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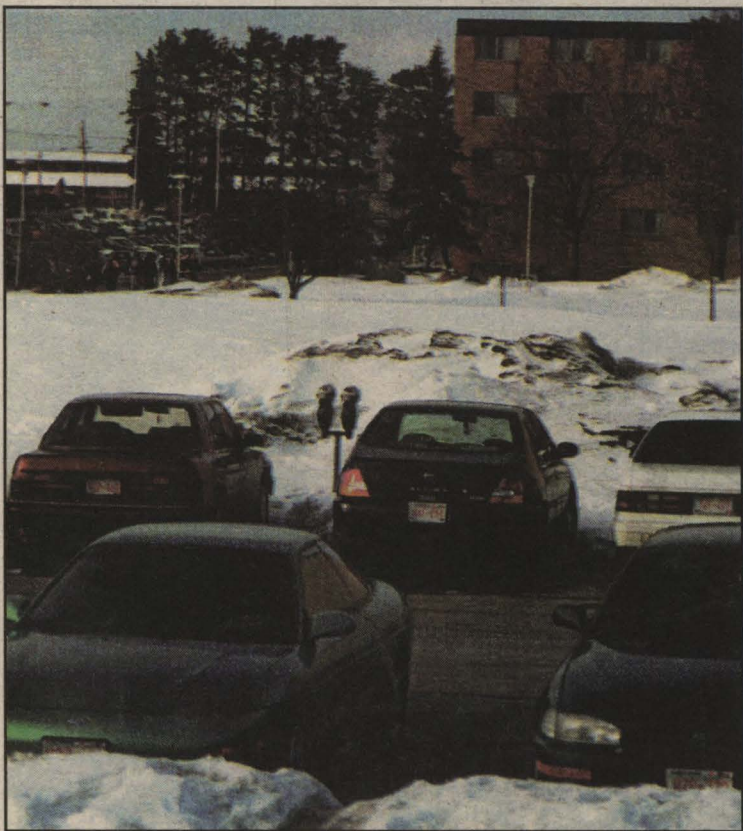


Photo Luke Zancanaro

An SGA proposal may extend Lot F into adjacent green space.

Proposed parking lot addition meets with student opposition

Students disagree with destruction of university green space

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Government Association (SGA) wants to help alleviate parking problems by proposing to add an additional 60 metered parking spaces to Lot F, located to the west of the Health Enhancement Center on the corner of Fourth and Isadore.

"I'm most concerned about doing something for real students, doing something that is going to help the day-to-day lives of commuting students and help the day-to-day lives of non-traditional students who need their car

to get to campus," said SGA senator and past president Andrew Halverson.

"This is something Student Senator John Gaffney and I have worked on for a long time and that we feel is important. We've had a lot of feedback from students who are interested in expanding parking on this campus."

Opponents of the proposal argue that the campus needs to find different alternatives to their parking problems. They say that the university is known as a health and wellness school and should live up to that billing by maintaining green space.

"I think it's a display of hypocrisy in the goals this campus stands for," said Dana

Churness, an active member of the Progressive Action Organization. "Are we going to walk the talk?"

According to Churness, the university needs to find an alternative method to solving the current parking problem.

"I think that additional parking space in that area is not the right angle to go about solving the parking problem," said Churness. "We need room for growth, but we need to look for alternatives to parking. A lot of students who live in the residence halls utilize this green space for playing Frisbee and other games."

Others agree that students

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Activist promotes the need for education in black history

T'Shaka delivers message of black pride and cultural awareness at annual Soul Food Dinner

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

The Black Student Union (BSU) provided nourishment for both the body and mind to UWSP students, faculty and community members at the Soul Food Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 25.

In addition to offering a meal of cultural dishes, the BSU brought in Dr. Oba T'shaka to speak on the importance of edu-

cation in black history.

"Black people need to know the history of Africa so they don't feel inferior," said T'Shaka. "And white people need to know the history of Africa too so they don't feel superior."

T'Shaka stressed that it is important for African Americans to stay close to their culture.

"The decision to adopt your ethnicity isn't a birth right," said T'Shaka. "Society is constantly attacking it."

T'Shaka gave some personal findings he discovered during his years of research of black history.

"Every human being has something to contribute," said T'Shaka. "African Americans contribute humanity."

T'Shaka described the numerous contributions to civilization made by blacks throughout history.

"Africans gave birth to democracy," said T'Shaka. "The Moors brought civilization to Europe."

According T'Shaka, today's concept of civilization is from a capitalist rather than humanitarian perspective.

"Today we judge civilization by how tall our buildings are ... and how much gold we can put on our fingers," said T'Shaka. "Civilization is the civil relationships between man and woman ... and young and old ..."

According to T'Shaka, it's

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Next year's budget to be voted on by SGA Senate

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) finance committee recently reviewed next year's budget. The proposed budget, which is paid for through segregated fees, tops \$312,000.

Over 60 organizations will receive annual funding beginning next year, including eight new organizations. These new organizations include XL, Mountain Bikers, Nordic Ski, Tri: The Lactic Edge, Wisconsin Parks and Recreation, the Student Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, Federation Without Television and the US Budokai Karate Club.

The proposed \$312,000 budget will also cover travel and program expenses for non-annually funded organizations and unanticipated expenses for funded organizations such as the costs of playoff trips.

The finance committee consisted of four senators from each college, the vice-president of SGA, the financial assistant, the finance director and two at-large students.

New organizations applying for annual funding need to meet two requirements.

"Any new organization can receive funding as long as anyone can join their group and the money they receive is used for their mission," said Cindy

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SGA candidates release their political platforms

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Jeff LaPlant and Matt Stefan



Aaron Koepke and Jessica Van Hammond



Jeremy Smith and Amy Flunker

Kohl visits Point to discuss education

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, D-Wisconsin, spoke out about improvements that need to be made to the state's public school system at the Wisconsin State Guidance Counselors Association state conference held at the Holiday Inn Convention and Expo Center in Stevens Point on Friday.

Kohl stated that school counselors and educators have worked hard to help students achieve. Students are showing continued improvement on state tests in nearly every subject, particularly in science and math and across all groups, including African Americans, the disabled, and the economically disadvantaged.

However, Kohl said our public schools still face huge challenges. "Too many students do not have the skills they need to compete in the 21st century economy. And the achievement gap



Photo by Casey Krautkramer
between poor and more affluent students remains alarmingly wide.

"We should not eliminate the federal role in education. Instead, we must put aside partisan bickering and focus on what the American people are focused on, and that is results," Kohl said.

Kohl believes that results will occur from the Public Education Reinvestment,

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T'Shaka

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up to African Americans to stand up for themselves.

"Unlike the sixties we can't rely on a single leader to rise up and save us," he said.

Organizers from the BSU were pleased with the results of the Soul Food Dinner.

"People came out to enjoy not just the food but the cultural experience," said Davida Smith.

T'Shaka's call to action gave people a lot to think about, according to Smith.

"He was a tad more extreme than last year's speaker ... but we received feedback from people that it made them think a little more," said Smith. "It's awesome to hear that people not only left with a full stomach but they left with something on their minds."

T'Shaka has taught at San Francisco State University for 29 years and helped in founding one of the first colleges of ethnic studies in 1968.

**Reduce,
Reuse,
Recycle.**

Campus BEAT



Watson Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 21 8:53 p.m.

The Stevens Point Police Department notified Protective Services via radio that officers and an ambulance were enroute to the hall in response to a suicide attempt.

Pray Hall

Friday, Feb. 23 1:43 a.m.

A resident reported that someone had smashed a window in the east stairwell.

Science Building

Friday, Feb. 23 8:50 a.m.

A faculty member notified this office that personal property was disappearing from her office.

Fine Arts Building

Friday, Feb. 23 12:06 p.m.

Several identification cards belonging to a student were found in a garbage can located on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center. It was determined that her entire purse had been stolen.

Thomson Hall

Saturday, Feb. 24 1:19 a.m.

A call was made to report an unconscious female.

Sims Hall

Sunday, Feb. 25 6:45 p.m.

Cadets were dispatched to a room in reference to vandalism.

Steiner Hall

Monday, Feb. 26 9:01 a.m.

A woman reported that a Gateway computer had been taken from the basement computer lab and was now activated in a new location.

Pray Hall

Monday, Feb. 26 2:56 p.m.

The hall director reported that damage had been done to a coffee table located in the main lobby.

PARKING SERVICES ANNOUNCES WINNERS

This year Parking Services is rewarding students that obey the parking regulations. If you do not receive a citation, you are automatically eligible for monthly prize drawings. Three prizes are awarded each month in a randomly selected drawing.

Congratulations to the November, December and January winners!

David Oaks, Burlington

1 free parking permit for 2001-02
academic year.

Lisa Trojanowski, Wausau

Emergency road kit, blanket, gloves and hat.

Sarah Kaatz, Merrill

UWSP basketball and auto vacuum.

Marion Herkert, Marshfield

A portable CD player.

Nicholas Emprey, Athens

UWSP basketball and phone card.

Bradley Fassbender, Slinger

1 free parking permit for 2001-02
academic year.

Jill Lewinski, Stevens Point

UWSP basketball and phone card.

Kristen Stencil, Mosinee

1 free parking permit for 2001-02
academic year.

Adam Page, Rockford

A portable CD player.

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SGA presidential candidates' platforms:

Jeffrey LaPlant and Matthew Stefan

Parking:

·LaPlant/Stefan will strive to help the parking problem at UWSP by buying nearby unused lots.

·LaPlant/Stefan are in support of building a parking ramp or asking the Rice Clinic/St. Michael to add on to their parking ramp, so both the university and the clinic can use it.

·LaPlant/Stefan support preserving green space.

·LaPlant/Stefan will work very closely with the parking committee to better suit the needs of our students.

Residence Hall Association:

·LaPlant/Stefan will work closer with the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

·LaPlant/Stefan believe the Residence Hall Association and the Student Government Association are two of the biggest organizations on campus that cover every student on there-fore it is vital to have great communication and networking between these two organizations.

Diversity:

·LaPlant/Stefan believe UWSP promoted diversity very well this year, but believe the university still needs to do more by bringing in more speakers and putting on more programs.

·LaPlant/Stefan support implantation of Plan 2008.

·LaPlant/Stefan support Residential Living's Diversity Internship program and other programs, to recruit students of color.

Aaron Koepke and Jessica Van Hammond

Landlords:

·Koepke/Van Hammond will continue working with city officials to postpone the lease signing until 1/3 of your lease period has expired so you won't be pressured into resigning a lease.

Campus Safety

·Koepke/Van Hammond will work to increase the number of Blue Safety Towers on campus and ensure that they always work properly.

·Koepke/Van Hammond will fight to ensure UWSP meets all ADA (American Disabilities Act) Regulations.

·Koepke/Van Hammond will place Emergency Telephones in ALL state vehicles that students use for travel.

Diversity:

·Koepke/Van Hammond will continue working for the development and implementation of Plan 2008.

·Koepke/Van Hammond will preserve and expand existing support of Zero Tolerance for Hate.

·Koepke/Van Hammond will work within the university to promote equality for everyone.

Professor Tenure:

·Koepke/Van Hammond will fight to place students on all professor tenure committees. Since students are impacted greatly by a professor's tenure, it is important for students to have a voice in tenure selection.

Jeremy Smith and Amy Flunker

State Goals:

Smith/Flunker will:

·Lobby the state legislature for freezes in student tuition.

·Cooperate with the legislature in finding ways to give more student grants/ loans.

·Express student concerns directly with leaders of the state government.

City Goals:

Smith/Flunker will:

·Push back lease signing times so students will have more time to look.

·Find a solution to the parking problems on campus

·Ensure that our university maintains its student run television station

Campus Goals:

Smith/Flunker will:

·Ensure that the Student Memorial is completed.

·Maintain and support our student organizations (meeting once a semester with each).

·Help with retention and addition of students, especially minority students.

·Establish a closer working relationship with RHA.

·Work on making better connections with students and administrators.

·Look at the Segregated Fee system to make sure students are being served the best.

·Produce better communication between SGA and students.

·Really be concerned for the welfare of all students.

Parking

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need to find alternatives to parking vehicles.

"As a student senator I'm going to speak against the proposal," said Filipiak. "The problem is that too many people are driving. Instead of using money to build more parking lots, we need to spend more effort in getting out the walk campaign."

"We are supposed to be a health and wellness campus. We should promote people to walk more. I see students who drive three or four blocks to campus."

This proposal is not new to the university. In 1990, SGA passed the "Keep the Space Green Resolution" to not expand the parking lots any further in order to keep the area aesthetically and environmentally pleasing to the students and faculty on the campus.

Halverson feels that now is the right time for this proposal to expand student parking.

"This is a student issue that has been bolstered by the students because this is what students want," said Halverson. "When students first come to this university, people talk about parking. This one initiative is not

going to solve all the parking problems that this university has, but we believe that this is going to set us on the right path to solving that problem someday."

The area where the proposed parking addition is to be built is one of three or four proposed areas for a student memorial honoring students who have died while attending the university.

"We [SGA] believe the student memorial belongs in a better spot," said Halverson. "There are a lot of students who feel that it is a fairly loud area, not somewhere where you would want to go to reflect on students who you loved, students who you lost at the university."

During SGA's meeting this Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in the Legacy Room, the proposal will come up during new business. This means that SGA will debate and discuss the new issue. Next week students will have a chance to vote on the proposal at SGA's meeting on Thursday.

The proposal will come up under old business. At that point, SGA will take a vote on this issue. Once SGA passes the proposal and the president signs it, she will take it to the university administration and lobby for the implementation of the proposal.

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From the Editor's Desk

Who the heck is Justin?

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For the past two weeks, students all over this campus have been wondering, Who is Justin and why do people agree with him?

It's hard *not* to notice Justin's expansive advertising campaign with his green "I agree with Justin" posters, the full page ad in *The Pointer* and the large amount of people running around wearing fluorescent green t-shirts. At first the ad campaign struck me as kind of annoying mainly because I wasn't sure what Justin was trying to sell.

But then people started coming to me one by one, at Country Kitchen, in the Sundial, everywhere, asking me what was up with this whole Justin thing. After a few days of that, I understood how truly effective the advertising campaign was. In order to find an answer to all of these questions, I journeyed to the fluorescent green booth in the



University Center to talk to "Justin's friends." A girl at the booth informed me that Justin Olson is a student here in Point and I could find him eating lunch in the Wooden Spoon.

It was pretty easy to spot the table full of green "I agree with Justin" t-shirts. And then I saw Justin sporting a T-shirt stating, "Hi, I'm Justin."

Only through chatting with Justin and his friends could I truly discover what all the hoopla was about. Justin, a member of Student Impact, is advocating a re-examination of sorts of conventional religion.

According to Justin, the purpose of the campaign is to give people the opportunity to look at Christ from a different angle and think about their own faith.

"Most people would agree

with me that there is a God, but I believe that Jesus Christ came to Earth to take the place of man's sin," said Justin. "Because of our sin, we deserve hell, but Christ came so that I and all UWSP students could spend eternity in Heaven."

In other words, Justin is advocating the forgiving nature of the Christian God rather than trying to achieve perfection to reach heaven.

According to Justin one can not do enough good works to truly deserve heaven.

Through the advertising campaign, Justin and his Friends have provoked a campus-wide curiosity. They also provided a forum for open discussion through their booth and their easily identifiable green-shirted membership.

Although not all students have agreed with Justin's message, he inspired people to consider things that they normally might not have.

Pointer Poll

Photos by Luke Zancanaro

If you were a superhero,
what would your superpower be?



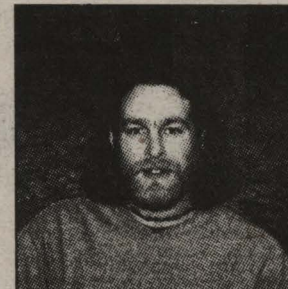
Monica Vang, So. Nursing

To read people's minds



Joe Baulinka, Sr. Special Ed.

Super-human strength



Joel Kubish, Sr. CNR

To think like a kid



Robert Melrose, Jr. Environmental Ed.

To get more people to agree with Justin



Ruth Sievwright, Fr. Med Tech

I would control the elements of nature



Kristen Franceschini, Fr. Psych

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Much has been made of the Boy Scouts of America standing pat on the private group's outdated policy of excluding gays. What seems so obvious to the greater society, including the Girl Scouts, has yet to register with Boy Scout leaders.

The Madison School Board, in designating a school official to combat discrimination against homosexuals, and the United Way of Dane County, in drafting a new non-discrimination policy, are local examples of major headway. The downside of the Boy Scouts' policy erupted in the Wisconsin Legislature Feb. 13, when state Representatives squabbled bitterly over Assembly Joint Resolution 12, which in its pre-amended form would have sanctioned the Boy Scouts' anti-gay stance.

With the conflict likely to mount, there is a way out for Boy Scout troops caught in the cross-fire. Pack 33 of the Honey Creek Community School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, decided to switch its affiliation to the Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club.

Established in 1910 the Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club states as one of its core values: We are inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or other aspects of diversity. The Campfire Boys and Girls Club Web address is www.campfire.org.

Dennis Coyier
Cottage Grove, WI

New Governor's budget priorities questionable

In light of the specific details of Governor Scott Mc Callum's proposed budget, I must express my extreme disappointment with the amount of funding the University of Wisconsin system is slated to receive.

As I understand it, there is enough money appropriated for the Department of Corrections to fund 1,500 new positions whereas the University of Wisconsin system has enough funding for a whopping total of two new positions.

The question I am posing is this: What kind of message is created by having a greater proportion of funds go to prisons rather than higher education? In addition, this monetary shortfall means that you and I are going to see the cost of tuition rise. More of the financial burden is going to fall on the backs of students and I am sure that many will feel that increase in their pocketbooks.

Wisconsin has been known as a progressive state. There is nothing progressive about the budget proposal which Governor Mc Callum has submitted to the state legislature for its review and consideration. I admire Governor Mc Callum's determination in wanting the state to be more fiscally prudent and remove some of the burden on the Wisconsin taxpayer. We do have high taxes in this state; there probably would be little disagreement on that point. What I am a bit miffed about however is the pecking order of priorities. Why would we *not* want to invest more into our higher education system rather than prisons? That makes no sense, especially considering that we are now in the 21st century.

The University of Wisconsin system is going to play a pivotal role in sustaining Wisconsin's economy and its eventual transformation. We need to draw upon the academic strengths of a well respected university system to provide the intellectual base necessary for the expansion and diversification of Wisconsin's economy. The vision of Wisconsin which we should be seeing is long term, not the short term.

I implore all of you to utilize your constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech to make your concerns about our university system and its funding known.

Joe Gosz
Wisconsin Rapids

90FM broadcasts new programs

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

A new kind of music eeks its way onto the airwaves of Stevens Point.

90FM features "Beat Cooperative," a segment which plays six hours of hip-hop, rap and the electronic glam of techno, jungle, house, trance and abstract funk.

"There are a lot of people on campus that don't know about the variety of music," Chris Detjen, a Beat Cooperative DJ, said.

"That includes electronic music which isn't all about repetition because there are so many skills that are offered. The radio station tries to play music that is coming into the mainstream. Also, a lot of this music is underground so it keeps things interesting for the listeners."

According to Jon Denardis, a Beat Cooperative DJ, the 10 p.m.- 4 a.m. timeslot is divided into two phases. The first phase from 10-midnight includes the style of DJ Big Poppa Poon. During this time the station features MC's who freestyle rhyme over break beats.

"Two MCs of the most notable talent are MC Scribe," Denardis said. "And also a high school student who goes by Christian. Recently, we featured two MCs and producers from Milwaukee."

To rap up the phase, "shout-outs" are encouraged where listeners can call in to give messages to their friends over the air.

The second phase, hosted by both Detjen and Denardis begins at midnight and features four hours of different electronic music styles.

At about 2:30 a.m., the show highlights "The Cloud Chamber," which explores deep realms of ambient electronic music and features guest DJs.

"Electronic music has much to offer people," Denardis said.

"Whether it is the jazzy mellow groove of a down-tempo track, or the invigorating tempo and rhythm of a four-on-the-floor stomper, electronic music is alive and growing in Central Wisconsin," he adds.

You can listen to 90fm broadcasted commercial-free on 89.9FM or straight from their website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp.

Research grant available to students

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

Are you an undergraduate student hoping to research a project, but you lack the necessary funds? A research grant for up to \$500 is available to undergraduate students at UWSP.

The student research fund will provide students with finances to support expenses acquired during the performance of their independent research.

The recipients must be enrolled in a 300-level course and must have a faculty member to oversee and mentor them in their research. The faculty member must also write a letter of recommendation for the student.

"Many faculty members are more than willing to help their students with a research project," said Professor Diane Bywaters, chair of the student research fund.

Though the basis for the grant is competitive, very few students are rejected funds for their project. Some are asked to resubmit their proposals to the committee due to the complexity of language.

Your proposal should be written for an audience who may have no direct professional knowledge of your academic subject, that is, it should be self-explanatory for an intelligent reader outside your field of study.

"We want a clearly written, well organized proposal," said Bywaters. They should be "written to the layperson," she adds.

Most students who turn in a clearly organized proposal are granted some monetary assistance to aid them in their research.

"Last year, out of 46 applicants, we awarded 41 students with grants averaging \$471 per person," said Cindy Marczak, program assistant to the student research fund.

"A person from Chicago contacted me and was very interested in my research and would like me to possibly set up a system for him," said Joshua Eastman, a former grant winner.

"He was also interested in funding my project if any more finances were needed," he added.

According to Bywaters, the majority of the grants go to students in the College of Natural Resources or to those researching communication disorders.

"I want other students to be aware that this option is available to them," she said.

Bywaters adds that she wishes she had "gotten into the grant business as an undergrad because it's a really fabulous experience."

The grant committee, consisting of ten members, is a mix of students and faculty members from varying fields.

Applications for this grant are reviewed four times each year. The next application deadline is March 26.



Spotlight Trivia



- Who won a Golden Globe and an Oscar for best actress in the 1999 movie *Boys Don't Cry*?
 - Charlize Theron
 - Jennie Garth
 - Susan Sarandon
 - Hilary Swank
- Who played Norman Bates in the 1999 remake of *Psycho*?
 - Joaquin Phoenix
 - Vince Vaughn
 - Skeet Ulrich
 - Johnny Depp
- Who is married to Bon Jovi's lead guitarist, Richie Sambora?
 - Pamela Anderson
 - Heather Locklear
 - Elle McPherson
 - Rachel Hunter
- Which group sang the theme song for *Back to the Future*?
 - Van Halen
 - Beastie Boys
 - Huey Lewis and the News
 - The Police

Answers:

1. d - Hilary Swank; 2. b - Vince Vaughn; 3. b - Heather Locklear; 4. c - Huey Lewis and the News.



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Taste of the Town

By Tracy Nolan
FEATURES REPORTER

For about the third time in three years, the restaurant on the corner of Maria Dr. and Isadore St. has again changed hands.

It is now known as "The Keg" and was visited by myself and two friends last week.

We ventured there on a Tuesday evening about 6 p.m. and found the place to be relatively quiet, except for some bar business.

The three of us each ordered a beer followed by a Bloody Mary. The prices were average and the Bloody Mary's were on special for the evening.

When it came time to order, I wanted some cheese curds and was told that they might possibly be out of them. I found the concept of them running out of something after being in business for only about 10 days to be ironic. Luckily, they were in stock.

I ordered deep fried shrimp while one friend ordered nachos, and the other ordered a chicken sandwich and fries.

The portions were more than adequate, and the nachos contained cucumbers, an unusual ingredient.

The reviews were mixed although I liked the change.

The service was very good, and when we were through with our meal, the cook (which I would guess is the owner) came out to check on our meals and to ask us to come back again.

I would recommend the Keg for a casual dining experience.

OVERALL RATING: * * *

The menu is basic but the prices seemed fair to all of us.

Our bill totaled \$35.73 and that included two entrees, one huge portion of deluxe nachos, and six alcoholic beverages.



Mustard Plug headlines for UWSP's ska fest

The fifth annual Ska Fest will bring performers Mustard Plug and 5 O'Clock Charlie to UWSP. The performance is in the UC Encore at 8 p.m., Friday, March 2.

The pride of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mustard Plug mixes traditional ska with punk. They released their first album, *Big Daddy Multitude* and began touring coast-to-coast in 1993.

Their second album, *Evildoers Beware*, was released in 1997.

They followed it with more touring including the 1998 Ska Against Racism Tour, Snow Jam in Canada and a sold-out

Japanese tour.

They have toured with national acts such as Face To Face, NOFX, Less Than Jake and others.

The most recent release, *Pray For Mojo*, includes 12 new original songs.

Mustard Plug records under the Hopeless Records label.

Ska Fest is sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions.

Tickets, available at the door are four dollars or free for UWSP students with ID.

For more information about the fest, call 346-3000.



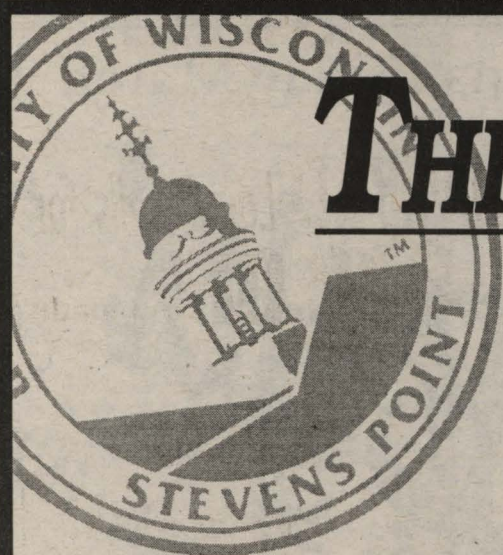
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Mustard Plug, a band from Grand Rapids, Mich., will play at UWSP's ska fest.

Rating System

- * Don't shove this down your worst enemy's throat.
- ** Maybe you'll leave with a good treat for your pet.
- *** Decent food, price, service and atmosphere.
- **** Perfect dining experience.

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THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Yoga Class w/Maureen Ebel, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Aerobics, Allen Center

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, 7:30 PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Quit-N-Time Series presents: The Jeff Erickson Quartet, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC

CP! Cinema Presents: *Shaft*, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM/Midnight, Room 073, DeBot Center

CP! Concerts: Lonnie Brooks, 8:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, 7:30 PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

Wrestling (NCAA III Championships, Cedar Falls, IA)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

CP! Club/Variety w/Stephen Lynch, Comedian, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Wom. Basketball, NCAA Second Round

Wrestling (NCAA III Championships), Wartburg College (host school)

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Faculty Jazz Concert, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

CP! Issues and Ideas Presents: Camille Cooper, Speaker, 7:00 PM, Laird Room, UC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Stu. Inv. & Emp. LEAD Dinner/Program: "Transitioning Skills to your Future Careers", 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Alumni Rm.-UC)

JAZZ NIGHT, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, University Center

Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center

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

UWSP hosts an evening of women's history and music



On March 6, Gerri Gribi will perform "A Musical Romp Through Women's History" at 7 p.m. in the UC Encore.

A unique musician, historian and storyteller, Gerri Gribi has toured North America for nearly 20 years.

She's performed in the venues you'd expect—theaters, coffeehouses, schools, convocations and folk festivals—and some you probably wouldn't, like military bases and prisons.

Accompanying her clear soprano voice with autoharp, mountain dulcimer and guitar, she brings history to life in a way which is lively, fun, and even educational.

Gribi was disturbed by the fact that most traditional women's songs portrayed women as victims.

Gribi said, "In all the songs I knew or had heard, women were either killing themselves because they couldn't get married, or killing themselves because they did."

"In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death."

-Anne Frank

Internationally acclaimed musician to perform at UWSP

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

An alluring display of complicated north Indian classical drumming will take place at UWSP on Monday, March 5.

Sandip Burman, an internationally acclaimed tabla musician will combine Indian music with an Indian philosophy during his performance.

Having received numerous degrees and awards, he has established himself as one of the most talented young tabla players in Indian Classical music.

Recently, he has been collaborating and touring with jazz musician, Bela Fleck and is a guest star on the Flecktones' most recent Grammy winning album, *Outbound*.

Burman has toured, taught and recorded throughout the US, Europe, Mexico, North Africa, Israel and Canada.

He has also recorded and performed with numerous jazz and world music artists and contributed to the movie score of Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks!*

Recent performances in this country include the opening event of the Getty Museum in California, a solo performance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and the Baltimore International Rhythm and Drumming Society festival.

His talent and creativity are clearly evident, making his performances enjoyable and leaving his audience in awe of the artist and his art form.

"I heard him at the Festival of India, and his background and experience really show through in his performance," said Corinne Dempsey, religious studies professor.

His performances are marked with spontaneous innovation and tonal purity, even when delivering complex rhythmic patterns at dazzling speeds.

The event, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, College of Fine Arts and Communication, Multicultural Affairs and the Drumming Club, starts at 6:30 p.m. in the UC Encore.

Admission is free to students and the public.

For more information, contact Corinne Dempsey at 346-2505.

So she set out to recover songs showing women in a more positive light. Her research has unearthed songs which portray our foremothers more realistically as workers, creators, survivors and dreamers.

Gribi is a frequent guest on television and radio, and her music has been featured in a variety of media outlets, including ABC Prime Time Live.

She has lent her creative hand to numerous projects, including writing and performing music for the award-winning documentary, "Poverty Shock: Anywoman's Story."

Gribi has been ranked among the Top Ten Artists by the National Women's Radio Play List.

The event, sponsored by the Women's Resource Center in honor of National Women's History Month, is free to students and the public.

For more information, contact Kyle Niedfeldt at 346-4851.

A celebration of wellness to take place



Portage County's largest wellness fair is set to take place this Saturday.

The event will take place in CenterPoint MarketPlace from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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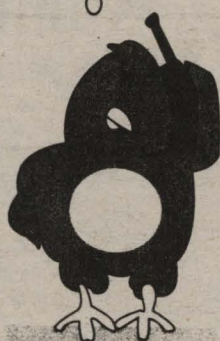
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Basketball teams denied bids to NCAA tourney

Neither team receives berth in D-3 tourney despite solid seasons

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's basketball teams each enjoyed one of their finest seasons in recent history this year.

Nonetheless, when the pairings for the NCAA Division III Tournament were announced Sunday night, neither Pointer team found itself continuing on in post-season play.

The disappointment for men's coach Jack Bennett and women's coach Shirley Egner, and many WIAC fans for that matter, comes from the fact that only UW-Eau Claire's teams, winners of the WIAC tournaments, will represent the league.

Despite being considered the top conference in Division III for basketball, the WIAC did not receive further representation when the at-large berths were handed out.

"In the past, they've taken three from the women (teams) at times," Egner said of the selection committee. "In my 12 years here, I can't remember them not taking at least two, though."

In a truly remarkable season in which teams continually bullied one another on the men's side, Bennett felt that earning a share of the regular season

should have been enough to reward his team with a bid.

"In an ideal world, we should have gotten in by winning a two and a half to three month struggle," Bennett stated. "Realistically, I knew it would be difficult and I thought we had to win one or two games (in the WIAC Tournament.)"

With over 400 schools participating in Division III basketball and 48 men's teams and 50 women's teams getting into the tourney, there are only eight at-large bids on the men's side and seven on the women's side. This is due in part to automatic berths being awarded to league tournament champions and leagues without a post-season tourney.

In an attempt to cut down on travel expenses two years ago, the NCAA trimmed the number of teams in the D-III Tournament from 64 to its current status. Both coaches would like to see the field return to 64 to try to improve the quality of play.

"What concerns me is you don't have the best teams playing in the tournament and I'm not sure how you get around it," said Egner. "Let's go to 64 (teams), let's not give anyone a bye and let's play ball."

Another strike against the WIAC, a public school conference, is that Division III is mainly comprised of private schools.

The contention is that the private schools want to limit the number of public schools when it comes to the post-season because of enrollment numbers and the amount of government money that the public schools receive.

"The bias is we have too many students," Bennett said.

"They don't want our schools in (the tournament.)"

the men's portion of the WIAC provided perhaps the most parody in the history of the conference with co-champions UWSP and UW-Whitewater posting records of 10-6. Two other teams were tied for a share of first place going into the final day of the regular season and another two finished two games back.

Despite the strength of the league, the selection committee may have misinterpreted the balance of the WIAC as the lack of having teams worthy of an at-large bid.

"What more do you need as proof that this is an unbelievable conference?" Bennett asked.

"I'm not going to let the politics take away from winning the regular season championship."

"What more do you need as proof that this is an unbelievable conference?"

- Jack Bennett

"That's not our problem," he said of the schools' income. "That's something we should be proud of."

While both coaches like the idea of the conference tournament, they also feel that there may be too much emphasis placed on whether or not a team wins its tournament and less on the regular season.

"I think the conference tournament is a good idea on the basis of giving everyone a chance of getting in, but it worked against our league this year," Bennett said. "I just don't buy the idea that one night can negate three months. And somehow that takes on a greater proportion than what you do over three months."

Egner agreed saying, "I don't think it helps us, and as much as I like the conference tournament, I'm not sure it's helping us (get at-large bids.)"

This year's regular season in

As for the women, Egner felt that if her team had been able to defeat UW-Platteville and earn a spot in the championship game, it would have done enough to make the NCAAs.

After a convincing 31-point win over UW-River Falls late in the regular season and road wins at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh, Egner felt her team had done enough if it had met Eau Claire for the title.

"I felt like we had split with those top teams and if we had gotten to the championship game, it would have helped us," Egner said. "I think what hurt us is we were ranked in the top 25 (in the D3Hoops.com poll) but we weren't regionally ranked."

Despite the success, both teams are forced to sit back in the off-season and merely think about what might have been.

Bennett named scholar-athlete

UW-Stevens Point's Jay Bennett has been named the 2001 Max Sparger Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete.

Bennett, a senior from Rhinelander, Wis., is majoring in biology (pre-med) with a minor in chemistry and carries a 3.67 grade point average. He is a three-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and has been named to both the Dean's List and Honors List three times at UW-Stevens Point.

Bennett helped the Pointers capture a share of the 2000-01 WIAC Championship after winning the title outright last season. Last season's squad also won the WIAC Tournament and reached the NCAA Division III Elite Eight.

Bennett is a three-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, serving as an officer two of those years. He is also a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and has worked in the University Arts and Athletics Ticket Office four years. Bennett also served as an athletic representative on the student board to hire the UW-Stevens Point Vice Chancellor in Summer 1999. In addition, he has served two years as an athletic representative on the Faculty Athletic Board.

Women's hockey drops fourth straight

By Dan Mirman
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

You don't want to have the weekend where you are outscored by the largest combined margin one week before the playoffs, especially to the same team the playoff match-up will come against. Yet that is the

situation the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team must face as it heads into the playoffs after dropping two games to UW-River Falls by a combined score of 11-2, including getting shutout for the first time this season.

In Sunday's contest the Pointers were looking to close out their inaugural regular season with a win to clinch second place. However, River Falls had other plans, scoring the only goals of the first period to take a 2-0 lead.

Point then came back strong scoring the only goal of the second period on a shot by Mandy Rhyner to cut the lead in half. Unfortunately for UWSP, it could not carry that momentum into the final period as UWRF outscored them 4-1 and clinched second place with a 6-2 win.

"We minimized our mistakes in the second game," said Head Coach Jason Lesteberg. "We really put the pressure on for two periods unfortunately we could not sustain it in the final period."

Saturday's game was like a bad dream for Point as River

Falls got off to a quick start, scoring the first three goals of the game, all in the first period of play. The Falcons then tacked on two more goals in the third period to shut out Point for the first time this year, 5-0.

Things went from bad to worse for the Pointers as Nicole Busse injured her shoulder in the first period of Sunday's game, however she is expected to be able to play on Saturday.

Lesteberg feels that fatigue played as big a role in the weekend losses as anything else.

"Right now our fuel tank is on empty," said Lesteberg. "We only play 11-12 kids and only one or two of them has ever played a 25-game schedule before. But I'm going to give them some extra time off this week and hopefully we will be ready for the playoffs on Saturday."

The Pointers (12-12-1, 9-6-1) return to River Falls Saturday for a semi-final playoff game. The winner plays in the championship game on Sunday against either UW-Superior or UW-Lake Forest.

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Women's Hockey: At UW-River Falls (NCHA Tournament), Saturday, 3 p.m., and Sunday, noon or 3 p.m.

Track and Field: WIAC Indoor Championships, Friday, 1 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.

Wrestling: At NCAA Division III Championships (Waterloo, Iowa), Friday and Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Hockey bows out in NCHA semis

Superior brings men's season to a close in NCHA Tournament

By Dan Mirman

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team looked primed for a deep playoff run after last weeks dismantling of UW-Stout.

However, those plans were derailed when it ran into the hottest hockey team in the nation last weekend at UW-Superior.

The Pointers dropped both games in their series as Superior extended the nation's longest winning streak to 19 games.

The Pointers came the closest to taking a game from Superior in Saturday's contest. Even though Superior scored first, Point answered right back with a goal by Matt Interbartolo to send the game into the second period tied at a goal each.

In the second period Superior scored the only goal to regain a lead that they would not lose.

The Yellow Jackets tacked on two more goals in the third period, but the Pointers were not going to let their season end without a fight. Point scored two late goals to cut the lead to 4-3, but unfortunately for Point, time ran out before they could get

another and that proved to be the final score.

"I was proud of our guys," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta, "They had every reason to lay down and die in Saturday's game, but they sucked it up and almost came back."

Friday's match-up saw Superior once again get off to an early lead with a goal in the first and then one more in the second to take a 2-0 lead.

Point came back late in the second with a goal by Interbartolo to cut the lead in half.

But Superior came right back with its third goal of the game less than a minute later. In the final period both teams were held scoreless and Superior picked up the 3-1 victory.

"I thought we played well," said Baldarotta. "We just got beat by a really good team, they have too much skill, speed and toughness and when they get all the breaks too, they are extremely tough to beat."

Looking ahead to next year Point has a tall order to replace the 12 seniors they will be losing. Those players include their top four point scorers: Ryan Maxson, who led the team with 24 goals, Interbartolo, the leading point scorer with 47, Mikhail Salienko (30 points) and David Boehm (27 points).

Track teams prepare for WIAC Indoors

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point track and field teams finished their regular seasons strong with matching second place finishes at the UW-Oshkosh last weekend.

The Pointer men were outdistanced by UW-Oshkosh (250.5 pts to 152.8 points) while the women came up a little short against the Titans (177.5 pts to 106 points).

"With the conference championships coming up this weekend, this was just a tune-up meet for us," said men's Head Coach Rick Witt. "We use these meets much like a football team uses their pre-season games - to get in shape and maybe let some athletes try new events," said Witt.

At the meet, Jody Butkowski set a school record in the women's triple jump with a lead of 37-feet, 3 ¾ inches and Chris Horvat had the nation's fastest performance in the men's 800 meters with a time of 1:53.42, which will qualify him for Nationals in the event.

Both distance medley relay teams won titles as the women ran 12:11.96 and the men won in 10:07.74. For the men, Noah Eschenbach won the men's weight throw at 57'1" and was second in the shot put. Kyle Newman won the 200 meter dash in 22.78. Shane Suehring was second in the mile run.

On the women's side, Nicki Van Gheem was second in the women's 5,000 meters with a time of 20:05.34, despite running the event for the first time. Jenny Todd was second in the long jump and Lisa Brownie was second in the triple jump.

The WIAC indoor conference championships take place this Friday and Saturday (March 2-3) at the Multi-Activity Center on the UWSP campus.

Friday's events start at 1 p.m. while Saturday's action starts at 9 a.m. The weekend concludes with the crowning of the conference champions set for 5:15 p.m. Saturday.

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Head to head: spin casting or fly-fishing?

Spin fishing is for the losers of the group

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Fly-fishing, the true art. You really don't get much better than a quiet morning on the stream, trout grabbing caddis flies of the surface of the water, and the delicate cast of a fly-fishermen gently presenting a hand tied fly the size of your pinky nail to some of the most beautiful fish on this planet. Ahh, this is the good life.

evolved into the most extreme of all fishing styles. A decent angler can catch fish using a spinning rod, but a true student of the game will learn to take fish on the fly. And the versatility of the sport extends far beyond trout fishing.

Anything from muskie to marlin are being taken on the fly, and the anglers that achieve these great feats must study the fish as well as the capabilities of their

ledge and the fly angler must know their prey with a much deeper understanding than those who are chucking lures or throwing bait.

But through this understanding, the fly angler can become more successful and also gain a more profound enjoyment of their time on the water. Taking a fish on the fly is a rush that the spin-casting fishermen cannot understand. The drag on the fly

reel is usually much looser than a spinning reel giving the fish that ability to make longer runs. Not to mention that the added length of a fly rod allows the angler to feel every thrash and head shake the fish makes. The added challenges that fly fishing brings to the table makes every fish brought to hand a special thing for the fly angler.

If you talk to any angler about their dream catch they will probably give you a detail-filled descrip-

tion of the most amazing fish scenario they could ever conjure up. Perhaps a world record steelhead on a pristine stream in Alaska or a mammoth largemouth bass the size of a small whale will be the focal point of the angler's dream. Whatever it is, when the angler adds the words "on the fly" the description becomes all the more impressive. Fly-fishing takes anglers to the edge and then pushes them off and the entire process is a wild ride. Tight lines to all you fly fishing fools and for those of you who long to master the sport, the fish are waiting!

equipment to be successful.

An angler using bait or lures can allow dumb luck and chance to guide their fishing trips and still catch fish. The fly-fishermen must come to an understanding of the basic principles of casting a fly rod as well as the diet of the fish. And even then, the fish may still outwit the angler. It is a chal-



Photo submitted by author

Whether your love is fly-fishing or spin-fishing, you'll always find a nice catch.

Fly-fishing takes you into some of the most serene places in the outdoors and allows you to connect with these places in an exciting way. Dating back to 200 AD, fly-fishing has a rich history and some of founding fathers of fishing, such as Izaak Walton, devoted parts of their work to the sport. Modern fly-fishing has

Spun for spin casting

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

You wake up early and step outside only to see the rising sun reflect off the dew-covered grass. With your gear packed in the boat, you shove off from the pier, making the first waves of the day on the lake. As you come closer to your coveted spot, you kill the outboard and row yourself into prime position. You gently pick up your rod, set the drag, hook a small minnow and cast it away, hoping that the undisturbed lunger 15 feet from your boat is looking for breakfast.

Now, while arguing the pros and cons of fly-fishing versus spin fishing, we must remember that everything is strictly opinionated and based on preference. Of course, those who started out on a flyrod will most likely favor fly-fishing and vice-versa. However, I would not be the fisherman that I am today without my adventures in the boat with a good ol' fashioned rod and reel.

Although I have had very limited experiences with fly-fishing, if I ever had the choice of fly-fishing versus bait casting of any type, I'd take my good ol' Daiwa rod and reel combo any day.

The memories alone of being in the boat with relatives and friends are enough to sway me. I think that there is so much more to fishing than just a rod, lure and water. There are memories to be had, experiences awaiting you every day and so much more than just catching fish.

Fly-fishing may have more of a history behind it, but for those who are looking for more modern techniques and technology, spin casting is definitely where it's at. You have the ultimate choice of how advanced you want to get as well. You can fish in a \$10,000 boat with Lowrance locators, ultra-light graphite rods and the most expensive lures on the market. Likewise, you can catch just as many fish with a \$20 Fleet Farm rod and reel combo, a dozen worms and a rowboat. That is what I love - you've got tons of options and with each option comes a new possibility for you to experience and treasure. Your trips are never the same unless you want them to be.

Of course, because you've got a boat, this also means that you have more access to water. Whether it be more lakes or rivers, more spots on one lake, or even access to one really dependable crib, you've always got traveling options with boats. It's not only the type of rod that benefits spin-casters, but also the other equipment that typically goes hand in hand with it like boats, outboard and trolling motors and fish locators.

I'll always love spin casting for many reasons. There are so many aspects that you will get with a spinning reel that you wouldn't get with a fly rod. However, with benefits come snags, in the literal sense. Never have I had so many problems with one small machine in my life! Tangles, knots and loops on line that won't stay on the spool are things that we're all accustomed to, and honestly, what is fishing without a nasty tangle every once in awhile?

All in all, spin casting has always been a new "revolutionary" way to fish. Who would have thought that one day we'd have such technology and state-of-the-art contraptions made just so we can catch fish?

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Roots and Shoots program a hit with area youth

By Cheryl Tepsa
COPY EDITOR

Roots and Shoots is an educational outreach program founded on the principles of the Jane Goodall Institute; they teach children from grades one through four about the environment, wildlife and the humanities.

"Kids love it when we come because we do a lot of hands-on demonstrations," said Lori Becker, president of Roots and Shoots.

About 30 students make up the organization. Those who don't actually go into the classrooms help plan future presentations.

"We get a lot of ideas from what's happening in nature," said Becker. "For instance, we did demonstrations of the changing of the seasons and how birds react to it."

Actually, birds were one of many special visitors the chil-

dren have had. Last fall, someone from the Northwoods Wildlife Center of Minocqua introduced the children to a variety of birds, such as owls, all who permanently reside at the Center.

"They are still talking about it," said Kelly Staerzl, a member of Roots and Shoots who interned at the Center last summer.

The children get very excited when Roots and Shoots come into their classrooms.

"We don't put limits on their learning potential," said Becker. "We're always pleasantly surprised at how quickly they pick up on things."

Roots and Shoots is not an official campus student organization yet, although they are expecting to be recognized in the fall.

They visit four classrooms every week, one in Stevens Point, one in Plover-Whiting and two in Junction City.

Early trout season begins on local streams

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

After holding an experimental title for the last three years, the early trout season has officially gained a permanent title this year.

The season, which begins this Saturday, March 3, will run until Sunday, April 29 to allow for a five-day resting period before the regular season trout fishing begins.

Anglers hoping to take part in the season should remember

that all fishing is catch and release and only artificial lures and flies with barbless hooks can be used.

Changes have been made to the rivers opened to fish during the open season. Streams that will be open to fish in the area during the early season are Ditches One through Six downstream from Townline Road and the Tomorrow River from Amherst downstream to Durant Road.

In years past the DNR select-

ed early season streams based largely on stream categories, but has been much more selective this year.

Many who plan take part in the early season this weekend may have to put up with adverse conditions. The unseasonably cold month of February has done little to promote ice thaw on the streams in the area. Streams that have strong sources of freshwater springs will have the least amount of ice.

Premature spring fever

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Since last Thursday, I've really been keeping a close eye on the weather. Of course, since my bold prediction of "sunny skies by spring break" went to press, we've seen sub-zero temps, ice storms, snow storms and harsh winds. It seemed as if day after day, I'd wake up to find something new every morning. If not snow, then rain and ice and if not that, then wind strong enough to blow cars around. We've really seen some nasty stuff in the past week; the very same stuff that makes the rest of the country, and even most Wisconsinites, hate winter.

Maybe this was really all a

OK, so I jumped the gun and spring really isn't here, or even around the corner for that matter. But let's never forget the winter of '00, when we had those 70-degree temps in the middle of February. We were out tanning and wasting our time outdoors in winter for the first time ever. That was probably a once in a lifetime type deal, but maybe this year since we didn't get the warm weather during winter, spring will come a tad earlier.

I'm sticking to my guns that this whole weather debacle was a huge coincidence. I still say that warm weather is coming, no matter how grim the outlook at the moment. So if history has taught me anything, I guess be prepared for blizzards, hail, ice and the



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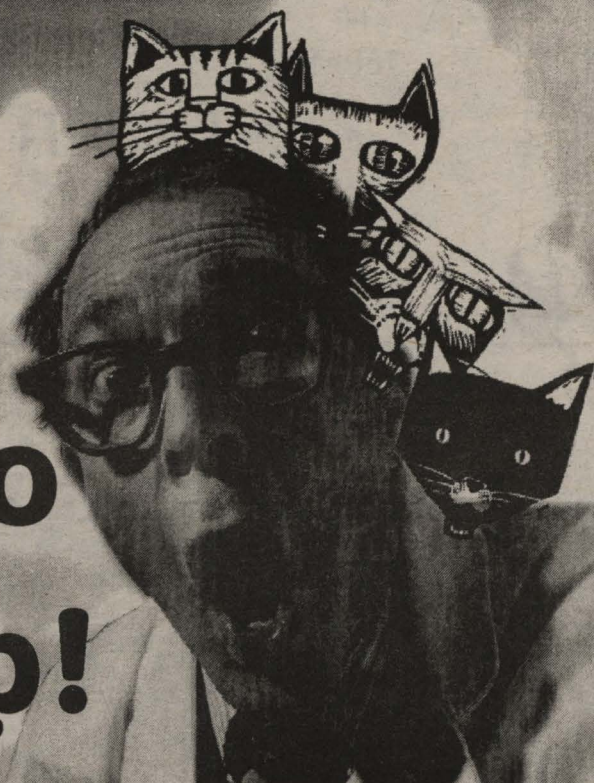
A prime example of a scene that we have come to love so much.

good sign though. Maybe we're just going into spring "like a lion." But really, who am I kidding? If this is the start of spring, we're seeing the most ferocious lion in the history of the animal kingdom.

wrath of God himself after this prints since I again have laughed in the face of Mother Nature.

Seriously people. Don't worry, spring is coming, even if we do get another foot of snow before our first 60 degree day.

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Kohl

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Reinvention and Responsibility Act, or known as the "Three R's." Kohl is co-sponsoring this bill along with Senators Joe Lieberman, D-Connecticut, and Evan Bayh, D-Indiana.

"The 'Three R's' bill represents an increased public funding at the federal level for education, and what local school districts are asking for is more money and more flexibility. The bill increases the amount of money that local school districts get over five years by \$35 billion, and gives these districts more flexibility in deciding how to spend their money according to local needs.

"This bill ... targets federal funding to the neediest schools and students. ... In exchange for increased flexibility is increased accountability. This bill awards schools that do a good job of educating their students, it helps schools that are struggling to do a better job and it stops subsidizing failure," Kohl said.

In other matters, Kohl expressed said that he feels very badly about the Clinton pardon situation. "I feel that the President abused his authority and responsibility, and the Constitution gives the President absolute authority to make pardons as he or she sees fit, but we expect that it will be exercised in a responsible way, and in this case the appearance is certainly improper.

"The appearance of influence of money and connections, all of which the American people deplore, seems to be a real factor in who got pardons and who didn't, and if that's the case, then the President needs to be criticized very heavily for what he's done," Kohl said.

Kohl feels as though the recent strikes against Iraq were justified.

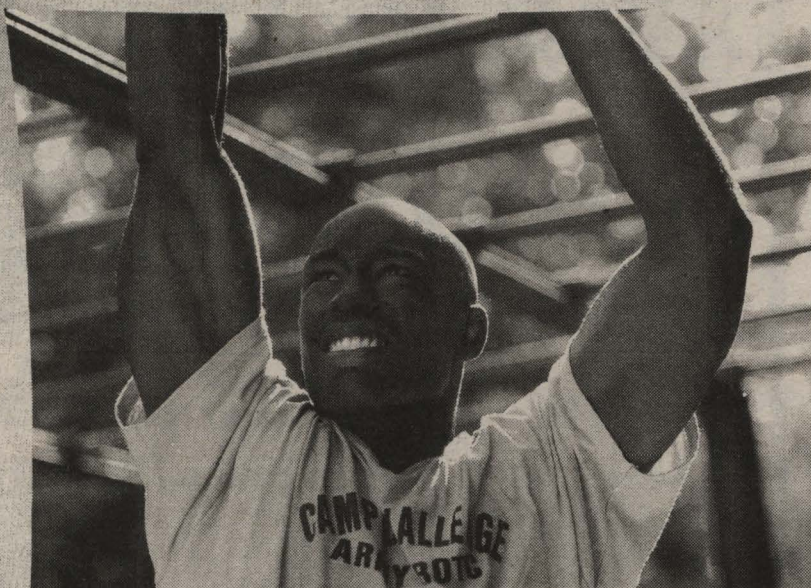
"I think they were a strike against the bow of letting Iraq know that this President is going to be strong and vigilant, that he's not going to allow them to just continue to move in an unimpeded fashion," said Kohl. "We're particularly concerned about what work they [Iraq] may be doing on the development of weapons of mass destruction; as you know he [Saddam Hussein] won't allow any inspections, and I think this President is saying, 'We're going to be really strong and forceful with you,' which I believe the American people will approve of."

Budget

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Polzin, SGA president.

The SGA senate will vote on the proposed budget on Thursday, March 8 before it goes before the SGA President and Chancellor George. Organizations that wish to appeal the budget's current form can contact the SGA office before next Thursday's vote.



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Letters from the edge of the world

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By Pat "Pan" Rothfuss
Bitch bitch bitch

Dear Pat,

After reading the last few of your Pointer articles, it hit me that you are in graduate school. When I realized this I knew that I had to write to you to warn you of your academic folly.

I remember our halcyon days as undergraduates at UWSP, I remember wanting to get matching tattoos of our life motto, "The Truly Educated-Never Graduate." (I wanted mine on my forehead and you wanted yours somewhere else, so you could watch the saying grow.) Anyway, those were the days. Attending class on an infrequent schedule, running up a student loan debt the size of the GNP of Saudi Arabia, experimental activities with clowns.

You know, the usual undergraduate stuff.

It all changed for me after I foolishly allowed myself to graduate. Oh, I started graduate school the next fall, thinking that nothing had changed; I was still running up student loan debt and I was occa-

sionally sighted in one of my classes.

Then one day, in a fit of boredom, I read through the paperwork from the graduate school. I was shocked into shame to discover that if I failed to complete my degree in a scant seven years I would lose all of my graduate credits and effectively be kicked out of school and forced to have a real life. I never would have pursued this degree had I known of this evil plot. I may speak to my legal counsel and see if the university violated any of my rights with this seven year thing. I think this is entrapment.

It is too late for me, save yourself if you can. My seven years are up this May. I'm not sure that I can make it on the outside. Is there some kind of half-way home that I can use to transition my way into the real world?

Erwin

Hell, I thought grad school was the half-way house. I'm pretty sure it even said something to that effect on the Washington State pamphlet they sent me

when I first applied for admissions here. "Study Graduate English at WSU: It's better than a real job."

But you don't need to convince me that grad school might be a mistake. I don't know what might have turned me off to the whole experience, perhaps it's the 200 or more pages of academic reading I'm assigned every week. I don't mean to imply that these articles and books are numbing to the body and soul, but I'd probably learn more from a vigorous beating with a novocain-filled lead pipe.

Then there are the papers I have to write, prep-work, tutoring and more pointless busywork than I ever had to stomach as an undergrad. Well, let's just say that my free-time has been reduced to about 30 minutes Saturday night when I get the luxury of crying myself to sleep. In short, I'm so busy that I feel guilty if I take a shit without reading a book at the same time.

There are only two things that keep me going though all of this.

First, I'm teaching two sections of English 101 this semester. I love it. I love the lecturing, the group work, the class

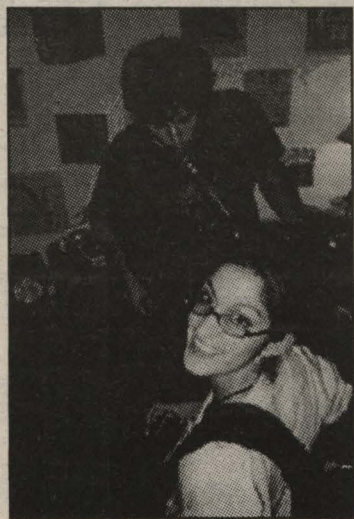
discussions. I love it when students come to my office. I even love grading the papers, which takes more time than anything else in my schedule. If it wasn't for teaching, I'd set fire to this university and fiddle while it burned.

Second, knowing that UWSP is still out there keeps me sane. It was a magical place for me, like neverland. Like the Garden of Eden. A place where I could pursue an education and not have to worry about academics. *sigh*

I even entertain vague fantasies of returning. Some part of me believes that if I work really hard I can get my master's degree, move back to Stevens Point, and eventually be denied a teaching position because of all the things I've said in this column over the years.

So thanks for the warning Erwin, but I don't think you have to worry about my bumping into that seven year time limit. Right now I'm wondering if I'm going to make it until the end of the week.

Pat's world is obviously crumbling around his ears. Talk him down off the ledge by dropping him a line at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.



Twigs Tricycle: Coming to The Mission Coffee House on March 31, double billing with The Electric Company. The band has a new bass player by the name of Ryan Wilkins-formerly of "transient camp" and "for elliott" and will be recording this month. They should have a full length album soon. (This is a Super Sore-Eye production.)



Maggi, Pierce & EJ will play The Mission Coffee House on March 28. The group recently released their fourth album *FOR*, which is a dedication to their life and music of Jeff Buckley.

Watch for these and other groups to be featured in this section as we near their concert dates!

Make your life count

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

What do you do when you are a fourth year student with high aspirations and motivation, but no major? I have run into several students on this very campus who are in between this rock and a hard place, and I'm confessing that I am one of them.

You could take solace in the idea of having an immense amount of freedom, not knowing where you'll be next year, next month or even next week, but likely, the amount of freedom is matched with feelings of confusion, hopelessness and desperation. It is really hard to focus on school work when you don't have a passionate reason for being at a university, thus, grades are apt to falter, many unnecessary classes are taken and ample time and money is invested, possibly in vain. Your self esteem plummets, as your greatest desire is simply to feel like you have a purpose.

You will ask yourself: "Who is to blame for my inadequacy in the world of academics?" Is it my high school for not preparing me with the necessary skills to deal with decision making in the real world? Is it the fault of counselors who have consistently led me astray over the years? Is it my own fault for never setting a rational goal for myself? Who knows. Though it is easier to try to pass the blame on to someone else, only one person has the power to change their destiny, and I don't need to lecture anyone on who that person is.

What needs to happen is this: Decisions need to be made, and prioritizing must ensue. Ask yourself if you should really be at a four year university, or if a technical college be more beneficial. Maybe school in general isn't your bag. Or maybe just school "right now." Put your talents and interests into perspective and think about utilizing them in a way that will make you happy. Does doing something you love make you happier than doing something that pays better? Or would making loads of cash "make" you happy?

It may sound selfish but, you have got to do what makes "you" happy. Don't let people mold you into someone you aren't, mold yourself. It may take some time to figure yourself out, but when you do, it will likely be worth the wait. You may feel rushed, due to the pace of our society, but take your time and make it count.

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Movie Review

By Josh Goller
News Editor

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

I'm a big fan of the unorthodox and the alternative. I don't like mainstream. So when I first heard from some friends about the Chinese sensation *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, I was hoping that it wouldn't catch on here in the United States. I was hoping that the movie-going public would be too shallow and complacent to go see this film and I could be original. Well, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* has become one of the "must-see" movies and is getting nominated for all kinds of awards here in America. I've been reduced to nothing more original than those brats that stare up from the New York streets at Carson Daly on TRL. But I had to go see this movie damn it!

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon centers on the conflicts of two women. Jen (Ziyi Zhang) is from the noble class, the daughter of a governor, but her martial arts skills and her longing for love have lead her to a crossroads in her life which pits her noble obligations against her will. Meanwhile fellow martial arts goddess and friend ... then enemy ... then friend again, Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) is struggling with a hidden love of her own, when she's not kicking butt that is. A host of other interesting characters adds flavor to the mix in this film that succeeds in blending a martial arts action film with romance and fantasy. In the end it tugged at the heartstrings while still providing pulse-pounding action.

The action sequences in this film were unreal. The movements of the warriors that included some sort of superhuman type gliding, in my opinion, put the special effects of *The Matrix* (as groundbreaking as they were) to shame. The plot was thought provoking and the characters were intriguing. This film did it all in my book and deserves to be a hit here in the States. If China can keep pumping movies like this one out, we may be in for a change in the landscape of cinema here in America.

In the end I didn't mind that *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is becoming a fad. I took solace in the fact that everyone may be going to see it but not everyone can fully understand it for what it is. And besides, it may be mainstream ... but it had subtitles. That makes me cultured and original, doesn't it?

No one has been very receptive to my pleas in hopes that someone would send me a piece of work to include in my section. I would really love to hear from someone. We have a large campus body of able writers who I am sure have listened to a CD, been to a movie or read a book in the last week or two, so I am asking again: Are you afraid of me? Send your stuff promptly to sbart604@uwsp.edu.

Jackie's Fridge.

by BJ Hiorns

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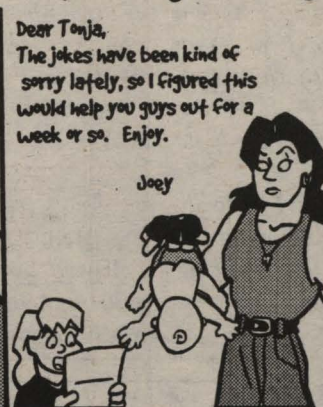


"I didn't say we should see other people. I said I should."



Tonja Steele

by Joey Hetzel



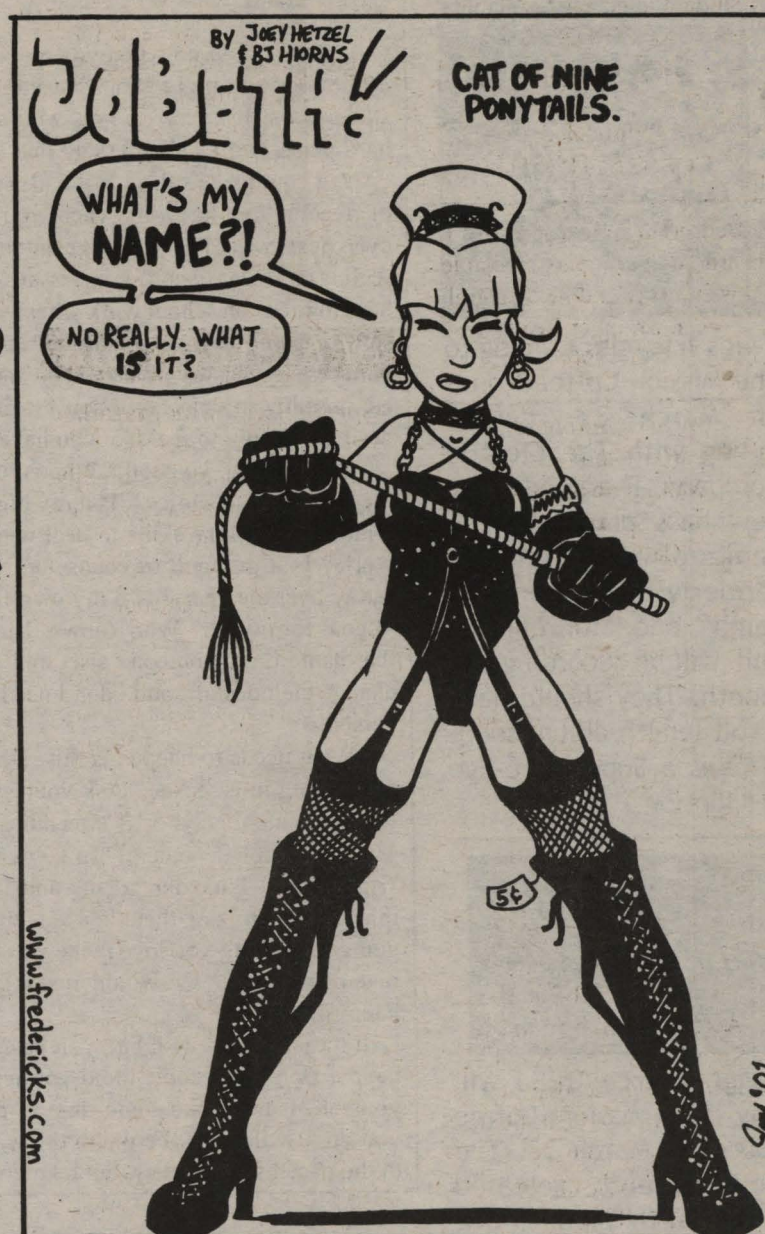
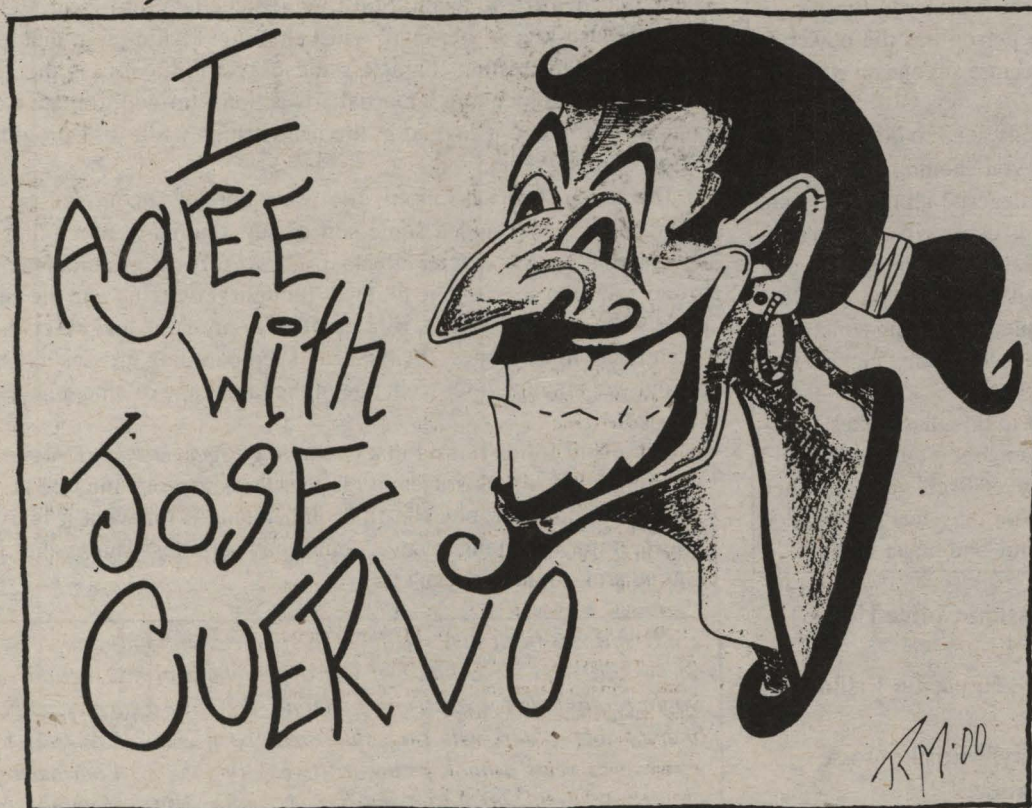
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