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NetCheck transition successful

New system favored over Checkpoint by students and faculty

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UWSP's NetCheck turned out to be a success, according to students and university officials.

NetCheck, which replaced Checkpoint this semester, has made things easier for UWSP students and staff. With the former Checkpoint, students had to be at the university either one or two days before the semester started, so the university could collect student's payments and students could receive their financial aid checks. Checkpoint also indicated which students were coming back.

Students only have to pick

up their books before the semester begins; they can easily check out their billing account, financial aid, schedule and rental book list online. Students can print out their book list and bring it to the bookstore, which saves time.

The old Checkpoint system became too much of a burden on the university.

"Checkpoint was labor intensive," said Registrar David Eckholm. The university was bringing people away from their regular jobs to work here, said Eckholm.

"There was no reason to have students come see us," said Anita Godin, director of revenue, liability and parking. "Checkpoint became a place to herd everyone through for illegitimate reasons."

According to Cindy

Engstrom, university store text rental director, the university started to discuss alternatives to Checkpoint two and a half years ago. The university started the process off by looking at what other UW campuses were doing, said Engstrom. In mid-fall, the university knew for sure that they were going to eliminate Checkpoint, said Engstrom.

Once the university knew this, the next question was, "How do we handle students through text rental," said Engstrom.

Engstrom said that things went a lot smoother this semester in the bookstore.

"There were no lines," said Engstrom. In past semesters, she said, the bookstore experienced busy peaks during the two days

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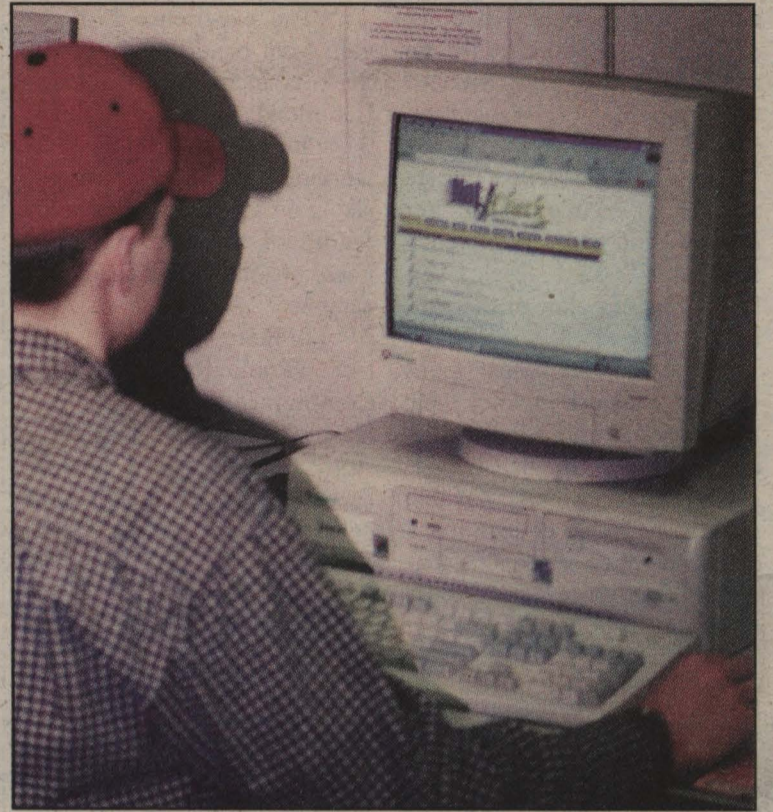


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NetCheck solves complications produced by Checkpoint

Students to run for alcohol awareness

Registration for cross-state SHAAFR run in progress at UWSP

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

Registration is taking place for the 21st annual Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run (SHAAFR) in April. The runners start in Madison and run on back to Stevens Point in relay fashion, a journey that spans approximately 17 hours.

Runners are sponsored or pay \$30 to run in the event with the money going to Hot Shots and PAWS and to cover trip expenses.

"It's a great way to help a good cause while having fun running through the night," said Aaron DeBenedetto, SHAAFR organizer.

SHAAFR stretches for 150 miles and is divided into multiple two-runner shifts. A Lamers bus has donated some of their services and will transport the runners between their shifts.

"Two people run at a time and everyone else hangs out on the bus," said Paul Vilar, SHAAFR coordinator, "Between running we can watch movies or sleep."

In addition to services donated by Lamers, Pepsi also spon-

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Feminist activism topic of upcoming Women Leadership Conference

United Council hosts its Fifth Annual Women's Leadership Conference on Feb. 16-18 at UW-Milwaukee. The conference theme, Visionary Voices: Transforming Knowledge into Feminist Activism, evolved out of the need to bridge the gap between academic feminist theory and feminist activism.

"The conference aims to teach students the skills to translate the feminist knowledge that is learned in the classroom to activism within contemporary movements for equality and social justice," said Journal Taylor, president of United Council.

Distinguished visionary, activist, poet, writer, cultural crit-

ic and professor June Jordan gives the keynote address at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16 at UW-Milwaukee's Union Ballroom.

June Jordan has written many books including *Soldier: A Poet's Childhood*, *June Jordan's Poetry for the People*, *Affirmative Acts* and *Naming Our Destiny*. She has received countless awards, including the PEN West Freedom to Write Award, The Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Black Writers and the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Writers Award, 1995-1998.

With Jordan's publication of five volumes of essays, ten collections of poetry and eight children's books, she became the

most published African American writer in history.

On Saturday, United Council welcomes Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, co-authors of *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future*. Baumgardner is a former editor at *Ms.* and writes regularly for *The Nation*, *Jane*, *Nerve* and *Out*. Richards is a contributing editor at *Ms.* and co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, an activist group for young feminists activists.

Saturday and Sunday features a series of introspective and educational workshops and panel discussions. Workshops address such issues as women and pover-

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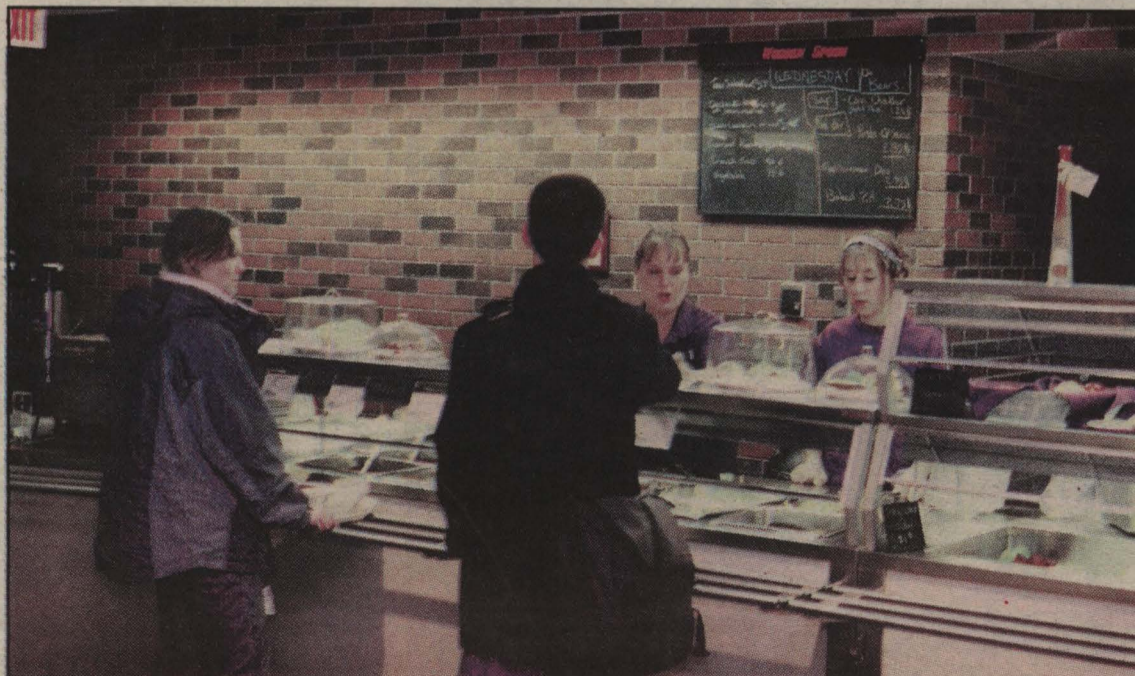


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University Dining Services providing additional flexibility in use of student meal-plans.

University dining offers new options to students

Meal plan changes to provide efficient meal selection opportunity

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

University Dining Services caters to student's needs by offering more options on existing meal plans.

This year students may take along guests to eat with them. This new feature applies to all student meal plans. Students with a meal plan may invite friends living on-campus, friends who live off-campus or friends visiting them from their hometown to

come eat with them. According to the dining services website, students who purchased Block Plans may take along as many guests as they please, provided they have enough meals left. Students who purchase the standard plans are limited to two guests per meal.

In addition, students who purchased block plans may use it either at Debot or obtain the "Point Special" at the Pointer Express or Wooden Spoon. The "Point Special" is a preset meal offered Monday through Friday for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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SGA accepting applications for executive positions

Starting this week, applications for student senate, president, vice president and other executive positions will be available at the Student Government Association (SGA).

"This is an excellent opportunity for students to get involved and make a difference at UWSP," said Jessica Van Hammond, speaker of the senate.

Student government gives students a chance to voice their concerns and improve the general condition of the UWSP campus, making it an enjoyable place to be. Each college has a certain number of senators that

bring the concerns of their constituents to the student senate.

"The experience that you gain from being involved with SGA is incredible," said Van Hammond. "You get to know the administration and the inner workings of the campus. You also gain a greater appreciation for all of the hard work that goes into making a change on campus."

For more information, contact Public Relations and Communications Director Heather Brunner at 346-4592 or stop by the SGA office. Elections are scheduled to be held in March.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS

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Nancy Bayne will present common myths and facts about affirmative action to interested faculty, staff and students.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

Our Crime Prevention Office will do presentations on the following topics: personal safety in a residence hall and on campus grounds, fire safety, alcohol awareness, sexual assault awareness, operation identification, travel and vacation safety tips and several others. No group is too small or too large.

Just give Protective Services a call indicating the time, place, number of people and the topic you would like covered. We have many brochures, pamphlets and posters available for your use, and also provide free video checkout.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at x4044 or e-mail me at jblander@uwsp.edu.

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sors SHAAFR.

"Pepsi is giving us some money for shirts," said Vilar. "And they're donating Powerade for us to drink."

Runners run a minimum of two-mile increments but many choose to run more, according to Vilar.

"Those who choose to only run two miles end up running their shifts every three hours or so during the 17 hour ordeal," said Vilar.

Though the program is organized by and most intensely promoted in Steiner Hall, other students may run as well.

"It's open to everyone," said Vilar. "We want everyone to get involved."

SHAAFR is scheduled for April 27-28. After the bus ride to Madison, the first runners will begin at running at 5 p.m.

The run lasts through the night and reflective vests will be employed to protect the runners during their journey.

"It's the most fun you'll ever have running at night," said DeBenedetto.

Campus BEAT



Baldwin Hall

Friday, Feb. 2 1:55 p.m.

An ambulance was dispatched to the hall for a possible overdose.

Hansen Hall

Saturday, Feb. 3 3:03 a.m.

The fire alarm was pulled on fourth floor.

Lot Q

Saturday, Feb. 3 9:44 a.m.

A cadet noticed the front driver side window had been smashed in on a 1989 Pontiac at the east end of the lot.

Hyer Hall

Sunday, Feb. 4 3:35 p.m.

The hall director reported racial slurs had been written on the bulletin board in the front lobby, on her personal message board and on the message board of a community assistant.

Lot Q

Sunday, Feb. 4 6:01 p.m.

A student's mother reported her daughter's truck was vandalized.

Hansen Hall

Monday, Feb. 5 8:26 a.m.

The hall director notified this office that the lower vent screen on the fourth floor kitchen door had been knocked out. Information received indicated a possible suspect.

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The special varies by location and is different at each meal.

"The message we received last year was that there was a desire for more options on the existing meal plans, so we returned to RHA with some options and implemented those which were requested," said Jerry Lineberger, associate director of the university centers.

As a result of the changes, Lineberger says that he has seen a high usage of most people's meal plans this year.

"We tend to have a much higher meal plan participation or usage rate than our sister UW institutions. I am always amazed when I go to another campus to see the variety we have at UWSP for the price paid," said Lineberger.

Many students are simply not aware of the changes made. Off-campus student Charles Rottier said that was not aware that students who have meal

plans were allowed to bring along guests, but when informed said that he would definitely see if any of his friends on campus would take him along for lunch or dinner.

Matt Halada, who also lives off-campus, said that he wishes that he could have brought along friends when he used to live in the residence halls.

"Back when I was in the dorms I was running into problems of wasting them [meals.] I used to have friends that came up and we would have to go eat somewhere else off campus," said Halada.

Kelly Christopherson also wishes that she could have given some of her meals to her friends. "I had seven meals a week, but only ate twice a week," said Christopherson.

A few students know about the changes and have been taking advantage of them.

"It's good because last year I wasted a lot of meals," said on-

campus resident Andrea Mickelson. "Now I can actually use up all my meals. If we pay for them, we might as well use them."

Freshman Melissa Bauman has also been taking advantage of the changes by having her boyfriend, who doesn't attend this university, come eat a few meals with her at Debot.

"For me it's really convenient because Chad can come with me so I don't have to go alone, and since he's not a student he wouldn't be able to eat with me otherwise," said Bauman.

Lineberger said that dining services is always looking for something new and interesting to do. He emphasized that students should feel free to tell dining services staff and managers any suggestions that they have to make things better or more fun. For more on dining services: http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/dining_service.htm.

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that Checkpoint was held, but this semester the student-flow in and out of the bookstore was evenly balanced throughout the week that students were able to pick up their books. "It turned out really successful for us," said Engstrom.

Students expressed how convenient NetCheck is over Checkpoint.

I really liked it," said graduate student Kelly Hafermann. "I had to stand in line for a half hour last semester during Checkpoint.

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ty, art as activism, feminist parenting, challenging gender, the beauty myth, rural lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues, women in prisons, globalization and women in the third-world, among many others.

"The conference is designed to satisfy the needs of a diverse group of students," said Ajita Talwalker, president of UW-Milwaukee and a conference organizers. "We will have workshops on everything from how to work in coalitions to setting a feminist legislative agenda. The workshops will stimulate discussion and challenge our ideas and activism."

A \$15 fee will be charged for students who attend one of the 22 United Council member campus-

Now, you just have to print out your book list and you're done," said Hafermann.

"It [NetCheck] saves a lot of time," said Allison Merz. "I was confused at first, being here for four years, but it was a lot easier," said Sol Cummings.

According to Eckholm, the university has also been talking about creating a web-based online service which would be used to register for classes, but this will not happen until the administrative services staff can allocate enough funds.

es and register after Feb. 7. On-site registration is available. Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday night. Attendants can make hotel arrangements by calling the Hilton, Milwaukee City Center at (414) 271-7250. When making room reservations, students should mention United Council.

"Both female and male students from UWSP will attend," said Alexa Priddy, coordinating director of UWSP's Women's Resource Center. "They are interested in the diversity of women's issues topics that will be featured."

Interested students should contact United Council at (608) 263-3422 or email the UC at cwomens@gdinet.com.

"Taboo in owning our own ethnocentrism" will be discussed in Professor Barbara Butler's presentation Tuesday, Feb. 13 at noon in Room 018 of the Student Services Building.

Butler describes ethnocentrism as "the flip side of treasuring the web of cultural traditions in which we grow up, a set of habits, however arbitrary, that may be said to develop and mature within us, allowing us to be fully human."

The Multicultural Resource Center, the sponsor of this event, invites students and the public at large to attend and enjoy the presentation, chips and soda that will be provided.

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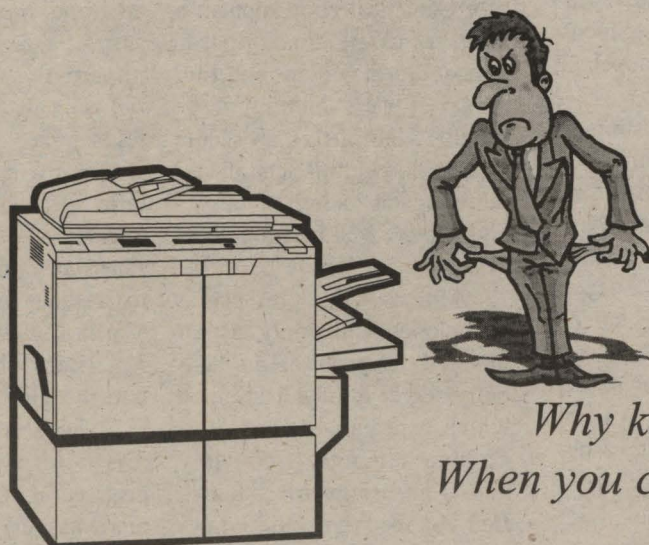
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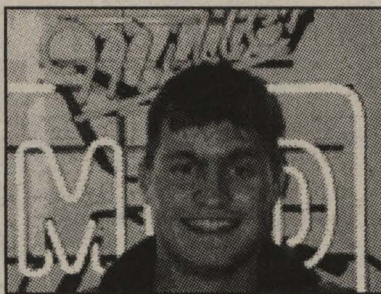
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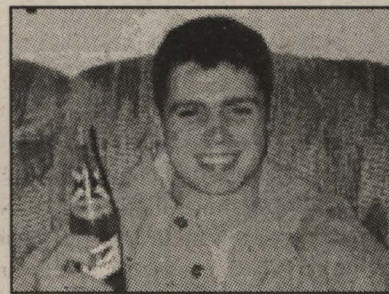
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The War on Napster

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

By Chris Randazzo
MANAGING EDITOR

I grew up in a town without any musical selection. Coming to Point, I found 90FM to be the coolest thing since chocolate milk, however I longed to hear the music I wanted to hear at the times that I wanted to hear it.

One day my friend told me about this new Internet service, Napster. "But you better hurry up," he told me. "It's kind of illegal and won't be around for too long."

And so my longstanding love affair with MP3s began. And I must say that my expenditures on CDs have increased by 300% since that time. Napster gives me a way to experience music on my terms.

And as Fat Mike of NOFX wisely said, "The dinosaur will surely die and I'm just glad I'll be here to see it happen."

It's about time for the capitalistic recording industry to go down. Recording artists deserve to make a living just as much as anyone. However, it's about time that some executive stops making the decisions about what bubble-gum, pop-queen sex symbol our children will be exposed to.

It's time to appreciate music as an art, not as a marketing ploy.

As Ani DiFranco so aptly put it in her song *Fuel* "...now everything's cross-marketed, it's about sunglasses and shoes, or guns and drugs, you choose."

People have been "stealing" from the recording industry for years, and I have a drawer full of mixed tapes to prove it.

If MGM, Capital Records and Uncle Walt want to get on the train during this information revolution, they should try advertising on services such as Napster and Gnutella.

There is another group of people thriving from the availability of music besides starving college kids. These people are called musicians. Now, I'm not talking about Snoop Doggy Doggy or Eminems, I'm talking about the people who are making music because it is their passion.

Napster has opened doors for many musicians who possess great amounts of talent, but lack the good-old-boy connections of the Mickey Mouse club.

The issue here is not freedom from copyright violation, it is the freedom from corporations dictating what music we should listen to.

I've heard all the arguments, but I still come to same conclusion - using Napster to get copyrighted material is plain old theft.

For those who don't know, Napster is a computer program that is used via the Internet for music "sharing." Using Napster, Internet users can access an almost endless supply of MP3 music files that other users have saved on their computers for this purpose.

Sounds great doesn't it? No longer do you have to spend your hard earned cash on CDs. You can just go to the Napster site, download the free Napster software and download all the free music you want.

The problem is the music isn't theirs to give away. Music is copyrighted, and is the intellectual property of the artists who created it. Downloading that music is robbing those artists of the money they would receive when you buy their album.

Many Napster users argue that it's OK

because record labels "rip-off" musicians by giving them such a small percentage of the profits. Whether or not record labels are "ripping-off"

the musicians is irrelevant. It's still stealing.

Retailers make a much smaller percentage of the profit than record labels, but you don't see millions of people going out and stealing CDs from them and saying it's OK.

Another argument Napster users make is that they are just seeing if they like the music so they can decide whether to buy the CD. In many cases that's fine.

A variety of musicians post samples of their music on their own, or their label's website. If a band wants to put samples out there, that is their choice. The Internet is a wonderful tool for musicians to get broader exposure.

However, not all bands choose to do this, and that is their choice as well. If a musician doesn't want their music available on the net, then it shouldn't be. It is their property, and what they do with it is their choice.

It may be true that the music industry is way behind the times in regards to technology, and it may also be true that the industry charges more than is necessary for its product.

Neither of these points changes the fact that downloading music that the artists or their labels don't want available on the net is stealing.



We don't need hate crime legislation

Beware of "feel good" proposals to help minorities which treat people as members of a favored group rather than as individuals.

The Matthew Shepard tragedy should not be used as an excuse to pass more federal hate crime legislation. We don't need an Endangered Species Act for people where crimes against a protected group are treated more seriously than crimes against everyone else.

Under so-called "Hate Crime" laws, the federal government would get jurisdiction over crimes deemed to be "hate crimes," and penalties would be increased. This is a bad idea because the Feds don't belong in local law enforcement and shouldn't discriminate when it comes to justice. Every violent crime is a hate crime and is already covered by existing local laws. Law enforcement should focus on stopping crimes in general - not punishing crimes which happen to be politically incorrect.

Instead of passing new hate crime legislation, there is a simpler and better way for politicians to make every American feel safer. Let them renew the commitment to a fair, impartial, non-discriminatory judicial system, where every human life is treated as equally precious. Let's work towards an America where the concept of "justice for all" is a reality.

Speaking of equality, we read in *The Pointer* that the United Council supports "affirmative" action and SGA will vote on it. When affirmative action was introduced in the 1960s, it was to assure equal treatment for all. Somehow that got twisted into a degrading system of special treatment and reverse discrimination in the 1970s. It wasn't clear what the Council suggests, but we don't want to go back there.

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Ashcroft confirmation is anti-American

I am very disappointed with Sen. Feingold's vote to confirm former Sen. Ashcroft to be the next attorney general of the United States of America.

In my view the former senator's fanatical opposition to a woman's constitutional right to choose to have an abortion makes it very doubtful if he would vigorously prosecute those who commit acts of violence against abortion clinics and doctors who perform abortions.

Moreover, his presence at Bob Jones University as an honored recipient of an honorary degree from an institution which specializes in anti-Catholic bigotry certainly makes him singularly unqualified to be the chief law-

enforcement officer of the United States of America.

Finally, Ashcroft's affinity for those who cannot abide the fact that the late Confederate States of America was defeated by forces superior to it materially and morally makes him suspect as a person who could impartially uphold the civil rights of all Americans regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation. I have specific reference to a friendly interview he gave to *Southern Partisan*, a publication devoted to trashing Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr. and all Americans who have fought for human rights and equality.

There was absolutely no reason for Senator Feingold's disgraceful support of the former Missouri senator for attor-

ney general.

After all, Sen. Feingold certainly wouldn't have supported a person friendly to anti-Semitic institutions and publications; hence, I did expect him to vote against a person who has given aid and comfort to anti-Catholic bigotry and who has, in fact, spit upon the grave of every American who died fighting to preserve the Union and to end the scourge of slavery during the American Civil War.

Sen. Feingold's vote to confirm President's Bush choice for attorney general is a vote that will live in infamy.

Reverend Tom Hutt
Menasha, Wis.

No message in Army protests

As a witness to the Army protest last Wednesday I was appalled. This group was a disgrace and was embarrassing to me as a student at UWSP. From what I saw they were not conveying any particular message but rather were just harassing the few people that actually make an attempt to really give something back to our country; the armed forces. The use of BDUs (the camos) while making some strange attempt to impersonate some rebel group was also a mockery of the men and women that wear and have died in these uniforms.

Some of the things that were voiced by this outspoken minority were also taken as very offensive to someone like me that has family and friends that serve, have served, and have given their lives for our country. If you have a complaint with the way these men and women are carrying out their service, don't take it up with them, you'd better go to a higher power. Next time you see a soldier in uniform you should feel at least a little thankful down inside for the great country that they have given you and help to uphold.

Jake Froyum
Stevens Point

Protests not justifiable

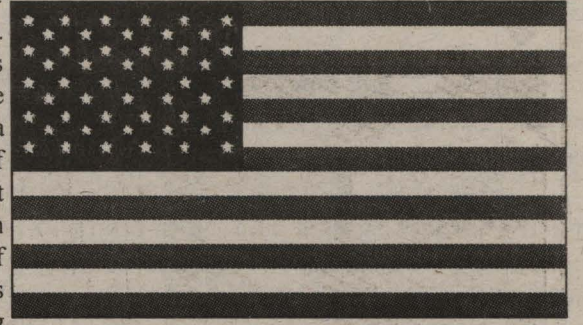
As a UWSP student and veteran of the United States Air Force, I am very disappointed by the actions of those protesting against Army Awareness Week and the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program (ROTC). While you certainly have the right to protest, you have no right to disgrace those who voluntarily serve in our nation's Armed Forces and those who have given their lives in service to our great nation. Your disrespect of the uniform demonstrates how little you appreciate the sacrifices our soldiers, air-

men, seamen and Marines make for our nation on a daily basis.

I am proud of my service in the military and I served with many good people who were extremely dedicated to our nation and the freedoms we have. Your actions may have brought you a great deal of attention but very little in terms of respect. Actions such as writing

"baby killers" on posters are not heroic but rather cowardly and juvenile.

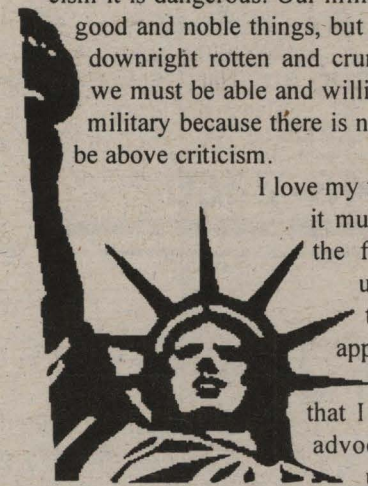
Joe Gosz
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.



It is the protesters who make America Great

A few weeks ago, our nation celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. MLK is universally lauded as the epitome of nobility. But few people grasp the man fully. Most people seem to have ultimately vague notions of the real MLK, essentially knowing him by rote. We need to strip away the icon status and get at who the real man was, get at his beliefs. No one besides the deviant few are willing to condemn what the great Martin Luther King, Jr. stands for. Or are they?

I was involved this last week in a protest against our nation's militarism. I personally was not necessarily advocating abolishing the military, but instead advocating that our nation get sensible, just and rational about the military. We need to analyze our militarism more and put the military in the proper perspective. The doings of the military are deemed sacrosanct by an astounding percent of the population, and when anything is put above criticism it is dangerous. Our military may do some good and noble things, but it also does some downright rotten and crummy things. And we must be able and willing to criticize the military because there is no reason it should be above criticism.



I love my freedom. I cherish it much. More so than the folks condemning us protesters. The testament to my appreciation of this freedom is that I use it, and that I advocate undiluted, unpolluted freedom, not some spurious imitation. Protesting is an act that says we love America. And I will let you know that my friends and comrades, who in the most bravest manner confronted an often corrupted yet unbelievably sacred American institution, have great hearts. These people care about this country profoundly. We were willing to stick to our guns and make a profound statement. (pun intended) The seeds of change are protesting. A better world emanates from protesting. I love my army protesting comrades. I don't always agree with them on issues, but they are loaded with utmost compassion. It is us protesters who make America great.

My wonderful friends and I don't agree on everything, but we stand united for a common cause, diversity can be a strength instead of a weakness. Personally, I think our intervention in WWII to stop Adolf Hitler's Nazism was a wise thing. But this doesn't mean everything our military does is justifiable, or a lot of what it does for that matter. I am glad that, due to the efforts of the U.S. military, we don't have a shrine in front of Quandt Gym built

to Adolf Hitler. I am not protesting our involvement in WWII, but I am protesting all the egregious things our militaristic government does do. Like getting involved in Bosnia, Iraq sanctions, oil wars, Vietnam, Kosovo, supporting the oppressive Columbian right wing regime and on and on, and all the awful situations where our government intervened not for lofty humanitarianism but for reasons of expediency for the interests of our government and the corporations which rule it. We need more critical thinking about the military (on both sides, pacifists too!).

If we really see things the way they are, we will discover that our government can be just as bad, if not worse than the other governments and enemies who are demonized by American propaganda. If we can transcend our ethnocentric baggage, we achieve truth and make America better, for blind patriotism, which is far too common, is no virtue. And to criticize something about the military does not necessarily mean one is caricaturizing the very notion of the military itself, though we should all make strides toward a nonviolent world. People think too black and white, and sometimes (or is it often?) people don't think at all. Personally, I think I might get troubled if we had no military at all, but our military needs to improve big time. I was chanting and protesting because our military has gone too far, way too far.

I think it's ironic that people will condemn us while lauding MLK when we are standing for essentially the same things. A double standard. Do you really know MLK when you in rote praise him? MLK was a peacenik just like us. He believed strongly in nonviolence. He spoke out against the military. He encouraged people not to fight in the Vietnam War. MLK broke the law when it was justifiable and necessary (which is not always or necessarily even often) and in his day he was branded "Un-American" and worse. MLK was a dissident, a rebel, an iconoclast, a protester. And so are we. If we peacenik protesters should leave America because we dare speak out against the military, then our government should issue a proclamation doing away with MLK day. The icon is just rhetorical fluff. His beliefs and his (gulp!) protesting are paramount and real. Why is MLK great? Because he protested! If he wasn't a protester, he wouldn't be our hero. We protesters follow in his footsteps, resisting violence and oppression, striving to cultivate a nation that is the best. Those who criticize us "peaceniks" should also have the guts to criticize MLK.

Andrew Bushard
Stevens Point, Wis.

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Elementary students benefit from after-school program



By Katie Harding

FEATURES EDITOR

The Latchkey program, sponsored by the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA), is currently being run at Jefferson Elementary School in Stevens Point.

The program is funded mainly through grants and fundraising done by StWEA.

Latchkey is an after-school program offered to children between kindergarten and fourth grade.

The program is free, and it provides students with a safe, structured environment for children who would otherwise have nowhere to go or be left alone at home after school.

Latchkey fulfills the

needs of almost 30 high-risk students who come from economically challenged families.

While at the program, children are provided with snacks, age-appropriate games, playground activities, art projects and learning opportunities.

Each year the Latchkey program continues to grow in order to meet the needs of our community. UWSP student volunteers bring their own unique talents and experiences to the program each semester.

"We have about 35 volunteers with teaching intent, which makes the program beneficial for both UWSP

students and the elementary students," said co-coordinator, Sarah Lukaszewski.

The group will be holding a brat sale this Saturday. They will be in front of Walmart from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"We are proud of the ongoing success of the Latchkey program and hope it continues to excel with the additional cooperation and support of the Latchkey volunteer teachers and contributions from many generous organizations," say Sarah Lukaszewski and Amanda Haack, co-coordinators of the program



Students take a break from their projects during the Latchkey program.

UWSP sponsors better grade program

"Better Grades in Less Time," an interactive program that gives students tips and challenges to develop more positive academic habits will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at UWSP.

The Residence Hall Association, Residential Living and Student Affairs will sponsor the program at 7 p.m. in the University Center Alumni Room.

Each student in attendance will receive a booklet of information to take home. It is full of ideas and tips for studying, test taking, concentrating and even what foods to eat for academic success.

There will be a question and answer period as well as other opportunities for audience involvement. This program is geared toward college and high school students, but junior high students can also benefit from it.

More information is available on the Web at www.totalsuccess.com. For local information, contact Lacey Benz at 346-2556 or by e-mail at lbz049@uwsp.edu.

Leonce and Lena to open this week

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

Leonce and Lena, a romantic, ironic comedy will open on Thursday. The production will run Feb. 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of the Fine Arts building.

"*Leonce and Lena* is a dark romantic comedy about a troubled prince who goes off in search of life and love," says Director, Jon Barsness, a senior drama major from Rochester, Minn.

Barsness chose to adapt the 1835 classic by Georg Buchner into a modern translation.

Prince Leonce, played by Eli Kranski of Kaukana, leaves town to avoid being forced to marry Lena, a princess played by Lindsay Verstegen of Appleton. An ironic plot twist occurs when Leonce falls in love with Lena not knowing who she is.

Other actors in the play are Josh Johnson, Teresa Williams, Bethany Davis, Ed Hough, Zach Mace, Susan Kinyon and Connor Hayes.

Tickets for the performances are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in Quandt Gym Lobby on Fourth Street or by calling (715) 346-4100 or 1-800-838-3378 and may be charged on major credit cards. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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F. Scott Fitzgerald

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Valentine's Day

Cupid or stupid?



By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Love, cards, candy, flowers. Valentine's day is NOT a Hallmark holiday.

Valentine's Day derived from the Romans in 270 A.D. The Roman Emperor Claudius was having trouble recruiting men for his armies because none of them wanted to leave their wives or children. So, in anger, Claudius outlawed marriages. Little did he know that a priest named Valentine was marrying lovers in secret. He was soon discovered out, caught and sentenced to death. Valentine's jailer's daughter, Augustine was so kind that, before his death on Feb. 14, he wrote her a thank you card, hence where we get the tradition of sending Valentines.

So, why not recognize the patron of love? "But, you should celebrate love every day, not just on Valentine's Day," you say. Well, of course you should. But, those who neglect to give credit where credit is due, have this extra chance to satisfy the 364-day romantic drought.

I'm sure there are girlfriends out there who complain about their beaus not replicating the suave Don Juan. But, when Feb. 14 rolls around, nothing makes up for lost lust like a candlelit dinner, roses and a piece of expensive jewelry.

"But if you're single, what's the point of celebrating?" When celebrating the fight for love, it is wise to remember there are different kinds of amour. Did you forget about love for your friends, your family, yourself?

Valentine's Day is a time to show appreciation for those people you care about. Why do you think you gave the teacher valentines in second grade?

So, instead of blaming this holiday on card and candy companies, think of it as a celebration. Valentine's Day remembers a man who died so others could live in married bliss. What would you do for love? Do it on Valentine's Day.

SPOTLIGHT TRIVIA

- Who played Bob in the movie "What About Bob?"
 - John Candy
 - Steve Martin
 - Dan Aykroyd
 - Bill Murray
- Who was Madonna's first husband?
 - Prince
 - Sting
 - Sean Penn
 - Lenny Kravitz
- Which actor has a tattoo on his right forearm saying "Scotland Forever"?
 - Mel Gibson
 - Sean Connery
 - Dennis Hopper
 - Anthony Hopkins
- Which actor's real last name is Coppola? He is Francis Ford Coppola's nephew.
 - Ben Affleck
 - Nicholas Cage
 - John Cusack
 - Matt Damon

Answers: 1. d-Bill Murray; 2. c-Sean Penn; 3. b-Sean Connery; 4. b-Nicholas Cage

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

First of all, I should set the record straight that I am in a loving relationship right now and have been for some time. I am not bitter because I don't have somebody to share Valentine's Day with each year. Though I don't blame anybody who is.

Most holidays that I participate in have some meaning to me. Christmas and Easter are prime examples; these are religious celebrations I believe in. New Year's Day is a celebration of surviving to see one more year. Halloween is a tradition derived from All Saints' Day.

But what is Valentine's Day, a celebration of? What happened on Valentine's Day that we should celebrate? The only event that stands out in my mind is the gory, bloody massacre between rival gangs in Chicago in the 1920s- the Valentine's Day massacre. This is not cause for a celebration.

I also have trouble with setting aside one specific day a year that says we need to be good to our significant others. If someone truly cares about a person, I think that it would be expressed every chance that person had, not just on Valentine's Day.

And how do we choose to express our love every Valentine's Day? By presenting our loved ones with some cheap, heart-shaped cardboard box from KMart filled with crappy chocolates and a card picked up for \$2.99.

This generosity is supposed pardon all wrongs and faults in the relationship with one fell swoop, leaving the giver absolved of all sins committed within the past year.

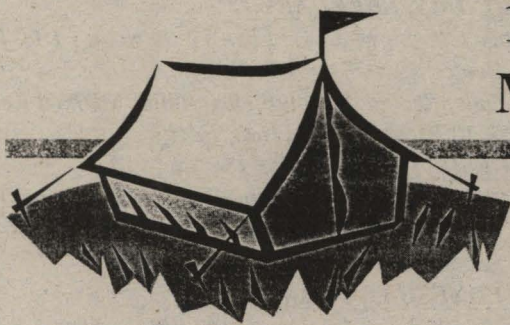
If the expected giver fails to give, there's hell to pay. (This is a warning to all you guys out there who have a Valentine's Day-adoring girlfriend: Go to Kmart for that cheap candy now before there's hell to pay.)

The bottom line is this: I want someone to tell me I'm loved of his own volition, not because some fabricated greeting-card holiday forces him to.

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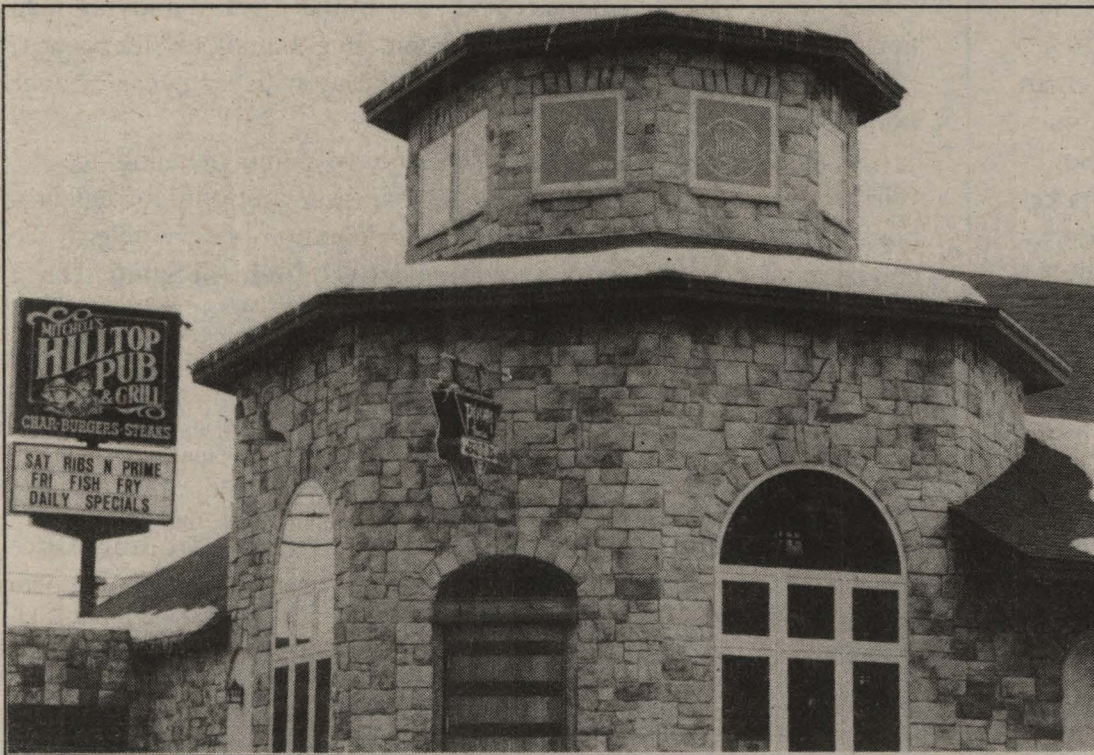


photo by Renee Eismueller

Hilltop boasts a large selection of lunches, dinners and drinks for a reasonable price in a fun, cozy atmosphere.

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

I went to the Hilltop a couple weeks ago for dinner with a friend. It was around 8 p.m. on a Sunday.

There weren't many diners in while we were there. We sat in the smoking area because it looked cozier. Our waitress arrived and explained all the specials thoroughly.

My friend and I each had a margarita. I ordered chicken fettucine, and she decided on a steak sandwich with criss-cut fries. Our food was ready very quickly—within about 10 minutes.

We both liked our drinks. They were a decent size and not too weak or too strong.

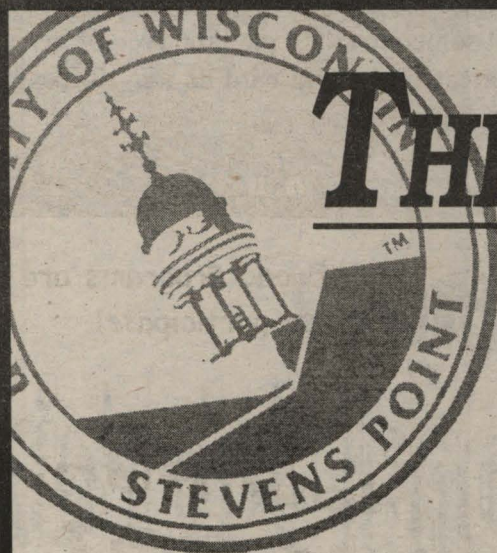
Both of us agreed that our portions were quite large. We both took some of our dinner home with us. My food was excellent, and my friend thoroughly enjoyed hers as well.

Our service was also excellent. Our waitress was very friendly, and she checked on us repeatedly. She brought our check out promptly after we were finished eating, and she took care of our change for us right at the table.

Our bill came to \$17.53, and we left a \$4 tip.

I would recommend the Hilltop for any casual dining experience. The food was great, the service was excellent, and the price was fair.

Overall Rating: ***1/2



THE WEEK IN POINT!

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Yoga Class w/Jeanne Pawielski, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, 235-235A, University Center

Central WI Honors Orchestra Festival, All Day, Evening Concert, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, FAC

Yoga Class w/Jeanne Pawielski, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Aerobics, Allen Center

CP! Club/Variety Comedian, Alexandra McHale, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, The Encore, UC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Reiki/Holistic Healing w/Pam Gavrill, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM, Aerobics, Allen Center

Centertainment Productions presents: Quit-N-Time Music Series w/World Instruments, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC

CP! Alternative Sounds: Battle of the Bands, 7:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Wrestling, Augsburg, 7:00 PM, Quandt Fieldhouse

CP! Cinema Presents: Gladiator, 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM/1:00 AM, Room 073, DeBot Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Wrestling, UW-River Falls, 12:00 Noon, Berg Gym

Wrestling, UW-Eau Claire, 4:00 PM, Berg Gym

Wom. Basketball, UW-Oshkosh, 7PM (T)

Basketball, UW-Oshkosh, 7PM (H)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Yoga Class w/Maureen Ebel, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Aerobics, Allen Center

Faculty Recital, Steven Bjella, violin; Michael Keller, piano, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, FAC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

CP! Issues and Ideas: Swing/Latin Dance Mini-Course w/Sandra Wunderlich, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM and 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, The Encore, UC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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Cold shooting Pointers can't solve Eau Claire

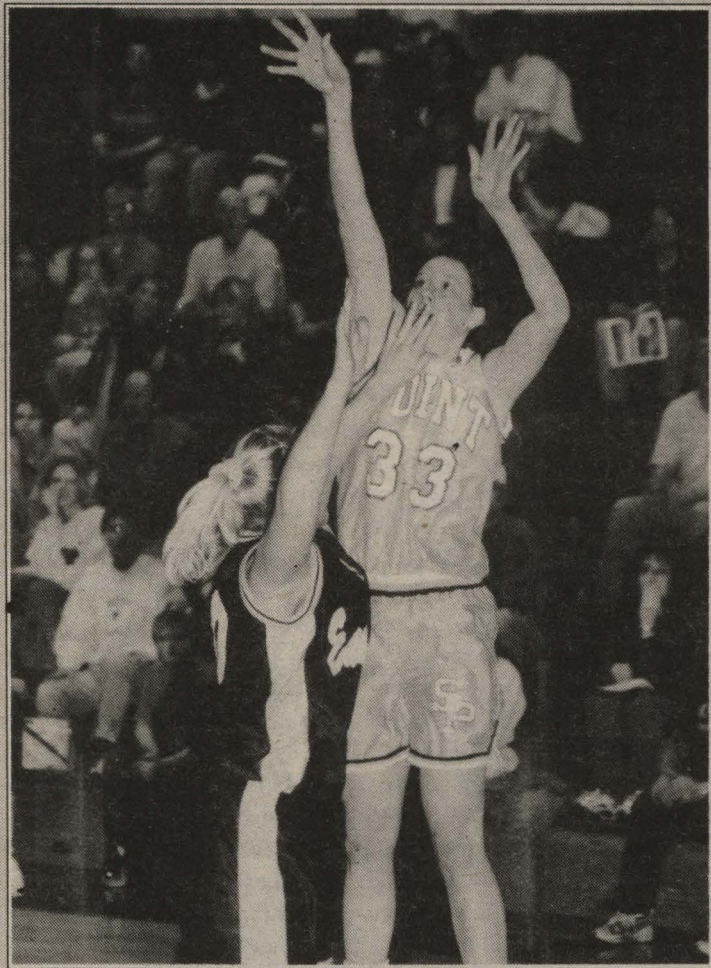


Photo by Renee Eismueller

Kari Groshek goes up for a shot over Eau Claire's Sarah Hughes Wednesday night at Berg Gym.

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

There were a number of factors on the line Wednesday night at the Berg Gym when the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball took on UW-Eau Claire. Point had a five-game winning streak at stake and was looking for its first season sweep of the Blugolds since the 1987-88 season. The winner would also gain sole possession of third place in the WIAC.

Behind a strong second half surge and a suffocating defensive effort, Eau Claire was able to post a 67-48 win over the Pointers.

Both teams struggled in the first half as the Blugolds had 14 turnovers and the Pointers had 13. Point had a 27-20 lead with 1:44 remaining but had to settle for a 27-25 halftime lead.

The offensive struggles continued early in the second half, but Eau Claire took charge with a 12-0 run to take a 48-36 lead with 9:22 remaining. UWSP never got closer than nine the rest of the way. The Blugolds outscored Point 42-21 in the second half.

Freshmen Cassandra Heuer and Andrea Kraemer led the Pointers with 11 points apiece. Kari Groshek and Carry Boehning combined to shoot just 4-23 from the field as Point shot a frigid 27 percent from the field as a team.

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Pointer wrestlers take fourth at Luther Invite

Three wrestlers placed second at their respective weight classes as the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team placed fourth at the six-team Luther College Classic Saturday in Decorah, Iowa.

The Pointers, ranked 13th in the NCAA Division III, had 69.5 team points as top-ranked Augsburg College (Minn.) won the invitational with 157.5 points. Fourth-ranked Wartburg (Iowa) was second with 147.5 points and host Luther was third with 87.5 points.

"As a team I think we wrestled pretty well," Pointer coach Johnny Johnson said. "We were able to get into some title matches."

"Overall I was pretty happy with the way they wrestled."

Brady Holtz recorded two victories at 133 pounds before losing to Augsburg's Bryan Miller 16-5 in the title match. Holtz pinned Wartburg's Nick Kilburg in 4:33 and beat UW-Platteville's John Schimming 9-0.

Wes Kapping reached the title match at 174 pounds with an 11-5 victory over St. Olaf's John Holm. Kapping lost to Augsburg's Nick Slack 10-2 in the finals.

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Men's track takes first, women third at Eastbay Invitational

Pointer teams impress during home invite

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point track and field teams played host to the Eastbay Invitational last weekend. The women took third place with 114.33 points while the men finished first with 242 points.

Carthage College won the women's meet with 138.33 points, while UW-Eau Claire was a close second with 132.5.

Women's coach Len Hill thought the team might not have been quite ready for such a big invite. With UWSP starting school one week later than other colleges, they missed out on one more week of competition.

"It's kind of nice to start with smaller meets," Hill said. "This year we had one less."

Earning first place finishes were Leah Juno in the 1,000 meter run in a school record time of 2:57.48, Michelle Beck in the one mile (5:49.05), Jenny Todd in the long jump (5.47 m) and the distance medley team (12:15.37).

"We performed really well. The larger invites bring in more quality competition," said Hill.



Photo by Nick Brilowski

Jessica Duemler clears the bar during the women's pole vault competition Saturday at the Eastbay Invitational.

"Right now we're experimenting. We can afford to try some different people in different places."

The men's team dominated their competition by outscoring second place Carthage College by 124 points.

Coach Rick Witt was not surprised that the team won, but he didn't expect the huge margin of victory.

"We probably expected to win the meet," Witt said. "We had a few more bodies because we were at home. We had a few more people to pick from."

Earning first place finishes

for the men in individual events were Craig Gunderson in the 200 meter dash (49.38), Jesse Baumann in the 800 meter run (1:57.42), Cory Lesperance in the long jump (6.8 m), Aaron Carley in the triple jump (14.01 m) and Noah Eschenbach in the weight throw (17.18 m).

The 4 x 200 meter relay (1:32.16), the 4 x 400 meter relay (3:20.92) and the distance medley (10:09.57) also took first place.

Both teams will travel to the UW-Oshkosh Invitational this Saturday.

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Eau Claire puts hurt on Pointer men

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team had seemed to find the magic formula to cure its WIAC ailment.

After dropping three of four conference games, the Pointers responded with a pair of impressive wins.

Wednesday night at Zorn Arena in Eau Claire, the Blugolds managed to dish out a huge helping of kryptonite as they hammered the Pointers in the second half en route to a 72-53 victory.

UWSP led the majority of the first half, holding as big as a six point advantage before taking a slim 33-32 halftime lead.

But Jason Larson caught fire in the second half, scoring 17 of his game-high 28 points to pace Eau Claire.

The hosts came out on fire after intermission, scoring the first 11 points of the half and never looked back. All told the Blugolds doubled up on UWSP in the second half outscoring them, 40-20.

The loss drops UWSP to 16-5 overall and 8-5 in the WIAC.

Joe Zuiker led Point with 17 points and five rebounds.

Saturday night, UW-Platteville came into the Quandt Fieldhouse as the last place team in the WIAC, but the Pioneers hardly resembled a push-over.

Platteville gave the Pointers all they could handle before UWSP used a 10-0 run close out the game and knock off the Pioneers, 72-61.

"We just found a way (to

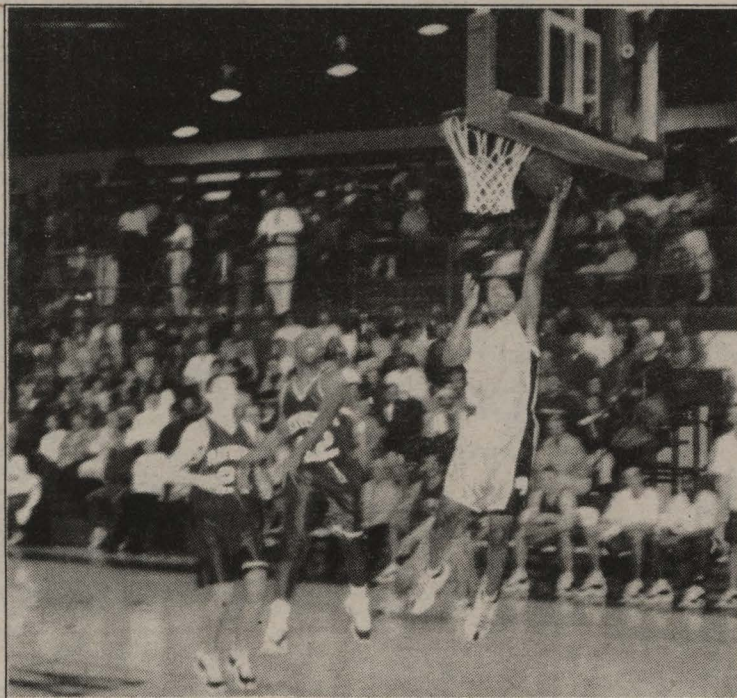


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Kalonji Kadima goes in for a breakaway lay-up during UWSP's win over UW-Platteville Saturday night.

win)," Pointer coach Jack Bennett said. "We've rallied with a couple of big wins."

In front of a capacity Alumni Night crowd of 2,363, the Pointers came out on fire from behind the three-point stripe, hitting on seven of 12 attempts in the first half.

Josh Iserloth torched the visitors, connecting on three three-pointers on his way to 17 first half points. But Platteville managed to hang close, trailing by just 39-35 going into halftime.

"I thought we lived by the three (point shot) the whole game," Bennett stated, "but we didn't just live by the three. I thought we also had an inside attack tonight."

If the first half belonged to

Iserloth, the second half belonged to Zuiker. He scored 11 of UWSP's first 15 points in the half and finished with 19 after scoring just two first half points.

Nonetheless, the Pioneers found themselves trailing by a single point, 62-61, after Brad Stangel hit on three free throws with 5:29 remaining.

But that would be as close as Platteville would get, as UWSP didn't allow a single point the rest of the game.

"This is how hard this conference is from top to bottom," Bennett stated. "We played them at their best tonight and we were able to answer every challenge."

Iserloth posted a game-high 25 points on 10-13 shooting from the field.

Women's hockey set for showdown with Superior

By Dan Mirman
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The formula for winning a conference championship is to split your road games and dominate at home.

The UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team has already surpassed the first half of that equation by finishing up its seven-game road trip 4-3, with all four wins coming against conference teams.

Unfortunately for Point the final game of the road trip saw everything go wrong as they fell to Augsburg on Tuesday, 6-2.

Augsburg scored all six of its goals in the first two periods to put the game away early. The Pointers were able to add a couple goals in the final period to avoid being shutout.

"Everything that could go wrong in that game did," said Head Coach Jason Lesteberg. "They had a goal that was kicked in, one from behind the net, three power-play goals, and one 3-on-0 goal."

Adding to Point's misfortune on Tuesday was a five-minute major handed to Becky Humphries. Humphries will now be forced to sit out a game against first place UW-Superior in two weeks.

The weekend treated the

Pointers much better as they swept two games from UW-Eau Claire by scores of 4-1 and 3-2.

On Friday, the Pointers got off to a bit of a sluggish start and were tied 1-1 heading into the second period. But Point was able to score three unanswered goals in the second period to put the game away.

The start of Saturday's game mirrored the night before as Point got off to another sluggish start. Once again both teams headed to the second period tied, this time at 0-0.

After Eau Claire broke the tie with a goal, Point came right back with a power-play goal by Nicole Busse.

The game remained tied at one apiece until the third period where the Pointers scored two goals. They then withstood a late goal by Eau Claire to complete a season sweep.

"We did not play that well," said Lesteberg. "We did not take advantage of a backup goalie that has never played at the college level before. We tend to play to our opponents level as far as skating speed."

The Pointers now have a week off before a showdown at home next weekend against Superior. If UWSP sweeps Superior it will take over first place in the NCHA.

Men's hockey splits again

By Dan Mirman
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team has started making a habit of splitting their weekend conference games and this weekend was no different. For the fourth straight weekend the Pointers won a game and dropped a game. On Friday, Point crushed UW-Stout by a margin of 9-1, then on Saturday they lost a decision to UW-River Falls, 5-2.

The Pointers dug themselves into a hole early on Saturday night as they fell behind by two goals at the end of one period. River Falls then added a power-play goal early in the second period to stretch its advantage to a three-goal lead.

UWSP then fought back to score two goals, including a short-handed goal by leading scorer Ryan Maxson, to trim the lead to a single goal heading into the final period.

But that was all the scoring that the Pointers would get, as River Falls tacked on two more in the third to take the victory and sole possession of third place in the NCHA.

"We had all the momentum going into the third period, and then they got two early goals," said Head Coach Joe Balderotta, "You just can't spot a two or three-goal lead and still win."

In Friday's contest against Stout, it looked like it was going to be another tight game for Point with the score standing at 1-1 after the first period. However the Pointers blew the game wide open in the second period with four goals, then they continued the onslaught with four more in the third.

Maxson, Zenon Kochan and Nick Glander, who all had two goals apiece, led the potent Point scoring attack. It was also the first NCHA victory for freshman goaltender Ryan Scott who improves to 2-0 this year.

Even though this weekend's split drops the Pointers to fourth place in the NCHA with a conference record of 7-5 (15-8 overall), Balderotta is not worried.

"This hockey team won the NCHA last year, but lost in the playoffs," said Balderotta. "So everything we do is for the playoffs, we aren't afraid to go anywhere or play anybody come playoff time."

The Pointers return home this weekend to play River Falls on Friday and Stout on Saturday.

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Women's Basketball: At UW-Oshkosh, Saturday, 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Wrestling: Augsburg College, Friday, 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls, Saturday, 12 p.m.; UW-Eau Claire, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Track and Field: UW-Oshkosh Invitational, Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Swim and dive teams drop final dual

Teams drop first dual meet of the season

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams finished their regular season schedule with a dual meet with Division I UW-Green Bay.

"Our swimmers were a little hit-and-miss this weekend," said Head Coach Al Boelk. "We were battling some illness, but I think that a lot of our swimmers were looking ahead to the conference championships."

Senior Randy Boelk won two events to lead the Pointer men, but it wasn't enough to make up the difference in a 139-93 Phoenix victory, the first dual meet loss for the UWSP men this season.

Boelk captured victories in the 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley. Other top

individual performances for the Pointer men included senior John Green with a first place in the 50 freestyle, freshman diver Chris Hansman with a first in the one meter springboard and a second in the three meter.

Senior Anthony Harris finished second in the 100 butterfly to go with the second he received from teaming up with Boelk, senior Nick Hanson and sophomore Aaron Heiss in the 400 medley relay.

On the women's side, UW-Stevens Point had no individual winners in the 154-84 Green Bay victory. However, the Pointers gave the defending MCC conference champion Phoenix a few good swims.

Junior Christine Sammons swam strong, taking a pair of second places in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Other second place finishers on the women's side included

junior Melanie Luke in the 500 freestyle, senior Mary Thone in the 100 butterfly, sophomore diver Julie Johnson in the one meter springboard and sophomore diver Elizabeth Kane in the three meter springboard.

Now that the Pointers are finished with their regular season, they will rest and recover for the WIAC championships.

The Pointer men are favored to defend their championship from last season, while the women will have their work cut out for them against strong conference foes La Crosse and Eau Claire.

Boelk is hoping that the popular full-body racing Speedos made popular at the Sydney Olympics this past summer will help shave time for Point's top swimmers.

The WIAC championships take place Feb. 15-17 at Albee Hall in Oshkosh.

Senior Spotlight

Mikhail Salienko - Hockey



Salienko

UWSP Career Highlights

- First team All-NCHA (1999-2000)
- Achieved 100th career point against UW-Superior (1-27-01)
- Ranks 16th on UWSP's all-time scoring list

Hometown: Riga, Latvia

Major: Communication

Most memorable moment: Our final game in the NCAA Tournament my freshman year.

Who was your idol growing up?: I didn't really have one, but as far as a favorite hockey player goes, I would probably pick Igor Larionov who plays for the Detroit Red Wings.

What are your plans after graduation?: I was thinking of pursuing a professional career in the advertising or PR industry, but there is also a chance of continuing playing hockey in one of the minor leagues.

Favorite aspect of hockey: It's all about being a team, which sort of converts into a tight family. When you win, everybody on the team celebrates the victory. When you lose, your teammates try to cheer you up.

Biggest achievement in hockey: Winning a Junior World Championship in Pool B in Denmark. It was the time when I played for my native country.

Most embarrassing moment: Doing "The Latvian Love" in a locker room my freshman year. The guys on the team know what I'm talking about. They got a really good laugh out this one!

What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP?: Definitely my teammates, my roommates and all other people that I have met throughout my four years of eligibility. Also, having Baldy as a head coach. He is fun to be around. He is a type of coach who makes you feel special on the team. He knows the ways to bring the guys together to accomplish the final goal.

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Legislation

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Students reflect on journey to Costa Rica

Costa Rica trip definitely worth the money and time

By Renee Eismueller
PHOTOGRAPHER

I am taking this opportunity to share with you information about the three-week course offered in Costa Rica over winterim. This course has been designed by the international studies office. It truly offers more than what can be expected on the itinerary, to say the least. Students are provided with an introduction to tropical ecology, natural resource management, Latin American culture, and the adventure of a lifetime.

To provide a brief overview of the course—there is a book of required readings to help familiarize yourself with the country better, a journal must be kept reflecting your experiences and two final papers are to be written. This class is a great opportunity for anyone who can't afford the time or money to go abroad for a semester but has an interest in ecology and the Latin American culture.

In a three-week period of

time, there are a number of opportunities to do new and exciting things. Some of these opportunities are up to the individual to take initiative to do. For example, three days are spent downtown in San Jose. San Jose is the perfect city in which to choose your own adventure. With a little bit of Spanish or a dictionary, a cab ride could take you just about anywhere.

Moving out of the city and into the rainforest provides a vast amount of information for plant enthusiasts, bird watchers, animal lovers and geologists. Your amazing guides spend their whole day filling you with new and exciting information about Costa Rica. I must say that as a student, spending three weeks in Costa Rica was a great opportunity to apply information gained in other courses previously taken. From a natural resource management perspective, I found the visits to banana and coffee plantations to be especially informative.

To sum up an adventure of a lifetime, how does hiking 12 kilometers to and from a beach where you get to see an endangered leatherback lay her eggs at 2:30 in the morning under a bright starry night sound? How about a morning boat ride with dolphins swimming on either side, out to an island where you get to go snorkeling all day? Or a trip down a world-class white-water river in a raft for a day filled with bird watching and cliff jumping? To top it all off, with a little bit of luck, you could even end up ringside or in the ring at a bullfight learning about the Tico culture first hand.

So if I at all have enticed your interest to study abroad, which I believe every student should do before they graduate, keep in mind tourism, if not done correctly, can hinder a country.

UWSP grad linked with Costa Rica organization

After going on the Costa Rica winterim course in 1996, Andrew Rothman knew he wanted to do his part in protecting the fragile ecosystems of the tropics. Five years and two extended visits to Costa Rica later, Andrew, with the support of other UWSP and UW-Madison students, has created a non-profit Organization to help protect the endangered lowland rainforests of Northern Costa Rica.

The organization, Friends of the Great Green Macaw, is using this internationally endangered macaw species (*Ara ambigua*) as a flag ship and umbrella species to garner attention and funds to protect the habitat in which these birds reside. The organization hopes to improve the chances of this species survival in Costa Rica (less than 200 birds remain) and at the same time protect the habitat for all other species that use the habitat, by creating and supporting local and private conservation initiatives.

Friends of the Great Green Macaw recently became the first international member of the Costa Rican National Great Green Macaw Commission and is currently working with Friends of the Earth Costa Rica and the local conservation groups El Retorno and ABAS. Their first project will be a native species reforestation project on a farm owned by El Retorno.

Look for more information on this new non-profit group and how you can help protect the tropical forests of Costa Rica, at one of the organizational booths in the CNR or UC in the upcoming weeks.

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- *Prizes include local donations and cash prizes (cash prizes will be determined on number of participants)



Photo by Daniel Schneider

This banana plantation near La Salva is one of many sights that travelers encountered on the three week trip to Costa Rica.

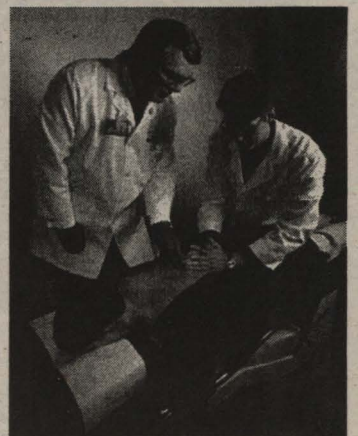
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February: Who needs it?

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

As I sat down this week ready to expose the public to some hot, new topic in the outdoor world, I came to the realization that there is really nothing going on. This conclusion led to some deep thought in an attempt to find a solution to the problem. What could bring a strong majority of Wisconsin fishing and hunting to a stand still? What kind of catastrophic event could complete such a devastating task?

The blame, in my opinion, can only be placed on that dreaded month we now find ourselves in: February.

As far as hunting is concerned, February really doesn't have a season on any animals people would really want to kill. I suppose the season is open on coyotes, but come on, they're coyotes. In reality, it's a step above hunting for the neighbor's dog.

And while other forms of small game seasons remain open, I do believe that the hit computer game Oregon Trail taught us all an important lesson about how much of a waste of time hunting for rabbits and squirrels really is. They're hard to hit, and you waste bullets.

Fishing in February gives a whole new meaning to bad day out on the ice. I am almost positive that fish completely cease to move during February in an effort to survive the worst month of the year. Somewhere under the ice all the fish in the lake sit together stacked up like cordwood unwilling to budge.

It doesn't matter if you could find this honey hole amongst honey holes and set up a barrage of tip-ups. Fish get so lethargic in February that even the action of opening their mouth is too much. They sit there making jokes like "Hey, it's raining five-inch shiners again" while we frantically set up as many tip-ups as we possible can above the ice.

In addition, it's not just the outdoor world that feel the strain of February. For instance, what about the fact that the month, at best, is only 29 days. Doesn't that clearly show that February submits to all other months of year. Not to mention that the only holidays the month can lay claim to are Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day, two holidays that seem to be very misleading to active participants.

So while you suffer through this cesspool of mediocrity the calendar calls February, remember, we are all in this together. Soon, the wonderful spring sun will be pouring its warm, soothing rays down upon us, the fish will start biting, and hunters will again shoot animals bigger than five pixels on a computer screen. Your best bet may be to set the alarm for March 1, snuggle up with a stack of Outdoor Life, and try to pretend this whole month of February never really happened.

Fishery Society reports on tournament outcome

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Out on frozen Lake Joanis this past weekend, ice fishermen had some company while trying to land that prize winning catch during the second annual ice fishing tournament put on by Centertainment. Members of the UWSP fishery society took an active part in this year's tournament by collecting vital data used to monitor the game fish populations in the lake. This data will be employed with a combination of other information presently being analyzed to diagnose fish planting methods for the lake.

Members of the fishery society took what are known as "Creel Surveys" during the tournament, in an effort to get an idea of what the present fish situation is like in the lake. According to Ryan Beatty, fishery society president, the data gathered during the tournament "included such things as angler effort (the number of anglers, lines, and hours fished), and angler catch (the catch rates that correspond to angler effort, A.K.A. Catch Per Unit Effort)."

The recent involvement in the Lake Joanis tournament is the latest step in a series of progressive actions by the fishery society in an effort to improve game fish populations in the lake. In the past, the society has "been involved in habitat improvements in Lake Joanis (i.e. rock bars and fish cribs), as

well as some fyke netting to try and get an idea on the state of the fishery resource in Lake Joanis" states Beatty.

In addition, the society is also in the progress of creating a comprehensive physical, chemical, and biological survey of Joanis, which is why the ice fishing tournament provided an opportunity to add data to the investigation. The goal of these surveys is to create a management proposal concerning further habitat improvements, special regulations, and possible stocking programs. Thus far, biological data has indicated a lack of predator fish species such as largemouth bass, pike and walleye. The fishery society hopes to resolve this situation by implementing a walleye stocking program, however, this will require great deal of work before the project can begin.

The Lake Joanis project is one of many activities initiated by members of UWSP fisheries society. The society explains themselves as the student subunit of The Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society—a group of future Fisheries Science, Limnology, Aquatic Ecology professionals, and students interested in such issues, who offer a learning experience in field techniques, social issues and student research. According to Beatty, "The society is not just about angling, which seems to be a common misconception on the campus of UWSP."

A plea for help from the Outdoors Editor

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

I'll be the first to say it: you're getting gypped. That's right. For the amount of outdoors clubs that we have here on campus, few to none are covered here in this section.

Now, while I'd love to say that I'm Superman and claim that I could actually attend all these meetings and cover every Wildlife and Fishery Society meeting, I just can't. That is why I'm calling for your help.

As of right now, I am obtaining all of my news from the Student Message of the Day, which is sent to all students who check their e-mail. I know that there is tons more out there to cover, but I need a little help from the people out there.

First and foremost, I'd love to have a weekly "What's going on" block that announces which groups are meeting where, and maybe even the contents that will be covered that week. Any group pertaining to Outdoors would be eligible for this.

However, to make this effective, I need help. I need for heads of Federations and Societies to e-mail me with information as to when these meetings are as well as the contents. If the leaders of these groups can't do it, members of the groups will serve just as well.

Furthermore, I have yet to receive any feedback or submitted articles. Again, I'd like to announce that we always accept stories, articles, updates, anything pertaining to outdoors, as well as editorials and feedback about the section.

So if you'd like more publicity for your club, group, or even if you have some outdoorsy-type things that would go well in this section, e-mail them to me at sseam113@uwsp.edu or Ryan Naidl at rnaid136@uwsp.edu.







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Up in feathers about bird watching

By John Thomton
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Everyone knows what birds are, and everyone knows where to find them. What many people fail to realize is how much fun and rewarding bird watching can be. Whether you're a CIS, theatre or wildlife major, bird watching is an activity that can be greatly enjoyed by all. You don't need a lot of equipment to do it well, and the best part is that you need no prior experience to get started.

Here are some basics on birding in Central Wisconsin.

The best time to go is from late March to June. It is the time of year when the most kinds of birds can be observed in the

Stevens Point area. In addition, the birds are usually in their brightest colors at this time. Spring is when many birds that spend the winter in Central and South America return to their breeding grounds in North America. However, there are many more amazing birds to see here year-round.

All you need to go birding is binoculars and a field guide. These are almost essential for bird watching, but the most important thing to take with you is a little patience; some of those birds are hard to see. Also, a small notebook and pen may be useful to record what you find.

It is probably best to not wear bright colors, as some say

this disturbs the birds more than softer hues. Otherwise, dress for the weather. I've birded with four layers on in the winter, and shirtless in the summer. Also, it's probably handy to have bug spray, sunscreen and other items for variable Wisconsin conditions. Many birders wear a hat to shield their eyes from the sun.

There are many places around Point that are excellent for bird watching: Iverson Park, Bukhold Park and other spots along the river, Schmeeckle Reserve, Dewey Marsh, Buena Vista Wildlife Area, Mead Wildlife Area, The Ice Age Trail east of town, campus, around your apartment complex and even in your backyard.

In my opinion, if you're birding in a natural area, it's definitely better to stick to trails. Crashing through the underbrush off-trail can scare away birds and can actually be counter-productive. Despite its somewhat misleading name, "bird watching" is actually about 70 percent listening. The best way to find birds is to listen for singing, and then to follow the song to the bird. After practice, you'll know which birds make which songs, so you won't have to chase down the same American Robin that you've seen a million times. This means walking along quietly and stop-



Photo submitted by author

A Mountain Chickadee that was spotted in Lake Tahoe, CA.

ping along the trail to listen for a minute.

Since I was taking a Winterim class this semester, I had ample opportunities to go birding. Below is a list of birds that I saw around the Stevens Point area.

(Note: Species marked with an (*) are those that can only be seen in our area during this time of the year.)

Just by walking around campus, I saw a Black-Capped Chickadee, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, and a Dark-Eyed Junco.*

When I ventured farther into wilderness, I encountered many more species, including a Mallard, Mourning Dove, Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, Downy

Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Black-Capped Chickadee, White-Breasted Nuthatch, Red-Breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Dark-Eyed Junco,* and an American Goldfinch.

While in the Dewey Marsh, I spotted a few more species that eluded me in Schmeeckle, including a Blue Jay, Red-Bellied and Downy Woodpeckers, Red Tailed Hawk, Black-Capped Chickadee, White-Breasted Nuthatch.

My trip to the Buena Vista Marsh produced a Red-Tailed Hawk, Rough-Legged Hawk*, American Kestrel, Northern Shrike*, American Tree Sparrow*, Snow Bunting* and a Northern Cardinal.



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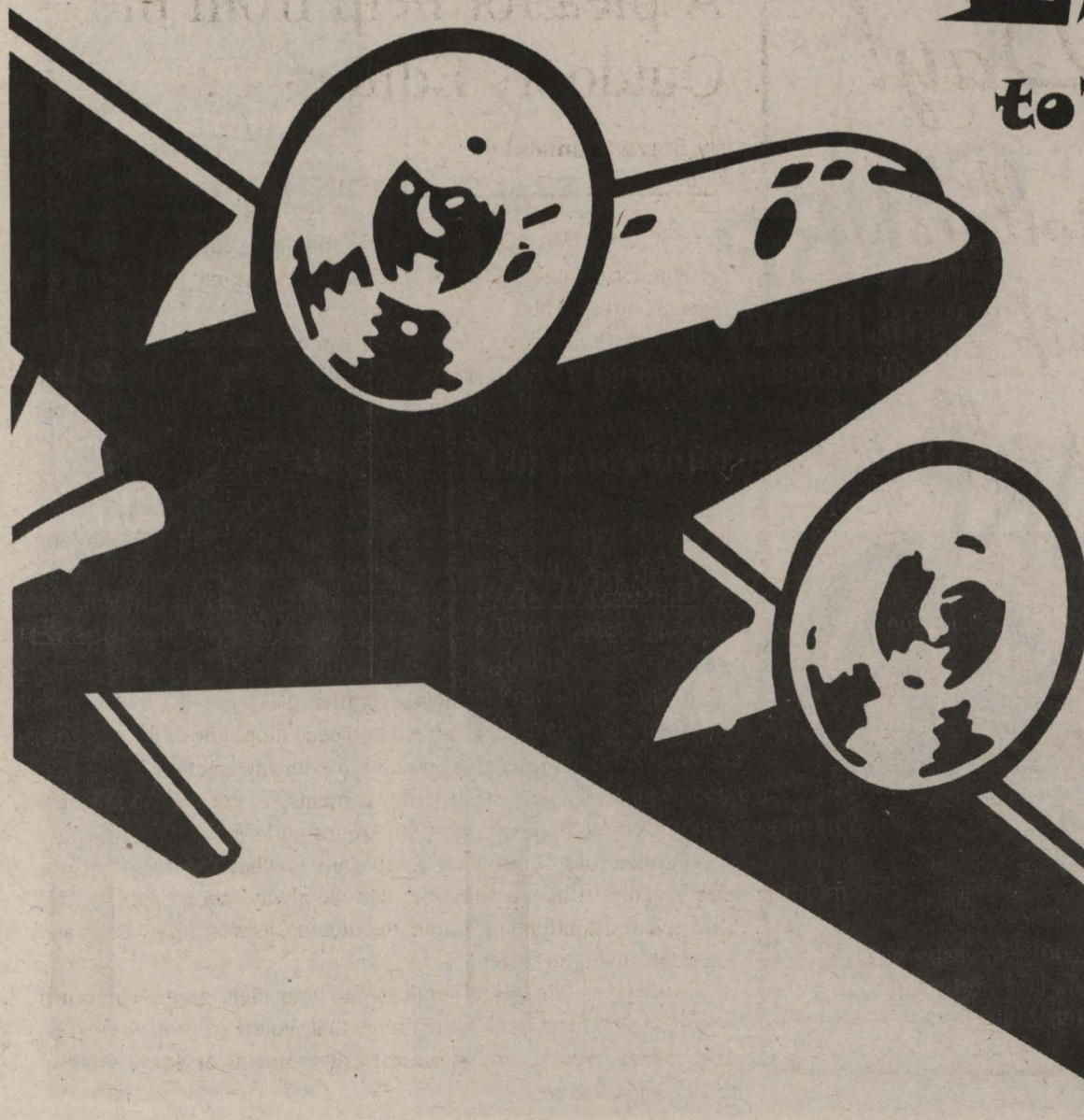
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Basketball

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Coach Shirley Egner said that depth has a lot to do with how well the team is playing.

"Our depth has been a key for us. Whenever you bring players off the bench and don't lose anything, it's a positive," Egner said.

Cassandra Heuer led both teams in scoring with a career-high 16 points to lead four Pointers in double digits.

Kari Groshek led both teams in rebounding with eight.

The women are home this weekend when they face UW-Oshkosh in what will be a fight for third place in the WIAC before facing UW-River Falls on Wednesday. Egner likes the position that the Pointers are in.

"We don't have to count on other teams. I know we can compete with Oshkosh and then we bring River Falls in. We control our own destiny," Egner stated.

Nick Brilowski contributed to this article.

Wrestling

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"I think Wes is very consistent," Johnson said. "He wins the matches he's supposed to win and he's been right in the matches that he's lost."

Yan White lost to Wartburg's Matt Buskohl 9-0 in the title match at 197 after claiming to victories to reach the finals. White beat Wartburg's Andy Fecht 7-2 and Augsburg's Kevin Rasmussen 5-3.

Mitch Gehring was fourth at heavyweight, pinning UW-Platteville's Zac Bowgren in 51 seconds before losing to Augsburg's Mark Anderson 9-0 in the third place match.

Nathan Ugoretz and Joe Bavlnka tied for fifth place at 165 pounds.

The Pointers will open up a busy weekend when they host Augsburg on Friday at 7 p.m. They will then host both UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire on Saturday.

Johnson said it is a very important weekend for his team.

"It's going to be really big for us," Johnson stated. "It was good for us to be able to see Augsburg just before the dual."

"Anytime you go against Augsburg, you have to be really up for them. Then obviously River Falls and Eau Claire are big because they're conference matches."

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Letters from the edge of the world



On the importance of Roommates

By Pat "Bunky" Rothfuss
More than you ever wanted to know ...

Roommates. They're one of the hazards of college life. Over the last decade, I've racked up some pretty telling roommate experiences. Consequently, I thought I had it all figured all out. I thought I was so smart. But those of you who are up on your mythology know that pride goeth before the fall.

What do I mean by that? I mean when you get cocky it irritates the gods. Then they punish you. In the olden days there was a lot of cursing and smiting. In special cases they'd turn into animals and molest you. Unfortunately, those times are past. Honestly, I'd rather get dry-humped by some Zeus-goose than have my current affliction. Namely, having to live with some shithead for a year.

You see, I forgot the prime rule of roommates. Namely, never have a roommate if you can comfortably avoid it. Oh sure, the idea of a roommate is always appealing. Especially when you do the math in your head. You think things like, "If I split the rent with someone, I'd save, like, 300 dollars a month. That's enough to buy three hundred tacos! Surely the slight inconvenience of a roommate is worth three hundred tacos a month ..."

The problem is it's always more than an inconvenience. For instance, I'm a bit of a slob, so I don't mind living with a messy person. But my new roommate goes past messy. Past dirty. He's filthy. Let me repeat, I'm no angel. I tend to

leave dirty dishes for a long time. Weeks. Months. Sometimes they get moldy. But this guy still disgusts me. When I moved in with him I found dishes in the sink that had been there so long they had rusted. I feel uncomfortable touching most surfaces inside my own home for fear my hand will either get stuck there, be subjected to some manner of chemical burn or be infected with leprosy.

But I'm not going to go on and on about it. I don't want your pity. I'm here to help you. And so I'm going to tell you about something rare and wonderful. The perfect roommate. My soul-roommate. My hope is that if you know what to look for, someday you'll find that special someone too.

For the space of about three years I lived with a guy named Andy. Now, those of you with some experience will recognize this as a real rarity. Most roommate relationships tend to hit the eight-month wall. You move in together with high hopes of sharing the chores and watching movies together. But the person's irritating habits start to wear on you the longer you live together. Usually things erupt around the eighth month of the lease, right before second-semester finals. Suddenly you find yourself thinking things like, "If he forgets to flush the toilet one more time, I'm going to tear his nipples off."

But Andy and I didn't hit that wall. We lived together for over three beautiful years. No fights, no muss, no fuss. Oh sure we had our individual little faults. But they sort of balanced each other out. I left my socks at odd locations around

house. He accumulated nests of newspaper on the living room floor. I cooked more, he cleaned more. I would break my computer, and he would fix it. I lent him money and he paid it back. I would occasionally do something unnatural in my basement laboratory, he would occasionally do something unnatural up in his bedroom on the second floor.

I attribute our successful roommate relationship to four things. Follow these rules, and find someone else who is willing to follow them and you are well on your way to roommate bliss.

Accept the other person's faults

Admit it. We're all freaky little monkeys. The only real difference is in the way we express it. The sooner we accept each other's little quirks the sooner we can all get along. Here was scene that happened several times at our apartment:

[Sound of Andy's key's jingling as he unlocks the front door]
Door opens, Andy steps into the hallway.

Pat: [From out of sight, in the kitchen] Ummmm ... Andy?

Andy: [sighs deeply as he turns away] Go ahead, I'm not looking.

Pat, naked as a wood nymph, bolts for his bedroom and closes the door.

Andy, hearing the door close, enters the apartment and turns on the TV.

And that was it. No big deal. Life moved smoothly on.

Act with consideration

Learn and respect each other's boundaries. Or at least make sure you find someone with boundaries similar to your own. For instance, Andy and I each had our own groceries. If we wanted to borrow something, we asked. If we did snitch something out of the other's cupboard, we replaced it as soon as possible.

Andy and I stayed out of each other's rooms. If my door was closed, Andy would talk to me from outside, but he wouldn't dream of opening it unless I invited him to. True, part of this was because he was afraid of seeing me naked, but it was also because he was considerate.

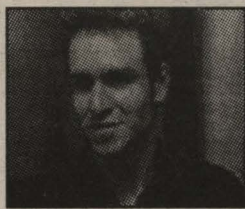
Maintain your happy place

You should always have your own place to go away to. Stay out of the other person's hair. Good roommates are often roommates who don't see each other very often.

So, I hear you ask. What happened to Andy? We drifted apart. To be honest, I didn't appreciate him enough, and he moved away. Andy, if you read this, I'm sorry. I'm willing to give it a second chance if only you'll come back. You were the best, I'll never forget you.

Want to make a confession of undying love but you're too cheap to buy a hallmark? Send a short-but-sweet valentine's day story/message for your honey. (proth@wsunix.wsu.edu) If it tickles my fancy, I'll put it in next week's column.

Ready for some slanted humor?



Stephen Lynch has a way with words. Since launching his career at New York's legendary Catch A Rising Star, Lynch quickly garnered a loyal following that can't get enough of his signature twisted love songs. With the Aug. 2, 2000 premiere of Stephen's first television special Comedy Central Presents Stephen Lynch and a 41-city college tour in support of his debut CD *A Little Bit Special*, he brings his unique comic vision to all.

A talented guitarist with an uncanny sense of comic timing, Lynch's boyish looks stand in stark contrast to the dark comedy that he sings in his outrageously funny one man stage show entitled, "I'll See You In Hell-An Evening Of Love Songs." "I'm looking for the same thing everyone else is," laments Lynch, "true love."

Lucky for us, he has yet to

find it. For in his quest, Lynch turns to his vivid and dark imagination where he sings of hilarious, if not mildly disturbing scenarios—such as the corpse he used to date, a romantic mishap with his pet gerbil and the accidental discovery that his girlfriend is a hermaphrodite.

The initial success of his early New York club appearances led Lynch to headline a sold out tour of major US College and Universities including Emory University and Beaver College (his favorite show to date!) in 1999. He has opened for such headline performers as Steven Wright, Jeff Foxworthy, Bobcat Goldthwait, Anthony Clark, Yo La Tengo and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Television credits have included hosting VH-1's Street Games as well as appearances on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Hi-Fi Party," hosted by Sandra



A Little Bit Special

Bernhard and Issac Hayes. Born in Kalamazoo, Mich. 29 years ago, Stephen Lynch came to New York in 1996 via Los Angeles. When not performing to howling crowds, Lynch resides in New York City where he writes and performs.

Stephen Lynch will be performing on campus Saturday, March 3. Keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding this talented comic.

If you're interested in writing for this section e-mail me at sbart604@uwsp.edu and I could quite possibly make you a campus legend. Don't be shy, send me your ideas and thoughts!

CD Review



John Adams
Music Director
WWSP
Dispatch is on the way up

Not many people have heard of Dispatch in these parts. That's because they're one of the East Coast music scene's best kept secrets.

The band, formally known as One Fell Swoop, has been writing, recording and performing since 1995. They reached number 17 on Billboard's top Internet album chart, have sold over 28,000 albums and are one of the hottest downloads on Napster. Not bad considering you haven't heard of them ... yet.

The trio calls their music, "tri-vocal funkcoustic instrument-swap groove." Well whatever you call it, Dispatch demonstrates an incredible talent for laying down powerful beats and guitar riffs that make you groove. But it's their intense vocal harmonies that are the trademark of their unique sound—all three are front men.

With their fourth (and tightest) album *Who Are We Living For*, Dispatch's reggae, hard rock, funk, jazz and folk influences shine through. Braddigan, Chetro and RePete swap instruments and styles from the reggae rhythms of "Open Up" to the driving guitars of "Even" to the mellow-funk-wah wah of "Passerby."

It may be a while before you'll see Dispatch on TRL (please god no!), but you should still check out *Who Are We Living For*. Their first three, *Silent Steeples*, *Bang Bang*, and *Four Day Trials* are definitely worth a listen as well. Dispatch will be playing in Madison at the Café Montmartre, 127 E. Mifflin, on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 9 p.m.

To hear artists who are similar to Dispatch, check out Ben Harper, The Police, Beastie Boys,

Album Rating: 9



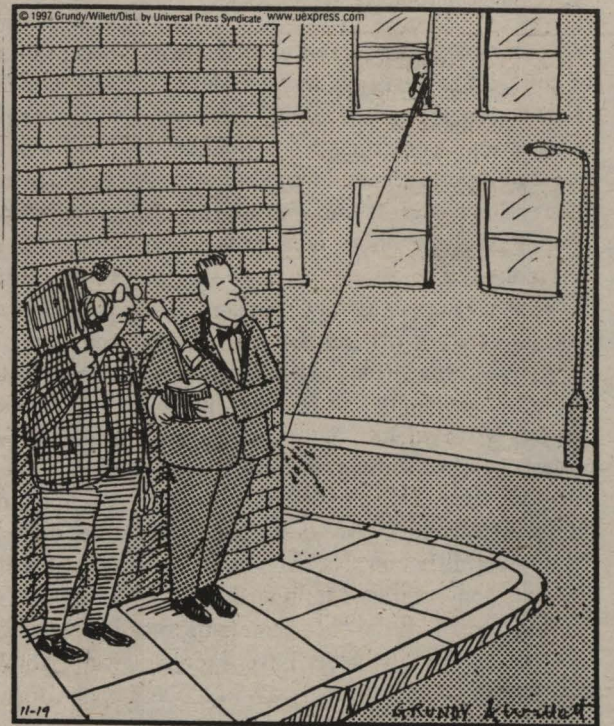
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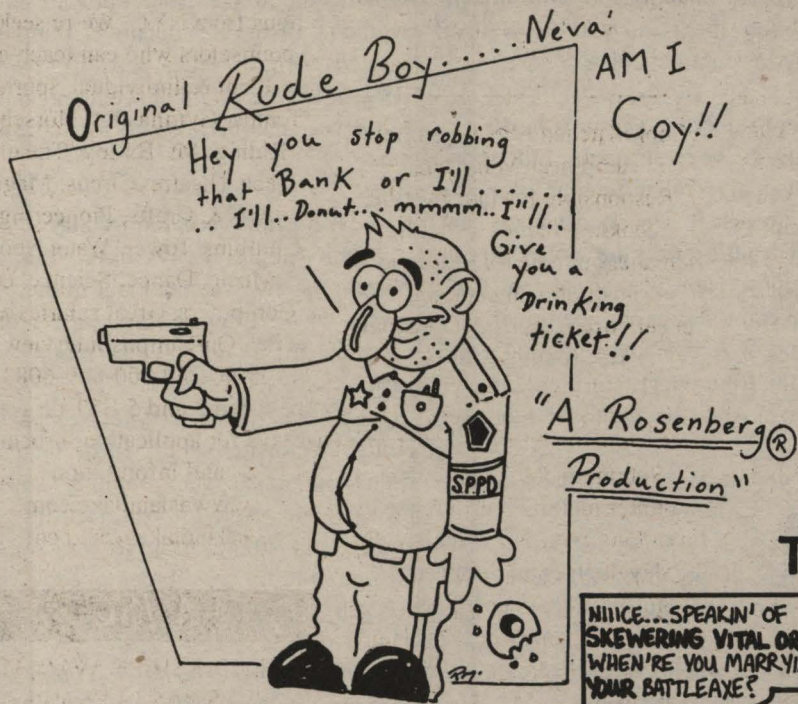


TIGHT CORNER

by Ken Grundy and Malcolm Willett



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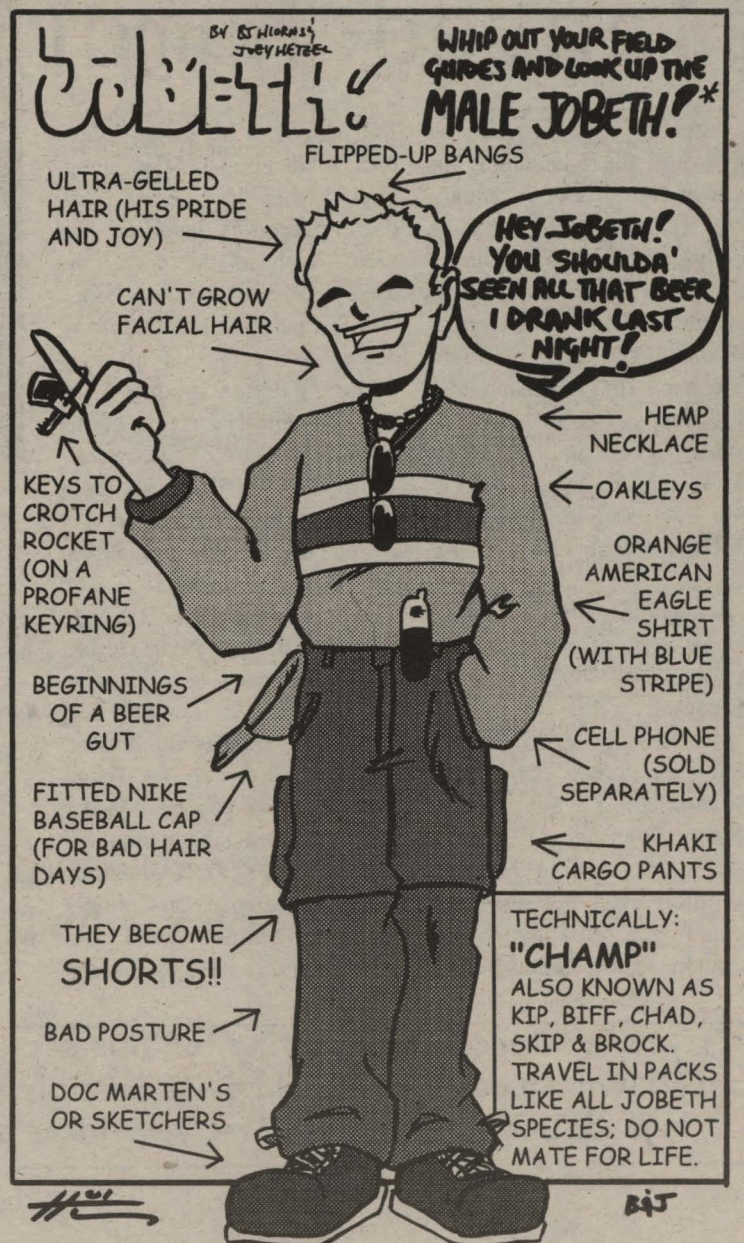
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