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## Miller pleads no contest to new recording charges

**Former math professor faces federal and state oral interception charges**

**By Casey Krautkramer**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former UWSP mathematics professor Gordon Miller pleaded no contest on Thursday before Portage County Circuit Court Judge Frederic Fleishauer to 16 felony charges of intercepting oral communication.

Miller was arrested for filming naked boys in the Stevens Point YMCA on Nov. 16, 1998. He officially resigned after 35 years of teaching at the university on April 3, 2000.

"I think he's sick," said Andrea Steele, student. "He should have to pay the consequences. He makes the campus look bad, too."

The no contest plea means that Miller agrees to accept the punishment without formally acknowledging that he is guilty. Miller's attorney, Gary Kryshak, and prosecuting District Attorney, Tom Eagon, agreed that 16 distinct conversations were recorded on recovered the video when Miller was arrested in 1998.

Miller originally was charged with 24 felony counts of making a videotape depicting nudity without a person's consent. His case was dismissed after the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-2 decision on June 28, 2000, that the statute—

which made it a felony to videotape, photograph or produce any other visual reproduction of someone in the nude without that person's consent—was too broad. The court ruled that the law would infringe on First Amendment rights of free expression, opening legitimate artists and photographers to the threat of prosecution.

The US Supreme Court ruling stemmed from the State of Wisconsin v. Scott Stevenson case, in which Stevenson was arrested after he sat in a tree near his former girlfriend's home and secretly videotaped her through her windows as she undressed in her bedroom and bathroom. In this case, Stevenson's attorneys claimed that the statute was unconstitutionally vague.

New charges were filed against Miller in January 2001, including the oral communication charges and a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge, which later were dropped. The charges Miller pleaded no contest to Thursday are part of a comprehensive plea agreement involving federal and state charges. District Attorney Tom Eagon had no comment on the progression of the case because it hasn't gone to sentencing yet.

Miller pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of

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Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Students gathered in the Sundial to hula hoop, check out the booths and listen to live music by local artists at the Eco-Fair on Friday.

## Dasani bottles may be fazed out at UWSP

**By John Adams**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Three UWSP students in the Natural Resources 478 Environmental Issues and Actions class are seeing action being taken on an environmental issue that they uncovered earlier this semester.

Blue plastic bottles, such as the ones used by Dasani bottled water, are not currently recyclable in Portage county, but thanks to the efforts of students Cathy Walters, Kristen Rohde and Janelle Carle, they soon may be.

The group has been working for months to limit or ban the sale of Dasani brand bottled water on the UWSP campus until they are recyclable.

"The blue bottles are not currently recyclable in Portage County," says Walters. "We want the university to stop selling the water on campus until the Portage County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is able to accept them."

Currently the bottles that end up at MRF are sorted out and sent

to the Portage County landfill because MRF had been told that only green and clear plastic beverage containers are accepted by their market. It is still not clear if the blue containers can be accepted.

"The Portage County landfill is nearly full the way it is," said Kristen Rohde. "That's just one

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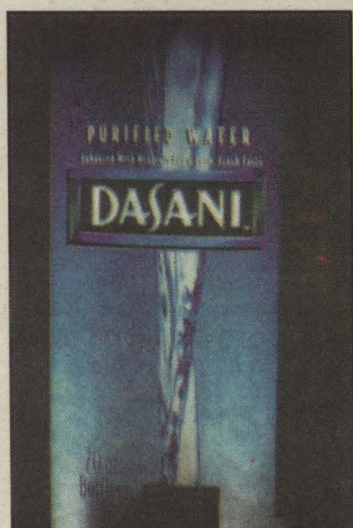


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## SGA releases results of Comm 101 mandatory textbook system survey

**Survey results show students unhappy with current system**

**By Josh Goller**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) has released a report about the Communication 101 survey they recently conducted. The survey indicated that a majority of students are dissatisfied with the current mandatory fees connected with paying for the accompanying textbook and video.

"I don't see why there's any reason it [the book] can't be made more affordable to students if it were to change its current form," said Maureen Purcell, SGA academic issues director.

Five students were randomly selected from each of the 36 Comm 101 sections. 83 out of 180 selected students replied to the survey.

According to the survey report, 53 students disagree with the mandatory fee that covers the

expense of the text book and only 10 students agreed with the current fee and 20 remain neutral to the issue.

Also, only seven students indicated that they view the course video often, while 68 students responded that they do not view the course video often, or at all.

According to Purcell, this is proof that students are unhappy with the current system and it needs revision.

"If university officials see this as a significant enough problem then they will exert pressure from the top down," said Purcell.

University administrators will take the information from the survey into consideration, according to Provost Bill Meyer.

"I plan to discuss this with the Dean and he'll talk to the department chair," said Meyer. "I applaud the students for taking the initiative to do this. The project had a lot of thought put into it."

In 1999, SGA passed a resolution "strongly suggesting" that

the lab manual and video be placed in the bookstore for optional purchase. SGA also suggested that the video be placed in the Instructional Materials Center (IMC) to be available to students at no cost.

In addition, suggestions were made to place the power point slide portions of the text-

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book into the public folders and the questions into a separate workbook to be purchased at the University Store. These same suggestions were incorporated into the recent SGA survey.

However, Purcell feels it's too early to know if the survey will have any effect on the current system.

"I can't speculate if anything will be done," said Purcell. "Nothing's been done for so long."



## Students run to promote alcohol awareness

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

UWSP students ran from the steps of the state capitol back UWSP on Friday to promote alcohol awareness. The 21st annual Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run (SHAAFR) featured seventeen pairs of students covering the 130-mile trek from Madison to Stevens Point.

"Running in the dark at two o'clock in the morning really makes you think about the cause you're running for," said Paul Vilar, organizer.

Runners joined in pairs and ran two mile increments from Madison while the rest of the runners cheered them on from a Lamers bus that followed them on the trip.

"We had great weather and everyone who ran had a lot of fun while promoting a good cause," said participant Marcia Bimmel. "Everything went really smoothly."

The runners broke away from their partner relay rotation to collectively finish the final miles of the race.

"We had a police escort

through town," said Vilar. "When we came into town we all ran together and were cheering each other on and encouraging each other."

While SHAAFR is organized by the leadership board of Steiner Hall, students from all across campus participated in the event.

"We had people from Burroughs, Watson, May Roach and Smith," said Vilar. "Several students from off campus ran too."

According to Vilar, participants felt a sense of accomplishment by running for a cause.

"There was a lot of positive reaction," said Vilar. "People felt like they had really done a lot. We even ran past bars late at night and yelled to people about alcohol awareness."

In the past, SHAAFR funds raised through \$30 sponsorships per runner, have gone toward the alcohol awareness organizations HotSHOTS and PAWS but this year will be used to fund other alcohol awareness programs on campus.

## Sentry Insurance gift benefits UWSP

A \$56,000 gift from Sentry Insurance will benefit numerous scholarships, fine arts events, community relations programs and many other activities at UWSP.

The Sentry Insurance Foundation presented the gift which includes \$26,000 in undesignated funds to Chancellor Tom George at a luncheon on campus. Unrestricted gifts allow the chancellor to determine where the money will have the most impact.

"The Sentry Academic Leadership Award has literally made my dreams become a reality," said Nicole Calmes, sopho-

more business major. "For as long as I can remember I have wanted to attend college. However, knowing the financial strain it would bring, I was not sure if it would be possible. I am extremely grateful for the Sentry Academic Leadership Award."

As the university's leading corporate donor, Sentry gives thousands of dollars to UWSP each year, including this year's employee donations of nearly \$15,000 which were matched by the company.

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## Miller

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Wisconsin in Madison on April 12. The federal charges are based on a search warrant at Miller's house the day after his arrest in 1998. Miller possessed a sheet of paper that contained six images of child pornography, according to court documents.

Miller will be sentenced in a federal court in Madison on June 14. His sentencing date for state charges will follow on June 15, in Portage County. "In federal charges, the defendant may receive between two and five years of prison, plus three years of supervised release," said Tom Eagon. "Under the plea agreement, he will receive 20 years of probation in a state sentence consecutive to the federal sentence. The defendant is also ordered under the agreement to pay the YMCA \$25,000 and agrees to not appeal the state conviction."

State Rep. Julie Lassa (D-Plover) recently authored a bill to address the problems with the US Supreme Court's decision, which led to the dismissal of Miller's 24 felony counts on making a video-

tape depicting nudity without a person's consent. Her Assembly Bill 145 would prohibit persons from photographing and videotaping others in the nude without the consent of the subject when the subject has reasonable expectation of privacy, such as when in the bathroom, bedroom or in any room designated for changing clothes.

"This is a bill that will protect people's privacy in areas that we all have a right to feel safe," said Lassa. The bill currently resides in the Assembly Committee of the Judiciary and if passed here, it will then be introduced into Gov. Scott McCallum's budget. Sen. Burk, head of the joint finance committee in the Senate, is sponsoring Lassa's bill.

"I'm very confident that we will get this issue taken care of," said Lassa. "We need to make sure our state laws are strong enough, and we think the way this bill is written will allow it to pass constitutional muster."

University officials declined to comment on the case at this time.

## Campus BEAT

### Learning Resources Center

Wednesday, April 25 2:23a.m.

The office received a call regarding a partial power outage.

### Roach Hall

Wednesday, April 25 4:30p.m.

A resident noticed that her light bulb was missing and that the space bar on her computer keyboard wasn't working.

### Lot U

Thursday, April 26 10:42p.m.

While entering the George Stein Building, an officer noticed a male urinating on the Parking Services vehicle.

### Hyer Hall

Friday, April 28 12:31a.m.

A student reported his bike stolen when he saw two males ride up and use a tool to cut off the lock.

### Burroughs Hall

Saturday, April 29 1:07a.m.

A student notified the office after receiving a harassing phone call.

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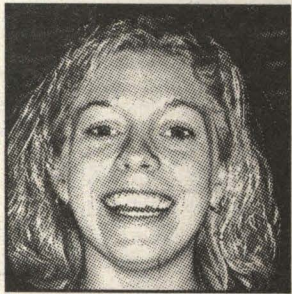
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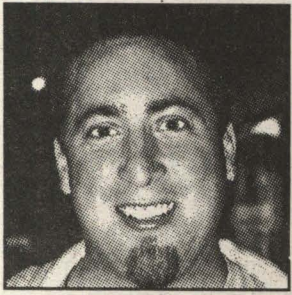


Alicia Roth, Sr. Elementary Ed.  
*Sarah Michelle Gellar from Buffy*



Diana Moua, English Education

*Cousin It*



Scott McIntyre, Grad. Enviro. Ed.

*Seinfeld, but my friends were  
drunk at the time*



Tony Bergman, Jr. Wildlife

*Opie Taylor from Andy Griffith*



Nick Olrich, Jr. Oil Painting

*Gutter from PCU*



Amy Groshek, Sr. Biology

*G.I. Jane, when I had my  
head shaved*

## Dasani

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reason we think that students at this university shouldn't be buying the bottles. It's more waste that we can't afford to be sending to the landfill when we have perfectly good drinking water coming out of the tap."

University Center Administrator Jerry Lineberger said that he was not aware that the blue bottles were not recyclable, but he has now taken action to remedy the situation.

"Coca-Cola was not aware that they were not being recycled either," said Lineberger. "But I've talked with Director of Food Services Jerry Wilson and we've made an agreement with Coke to sell Evian in the dining halls and convenience stores. We will sell the Dasani we have and won't buy any more until MRF comes up with a solution."

Karen Sieg, education coordinator at MRF said there is a possibility that MRF can recycle the bottles, but she needs to get in contact with their market before she can say for sure.

"The other problem lies in educating people on the new recycling procedures," says Sieg. "You can't just make a change and expect people to go along with it. I am working with Sharon Simonis, the recycling manager at UWSP, to come up with a plan to educate students and the community should the bottles become recyclable."

Lineberger says the recycling is a triangle consisting of the consumer, the producer, and the recycling center.

"The university is responsible for a very small portion of all the Dasani being consumed compared to the rest of Portage County," said Lineberger. "What this has done is bring consciousness to the issue. It helped to identify that there was a problem and now MRF is aware, as is Coke."

The NR478 group is excited about the recent action being

taken.

"We're very happy that people are working together to solve this issue," said Janelle Carle. "It's important for this campus to do its best to reduce waste and to prevent unnecessary filling of our only landfill."

But Lineberger says there is still more work to be done.

"There isn't closure yet," says Lineberger. "I want closure. We all want to see this problem solved, so it seems reasonable that we try to help MRF come up with a solution. We can stop selling Dasani until it is recyclable, that's something I can do, but there is still the task of educating the community."

And that's no easy task. Sieg says that when and if they do find out the market will accept blue bottles, she has to take the matter to the county's solid waste board.

"If they decide to give us the OK to accept it, then we have to educate our employees and then the community," said Sieg.

Lineberger is optimistic and said the issue has been very educational.

"This has been a really good educational experience," he said. "What the [NR478 group] has done is shed light on the issue and raised awareness. Now hopefully Coca-Cola and MRF can come up with something. I don't want to be sending more material to the landfill."

The students in the NR478 group have been working to stop the sale of Dasani on campus as well as other recycling related issues. At last Friday's Eco-Fair, over 120 people signed a petition to Governor Scott McCallum asking him not to cut state funding of recycling programs. Wisconsin currently has one of the country's most successful recycling programs.

McCallum's new budget is likely to cut back on recycling programs throughout the state.

## Area men arrested on drug related charges

Two 20-year-old males were arrested on Wednesday, April 25 when the Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) executed a search warrant at an apartment on the 600 block of North Second Street in Stevens Point.

Police seized 1.8 pounds of marijuana and \$2440 as a result of the search.

The two men were arrested

for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for the manufacture and sale of controlled substances.

The total street value of the marijuana seized is approximately \$3,000.

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## University grows more tolerant, surrounding communities do not

Monday, April 30, I realized how protected UWSP students are. I went to Merrill with a number of my friends to show support for a gay-straight alliance that some concerned high school faculty members wished to start in their community. This noble cause was met with huge amounts of animosity, fear and ignorance from the Merrill community. The high school board held an open-community forum for people to voice their concerns, and I went to find out what discussions on the subject were like outside the campus environment.

I won't go into detail about what was said — suffice it to say, I felt a lot of hatred and frustration from the Merrill community.

What I realized is that UWSP, for all of its faults, is very tolerant. I can walk around this campus without too much fear of violence. The administration does not condone discrimination based on sexual orientation, so I am relatively safe. Once I leave this protected, isolated bubble, however, I have to rely on the attitudes of the places I visit. This reliance would be fine, but the typical small town in Wisconsin is anything but tolerant.

I urge-whomever sincerely believes that "hate is not a family value" to bring back the message of tolerance and acceptance to their communities. Write editorials about it to your hometown newspapers. Talk to your neighbors and your churches. Do not sit idle and hope this problem will fix itself. There are youth who desperately need to feel safe and loved.

We can't force people to accept homosexuality, but we can help them to understand the implications of hatred.

Cheryl Tepsa  
UWSP student

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## From the Editor's Desk \$\$Got Money?\$\$

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By Andrea Wetzel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As the summer approaches, many students on this campus are preparing for graduation — their bona fide ticket to the "real world."

I always get a kick out of that term. You know, when your grandma tells you how bad the "real world" is and how easy you've got it in college, all you can think about is your sink full of dishes, your paper that was due yesterday, your crappy minimum wage job,



that significant other who is upset about something...oh yeah and that enormous debt you'll have to pay off in the very near future.

You try to explain to your grandma that this is not the sell your plasma, recycle some aluminum cans and you'll be O.K. type of debt. This is the sell your kidneys and sell out and work for corporate America kind of debt.

And then she asks you something like "Well, how'd you get yourself in that predicament?"

You try to explain to her about how that guy she elected governor four times raised tuition a lot, and how this comm

professor made you pay for this expensive book full of useless powerpoint slides and then the university sponsored credit card vultures to sell you offers that sounded too good to be true, and were.

Ahhh, college.

Most of us came here expecting to learn a little math, English, biology or political science. Little did we know we'd be getting a crash course in the "real world," complete with hands-on training in activism, relationships, accounting and basically, life in general.

Just remember, this time, the light at the end of the tunnel is really a light, not a train.

## Student apologizes for misleading quote

When The Pointer wrote an article surrounding the Peace March two weeks ago, I was interviewed as an active participant and coordinator. I would like to send a public apology to RHA and its administration about the quote that appeared with my statement. "We were upset with the way RHA handled the situation." As many quotes are, it was both true and misleading.

Although I am currently the Diversity Issues Director for SGA the "we" in my statement was not referring to SGA, but to students at a meeting held in the MRCR with Multicultural affairs, RHA, the student targeted and other concerned students four years ago.

I have been involved with the March since it's beginning and know the story of how it came about from top to bottom, inside and out and have relayed it too many times to count. The week before, the

exact same statement I gave The Pointer about the March was nicely displayed along with all other activities occurring during Diversity week— thanks!

The next week, however, the only phrase included was taken out of context and did not look kindly upon RHA. SGA President Cindy Polzin was inundated with responses from the organization.

I apologize to her as well for the misunderstanding. I would also like to take this opportunity to commend RHA for their lengthy strides after the initial incident four years ago, to effectively deal with problems relating to diversity in the residence halls.

My apologies to all those involved.

Martha Perkins  
Diversity Issues Director, SGA

## Environmental policies should be handled on a local level

While I didn't vote for George Bush in November, I was interested in the article which examined his "impact on environment" in the last Pointer.

While critics may be concerned about the President's attitude on environmental issues, let's not forget that the executive branch enforces the laws while it is Congress that makes the laws. OK, having politicians messing with the environment is scary but George Bush is the president, not the king, so he can't mess things up too badly all by himself.

Granted, after the Clinton administration, we know that a president can act like a king and get away with it. Despite the scandals, people were heard saying that the investigation should end so that the president could get back to "the business of running the country." Under a constitution dedicated to individual liberty and limited government—which divides, separates and limits power—how did we get to a point where so many Americans think of the government as embodied in the president?

Presidential executive orders

were intended to be temporary, emergency actions. President Clinton abused this power to bypass Congress when it would not do what he wanted with the environment, or a whole host of other pet projects.

I couldn't help but notice that President Bush's critics in The Pointer have an economic axe to grind. For example, there was a "capitalist class" which is out to do whatever it can to accumulate profits and ruin things for "ordinary people." So, Bush's critics are against capitalism? Capitalism \ noun: An economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods.

If the system they would prefer has no capitalists, there are examples of such countries. Which would they like to emulate?

Economic growth is perhaps the most important environmental policy we could have. First, it takes a healthy, growing economy simply to afford the pollution control technologies and weather the economic dislocations necessitated by environmental protec-

tion.

Second, growing consumer demand for environment goods (parks, recreational areas) is largely responsible for the improving quantity and quality of both public and private ecological resources.

Third, advances in technology, production methods and manufacturing practices—both a cause and a consequence of economic growth—have historically resulted in less, not more pollution.

I'm not sure what Bush's stance on arsenic in drinking water is, nor do I care. I do want a pure local water system. I expect Stevens Point, not Washington, to provide it.

Most Americans consider themselves environmentalists (and capitalists!) and support policies to protect the environment. Yet Americans are not at all convinced that big, centralized regulatory government is the way to keep America green. They are right.

Jim Maas  
Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Stevens Point



## UWSP students help troubled youth through poetry

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

Through the thoughtfulness of UWSP students and faculty, troubled youths have the opportunity to express themselves through the Young Poets Project.

Residents of Lincoln Hills, a setting for juvenile delinquents, have learned a means of positive expression through writing and sharing poetry as a group led by volunteers from UWSP.

"It's a really wonderful experience to have the opportunity of connecting and listening and encouraging young minds," said Rhonda Miska, leader of the volunteer group.

The Lincoln Hills Young Poets Project has been reaching out to the boys at the school

near Merrill since UWSP student Rhonda Miska leads the Lincoln Hills Young Poets Project. Erika Hall initiated the program in 1996.

The project began after Hall, a former Lincoln Hills resident, turned her life around and began attending UWSP. Hall lived at the school before it converted to an all-boys institution.

As she studied at UWSP, Hall recognized she might be able to help disturbed teens like herself with reading and writing through poetry. With the support of Professor Donna Decker, she contacted Lincoln Hills in the spring of 1996 to begin the project.

Currently, about five people volunteer one Sunday a month to encourage the boys to write and share their emotions through poetry. Volunteers meet and carpool to Lincoln Hills, about an hour's drive.

"It's not a big time commitment at all— just a few hours a month," said Miska.

The volunteers interact with two cottages total-

ing about 20 students. The boys share their own works or that of others, and though participation is encouraged, Miska stresses that nobody is forced to contribute.

The meetings usually consist of an open reading followed by a free-writing session. The boys are then allowed to share what they've written with the group.

Miska feels that the program has had a positive effect on the boys.

"We've seen a lot of real improvement and they are more and more willing to share. They have a lot of talent," said Miska.

"They appreciate the fact that we want to spend time with them and that

we want to listen to them and hear their poetry," added volunteer Chris Parker, a UWSP junior.

An interest in poetry and writing is helpful, but Miska said that being an English or writing major or minor is not important.

Student volunteers have ranged in majors. Some are English majors looking to share their talent. Some sociology majors may be interested in helping troubled youth. Some education majors might be interested in teaching them a craft.

"There is no certain requirement for volunteers," said Miska.

Lincoln Hills teachers, Elaine Miller and Annette Crass oversee the project. They volunteer their Sundays to join the poetry group to supervise the boys during the session.

If interested in volunteering or for more information, contact Rhonda Miska via e-mail at [rmisk359@uwsp.edu](mailto:rmisk359@uwsp.edu).

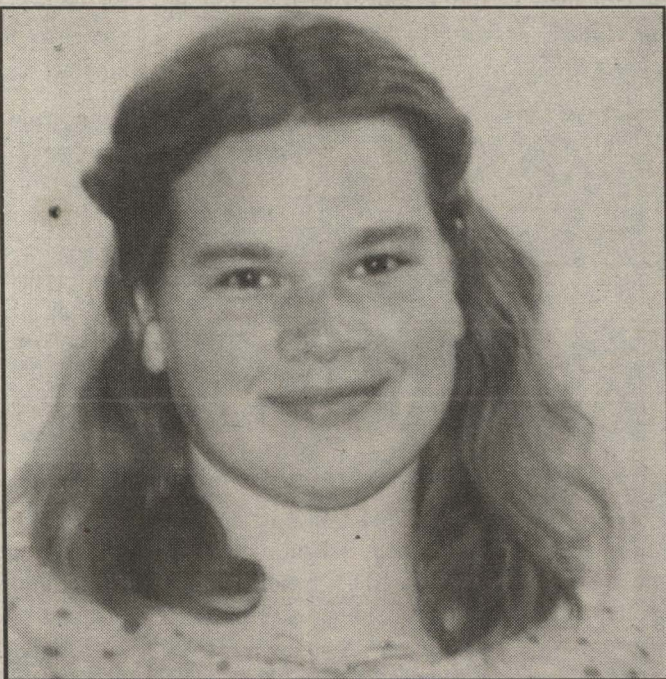


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## It's finally finals time

By Angela Kirchoff  
LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT

Does the word *stress* come to mind when the word *finals* is spoken?

Spring finals can seem extremely difficult to prepare for because of the great weather that we have all been waiting so long for.

Even after all the hard work put into this semester, it is important to stay focused to guarantee a strong finish to the semester.

If preplanning has not been on the top of the list, start now.

- Sit down and make a list of everything that needs to be accomplished for what class and by when.

- Clear up last-minute assignments so your attention can be focused on what needs to be done for final tests and presentations.

- Final exam dates should be written down on a calendar or in a planner to better realize how much time is available.

- If you have three exams scheduled for the same day, talk now with one of the professors to arrange a different exam time for one of the finals.

- Plan ahead to schedule study group sessions or meetings for group presentations.

- Determine which classes have their exams first, which exam is going to be most difficult, and which class has the most material that will need to be studied.

After deciding on these important questions, arrange a study schedule that will allow time to study all materials for each class, but that will also allow free time.

Nobody likes to experience stress during finals week, and by preplanning, nobody will have to.

Enjoy the nice weather and company of a friend by studying outside.

Schedule time, if necessary, for stress relieving activities such as a bike ride, a workout, a walk on the Green Circle or a trip to Belt's.

However you decide to prepare for finals, it is important to remember to take care of yourself by eating healthy, achieving adequate sleep and remaining optimistic that finals are almost over.



## Spotlight Trivia



1. What is the name of Jerry Maguire's wife, played by Renee Zellweger?

- a. Peyton
- b. Avery
- c. Dorothy
- d. Kelly

2. What does Tony Manero, played by John Travolta order to drink in *Saturday Night Fever*?

- a. gin and tonic
- b. vodka and cranberry juice
- c. rum and coke
- d. seven and seven

3. What is Baby's real name in *Dirty Dancing*?

- a. Lisa
- b. Frances
- c. Vivian
- d. Marge

4. Who plays Lara Croft in *Tomb Raider*?

- a. Cameron Diaz
- b. Pamela Anderson
- c. Angelina Jolie
- d. Winona Ryder

5. Jim Carrey, Tom Cruise and Sean Connery do not

- a. have more than one ex-wife each
- b. celebrate Christmas
- c. have a high school diploma
- d. have children

6. Frasier's brother's name is

- a. Ned
- b. Miles
- c. Hugh
- d. Niles

7. *The Brady Bunch* had a dog named

- a. Alice
- b. Tiger
- c. Kitty Carryall
- d. Bobby

1. c-Dorothy; 2. d-seven and seven; 3. b-Frances; 4. c-Angelina Jolie; 5. c-have a high school diploma; 6. d-Niles; 7. b-Tiger.

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## The experience of a lifetime

By Katie Ziemann  
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Normandy is beautiful. The grass is always green, the trees are budding and flowers even bloom in February.

Those of us who are studying in Caen, France, have been blessed with memories of a lifetime. We study with other foreign students who come from several different countries worldwide.

Our individual experiences studying abroad are related and varyingly personal, but always much more enriching than a mere immersion in a foreign language program.

Of course that's nothing compared to the 284 steps one climbs to reach the top of the Arc de Triomphe at one end of Paris' grand boulevard, les Champs-Élysées.

We have seen the WWII landing beaches and held in our hands the blue and gold shells that cover their shores.

We have walked the aisles of the American memorial cemetery and been humbled by the reality of such a horrible war, moved by the countless white crosses that represent the purity of these soldiers and their cause.

One UWSP student was given the honor of retiring the American flag at Omaha Beach. Angela Jablonski vividly

recounts this inspirational, patriotic experience.

"I knew that the D-Day beaches were going to be very emotionally moving, and even hard to see, but I had no idea they would have touched me the way that they did ... *Taps* played and the flag lowered into our hands. We folded it up into a perfect triangle, and from that moment I knew I would never be the same," she said.

Angela's last statement is right on target. None of us will ever be the same because Europe has fascinated our intellect, awakened our independence, intensified and captivated our spirit of living.

Those of you contemplating studying abroad should do it now before this important opportunity passes you by. Remember that you don't have to have studied a foreign language; there are numerous programs in English each semester.

At this point our life journeys are clarified, and our travels demand that we constantly choose between remaining as the person we were yesterday or becoming the person we are driven to be today.

## Rock and roll: A *Dangerous Project*

By John Adams  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Members of The Danger Project are no strangers to Stevens Point, but that doesn't mean they're not traveling down the road to success.

In less than three years, the band has gone from an obscure bar-room act, performing at local bars and coffee houses, to recording one album and having a second live album in the works.

The band has gone from scraping up money to affording second-class equipment to playing major gigs and making enough to pay their crew. That's right, they even have their own sound and lighting technicians.

"It's been great this year," says guitarist Mike Scieszinski. "Ben McKnight has gotten us some great gigs and there's a lot more lined up this summer."

One would think that the end of summer ends the opportunities for college rockers. Not so.

With gigs in Stevens Point at The Underground, Witz End and another gig at the Crystal Lake Inn in Plymouth, WI, The Danger

Project has its plate full...this month.

"Ben McKnight has been great with getting us gigs," said Scieszinski. "He not only produced our album but took over sound for us and is lining up some great shows."

The Project most recently



rocked at the Mission Coffee House with special guest guitarist Eric Herro. The band left the crowded room begging for more.

With jaw-dropping covers of Pink Floyd's *Shine on You Crazy Diamond*, Phish's *First Tube*, as well as crowd favorite originals, the Danger Project was at the top of their act.

"There are some good bands in Point," said one fan outside after the show. "But nobody

rocks like these guys."

The dynamic of The Danger Project is unmistakable and the energy indescribable.

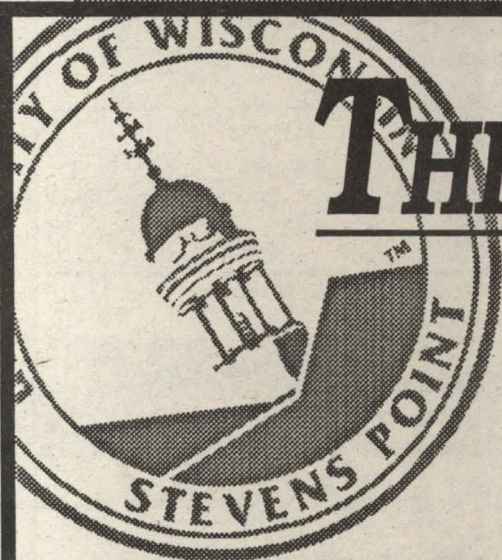
The band is different from night to night. Sometimes playing with the Bob Weaver Horns, sometimes playing with keyboardist Vince Farris, sometimes playing with guitarist Eric Herro...and sometimes with all of the above.

But the core members, Scieszinski, drummer Ethan Noordyk, and bassist Mark Norman are the heart and soul of the band.

Noordyk's jazz-influenced drumming wraps itself around Norman's solid bass riffs while Scieszinski soars on his guitar.

On stage the connection is so fluid you'd think these guys have been playing together forever.

The band's next gig is Friday, May 25 at Witz End. They have a website at [www.thedangerproject.com](http://www.thedangerproject.com).



## THE WEEK IN POINT!

### FRIDAY, MAY 4

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

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *DANSTAGE 2001*, 8:00 PM, Jenkins Theatre, Fine Arts Center

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

Schmeeckle Reserve presents: *"The Art and Sport of Fly Fishing,"* 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center

Schmeeckle Reserve presents: *"Nature's Hide & Seek,"* 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center

CP! Special Events presents: *Instrument Workshop (Making Musical Instruments from household items)*, 7:00 PM, The Encore, UC University & Chancellor's Leadership Awards Reception & Ceremony 7:00 PM, Alumni Room, UC

Combined Choirs, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *DANSTAGE 2001*, 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, Fine Arts Center

### SUNDAY, MAY 6

Mainstage Theatre: *DANSTAGE 2001*, 2:00 PM, Jenkins, FAC

Schmeeckle Reserve presents: *"Road Kill for Dinner?"* 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center

Campus Band, 3:00 PM, Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center

Combined Choirs, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, Fine Arts Center

### MONDAY, MAY 7

Federation Without TV presents: *Military Debate "Proper Role of Military in Society"*, 8:15 PM, Room 125/125A, UC

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Residence Hall Association *"Springfest"* w/Jock-In-A-Box, DJ, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM, DeBot Center, Outside

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 10

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *DANSTAGE 2001*, 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, Fine Arts Center

CP! Cinema Presents: *Dazed and Confused (Outdoor Movie)*, dusk, Practice Field Behind DeBot Center

### FRIDAY, MAY 11

Centertainment Productions presents: *Copper Fountain Festival*, 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM, UC Patio, Rainsite: *The Encore*, UC

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Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *DANSTAGE 2001*, 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, Fine Arts Center

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## Track and field teams eye WIAC Championships

**Juno 10th in 800 meter run at Drake Relays**

**By Nick Brilowski**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The opportunities to compete in a track and field meet before over 20,000 fans are few and far between.

With the WIAC Championships just one week away, select members of the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams had a chance to display their talents in an electric setting at the annual Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, last weekend.

"I think it's something that most kids don't have an opportunity to experience in track and field," Pointer men's coach Rick Witt said. "It is pretty unique when you have 20 to 25,000 fans at a track meet."

The large setting didn't seem to affect UWSP senior Leah Juno who finished tenth among 15 competitors in the 800 meter run in a time of 2:10.49. Juno was the only Division III runner in the race comprised of Division I runners.

The Pointer men were led by the performance of the distance medley relay team of Ben Treptow, Craig Gunderson, Chris Horvat and Jesse Drake which finished third in 10:00.97. The sprint medley relay team placed a strong fourth behind the efforts of Eric Miller, Kyle Newman, Gunderson and Horvat (3:21.59).

"Both of those two ran really, really well," Witt stated. "Both of them ran just about as well as they could possibly run."

The remainder of the men's team placed second at the nine-team UW-Eau Claire Invitational.

The Pointer throwers continued their impressive efforts as of late, with Luke Hilgers winning the hammer throw at 183'1". He followed his first place finish with a second in the shot put with an effort of 51'1/4". Paul Steffek added a third place finish in the shot with a throw of 49'7".

"The throwers really, really came on," Witt said. "Some of the young guys got an opportunity to be in a position where they could contribute."

Meanwhile, the Pointer women completed their tune-up for the WIAC meet by traveling to UW-La Crosse and finishing seventh of eight teams.

April Halkoski put forth the top UWSP performance, finishing second in the 3,000 meters in 10:28.40. Lindsay Fowler chipped in a fifth place finish in the hammer throw with a distance of 132'11".

This weekend's conference meet will be held at UW-Whitewater on Friday and Saturday.

UW-La Crosse is the defending National Champion on the men's side, with UW-Oshkosh and UWSP looking to push the Eagles. La Crosse will also attempt to defend its title on the women's side. The Pointer men placed second at the 2000 meet, while the UWSP women finished fourth.

## Softball cruises into WIAC tourney

**Point wins 8th straight in sweep of Marian**

**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point fast-pitch softball team concluded its regular season in an exuberant, if not dramatic fashion over the past week, winning eight games, five by a one-run margin.

The winning began on Thursday with a doubleheader sweep of UW-La Crosse.

In the first game, an 11-0 blowout, sophomore pitcher Karen Guckenberger, in less than two seasons, broke the school career strikeout record of 186 held by Jamie Lowney.

In a much closer second game, UWSP prevailed 4-3 behind freshman shortstop Nicole Alexander's solo home run in the sixth inning.

On Saturday, UWSP played in the UW-River Falls Tournament.

In its first game against a tough Eau Claire team, Stevens Point took the decision 2-1 behind timely hitting and two RBI's by senior second baseman Kelly Rutta.

In its second game, UWSP faced host UW-River Falls. The hot-pitching Guckenberger led UWSP to a 2-0 victory.

The Pointers went into the Sunday games on a roll, and didn't slow down for a second.

Facing UW-Stout in a preliminary game, the Pointers got their biggest scare of the tournament by going extra innings with



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Pointer senior second baseman Kelly Rutta connects for a base hit during UWSP's win over Marian College on Tuesday.

Stout. Point pulled out the victory in the bottom of the eighth inning behind an RBI double smacked by Sarah Berg.

Later that day the Pointers again faced Stout, but the stakes were much higher for this tournament championship game.

Again the Pointers needed some late-inning heroics to pull out the victory, but this time it was the freshman Alexander who singled home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning

See **SOFTBALL** on Page 9

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#### Men's Basketball

1. Forsheezes
2. Next?
3. 6 Guys a Girl and a Pizza Oven
4. Chumps
5. Turbo Team

#### Coed Indoor Volleyball

1. Madhops
2. I'm With Stupid
3. Bathtub Virgins
4. Alabama Slammers
5. Dynamic Diggers

#### Coed Indoor Soccer

1. Real Futbol
2. Skutty Slitches
3. The Wise Guys
4. Bum Rush
5. P-Funks

#### Women's Basketball

1. Allstars
2. The Returners
3. Soccer Dawgz

#### Women's Indoor Volleyball

1. Alabama Slammers
2. Rock Stars
3. Fearless Frolickers

#### Trench "Dodge Ball"

1. Midwest Carriers
2. Swamp Bucks
3. Anti-Mullet Federation

#### Men's Softball

1. Go Deeper
2. Straight Ballerz
3. Turbo Team

#### Ultimate Frisbee

1. Hozo
2. Gravitrons
3. Disc Jockeys

#### Badminton

1. Russia with Love
2. UNV us
3. Fog Returns

#### Flag Football

1. The Dog...
2. Wardogs

#### Coed Outdoor Volleyball

1. Bathtub Virgins
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## It's been a memorable ride

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

Growing up as a sports fan in Stevens Point, it's been a pleasure throughout my collegiate experience to cover the teams that I grew up watching.

When then Sports Editor Mike Kemmeter asked me my freshman year if I might be interested in writing for *The Pointer*, I jumped at the chance. It's been one of the best decisions I've made during my time at UW-Stevens Point.

It's been an absolute pleasure to be able to have the opportunity to talk to and report on the players and coaches of UWSP.

As I prepare to turn over the helm to Dan Mirman and Craig Mandli next year, a number of memories flash through my mind from my time here.

I'll never forget the opportunity that I had to travel with the women's soccer team to Boston and cover them in the Final Four last fall. What a group of personalities on that team!

I'll also remember the incredible run that the men's basketball team made two seasons ago, coming within a couple seconds of the Final Four and making my way to some God-forsaken place known as Storm Lake, Iowa. It was quite a whirlwind of emotions.

I'll remember some of the incredible student-athletes that I've had the pleasure to watch such as Brant Bailey, Clint Kriewaldt and Marie Muhvic. The athletes at the Division III level play for the love of the game, not necessarily something you can say at Division I.

I would be letting myself down if I didn't remember the incredible Athletic Department staff, namely Athletic Director Frank O'Brien and Sports Information Directors Jim Strick and Terry Owens. I am grateful for all of their help in aiding me to do my job as best as I can. They're also good for some great stories now and then.

I'll remember the dedicated coaches who have always been available to make time for an interview. After wins and losses they've always been willing to take time out to share their thoughts. I'll even remember the times I've been chewed out by some of them.

As much as I'd like to forget some of them, I'll remember all of those late nights that I spent in *The Pointer* office until all hours of the morning, waiting to put out the finished product. Every time I was just about ready to go home and get some sleep or head over to Partner's or the Final Score on a Wednesday night, the

computers always managed to find a way to freeze up and lose all my work I forgot to save. Good riddance to that!

I'm sure a lot of thoughts will run through my head next week when I put together the final issue of the year. It may not necessarily mean a lot to people when they pick up and read the Sports section in *The Pointer* every week. However, if I've helped anyone keep up to date on what's happening in Pointer sports, then all of the hundreds of hours that I've spent at this job have been worth it.

If there's been one near guarantee with this job, it's always been the answer to the final question in the Senior Spotlight. Week after week, it's been the friends that people have made that have made their athletic experience so great. The same has been true for me.

Mike Kemmeter, Jessica Burda, Mike Peck and a cast of dozens have been willing to put up with me for the past few years, and I've made some great friendships along the way.

Everyone at *The Pointer* does the best they possibly can to keep you, the student body, informed. I'm sure that tradition will continue.

Thanks for reading.  
Go Pointers!

## Baseball team keeps pace in WIAC race

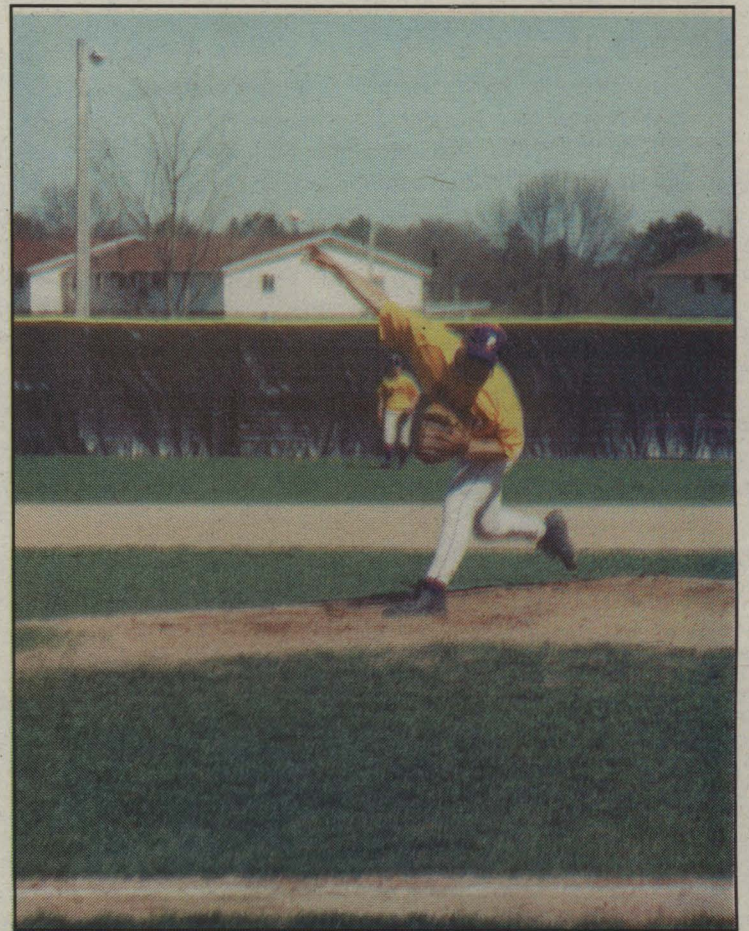


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Bill Verbrick hurls a pitch to the plate during the Pointers' second game with UW-Whitewater last Friday.

By Dan Mirman  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With just one weekend remaining in the WIAC season, the UW-Stevens Point baseball team is looking to secure one of the top seeds for the conference tournament and a chance at a share of its third straight conference title. A UW-Whitewater sweep of UW-Oshkosh Wednesday, leaves UWSP just one game out of first place, behind both the Warhawks and the Titans.

Point was able to stay on track in the conference race by sweeping last place UW-Platteville on Saturday.

In the first contest, Point fell behind 2-0 lead after three innings. But the Pointer bats came to life in the fourth inning as they scored six times behind five hits, including a two-run single by Eric Bennett.

The Pointers scored two more runs in the fifth to stake themselves to 8-2 lead. Platteville rallied in the sixth with four runs, but that was all they would get as both teams went scoreless the final three innings to give Point the 8-6 victory.

Jeff Pieper pitched eight innings scattering 11 hits to improve his record to 5-0. Jared Szews pitched the ninth inning for his sixth save.

"I kind of expected a let down in that first game," said Head Coach Brian Nelson. "We were coming off a tough doubleheader against Whitewater and we had a 3 1/2-hour drive, but we were able to hang in there and win both games."

The second game was not nearly as close as the Pointers scored in all but two innings for a 12-2 win. Point's win was its ninth in its last 10 games.

Jared Barker went 3-4 and hit first home run of the year, along with three RBI's. Ryan Ivy also contributed, driving in four runs.

A pair of freshmen pitchers gave Point a solid outing on the mound as Josh Blaha and Jeremy Mueller combined to limit Platteville to just seven hits and two earned runs.

The Pointers' doubleheader against Whitewater on Friday was a battle for second place in the WIAC as Point entered the game trailing Whitewater by just one game in the conference race.

In the first game, the Pointers found themselves trailing 3-0 heading into the fourth inning. However, with two outs and two on in the fourth inning, Sam Molski hit a triple to cut the lead to 3-2. Bennett then followed Molski with a two-run home run to give Point the lead and the eventual victory.

Troy Bielmeier went the distance for Point, striking out eight.

The game was also a history maker as Sam Molski played in his 145th game, which is a new UWSP baseball record.

The second game was a back and forth contest that Point could not pull out, falling 7-4.

As in the first game, Whitewater jumped out to an early 3-0 lead

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## The Week Ahead...

**Track and Field:** At WIAC Outdoor Championships (UW-Whitewater), Friday, 12 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.

**Baseball:** At UW-La Crosse, Friday, 1 p.m.; At UW-River Falls, Saturday, 12 p.m.

**Softball:** At WIAC Tournament (Duluth, Minn.), vs. UW-River Falls, Friday, 11 a.m.; vs. UW-Eau Claire/UW-Whitewater, Friday, 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.; play continues Saturday.

*All Home Games in Bold*

## Softball

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to give UWSP the tournament championship and a six-game winning streak.

On Tuesday the Pointers concluded their regular season on a high note, taking two games from a tough Marian team at McCarty Field.

The first game of the twin-billing featured two of the state's top pitchers in UWSP's Guckenberger and Marian's Kari Moore. The two aces matched each other inning for inning until Rutta led off the sixth inning with her first home run of the year.

The one run cushion was all Point would need behind the dominating Guckenberger, who came within three outs of her first no-hitter, giving up only a lead-off hit in the seventh.

The win was the Pointers' 20th of the season, giving them eight seasons in a row with 20 or more wins.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Pointers provided some fireworks for their fans, along with a dominating performance by senior pitcher Nicki Bertram, in an 8-0 victory. UWSP got started right away in the first with junior first baseman Nikki Best getting the first RBI with a double, scoring Cari Briley. Later in the inning the Pointers collected two more runs on RBI singles by Stacy Karls and Carrie Hermesen.

The UWSP fireworks continued in the third, with sophomore third baseman Brooke Woller blasting a three-run homer. Later in the third, Berg had an RBI single and Best followed that up with an RBI single of her own.

UWSP's two top pitchers, Guckenberger and Bertram, finished the regular season 10-7 and 10-3, respectively. The seventh-seeded Pointers (21-10) will face second-seeded River Falls (21-16) to begin the WIAC tournament on Friday at 11 a.m. at Wheeler Field in Duluth, Minn.

## Baseball

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and once again Point battled back with an RBI single in the fourth by Pat McCann and a two-run home run by Randy Reed in the fifth.

D.J. Cartledge and Ivy traded homers in the seventh and eighth innings to send the game to the ninth tied 4-4.

In the top of the ninth, Joe Ecker picked up his only hit of the game, a three-run home run to give Whitewater the lead. Point tried to come back in the bottom of the inning as they loaded the bases with one out, but could not convert.

Bill Verbrick took the loss for Point to fall to 3-3.

"We had our opportunities," Nelson said. "It was an evenly played game, but the difference was they got the three-run homer and we left the bases loaded."

UWSP (24-9 overall, 7-3 WIAC) will finish up its conference schedule with doubleheaders at UW-La Crosse on Friday and UW-River Falls on Saturday.

## Senior Spotlight Kelly Rutta - Softball



Rutta

### UWSP Career Highlights

- 2000 WIAC East Division Co-Player of the Year
- Honorable Mention All-Conference (1999, 1998)
- Named All-Regional and World Series All-Tournament Team (1998)

**Major**— Physical Education

**Hometown**— Stevens Point, Wis.

**Most memorable moment**— Finding a four-leaf clover at the National Tournament and then winning the NCAA Division III softball championship in Salem, Va.

**Who was your idol growing up?**— My mom and dad because they taught me all that I know about softball.

**What are your plans after graduation**— To become a phy. ed. teacher and a coach.

**What is your favorite aspect of softball?**— Stepping up to the plate and crushing the ball.

**Biggest achievement in softball**— Being named to the All-Regional and All-National tournament teams and winning the National Championship title.

**Most embarrassing moment**— When Coach Shuda gave me the "take sign" on a 3-0 count and I hit a triple and then he yanked me from the game.

**What will you remember most about playing softball at UWSP?**— The friends that I have made and all of the memories of the games and road trips.

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## Finesse the fish with cane poles

By Steve Seamandel  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Although its popularity seems to be constantly dwindling, cane pole fishing is a great activity for fishermen to hone their finesse skills in addition to catching fish in a new way.

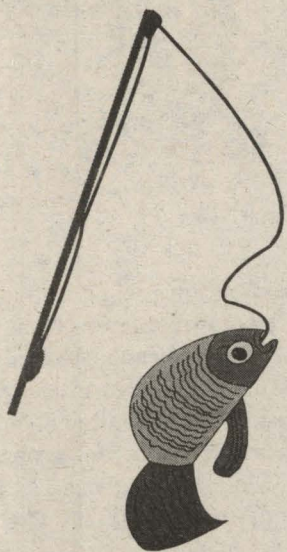
Cane poles are fairly self-explanatory; they vary in length, from about 10 to 12 feet, and are about as skinny as a bamboo branch. The line is tied directly to the end of the pole so there is no need for a reel. Since the pole isn't as sturdy, it's harder to control, and since it's so long, you've got to utilize your hand/eye coordination in order to place your hook exactly where you want it.

Cane pole fishing has quite the history, so much that I don't even know where to start with it. However, it dates back so far and its popularity has declined so much that it's nearly impossible to find any cane poles available for purchase. I've never seen a cane pole for sale at many stores and when I searched for them at Bass Pro Shops online, I had no luck. The best place to find them, believe it or not, is garage and rummage sales.

The concept of cane pole fishing is simple—drop your bait right where the fish are. A small

float is affixed only a few inches above the hook for shallow fishing. When the float goes down, lift the rod up and try to get it onshore before it flips off the end. Although it sounds easy, there are many challenges.

First off, the rods are flimsy. Crappies and bluegills are some of the most common catches with cane poles since it's primarily



done around shoreline structure. When you hook on a nice sized crappie, the pole can really bend, and the line is only tied around the end of the rod. Once a fishing partner of mine even hooked a northern and had it on for about

10 minutes until it pulled the line right off the end of the rod.

Secondly, you really need to focus on your finesse skills. The advantage to having such a long pole is that you can easily access a small structure area that may be up to ten feet away from shore. These are spots that you normally couldn't access with any other type of pole, even from a boat. Once I was pulling crappies out of a two inch gap of twigs sticking out of the water. One wrong move and I was stuck in a mess of sticks. In addition to lots of snags, I pulled about 15 slabs out of the crib in about 20 minutes.

Cane pole fishing really brings back memories of fishing when I was young and pulling a bluegill out of the water was an accomplishment in itself. The frailty of the rod makes even an average sized 'gill a challenge to pull in.

For my entire weekend of fishing, I concentrated on the one small crib right off the shore. To master cane pole fishing is truly an art.

Although the poles may be hard to find, once you find them, you'll literally be hooked for life.

## Spring fever depression at all time high

By Ryan Naidl  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With the onslaught of warm weather recently, I can't help but notice the way the outdoors gains an attractive appeal as the winter doldrums have worn off. Students all over UWSP flock to the outdoors faster than feeling gut rot after drinking Wisconsin River water. And while I understand that it has been a long winter and most of us have been long anticipating that first day over 70, I believe it is recoculous that every student must feel it is a carnal sin to spend those first warm days of spring doing anything indoors.

Granted I am the assistant outdoor editor and promotion of the outdoors is kind of my job, however, I know that there are people who are suffering from a mean case of Spring Fever Depression or SFD. And while I love to give helpful hints on how to enjoy the outdoors, I also feel it is my obligation to free people from the bondage of SFD rearing its ugly head.

SFD can easily be recognized. Say you're on your way to class, it's a gorgeous 75 degree day, and Johnny Q. Fishermen walks by with a stringer of walleye, each as long a full grown wiener dog (nose to tail).

Does your first thought sound something like "Wow, those are some nice fish, but I sure am lucky to be going to class right now considering only one percent of the world's populations have a college education?"

Or do you become permeated with a sense of confusion, guilt and strong obligation trying to figure out any logical reason why class can most certainly not be attended and why it is extremely critical for your college education that you spend the afternoon on the water?

If your answer sounds something like the latter response, I'd say you have at least a strong hint of SFD in your life. Not to worry though. Time seems to be the perfect cure for SFD and by autumn, you may actually look forward to a few days of cool temperatures.

If temporary relief is needed to get you through finals, try spending as much time as possible indoors away from windows, televisions, radios or people that may give insight into how beautiful it is outside. Find some recorded tapes of the Weather Channel from January and try to make yourself believe that it is really supposed to dip down below zero this evening with one to three inches of snow likely.

Whatever needs to be done, don't make yourself a slave to the warm weather. Experience meteorological freedom and don't let SFD control your life. If all else fails you could quit school and become a hermit living off of the earth somewhere in the UP, spending every glorious spring day surrounded by wild game, lakes and rolling hills, but come on, who would want to do that?

(Note: much of the information in this article is fictional intended for the humor of the audience and advice should most likely not be taken in most situations.)

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## Summer in the Porcupines

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Located just four and a half hours north of UWSP lies some of the most pristine and virgin forests and woodlands left in the Midwest.

The Porcupine Mountains were considered the last tract of old growth forest remaining in the Midwest in 1954 and have remained virtually unchanged since that decision. A bounty of opportunities exists for outdoor enthusiast willing to test their skills in this rugged wilderness.

Ninety miles of foot trails are maintained in the park and are great for day hiking or back packing. Hikers and visitors to the park will want to enjoy sights such as the Big and Little Carp Rivers, the Presque Isle River falls, Summit Peak—the highest point in the park, and the Lake Superior Coast.

There are also great chances to view wildlife in

the Porkies that are not abundant in the Stevens Point area. Black bears draw the most attention since a strong population of these curious animals roam the hills of the Porkies. the Peregrine Falcon has also maintained a presence in the park since 1990. Visitors to the park can also see a wide array of other animals and birds.

Fishermen in the park may want to take advantage of the various angling opportunities that exist in the Porkies. Brook trout can be caught on both the Big and Little Carp Rivers. Both these streams, as well as the mighty Presque Isle River produce runs of andronomous trout and salmon.

Coho salmon seem to be one of the most abundant and aggressive fish in the park and they run with several other species in the fall.

The Porcupine Mountains are one of the last gems of virtually untouched wilderness left in this part of the country. Summer hiking and camping is a great way to explore the park and enjoy life away from it all.

More information concerning the park can be found by calling (906) 885-5275 or by visiting [www.exploringthenorth.com](http://www.exploringthenorth.com) on the web.

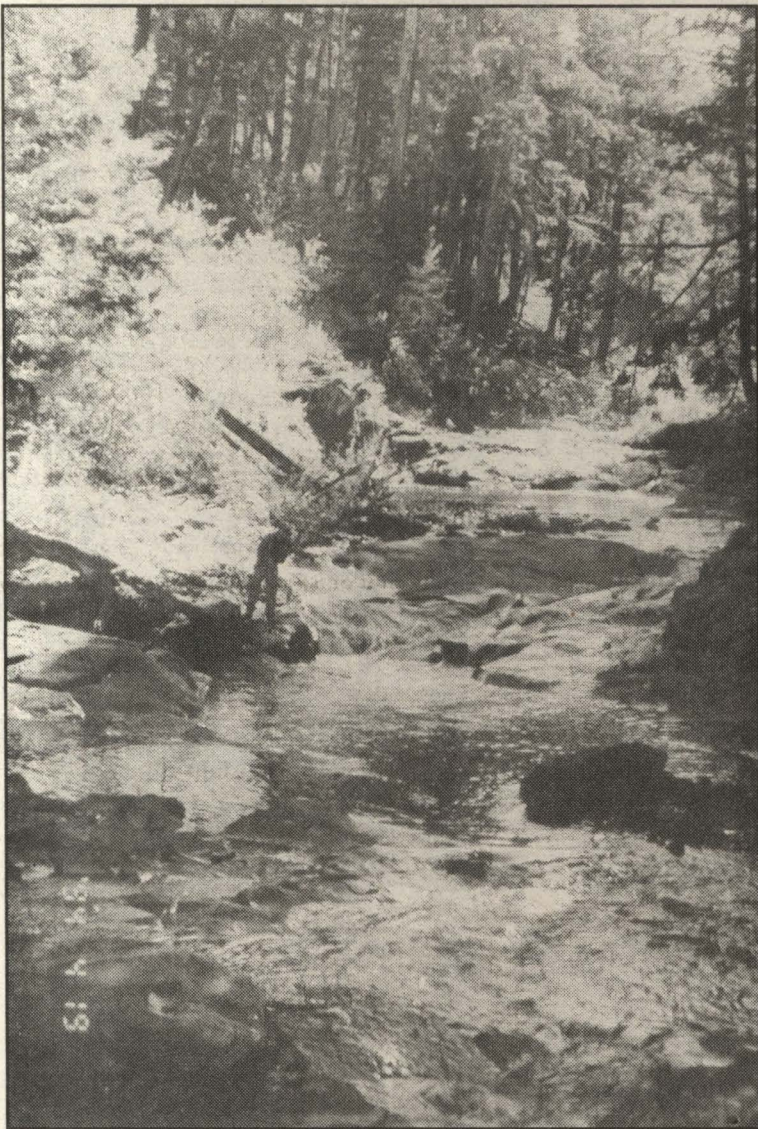


Photo submitted by author

The Porcupine Mountains offer hiking, fishing and breathtaking scenes like this one.

The Outdoors section is always looking for submissions! If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, please e-mail Steve at [sseam113@uwsp.edu](mailto:sseam113@uwsp.edu) or Ryan at [rnaid163@uwsp.edu](mailto:rnaid163@uwsp.edu).

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## Letters from the edge of the world

### Oracle at large

By Pat "Rayleigh" Rothfuss  
Closer than Delphi, no lines, no waiting



Dear Pat,  
Ever since I started reading your column, I've tried to come up with a good question that I could send you. But I haven't really come up with a good one yet, and now the semester's almost over. So anyway, I thought "What the hell, it's almost the end of the year, I might as well send him what I've got." So here are a bunch of the not-good-enough questions I've come up with over the last year, hopefully you'll be able to pick one up and run with it ....

Why is the sky blue? If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be? What is the difference between a bug and an insect? What's your favorite book? What makes a woman attractive? What do you do when you're not writing your column? Which deadly sin do you most highly recommend? Are you really as crazy as you sound, or are you just faking?

Last but not least, will you be writ-

ing for The Pointer next year?

Your fan,

Julie

Good questions. You don't give yourself enough credit, I could have turned some of these into whole columns by themselves. (Really, it takes very little to set me off) But, since we're at the end of the year, I'll see if I can get through them all.

Sunlight is actually made up of all colors of light (We've all seen that though a prism.) However, when light passes through the atmosphere the more reddish types of light (those with shorter wavelengths) get scattered and broken up, leaving (mostly) blue light. Consequently, blue sky.

Willow.

Scientifically, an insect must have biting, sucking mouthparts to be considered a bug. Non-scientifically, bugs are more icky.

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Scientifically, her biting, sucking mouthparts. Non-scientifically her ability engage in a good conversation and laugh at my jokes. Really though, you can't point at a particular thing (or things) and class it (them) as the defining characteristic of someone's attractiveness. It's a Gestalt thing. You know how Indians use all the parts of the buffalo? That's me all over. I use all of the woman. Shit, that sounded really bad. I give up. Next question.

When not writing my column I spend most of my time avoiding homework, walking around naked and getting my book rejected by publishers. Sometimes I sleep. Contrary to a lot of the jokes I make, mescaline, kung-fu and circus clowns don't figure prominently in my life.

I've created an entirely new deadly sin: Valpraxism. It's a great wad of fun, but unfortunately, they won't let me explain it here in the column.

I'm probably a little crazier, actually. Oh, sure, I fake things a little bit, but who doesn't? The main difference is that I fake things to air my honest opinions more effectively. It's like wearing a mask that looks like your normal face, but even more so.

I'm willing to do the column next year, however I'm unsure who's going to be editor in chief and it will really be that person's decision. Therefore, if you really want to see the column next semester, you might want to contact *The Pointer* directly and let him or her know how much you worship me, how empty your life would be without LFTEOTW, etc. etc.

Again, thanks for the letter, Julie. Stop by the Pointer office to collect your t-shirt.

Warning, Pat Rothfuss's words contain truth in its purest sense. Unfortunately, pure truth, like pure grain alcohol, can be exceedingly dangerous when handled improperly. Because of this, extreme care should be exercised when reading his column.

## Live Wire

Friday, May 4

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9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Lucky Stiff Blues Band  
Live at Witz End  
9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11

Big Big Furnace(cd  
release party)  
w/Iloveghosts-  
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Live at The Mission  
8:30 p.m.

Sweet Potato Project-  
jam rock

Live at Witz End  
9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

Irene's Garden w/Star  
Hustler-eclectic rock  
Live at Witz End  
9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16

Ebb-n-Flow-unplugged  
Live at The Mission  
8:00 p.m.

## Boogie in the Garden

Irene's Garden is a band that has continued to evolve over the past 16 years. Five of the band's members played with The Stellectrics (1983 - 1994), which performed all over the Midwest, released one cd and achieved widespread popularity as a jamming, all original dance experience. Irene's Garden picked up where The Stellectrics left off, adding fresh and prodigious bass, lead guitar and electric violin talents and has continued to shape their sound by writing innovative material, incorporating novel sonic textures and developing a tight, up-tempo energy.

Irene's Garden's music is a dynamic, expressive synthesis of swing, punk, new wave, pop, reggae and R&B delivered with high energy focus and finesse. Two female vocalists with complimentary styles ranging from edgy punk to belting blues front the band. The tunes are punctuated throughout with masterful guitar improvisations and lyrical Celtic-inspired violin solos. Gutsy bass guitar riffs, rich synth textures, and exciting trap kit artistry round out the sound. Various observers have described the music as the "B52's on acid" and "Dave Matthews meets Blondie."

Irene's Garden is currently busy playing gigs in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and various Central Wisconsin venues and has released their second cd, *Winter Keepers*.

Come rock out to Irene's Garden on May 12, at The Witz End where the group will be joined by Star Hustler at 9:30 p.m.

## How big is your furnace?

The Big, Big Furnace will be smokin' on May 11 at The Mission Coffee House at 8:30 p.m. These boys will be playing in jovial celebration of their recent cd release, *Soundtrack to a Midwestern Winter*, which boasts an energizing entourage of original material. Paired up with Iloveghosts, this is gonna be one hell of an evening!



Big, Big Furnace

## Cd Review



By Sasha Bartick  
Arts and Review Editor

Ocean  
*Mermaid Music*

I get a lot of cd's working this job, and usually they aren't too bad. In fact, once and a while there will be one that I think deserves a little press. However, in this instance, I am going to review a cd that is so bad, I feel a need to warn you in advance to ensure that you do not pay money for this ridiculous collection of poorly written material.

Ocean, though boasting the title singer/songwriter/producer, should stick to surfing in Malibu because the music on her first international release, *Mermaid Music* is a cluster of lyrically monotonous and musically dull numbers which to me sound like they belong in a low-grade porno.

Although claiming to intermingle exotic grooves and blend cultures, constantly repeating the same line over and over gets old real fast, and whatever good things the song has to offer are overshadowed by the repetitiveness. On *Mermaid Music*, every song sounds the same, and there is little message to be obtained other than the fact that this girl is obviously very horny.

My advice is steer clear of this disappointing attempt to make a hit record. Ocean needs to grow up a bit, and perhaps when she has, she'll be able to tackle some serious issues and learn how to play an instrument. For now she'll have to get by on her good looks.



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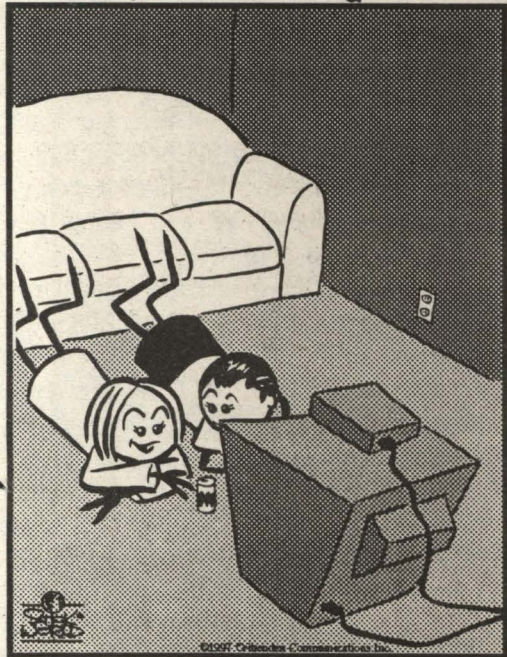
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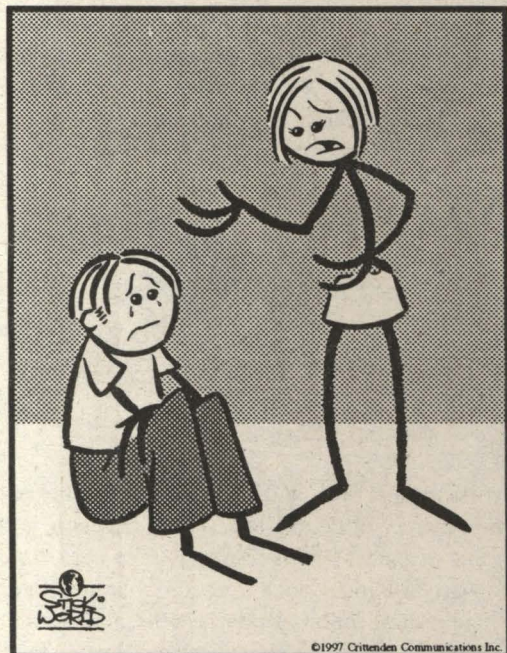
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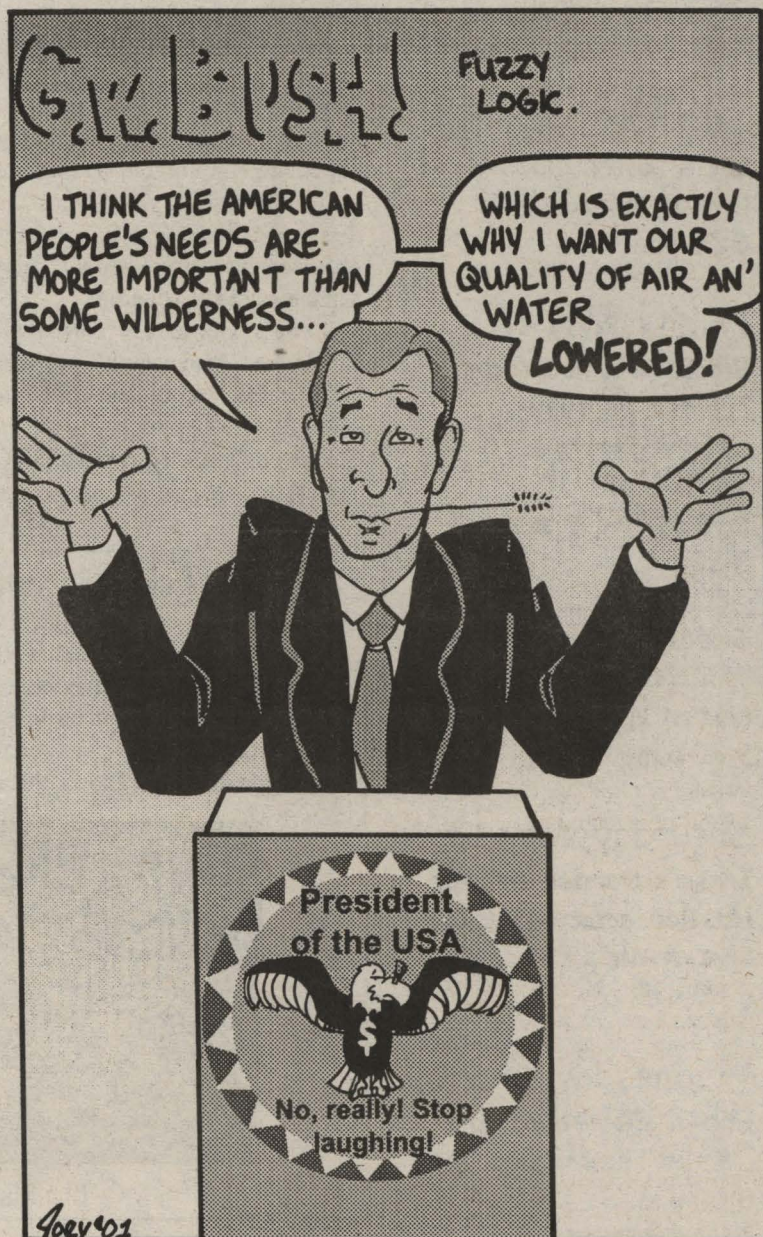
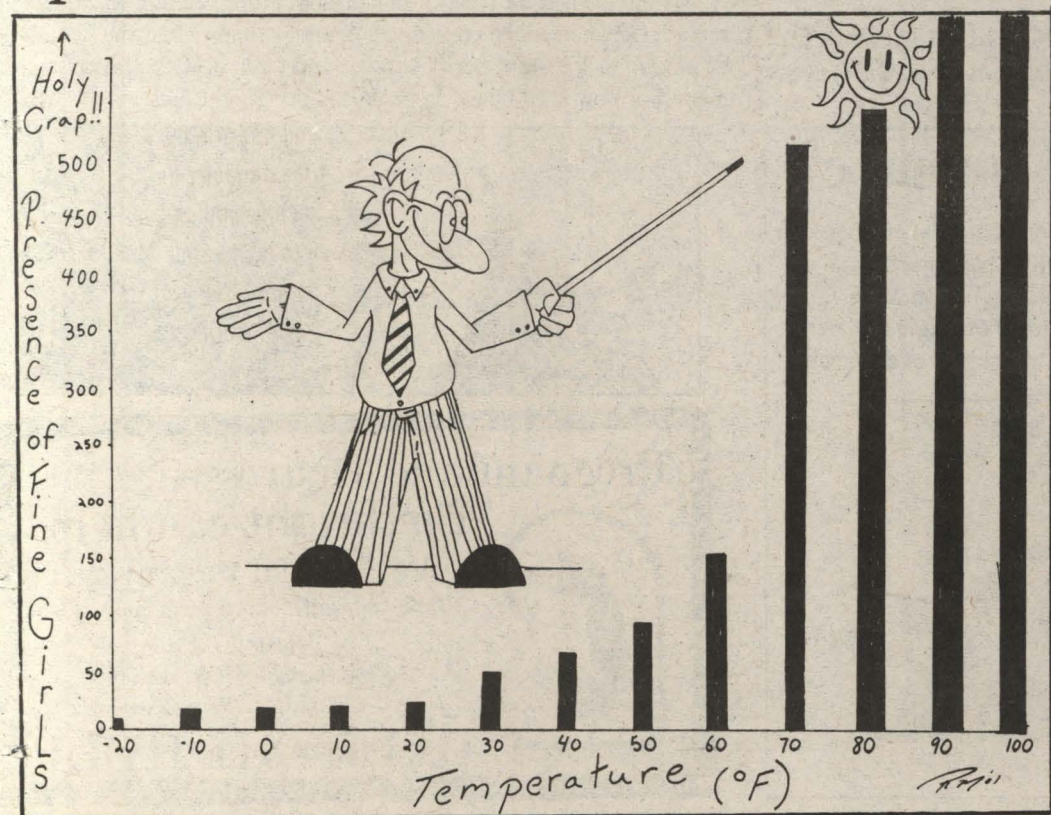
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