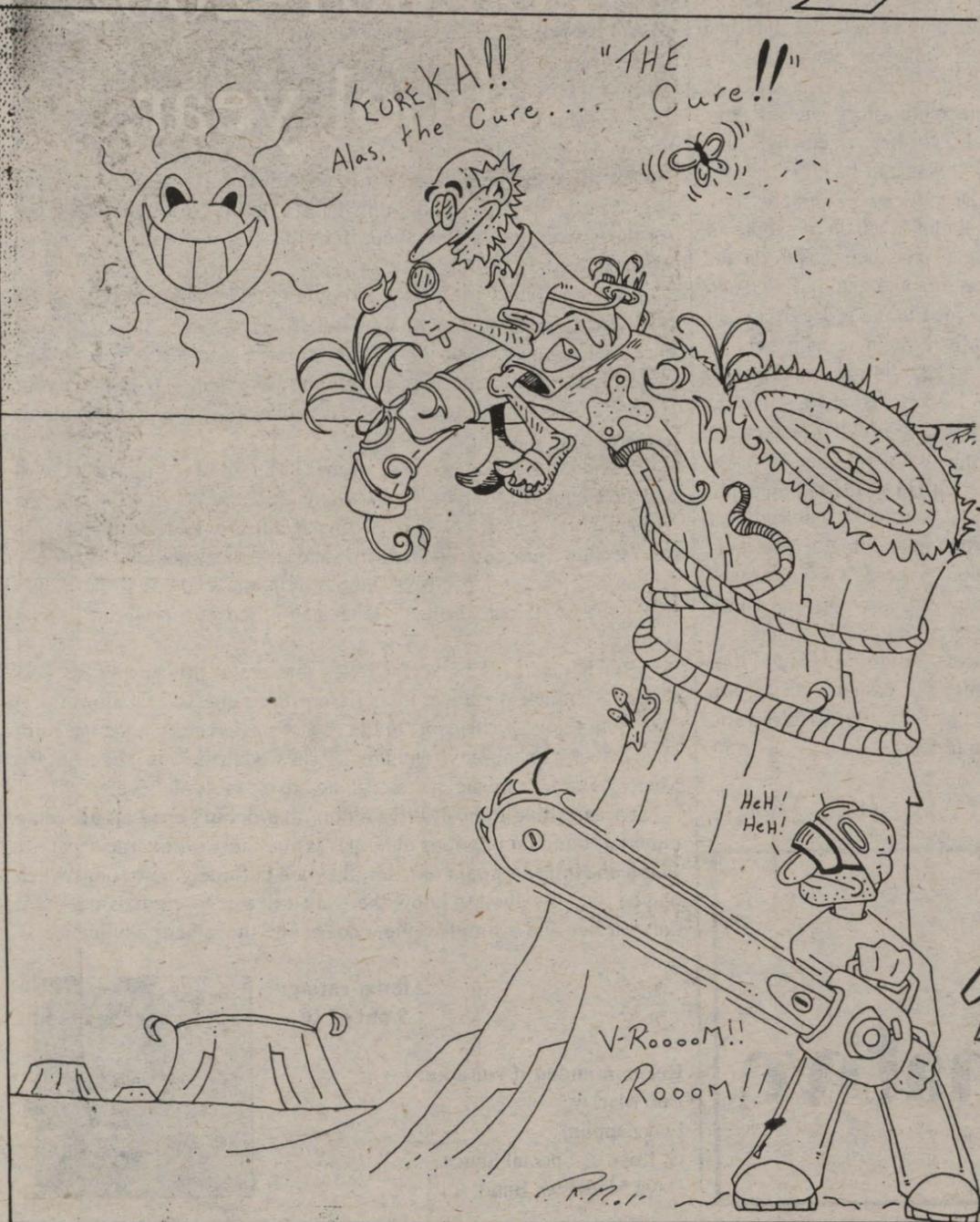
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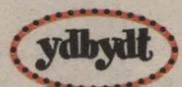
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