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UWSP student dies over Thanksgiving break

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

Zachary Ian French, 18, Antigo, died early Friday morning, Nov. 23 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

An Antigo Police Department officer found the freshman Baldwin Hall resident outside his parent's Antigo home at 3:06 a.m. Friday, according to Capt.

Bob Novy of the Antigo Police Department.

He was the third UW-Stevens Point student death this semester. The other two students were killed in automobile accidents.

"I was shocked," said Tyler Gross, French's roommate. "I never saw it coming. He had plans for next month."

French dropped out of school and moved out of Baldwin Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 20, Gross said. He had plans to visit his parents in Antigo over Thanksgiving and then move to Madison to live with a few friends in a house.



French

Gross said his roommate was well liked by the other residents in Baldwin Hall.

"He was just fun to be around," Gross said. "He was very outgoing and liked to party. He was very popular over here."

Sharon Gahnz, director of the UWSP Counseling Center, said the risk for students' committing suicide increases at this

time of year when they are stressed due to exams and the holidays. Students typically encounter a great deal of stress — academic, social and financial — during the course of their years in college. Recently the "Understanding Depression" seminar was packed full of students seeking information, Gahnz said.

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A student marvels at winter's first snowfall.

Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Student arrested while protesting

Protestor fasts while in jail solidarity after arrest at the School of Americas

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A UW-Stevens Point student was arrested in Columbus, Georgia during a protest at Fort Benning on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Columbus police arrested freshman Chris Talbot along with 32 other protestors from around the country (including Stevens Point resident Erin Cisnewski) who blockaded the entrance to the controversial School of Americas (SOA).

Ten thousand protestors engaged in demonstrations including testimonials from families of the victims of SOA

graduates. According to UWSP student protestor Dana Churness, the assembly included the presentation of crosses with the names of victims killed by SOA graduates and the construction of a "global village" in front of Fort Benning.

The global village represented an "alternative to the institution that harbors and trains terrorists," Churness said. The "global village" consisted mainly of temporary structures raised to represent buildings and churches.

"We were even collecting bed frames and old fridges," Churness said. "Anything to block the main entrance."

The 33 protestors who formed the blockade agreed to be intentionally arrested and engage in jail solidarity.

Protestors locked arms and legs to block the SOA entrance. Demonstrators fell limp when Columbus police arrived to disband the protest.

"The mayor of Columbus even came out and yelled at them," said Churness who was among the 13 UWSP student protestors who did not participate in the blockade. Protestors who did not take part in the blockade collected materials to construct the "global village" to assist in blocking the entrance to Fort Benning.

According to protest material, the SOA alumni include many South American dictators and terrorist leaders including Manuel Noriega. On Jan. 17, 2001, the House of Representatives voted to

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Private college penalties lax

Study finds UW public colleges have harsher underage drinking laws

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

New national campus crime statistics show that students caught drinking underage at a public university receive higher penalties than those at a private university.

According to the Office of Post-Secondary Education (OPE) Campus Security website, over 200 liquor law violations were cited in 2000, 22 of them resulting in arrests. On private campuses such as Lawrence University, only a handful of similar violations have been reported.

"Some offenses are severe," said Howard Cleary III, executive director of Security on Campus, Inc. "On a first offense, some public universities notify parents in addition to a written referral." Security on Campus, Inc. is a Virginia-based organization that pressured Congress to compel schools to disclose campus crimes.

Many officials claim different rules apply for the two types of

schools. Officers at public universities are deputized and can arrest someone. Those at private universities, however, have to call in the local police to make arrests.

According to Rick Arcuri, associate dean of Residential Life at Marquette University, drinking offenses depend on how severe the case is.

"We don't like to get the Milwaukee police involved if we don't have to," Arcuri said. "If you are underage and caught on campus with alcohol, we don't fine you. Instead, you see your hall director, we notify your parents and, on a third offense, meet with a conduct administrator. At this time, your privileges, such as having visitors, are taken away. On a fourth offense, you are suspended from the university."

Arcuri stresses that Marquette's penalties are not as severe as the penalties of the Milwaukee police force.

"A person getting caught by the Milwaukee police would be fined immediately," he said. "If a person threw a party that got busted, the host is fined for each person

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Photo by Denis Tan

Bob Tomlinson moderates the discussion between the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Gay-Straight Alliance Monday night in the University Center Alumni Room.

Student groups present differing views

Attendees unharmed at this year's event

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Christianity and homosexuality can contrast in lifestyle and beliefs. On Monday, Nov. 26 in the Alumni Room, the Gay-Straight Alliance and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship co-sponsored a program to dispel myths about both views.

Organized by Cheryl Tepsa, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance, and Josh Wolff, the event presented a formal discussion with two panels and series of questions asked by the audience.

Four years ago, the university tried to organize a similar event involving Christian and homosexual views. However, it was shortened by audience fist-fights and radical insults. This is

the first year since then that the university attempted to bring these different views back into the public eye.

Wolff, Ronda Miska and Pastor Jerry Bowman represented Christian viewpoints from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

"Christians believe that human sexuality is a gift from God," Miska said. "However,

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UW chancellors to receive pay raise in 2001-02

Chancellor George believes raise in pay was long overdue

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point's chancellor and vice-chancellor were recently granted a pay raise for the 2001-02 school year by the UW System's Board of Regents.

Chancellor Tom George received a raise of \$7,500, and will make \$155,000. Vice-chancellor Bill Meyer got a pay raise of \$4,000, and will make \$124,000. UW-System President Katherine Lyall was granted a pay raise of \$91,191, and will

make \$299,000.

"I'm fully comfortable and support the decision," Chancellor George said. "It looks like a big jump in pay, but it's partly to make up for the little jumps that should've been made along the years."

The Board of Regents set the annual salaries for high-ranking officials throughout the UW System under the new law made in Gov. McCallum's 2001-2003 state budget. Under this new statute, the power to set top UW System officials' salaries was moved to the Board of Regents from the Department of Employment Relations and the Joint Committee on Employment

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— Tom George

Relations.

No increase in tax dollars or tuition will be used to pay for the increases because the money for the raises will be taken out of an existing pay plan and money reallocated from the base budget,

according to Board of Regents spokesman Kevin Boatright.

Chancellor George said the increase in pay was made to give UW System officials the same annual pay as other top-ranking officials in other states.

"When you look at the comparison between other university systems, we were quite a bit behind," George said. "It brings salaries closer in line with our peer institutions."

Rep. John Gard, R-Peshtigo, voted against the change to give the Board of Regents salary-setting power and called for the Legislature to reestablish oversight.

"Our UW System is modeled

differently," Gard said. "We have significantly lower tuition rates than other states. Sure, Michigan pays more to top officials, but their students pay four times the amount of tuition as Wisconsin students."

"It's extremely poor judgment to increase the pay with the state's current billion-dollar shortfall. It looks like you're completely oblivious to reality."

Gard is currently working on a bill that will give the Legislature the final say in granting pay raises to UW System officials. The bill won't have an effect on the pay increases that were just given, but he hopes it will affect future raises.

French

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The Counseling Center doesn't provide assistance to students who are depressed or those who have lost a friend unless they request its help, Gahnz said. A residence hall director might also make a request to the counseling center if it appears that a student is acting strangely or experiencing difficulty with the loss of a loved one.

"When grieving, every person deals with it differently," she said. "People have to want the help."

There are many warning signs that a person who is suicidal might display, according to information obtained from brochures at the counseling center. The following are signs to look for: the person talks about committing suicide, has trouble eating or sleeping, experiences

drastic changes in behavior, withdraws from friends and social activities or loses interest in hobbies, work and school.

Other warning signs include the preparation for death by making out a will and final arrangements, giving away prized possessions, has attempted suicide before, takes unnecessary risks, has had recent severe losses, is preoccupied with death and dying, loses interest in their personal appearance or increases their use of alcohol or drugs.

There are, however, various ways to help someone who appears to be suicidal: Be direct and talk openly and matter-of-factly about suicide and be willing to listen, allow expressions and accept feelings, attempt to be non-judgmental by not debating whether suicide is right or wrong, and don't lecture on the value of life. Get involved by becoming available; show interest and support and don't dare the person to

commit suicide.

Other ways to help include not acting shocked, as this will put distance between you and the person; don't let yourself be sworn to secrecy, seek support. Offer hope that alternatives are available, but don't offer unrealistic reassurance. Take action by removing means such as guns or stockpiled pills, and get help from persons or agencies specializing in crisis intervention and suicide prevention.

Students can stop by the Counseling Center on the third floor of Delzell Hall or call 346-3553. The Center is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the first appointment, a counselor works with the student to assess needs and develop an appropriate plan to help them with their difficulties.

ed to keeping parents and students well educated about campus security.

"The OPE website is very helpful," said Cleary III. "It's good for students to know where crimes are happening so they can protect themselves. It's also important to find out where these crimes are happening to take the necessary precautions. With this information, they can raise patrols or have educational programs. They need to know about crime before they can do something about them."

For more information on UWSP's alcohol policy, contact the Rights and Responsibilities office at 346-4383.

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at the party and also for each underage person there. We don't want people to be fined right away. We let Campus Safety handle as much as they can before the Milwaukee police are called."

Marquette's Campus Safety are not commissioned officers and are not required to make legalities a matter of public record. Public universities, however, have commissioned officers.

At a public university like UW-Stevens Point, the city police are called in whenever a

person is uncooperative or tickets need to be written out.

"If people are cooperative, we prefer to send offenders to education programs on alcohol," said John Taylor, assistant director of Protective Services. "We believe in education instead of punishment. Severity of punishment depends on the demeanor of the person. If people cannot handle themselves and police are called in more than once, the student can be taken out of the residence halls or campus."

Crimes on nationwide universities can be found on the OPE Campus Security Statistics Website at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>. This website is dedicat-

English class publishes book on history

"Echoes of Portage County Past," a compilation of interviews of people who lived in this area during the first half of the 20th century, has been published by an English class at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The book was adapted from a collection of oral interviews conducted over a 10-year time

period and copyrighted by the Portage County Historical Society.

Stevens Point Area High School students enrolled in Anton Anday's history class queried their grandparents and other people who had lived "from the Model T to World War II, from fashion to farm life, from Franklin Roosevelt to television,"

in the early years of the last century.

Anday will host a table selling the books for \$9.95 each on the day after Thanksgiving at the Center Point Mall. They also will be available for purchase at the University Store and Little Professor, through the Portage County Historical Society and through Professor Dan Dietrich.

Arrest

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rename the facility but defeated a motion to close the institution by a 10-vote margin.

"I was so surprised that there was something like this [the SOA] and I hadn't known about it until a few months ago," Talbot said. "Hearing the stories and testimonies of the families of those slaughtered by School of Americas graduates was really overwhelming."

Jail solidarity involves non-cooperation techniques including refusal to provide names, refusal to move or stop chanting and fasting in order to bring about swift action by the legal system.

"By fasting it makes the authorities push the case forward more," Talbot said. "With 33 people fasting and getting no nutrients it makes them worry about health issues and makes the public more concerned."

Talbot incurred three charges: obstruction of a street, obstruction of an officer and unlawful assembly. Along with the other arrested protestors, Talbot plead guilty to obstruction of a street and no contest to obstruction of an officer.

"We plead no contest because it was a non-violent obstruction," she said.

In addition, the protestors plead not guilty to unlawful assembly because they felt that it infringed on their first amendment rights. That charge was subsequently dropped.

Talbot was held in custody for nearly 48 hours and as the group practiced jail solidarity and refused to be moved, they came into conflict with prison guards.

"They tried to separate us and put us in separate cells but we 'locked down'," Talbot said. "They got pretty violent."

According to Talbot, the guards tried to frustrate the protestors by refusing them phone calls and access to their lawyers.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Talbot was released with time served with the option of participating in community service on Thanksgiving, which the group accepted.

"We wanted to show that our protest wasn't with the city of Columbus but with the School of Americas," Talbot said. "We wanted to give back to the city."

The group served meals at a soup kitchen while some provided face painting and other entertainment for the children.

The UWSP protestors' action received praise from some members of military science at UWSP.

"I think it's great that we have students who try to promote social change," said Pat Beyer, military science. "As a member of our Armed Forces, this is why I serve, to preserve the freedom of expression for all people and their ideas."

According to Talbot, the protest received bad press and was transmitted by the media from a police perspective. However, the overall impact of the protest was positive for Talbot.

"It was a very spiritual experience. Building the global village was very empowering," Talbot said.

UWSP students have joined the protest of the SOA annually since 1990, but this was the first time that a UWSP student was arrested and engaged in jail solidarity, according to Talbot.

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**Lot X**

Wednesday, Nov. 14 1:27 p.m.

A student reported that between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, someone using an unknown tool or instrument, scratched her vehicle while it was parked in the lot.

Baldwin Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 14 2:26 p.m.

A community adviser reported that a student could smell marijuana near one of the rooms.

CPS

Thursday, Nov. 15 3:29 p.m.

A student reported that someone stole his bike. He stated that he locked it to the fenced-in area between the CCC and the CPS at 2 p.m.

Lot P

Thursday, Nov. 15 5:37 p.m.

A student reported that someone loosened the bolts on the driver's side front wheel of his vehicle while it was parked in the lot. He stated that he had it parked in the lot since 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9.

Baldwin Hall

Friday, Nov. 16 12:57 a.m.

A student reported that three male non-residents wearing white t-shirts with a lot of marker written on them had torn down several posters in the fourth floor hallway, drew a line on the wall in the hallway and caused damage on the floor.

Pray Hall

Friday, Nov. 16 9 a.m.

The hall director reported that money had been taken from the Pray-Sims desk lobby area.

Lot J

Friday, Nov. 16 3:44 p.m.

A student reported that his vehicle had some damage done to it while in was parked in the lot.

Hansen Hall

Friday, Nov. 16 10:55 p.m.

A student reported that between 2 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, a fire extinguisher was removed from the second floor, east wing in the T intersection.

Hansen Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 21 8:17 a.m.

A student reported the theft of her clothing from the laundry room in the basement.

FAC

Tuesday, Nov. 27 7:55 a.m.

A student reported that sometime between Monday, Nov. 19, and Monday, Nov. 26, someone using a BB or pellet gun shot a window on the south side of Room A101.

Cloning: what ewe need to know

Pathologist believes the possibilities of cloning are endless

By Erika Dallmann
NEWS REPORTER

"Dolly" became the most famous sheep in history in 1997, when scientists cloned the first mammal from an adult cell proving that human cloning may be a possibility.

Dr. Lloyd Arnold, a pathologist at St. Michael's Hospital, gave UW-Stevens Point students a presentation on genetic cloning and its medical applications on Monday, Nov. 26, in the Science Building. He began by briefly discussing the history, methodology and applications of cloning as well as some limitations.

"In the future, cloning will be big," said Dr. Lloyd Arnold, a pathologist at St. Michael's Hospital. "There are so many genetic problems that people want solved. Imagine all the people who die waiting for a donor heart or liver every year. Cloning is probably our best bet."

Medical cloning first began in 1995, later leading to the cloning of "Dolly" the Scottish sheep in 1997, Arnold said. However, extensive cloning

research began much earlier. Cloning is an extremely delicate process in which both internal and external factors must be just right.

In order to successfully clone an organism, the nuclear process requires a donor and a recipient cell, he said. Nuclear material is removed via micropipette from the donor cell and transferred to the recipient cell. The result is an embryo, which is then placed into a surrogate mother to await live birth.

It doesn't always happen this easily though, Arnold added. Success rates are relatively low. Out of all cloning attempts, only about 10 percent actually develop into embryos. Out of all developing embryos, less than three percent result in live birth.

"I didn't realize how low the percentage was of clones that actually make it," said junior Jack Kennedy.

Even if the clone is born, there is no guarantee it will develop normally, Arnold said. Studies report that in comparison

to natural animals, clones are unusually large in size. Perhaps of more concern to scientists, their life spans are shorter than natural animals. If we ever cloned human beings, they would age much faster than normal.

On the other hand, there are many cloning benefits, he said. First, cloned animals have the potential to make organ transplants more successful in human beings by changing the genes that cause organ rejection after a transplant. Cloning could also eliminate suffering from diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and hemophilia.

Although we have only begun to explore cloning, there are endless possibilities for the future, Arnold said. While some people are optimistic about the future of cloning, others are more skeptical.

"I think scientists are expecting too much from cloning," said senior Jessica Borchert. "Even if we cure diseases, there's always something that goes wrong. And that could be worse than the first disease."

Arnold believes cloning presents endless possibilities for medicine but also many dangers. If we are going to proceed, we should do so with caution, he said.



Dr. Arnold

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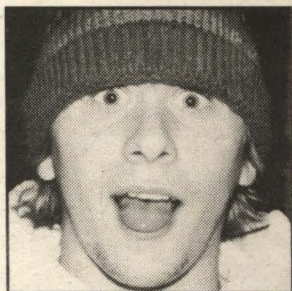


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Tony Bergman, Jr. Wildlife.

The line to get George Michael tickets. Jitterbug.



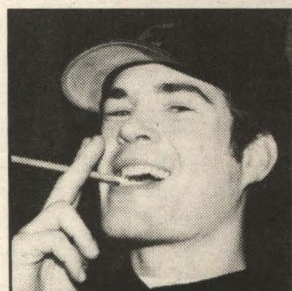
Yeng Vang, Jr. Resource Management

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Dianna Moua, Soph. English

We waited for an hour to get into a club in the twin cities.



Mason Werner, Sr. Biology/wildlife

The 14-hour line to get into Big Cypress.



Beth Weiler, Soph. Undecided

The registration line; it seems to take forever.



Phillip Cox, Jr. English

Batman, the ride.

Professor publishes work

A recent special edition of BioMechanics magazine features an article by a UW-Stevens Point professor whose research has found that aquatic therapy can improve the balance of people with arthritis.

Rory Suomi, director of the Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP) and a professor in the School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics, was invited to submit the article, "Aquatic Therapy: Pool Work Helps Patients Improve Balance," for a September BioMechanics supplement that focused on geriatric rehabilitation.

In the article, Suomi explains that persons with arthritis of the knee, ankle or hip have less pain and more mobility underwater, making flexibility exercises easier while muscles are strengthened due to water resistance. Increased strength

and range of motion make these people more stable on their feet and help their joints to work more efficiently allowing for better postural control.

Suomi presented similar research at the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitative Institute National Symposium held in Las Vegas, Nev., in August.

Suomi has been researching arthritis and aquatic therapy for 10 years and has published his findings in the Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Journal of Aging and Physical Activity.

One of the few researchers on the effects of aquatic exercise, Suomi is distinguished by his study of local people in SNAP classes. Studies of participants in 1997 and 2000 resulted in finding increased strength, range of motion and mobility due to aquatic therapy.

Views

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we must not let society sway us from scripture. Romans 1:26-27 expresses God's conviction for homosexuality."

Will Louis-Bruix, Erin McConnell and Pastor Greg Reist represented homosexual viewpoints from the Gay-Straight Alliance.

According to Louis-Bruix, sin and love are two words that are thrown around in mainstream Christianity.

"Our forgiveness doesn't depend on anything we do," he said. "Sin isn't the point. The big picture of what it means to be Christian is love."

The definition of sin varied on stage. Pastor Reist defined it to be any actions separating you and the love of God.

"It can be attraction to materialism or neglecting your duties," he said. "It's a broader concept than the acts you are forbidden to do. Sin is not keeping us from God because God eliminated it with Jesus's death. We are not under obligation to pay."

Louis-Bruix agreed.

"Christ paid for sins of the world," he said. "He forgives anything. Many people have simply believed that sin separates us from God."

According to the InterVarsity panel, knowing that God forgives is not an excuse to continue sinning. Wolff cited from the Bible, Romans 6 explaining that Christians should no longer be slaves of sin expecting God's grace to save us.

The concept of same-sex marriages was also addressed.

"Marriage is a commitment between people," Louis-Bruix said. "It's how you function and transforms people into a single functioning entity. Having two members of the same sex is no different. Where parenthood is concerned, it is possible for one

spouse to come in the relationship already having children, therefore knowing how to raise them."

Pastor Reist agreed that parenthood could be done in a same-sex environment.

"Also, people need to remember that parenthood is not required in marriage," he said. "When I counsel couples, I want to make sure both people talk about the possibility of having children. Marriage is the affirmation of a relationship and invoking God's spirit."

Wolff again addressed this question with Bible verse. Ephesians 5:25 reads "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her."

"Notice that it says husbands love your wives, not partner," he said. "It refers to man and woman. It never makes an exception in the entire Bible."

Although these views of homosexuality and Christianity differ, both panels agreed on one thing.

"What you get from the Bible is how you approach it," Miska said. "If you come to the Bible with biases, you can find one verse, twist it around and make it fit for you. You need to take things in context."

McConnell agreed.

"A big danger is people don't come at it themselves," she said. "They take the point of view from friends, their pastor or what's on TV. People need to take it from a contextual standpoint. Read your Bible."

The event posed a stepping-stone for tolerance and respect on campus.

"It's amazing how everyone respected each other," Tepsa said. "It's understandable that people disagreed with some of the things that were said but at least they got to see another point of view. This was a groundbreaking event."

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Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Some rat bastard stole my bike: A chronicle of my recurring post-Thanksgiving bad luck

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I liked my bike. It was a crappy bike but it was mine. I used to ride it down the dirt road I lived on to get the mail, popping wheelies on the potholes. For the past few months I've loyally ridden it to classes, saving gas and preventing my car from unnecessarily polluting the environment. Through the years I've overlooked its many faults and accepted it for what it was: my trusty ten-speed. But that's all changed now, and do you know why? Because some rat bastard stole it!

Fifteen minutes before I was scheduled to register on Monday morning, I raced out the door and over to the wooden deck post, only to discover there was nothing left but my purple bike lock lying on the ground still secured around that post.

I've never had anything stolen from me before, and the impact of losing my bike has lead me to double check the locks on my car doors and keep my backpack close by my side at all times. It seems that karma decides to save up all the dirt it has on me and pay me back the week after I get back from Thanksgiving break. Maybe the debauchery and idleness that I demonstrate so proudly over the four-day stretch of feasting, football games and unprecedented laziness pushes the cosmos over the edge or maybe it's just an unfortunate coincidence. Either way you look at it, I get screwed as soon as all that turkey and stuffing goes through my system.

This year, in addition to the loss of my bike, I was greeted by another misfortune that (although less serious to me personally) was much more disturbing. Someone pooped in one of our dryers. Yep, as juvenile and far-fetched as it may sound, someone yanked down their drawers and did a big sloppy number all over the inside of one of the two dryers that my apartment complex shares. It was gross. It was really gross. And it has significantly limited my choice of dryers (I'm going to start only using the other one).

They say that hindsight is 20/20, but I really should have seen these unfortunate occurrences coming. They were foreshadowed by the events that took place during last year's return to school from Thanksgiving break.

Last year I was faced with the annoyance and financial setback of losing my \$22 ticket to the Wallflowers concert. Several searches resulted in a torn apart dorm room but yielded no ticket. It was only a few days after the concert that I noticed that bright blue ticket crammed between a box of Pop Tarts and a stack of microwavable dinners. I'd missed the chance to see the spawn of Bob Dylan perform at UWSP.

I would have been angrier had it not been for the injury and much more substantial financial setback I incurred that same weekend. You see, that was the weekend I got entirely too drunk and, while scouring Steiner Hall for my girlfriend, took a tumble down a flight of stairs, cracking my melon wide open and somehow raised enough disoriented opposition to the idea of going to the hospital that the cops got involved. Of course, they made sure to give me a Breathalyzer and a nice fat underage drinking ticket before getting me to the hospital (I had been bleeding out of the head for an hour, but you know how the SPPD works, ticket before service).

Despite all my post-Thanksgiving troubles, I can take solace in the fact that some good did come from all of these events: I have a nifty scar on my forehead that I show off to my friends, by losing my ticket I didn't actually have to listen to the Wallflowers, I have a good gross out story involving laundry and the little punk who lifted my bike will probably break his neck on that deathtrap (or at least be embarrassed by those ungodly squeaky brakes). Life is good.

UWSP full of problems that need addressing

Until recently I have been very satisfied with my college experience here in Stevens Point. A couple weeks ago, I took the foreign language placement test in the CCC building. I decided to take the test on Friday at 9 a.m.

As anyone familiar with campus knows, we have a slight parking problem here, especially near the CCC. I drove up and down Isadore St., but all the metered spaces were full. The metered spaces in the nearest parking lots were full. And there aren't any nearby streets that have free parking. The parking lots for students and faculty across from the dorms on Isadore St. were less than half full. After searching for a parking space, I ended up in Lot V and hustled over to the CCC.

I made my way to the room designated for the test and to my surprise, it was a computer lab that was open to the public. When I arrived in the room about 9:15, there was only one other person using the lab besides the lab attendant. With no instructions, the attendant gave me the test and I crammed into a computer cubicle, moved the keyboard aside and started the test.

Then the disruptions came. A man started watching a video

in the front of the room. People were laughing and talking in the hall that was accessible via the open door no more than 10 feet from me. Groups of students came in, making noise and talking. As you can imagine, I found it very difficult to concentrate.

When I was almost finished with the test, a new attendant came on duty, and I overheard her telling other students arriving to take the test that they had one hour to complete the test and if they did not know an answer, they should leave it blank because guessing throws off the accuracy. Considering that a high (and accurate) score on a placement test can save a student literally months of work and hundreds of dollars, I was angered that I wasn't given those same instructions.

I also found it troubling that students aren't required to show an I.D. card. We have to show our I.D. to buy something at the bookstore, but to take an important test, they'll just trust us?

Feeling perturbed, I headed back to my car. From quite a distance, I saw the bright yellow envelope tucked under my windshield wiper. Now I was mad. I got into my car and looked inside the envelope to see my punish-



Protests for peace unrealistic

By Amy Zepnick

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With a full-effect war in Afghanistan, many express how unrealistic this war seems. However, to me, those protesting for peace are fighting a lost cause.

Consider history. Many conflicts have been solved with military force. The world reacts to violence. Compare that to the conflicts solved with peace treaties and discussions. Most of the treaties signed have been done AFTER military action. War works.

What these peace protestors fail to understand is whom we are dealing with. The Taliban are not peaceful, logical people. Since youth, they were taught to hate America—to fight at all costs. They are not going to sit down and talk about their problems. The United States needs to play the game the Taliban's way in order to get their point across.

The peace protestors offer an alternative to war. Instead of invading Afghanistan, we should let the international courts take charge. This would be fine and dandy if Bin Laden would agree. However, we can't even find him. What makes anyone think we can get him into a courtroom?

Now, I do agree that the United States's sloppiness cost lots of innocent lives. However, name one war with no casualties.

No matter how many walks, chants, messages, flags and statistics they throw in people's faces, protesting peace is NOT going to change anything that happens in Afghanistan.

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Micky Weigel
UWSP student

Popular horn player to kick some brass at horn choir concert

A concert by jazz hornist Tom Varner will be held in conjunction with the 11th annual Horn Choir Festival Saturday, Dec. 1, at the UWSP. Varner also will perform with UWSP faculty members on Friday, Nov. 30, and will teach a clinic to festival participants.

Varner will play with the UWSP faculty Jazz ensemble on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall in a concert sponsored jointly by the UWSP Department of Music and the UWSP Performing Arts Series.

The UWSP festival has become the largest of its kind in the U.S. and last year included more than 100 horn players from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

As special guest artist, Varner will perform at 4 p.m. in Michelsen Hall with the festival choir in a work he wrote for the occasion. The concert is free and open to the public.

Also performing in the concert will be the Eau Claire North High School Horn Ensemble directed by Karyn Quandt, and the 16-member UWSP Horn Choir directed by Patrick Miles, professor of music at UWSP.

Varner has been called "the world's foremost avant-jazz French horn virtuoso" by a music reviewer for Philadel-

phia City Paper and has won recognition as today's leading jazz horn player in polls of DownBeat and JazzTimes magazines. He has been featured on more than 60 compact disks and has performed with such greats as Miles Davis, Dave Liebman, Steve Lacy, Lee Konitz and others.

The horn festival begins on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with a rehearsal of the festival choir. Events include master classes, rehearsals and performances by horn players from middle school level to professional hornists.

On Friday Varner will present a masterclass for UWSP horn players and jazz students at 1 p.m. On Sat. Miles will present a master class at 1 p.m. and Varner will give a clinic at 1:30 p.m. All classes are free and open to the public.

Cost of admission to the Friday concert is \$8 for the public and \$3 for youth and students. Tickets may be purchased at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in Quandt Fieldhouse or by calling 346-4100. Tickets also will be available at the door if the performance is not sold out in advance.

Shade or sun grown coffee?

Differences in bean variety more than just difference of opinion

By Kristin Sterner

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Brewhaus has been giving away samples of shade-grown coffee this past week in order to see if it should be sold in addition to the full sun variety. The difference between sun and shade grown coffee is implicit by their names, but shade-grown coffee generally requires less artificial processing to produce. In the past 20 years, sun-grown coffee has gained popularity in the industry because of its high yield and rapid maturation.

This issue has become a concern of environmentalists recently because production of sun-grown coffee endangers the habitat of some native and migratory birds coming into Central America and the Caribbean. According to experts, lack of habitat for migratory birds who depend on this habitat each winter, such as the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker or Baltimore Oriole, has meant a drastic decline in their populations over the past 25 years. In fact, bird populations in sun coffee farms are 94-97% fewer than in shade farms. This is only the birds we're talking about; without forest ecosystems, many other species are left without habitat, too.

Production of full sun coffee also produces many more harmful effects on the environment, including a higher rate of toxins introduced and increased rates of soil erosion. Though it can be

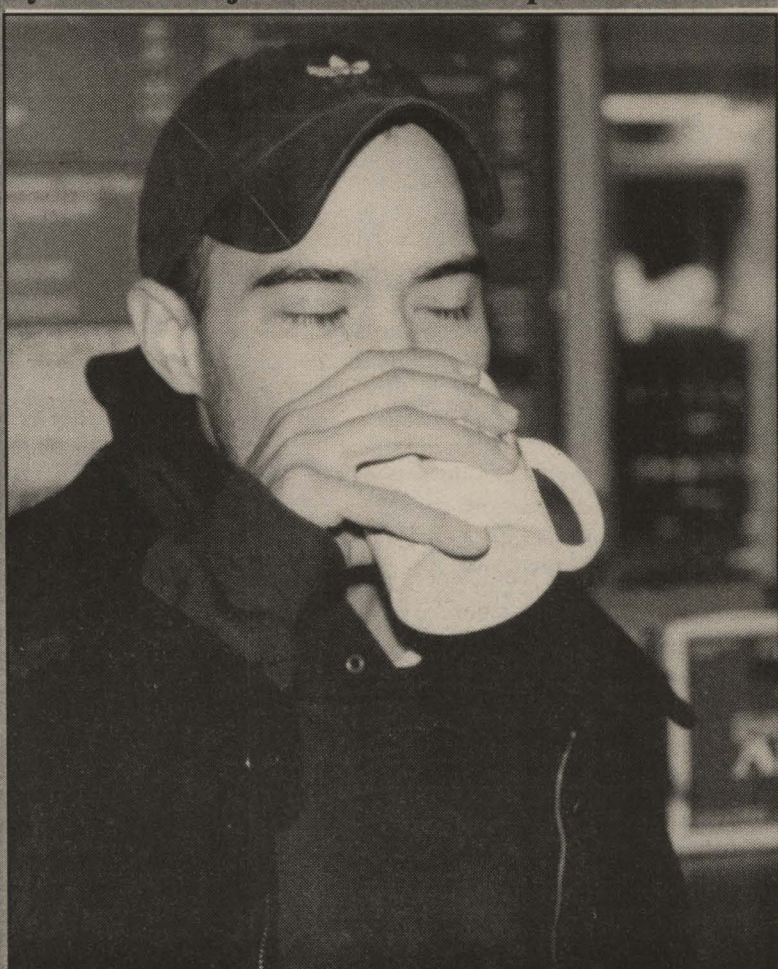


Photo by Luke Zancanaro.

UWSP student Dan Joseph falls into heavenly bliss as he samples some of the free shade grown coffee in the Basement Brewhaus.

more cost-effective for companies to produce full sun coffee, and thus cheaper for the consumer, popular opinion is that shade-grown coffee tastes better. While full sun coffee can leave a bitter taste in your mouth, shade-grown has a much smoother flavor.

Personally, I have tried the

shade-grown coffee and felt it had less of that nasty coffee-breath after taste than the normal cup of joe, but hey, see for yourself. The Brewhaus will continue to give out samples while supplies last, and don't forget to fill out the response card to tell them what you think!

Jonesin' for Java? Check out Coffeefest

Do you ever wonder what distinguishes a good coffee bean from a bad one?

What about the process it goes through between the time it is picked and when it winds up in your grinder?

This Thursday at 7:30 p.m., The Brewhaus will sponsor the biannual Coffeefest in The

Wooden Spoon. In honor of the occasion, Steve Sykora, the District Sales Manager of Boyd's Coffee Company (UWSP's coffee distributor), has been invited to speak. Sykora will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about coffee, including information on harvesting, how beans are processed, how to brew a great

cup of coffee and more.

Samples of various types of coffee and coffee drinks will be on hand for attendees to sample as well.

Tickets for Coffeefest are \$3 when purchased in advance and \$5 at the door. Stop down at The Brewhaus for more information.

Comedian Retta to bring her one person act to UWSP Saturday



Centertainment Productions photo.

Retta is bringing her friendly humor to UWSP this weekend at the Encore.

Retta, a graduate of Duke University who has taken her comedy to college campuses as well as network television, will bring her one-person show to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Retta has appeared on The Jenny Jones Show's Comedy Divas Showcase. She placed first in Comedy Central's Los Angeles Stand-Up Comedy Competition and is scheduled to appear on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" program in the near future. As a stand-up comedian, Retta has opened for other comedians such as Bobby Collins and Shirley Hemphill.

The 8 p.m. performance in the University Center's Encore is free for UWSP students and \$4 for the public.

Her performance is sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions.



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Schmeeckle offering a treasure trove of special programs

The Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center offers fun alternative programs for those looking to find something a little different

By Barrett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

Now that Thanksgiving has officially come and gone, the start of the Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Years and any-other-holiday-in-December holiday season has come into full swing. With the season comes a full slate of activities and distractions with which you can bide your time, that is assuming the Final Exams holiday doesn't get your attention first.

Of those responsible for a great many distractions from school is the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center. Several presentations over the next week have been planned that, while not necessarily being holiday related, could help to lighten things up if you are already feeling the rush of exams and the end-of-the-semester blues.

TONIGHT, 7-8:30 p.m.:

Lighten Up for the Holidays.

The lighting and display of candles has long been a part of the Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza celebrations. In this program, you'll learn about the significance of candles in these holiday celebrations before learning how to create a candle of your own.

Reservations are required. Cost is \$3 per person for candle materials.

MONDAY, Dec. 3, 7-8 p.m.:

Stories After the Spill.

One of the most highly publicized, and possibly

the worst, oil spills to occur in the United States was the Exxon/Valdez in Alaska twelve years ago. Even though the media has long since forgotten this event, its impact remains evident today. Hear the stories of Alaskan people whose livelihoods were impacted and otherwise altered by this event.

Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of fresh Copper River Red Salmon.

TUESDAY, Dec. 4, 7-7:45 p.m.:

The Ongoing Legacy of CWES.

Have you or someone you know been part of Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) history? Do you even know what CWES is? If you answered no to either of these questions, come take part in this program and discover what CWES is and how it has been enriching the lives of students throughout the communities of Central Wisconsin.

This event is sponsored by EENA/NAI.

THURSDAY, Dec. 6, (Time to be announced):

You're Stepping on My Paw.

Animals have feelings too! Compassion, fear, love and grief are shared by more than just people; many animals feel the same way you do. Skeptical? Come hear stories, see pictures and witness these true emotions in other creatures.

This event is sponsored by EENA/NAI.

If you have any questions about these programs, contact Schmeckle Reserve at 346-4992.

Famed folksinger Arlo Guthrie slated to perform at Sentry Theater

Born in Coney Island, New York, Guthrie is the son of legendary folksinger Woody Guthrie. With music a big part of his upbringing, Guthrie was influenced by his father, Pete Seeger, Ramblin' Jack Elliott and others.

He first performed in public at the age of 13 playing acoustic guitar and singing before audiences at Gerdes Folk City, The Gaslight, The Bitter End and other venues in Greenwich Village throughout the 1960s. With the release of "Alice's Restaurant" in 1967, his career reached new heights. Two years later, he starred in the Hollywood film version of "Alice's Restaurant." Other notable Guthrie tunes of that era include "Coming into Los Angeles" and "City of New Orleans."

Guthrie has shared his songs with people throughout the world including performances in North America, Asia, Europe and Australia. An accomplished musician, he can play six and twelve-string guitars, piano, harmonica and a variety of other instruments. On many tours, he is accompanied by his son, Abe, playing keyboards while providing background vocals and daughter, Sarah Lee, who contributes supporting vocals and acoustic guitar.

Today Guthrie is working on a compilation of songs written by his father. In addition, he plans to record an album of his orchestrated material by the end of the year.

Reserved seating tickets at \$30 go on sale Mon., Nov. 12, for folk singer Arlo Guthrie's performance at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 26 at the Sentry Theater.

Tickets will be available through the UWSP's Arts and Athletics Ticket Office or by calling (800) 838-3378.

His performance at Sentry Theater in February is sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions and the Alternative Concert Group.

Your Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrandt

90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR

Club Wisconsin, which airs every Friday from 3-7 p.m., is a specialty show on 90FM WWSP. Club Wisconsin's programming involves a wide variety of Wisconsin music, playing everything from blues and bluegrass to punk rock. Some of the bands featured are Burnt Toast and Jam, Marcus Bove and the Evil Twins and the Invaders.

Maggie Weiser has been the DJ for Club Wisconsin for more than two years and, during those two years, she has built up strong relationships with local Wisconsin bands. She tries to establish a connection between the local music scene and the community.

Her goal for each show is to "create a sample of happening music in the area for the next few weeks." Listeners of her show often tune in to hear the upcoming schedule of bands as well as to sample music from ones they might not know.


On her show she will often do live interviews of bands that are playing in the area during the weekend. Weiser works hard to help bands with extra promotion by telling her audience when they are coming to town and appearing next. She also gives away passes during the show to see performances.

"People think that because it is Wisconsin music or it is un-

known, it is unprofessional. That is untrue. There are tons of great bands with a huge diversity in Central Wisconsin and I try to get their music played," said Weiser.

If a band would like to contact Club Wisconsin, they can email Weiser at clubwi@hotmail.com.

A project that Weiser has worked on with local bands is Club Wisconsin Live, which is an extension of her show. Many local entertainers will be playing Nov. 30 from 12 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., in the Laird Room of the UC. General admission is \$10, \$5 for UWSP students with a valid ID).



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apply anyway!)****Students learn to become leaders
in pilot program here at UWSP**

Nine sophomore students are getting paid while learning how to become leaders in a pilot program at the UWSP.

The students involved in Leadership Works hold positions in diverse areas such as Residential Living, Health Promotion, UWSP Extension and Multicultural Affairs.

For Alumni Relations, Nicole Nachreiner is setting up a UWSP student alumni association and Jade Vossekuil, at the University Store, is surveying student customers.

Other leadership interns and their employers are Lindsay Faulks (UWSP Extension), Leslie O'Hearn (Multicultural Affairs), Lindsey Carter (Student Involvement and Employment), Nicole Heuer (Student Health Promotion), Cindi Kolb (Admissions), Ellen Schroeder (Residential Living) and Kristin Wild (Student Involvement and Employment).

Leadership Works is sponsored by the Student Involvement and Employment Office (SIEO) and directed by Susan LeBow Young. Carter, SIEO's leadership intern, is assisting Young with coordination of the program.

The program contacted all freshman students at the end of their first year at UWSP and invited them to apply for the positions. Those selected to participate work 10 hours per week, plus attend a bimonthly two-hour meeting with Young and the group. At the meetings, the students listen to speakers and discuss qualities of individual leadership such as commitment, integrity, empathy and competence. They study leadership as a group process whereby individuals collaborate in order to foster change and transformation, Young says.

The employers were chosen for their potential as good role models, according to Young. The students were selected for their leadership capabilities, and the resulting partnerships have a positive impact on the campus. SIEO is paying the first year's salary for the students with a commitment from the employers to cover the second year when this group will mentor a new roster of prospective leaders.

Nachreiner, a biology major, is beginning a student alumni association "from the ground up," writing a constitution, creating a mission statement, making presentations to staff and students and attending a student

alumni conference at UW-La Crosse. She describes her "student work experience" as "awesome." She says the internship has helped her grow and given her practical experience with things such as interviewing, creating a resume and dealing with a variety of people.

Vossekuil, who has surveyed student customers this fall, will query faculty and staff next semester. She began her stint at the University Store by shadowing employees of each department to learn about what they do. She also consulted with Professor Martin Meyers of business and economics and institutional researcher Kirby Thockmorton for help with creating a valid survey instrument. Another of Vossekuil's duties has been to work with the University Centers Marketing and Promotion Network, a group of student designers, as a facilitator for meetings and events.

An elementary education major, Vossekuil says the work experience has helped enhance her organizational skills and her ability to delegate and to work cooperatively. She appreciates the flexibility and understanding displayed by Cindy Engstrom, the store's director, as well as the way Engstrom delegates tasks and trusts students.

The employers also have positive regard for the interns, praising them for their energy and their ability to work independently. Alumni/University Relations Director Brant Bergeron says experiences such as the leadership program create an even stronger lifetime connection between students as "alumni in residence" and the university.

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Dear Holiday Worry:

We are in the middle of the holiday season and there are many opportunities to overeat and make food choices that may cause you to gain a few pounds. What you may not know is that there are also plenty of ways to enjoy home-cooked holiday meals without gaining extra weight. Here are some tips for eating healthy during the holidays.

- Enjoy many different types of food, but in moderation.
- If serving is buffet style, go at the end to avoid the fatty foods.
- Eat little meals throughout the day to avoid overeating.
- Drink a glass of water 20 minutes before every meal.
- Stay away from high caloric drinks (alcohol, egg nog, soda).
- Bring a healthy dish to pass that you enjoy too!

As you can see, there are things you can do to have fun and make healthy choices at the same time! So sit back and enjoy time with family and friends without holiday worry!

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Pointer football hung out to dry in Minnesota

UWSP falls in sloppy defensive battle to end season

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The first "worst-to-first" season in UWSP football history came to an end in heartbreaking fashion Saturday as the Pointers lost to the St. John's (Minn.) Johnnies by the score of 9-7 on a muddy, rainy afternoon in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

In the first half, the Pointers drove to within the St. John's 20-yard line three times, but failed to score each time. On the three possessions, senior place kicker Ricardo Vega missed a 32-yard field goal, Johnnies' defensive back Jason Pflipsen intercepted a pass and the Pointers mishandled a snap on a field goal attempt on the final play of the half to keep the game 0-0 at halftime.

The Pointer defense held the Johnnies to only 47 total yards in the first three quarters, with St. John's only offensive scoring threats coming when Pflipsen returned the interception to the Pointers' 21-yard line and a penalty put the ball at the 11. However, the Johnnies' place kicker Brandon Keller missed a 23-yard field goal to keep the game scoreless.

After a UWSP punt, the Johnnies were in good field posi-

tion again, but Pointer freshman defensive back Ryan Bentley intercepted a fourth down pass to end the threat.

The Johnnies scored the first points of the game in the third quarter on an 89-yard punt return by ace return man Blake Elliott. The junior broke two tackles at his team's own 10-yard line and then worked his way through the sponge-like left sideline for the longest punt return in NCAA Division III play-off history. Keller missed the extra point to keep the game 6-0.

The Pointers responded early in the fourth quarter with a five-play, 49-yard drive that culminated in a nine-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Lance Gast. Vega's extra point gave the Pointers a 7-6 lead.

St. John's refused to lie down, finally cracking the Pointer defense in the fourth quarter, gaining 97 of its 144 total yards. The Pointers stopped the Johnnies on downs on their first possession of the quarter, but St. John's converted three third downs and used a 14-play, 61-yard drive to set of Keller's game-winning field goal.

The Pointers seemingly stopped the Johnnies on third down from the seven-yard line late in the drive, but a pass interference penalty in the end zone gave the Johnnies a first down at the two-yard line with just over two minutes left. A false start penalty

pushed the ball back to the seven-yard line and a rushing play lost two yards. On second-down, junior defensive tackle Matt Raduechel tore through the Johnnies' line for his first sack of the season and one of six Pointer sacks for the day to set up a third-and-goal from the 25-yard line.

Johnnies' quarterback Ryan Keating scrambled out of the pocket and found halfback Josh Nelson for 18 yards down to the seven-yard line, setting up Keller's heroics.

The Pointers had one more chance with 55 seconds left and no timeouts after the kickoff, but Pflipsen picked off sophomore quarterback Scott Krause's desperation pass on third down to preserve the victory.

"Our team played well enough to win this game," said Pointer Coach John Miech. "It's really saying something that our defense was the first to hold St. John's to under 200 yards of offense in over 20 years."

UWSP ended the season with an 8-3 record, winning the WIAC Conference title, after finishing just 2-8 during the 2000 season.

"I'm very happy for our departing senior class, who overcame a bad season last year and put it together this season," said Miech. "We have a great core coming back, and we should be right back in the thick of things next season."

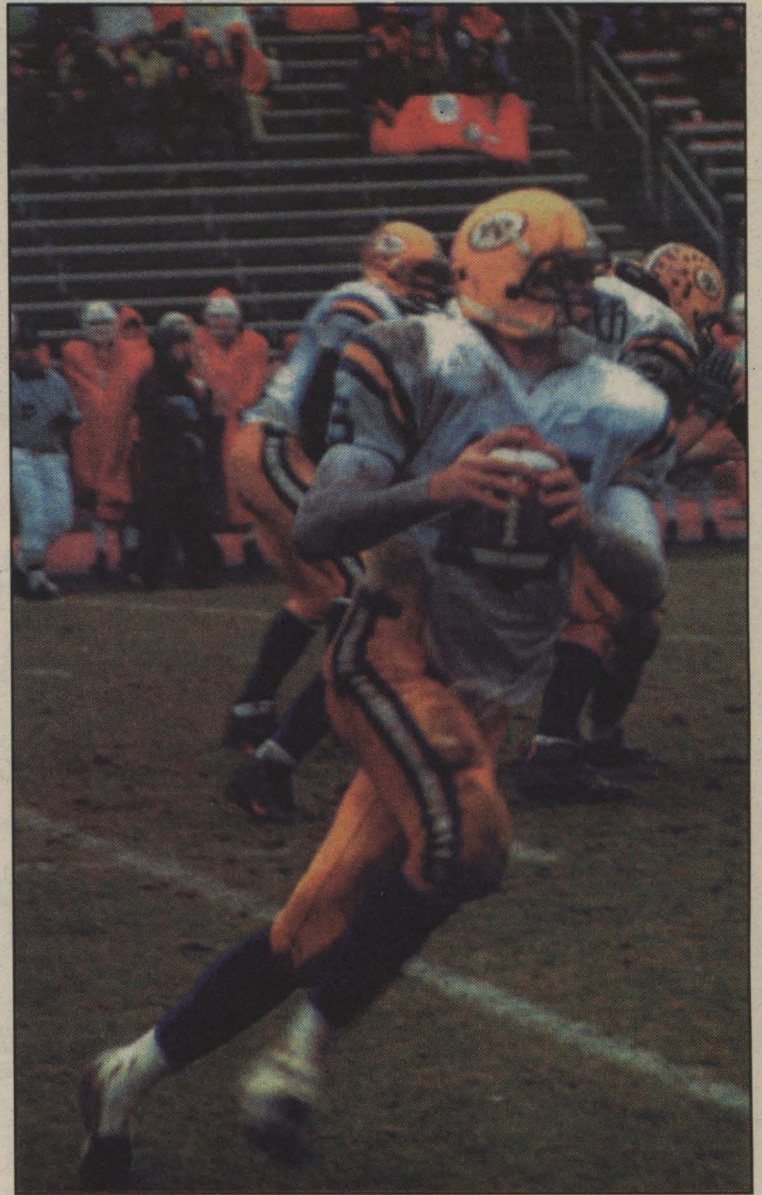


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Pointer quarterback Scott Krause evades the St. John's pass rush during the Pointers' season-ending game on Saturday.

Men's ballers whip Carroll to remain undefeated

Iserloth leads way with 21 points

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

If three is the key to victory, then the UWSP men's basketball team unlocked a door on Wednesday night. Point downed Carroll College by a score of 83-62 to run their record to a sparkling 6-0 on the season.

Point drained a school record tying 15 three-point field goals in the victory. Josh Iserloth led the Point charge with three 3-pointers and 21 total points on six of eleven

shooting. Kolonji Kadima also connected from a distance, hitting three of four triples and totaling 18 points to go along with seven boards and four steals.

"It's all about taking what the D gives you, and when they gamble as much as they did your going to get some open looks and we made them," said Coach Jack Bennett. "The three's were nice, but the key stat of the game was the 26 assists, that tells me we're willing to make the extra pass and play selfless."

Point also was in action

last weekend winning the Badger State Challenge in Oshkosh. They defeated Marian College and then Edgewood College in the championship game to win their third straight Badger State Challenge.

Freshman Jason Kalsow had top scoring honors for the night chipping in 15 points. Kadima and Iserloth also added nine points a piece in the 62-47 victory.

In the championship game Iserloth had a huge game tossing 24 points along with six rebounds in the 67-54 win. Kadima also helped the cause scoring 13 points on an economic six of nine from the floor.

"The start of this year has been very gratifying to the team," said Bennett. "This gives us confidence, but now we know things get a lot tougher, especially when league starts."

Point heads to Illinois on Saturday to play the University of Saint Francis, then they open conference in a big way as they host fellow co-conference champ UW-Whitewater.



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Pointer freshman Eric Maus lays in a bucket against Carroll.



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Cross country teams run hard at nationals

Lebak garners All-American honors by placing seventh

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP cross country season came to a close two weeks ago at the national meet in Rock Island, IL. Both squads had solid showings, with the women coming in 17th and the men finishing 18th.

Becky Lebak garnered all-American honors after finishing seventh overall. Lebak ended the season in excellent fashion bettering her personal best by 30 seconds.

"It was kind of mixed emotions for Becky because she was hoping for a top five, but she still ran a 30 second personal best," said Coach Len Hill. "It was also an extremely tough field this year and she left everything out on the course and you can't ask for much more."

Sophomore James Levash came in 77th overall to lead the men. It was just the second time this season that Levash led the team, and an excellent finish to a quality season.

"James has been very consistent all year long, he hasn't run a bad race this year despite this being his first full season," said Coach Rick Witt. "He really



Submitted photo

Senior Becky Lebak on her way to a seventh place finish at nationals

stepped forward for us when we needed him to have a big day and he did that."

Kara Vosters also had a very strong showing coming in 38th. Meghan Craig, Isabelle Delannay and Leah Herlache rounded out the top five for Point. The nationals also gave the team much needed experience, as all five runners are still eligible to run next year.

"We ran fine as a team and our front people ran outstanding," said Hill. "Kara had an outstanding race missing All-American standing but just three positions. I think our lack of experience showed, but now we need to get the summer miles realizing how tough the season

is."

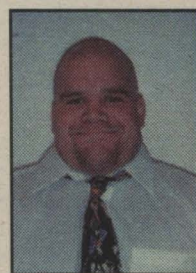
Mark LaLonde finished just one second behind Levash to secure the 79th position for Point. LaLonde was followed by his brother Jesse LaLonde who came in at the 108th spot. Eric Fisher and Robbie Pieper finished out the top five for Point.

"We were a little disappointed in our showing," said Witt. "The lack of national experience hurt us a lot, you're not used to having 100 guys running next to you at your pace and that makes a big difference."

The men's team will also have a strong returning class, as Mark LaLonde and Levash are both sophomores as is injured runner Curt Johnson.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT

NICK VAN CUYK - FOOTBALL



Van Cuyk

UWSP Career Highlights

- Named to Verizon Academic All-District Football Team in 2001
- Named 1st team, all-conference in 2001
- Named team's offensive player of the week after Platteville game this season

Major - Paper Science

Hometown - Kimberly, WI

Nickname - "Bubba"

Most memorable moment - Out team's overtime victory against Eau Claire this season

Who was your idol growing up? - My dad. He would always take off work to be at everything I did. I really look up to him.

What are your plans after graduation? - I want to get a job as a foreman in a paper mill.

Will you continue with football at all after graduation? - I would love to get into coaching. I have thought about playing Arena League ball also, but I'm not going to put my career on hold for it.

What is your favorite aspect of football? - Just the closeness of the team and how everybody pulls together.

Most embarrassing moment - I would say having to walk around in a walking cast this season after hurting my foot.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - I would be God, just to see what it would be like to rile people up.

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?

1. My computer
2. My stereo
3. A bike

What will you remember most playing football at UWSP? - The success that we achieved as a team and the friends I made.

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Depth and versatility lead 4-0 Pointer women

Pointers take Porter Tip-Off Classic for second straight year

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS EDITOR

Versatility and depth have proven to be the Womens' Basketball team's greatest assets in exploding to a 4-0 start to the season.

The team's depth was quickly established on opening weekend, as the Pointer women showcased their abundance of talent in two very convincing victories, winning the Terry Porter Tip-Off Classic for the second consecutive year.

The women dominated Lawrence University in the first game of the tournament, winning by a lopsided margin of 84-42 to advance to the championship round.

The team would go on to dominate Upper Iowa in a similar fashion, downing their opposition by the score of 77-58 en route to winning the tournament championship. The tournament was highlighted by the individual achievements of three of the team's starting five.

Kari Grosheck emerged as the tournament's MVP for the second consecutive year, and was named to the All-Tournament team for her fifth consecutive year. Amie Schultz and Casandra Huer were also named to the All-Tournament team, and Huer also received recognition as the tournament's top rebounder.

The women sustained their momentum notching their first victory on the road, defeating Carroll College 59-51 behind the career high 20-point performance of Andrea Kramer. The game also saw senior Carry Boehning become just the tenth player in Pointer history to score 1,000 career points. The Pointer's defense allowed just three field goals in the first half, and finished the game strong, stifling their opponents to extend the lead out to nine points in the game's final minutes.

Coach Egner's team concluded their first week of the season with 84-52 thrashing of Wisconsin Lutheran in a game that saw five Pointers score in the double digits. Leading the way was Boehning with 16, followed by freshman Amanda Nechuta, who scored 15 off the bench. Strong defense again surfaced as a major factor in the team's success, as the women held their opponents scoreless over a five minute stretch in the first half and began the second half by not allowing a field goal for the first three minutes.

Having started the season on an impressive note, Coach Egner is optimistic about her team's future. "We're at the point with our talent where everyone realizes just how good we can be if we just stay focused," said Egner.

Women's hockey continues torrid pace



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Sophomore Nicole Busse vacates the scene after putting a hit on an opposing player earlier this season.

Team runs overall record to 7-0

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's hockey team (2-0, 7-0) opened their conference action on the right foot two weeks ago beating UW-Eau Claire twice and coming from behind in both victories.

Ann Ninnemann became the

third Pointer this year to record a hat trick and tally four points total to lead Point in a 6-2 victory. Goalie Shannon Kasperek notched her third victory of the year by making nine saves to cement the win.

In the second contest, UWSP trailed by a score of 2-0 entering the third period until Point made a furious charge, notching five goals to just one

from Eau Claire to claim the victory. Ninnemann scored her fourth goal of the weekend to start the Point scoring spree. Emily Teachout recorded a pair of goals to help out the win. Sophomore Diane Sawyer won her fourth game to continue Point's unbeaten start.

Point's next test will be Hamline University on Tuesday night.

Sport's Guy's opinion: Bud, Save the Twinkies

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

I have been a baseball fan for as long as I can remember, and I have loved the Brewers for almost as long as that. So, naturally I supported the selection of Bud Selig as commissioner of baseball since he had the Midwest ties and all.

But Bud c'mon! How can you eliminate the Twinkies?

The Twins represent everything that is good with the game of baseball. They are a small market team with a bunch of no name hitters and they gave the high-priced Indians a run for their money for the better part of last season.

The Twins have had players like Kirby Puckett (who had one of those great smiles), Jack Morris (had a mustache to

rival Burt Reynolds) and Kent Hrbek (he looked like he should be fixing your car with a beer in his hand). This is the team that

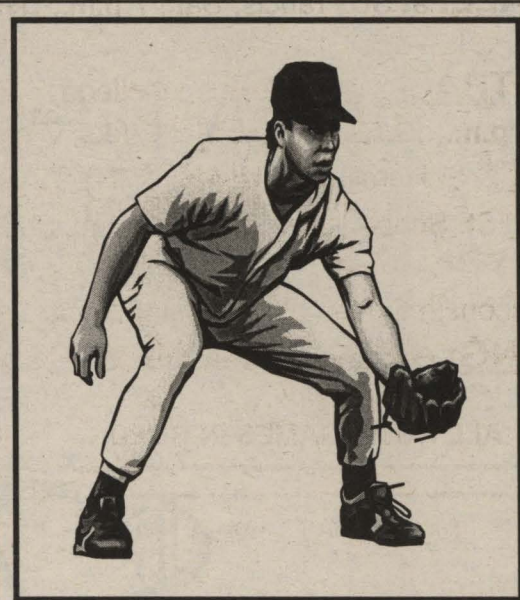
got how to make the throw to first!

I mean, my God man, the Twins have a little history here, and unlike some other teams, they have won a championship in the last 15 years. Can the Cubs or Red Sox say that?

I am aware that the Twins do play in the worst, most run-down, pathetic, no good excuse for a stadium ever! Still, I have been there and it doesn't completely suck, and it's nice to know you won't get rained on.

Now listen Bud, you can take the Expos, or the Marlins (nobody cares about Florida teams anyway), but the Twins are like a sacred cow and need to be left alone.

Thanks for listening, Bud. I hope we come to an agreement.



had Chuckie Knoblauch before he became a millionaire and-for-

Van Cuyk named to Verizon academic All-District football team

Stevens Point senior offensive lineman Nick Van Cuyk has been named a first-team All-District selection to the Verizon All-Academic football team.

Van Cuyk, a Kimberly High School graduate, was a first-team All-Conference performer as the team's starting left tackle. He also carries a 3.74 grade point average in Paper Science.

Van Cuyk is one of six Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) selec-

tions to the 24-member first team. The team is comprised of all NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA players from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

Players are selected to the team by position and the WIAC had three of the five offensive linemen as Van Cuyk was joined by UW-Eau Claire's Bob Schmidt and Mike Bestul.

Van Cuyk has been one of the Pointers' keys to their rush-

ing offense, which ranks 29th in Division III at 217.6 yards per game. He was named the team's Offensive Player of the Week on the greatest offensive day in school history when the Pointers gained a school-record 670 yards in a 51-13 win at UW-Platteville earlier this season.

It is the first career Academic All-District selection for Van Cuyk, who is now eligible for Academic All-American honors.

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Pointer hockey looks to boost record against conference rivals

Pointers travel to Duluth and Superior for weekend games

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

After winning one out of three games to Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams before Thanksgiving break, the Pointers hope to boost their record this Friday and Saturday.

UWSP travels to the College of St. Scholastica (1-3) on Friday and UW-Superior (1-1-1) on Saturday. The Pointers, 4-5 overall and 2-2 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, have a chance to come away with two conference wins.

Prior to the week off, UWSP lost two out of three games in their trip to Minnesota. Point started out with a tough loss 4-1 to St. Johns on Nov. 16. St. Johns scored three unanswered goals in the game's first period. Point climbed back into the game at the 13:00 mark in the third period with a goal by Ryan Feil. However, St. John's capped things off with a late goal, ending the contest at 4-1.

Next up for the Pointers came Concordia-Moorhead. On Saturday, UWSP suffered a 4-3 loss. Nick Glander, Ryan Feil and Mike Brolsma each scored a goal.

Concordia kept with UWSP throughout the seesaw game. The Pointers matched every

Concordia goal until the Cobbers nailed the last one. Point didn't overcome the eight penalties they committed in the third period and ended the night with a difficult loss.

The Pointers threw the two losing monkeys off their backs Sunday night in a 4-1 win. UWSP dominated the fight against Minnesota-Crookston. Ryan Kirchhoff led Point's scoring with two of the four goals in the third period. Bryan Fricke and Mike Brolsma each added a goal in the win. UWSP out shot UMC 47-25. Point goalie, Dave Cinelli finished the game with 17 saves. UMC never cashed in on one power play in three periods. The win boosted Point's NCHA record to 2-2.

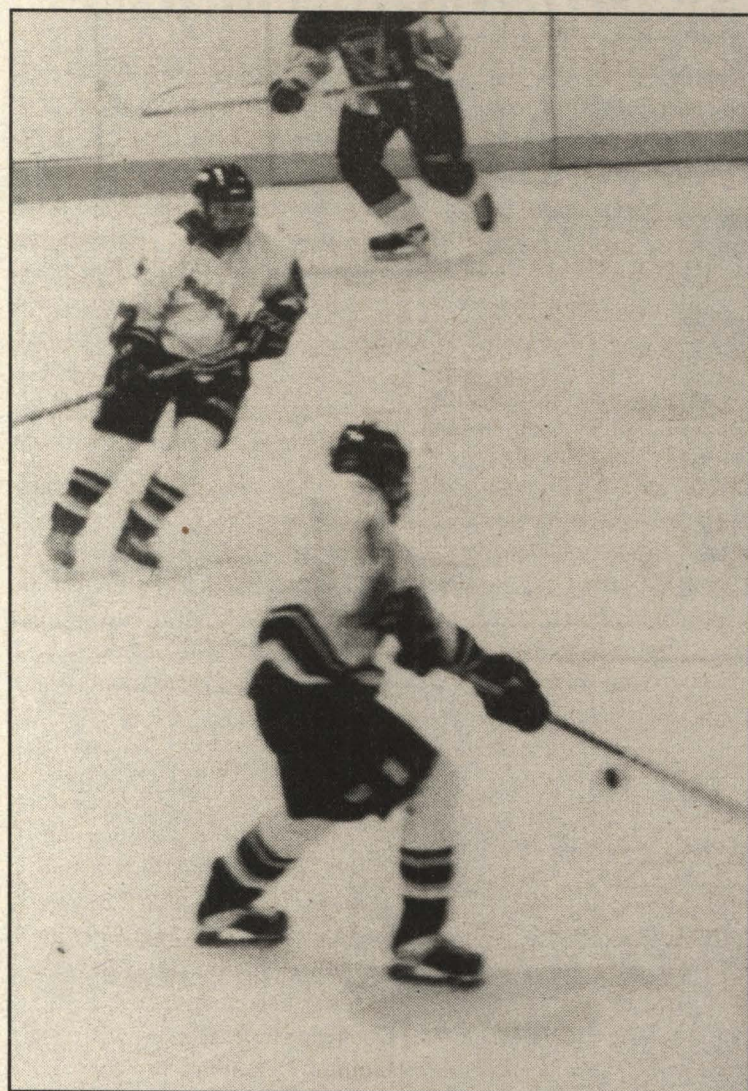


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Zenon Kochan brings the puck up the ice in the Pointers' game against Eau Claire earlier this year.

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Marian College, Sat., 3 p.m.; at UW-Whitewater, Wed., 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: at Hamline University (MN), Tues., 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY: at St. Scholastica, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; at UW-Superior, Sat., 7:05 p.m.

WRESTLING: at Wisconsin Open (UW-Parkside), Sat. 9 a.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING: Gustavus Adolphus, Sat., 3 p.m.

ALL HOME GAMES IN BOLD

BLOCK #2 (Week 4) Intramural Rankings (As of Nov. 29)

Men's Basketball D I

1. RPB
2. All Maden
3. Hung Like Mule Deer
4. Carolina Blue
5. Sexual Chocolate

Women's Basketball

1. The Sec
2. All Stars
3. T-Bone Players
4. Point Ten
5. The Players

Badminton

1. Ermine
2. Kodiak Crunch
3. Fong and Robin

Floor Hockey

1. Hanson Brothers
2. Fried Squash
3. Pappa Diddy Pop

Tennis Doubles

1. P & R
2. Antigo

Co-Ed Indoor Volleyball D I

1. Carptown Crushers
2. Juggernauts
3. Mad Hops
4. Game Cocks
5. The Sickness

Women's Indoor Volleyball

1. Magnificent Six
2. Hoppin Hooters
3. Rockstarz
4. T-Bone Players
5. Alabama Slammers

Men's Basketball D II

1. Just Beer Me
2. Three Point Shooters
3. CMH
4. Tuna Cans
5. Team Chaos

Tennis Singles

1. Nuey
2. Wettstein

Editor's Note: "The Pointer" is not responsible for intramural rankings. Please direct all comments at the Intramural Office (x4165)

Co-Ed Indoor Soccer

1. The Wall
2. Cash Money
3. Soto's
4. Stampede
5. Real Futbol

Trench "Dodge Ball"

1. You Throw Like a Girl
2. Rockstars
3. Beaver Swamp Rats
4. PE Ballers
5. Shot to the Ball....

Co-Ed Indoor Volleyball D II

1. Shysta
2. Kaos
3. Turtle Power
4. Bartons
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Gun deer season closes with smaller kill than 2000

A preliminary call-in tally of registration stations across the state shows hunters taking 291,563 deer during the regular nine-day gun deer hunt that closed Sunday.

While that figure is about 33 percent lower than the preliminary tally of more than 437,000 from Wisconsin's 2001 record season, it is only about 12 percent lower than the 10-year average of about 330,600. However, with the addition of the four-day October Zone T harvest, the total gun harvest for 2001 is 2 percent above the 10-year record.

Department of Natural Resources wildlife managers had expected a reduced harvest from 2000, when Wisconsin had a record deer herd estimated at 1.8 million animals, and hunters set an all-time national record harvest for all combined hunting seasons of more than 618,000 white-tailed deer.

The deer population was estimated at about 1.65 million going in to the 2001 hunting seasons and wildlife managers had reduced the number of units designated as Zone T — where the population is more than 20 percent over goal — from 97 last year to 76 this year. Additionally, last year, hunters received two free antlerless deer permits that could be used in any Zone T unit, while this year hunters received just one free antlerless tag for those units.

"The 2001 fall white-tailed deer population was 8 percent below last year, but by far the biggest factor in the

drop in harvest had to be the weather," said DNR Deer Ecologist Bill Mytton. "Last year we had near perfect hunting conditions throughout the entire season. This year, although it was very mild, hunting conditions were



Photo by Patricia Larson

Sports Editor Craig Mandli and father display their kills during the 2001 gun deer season.

really pretty poor."

The mild weather did allow hunters to remain in the field for longer periods of time, but it also meant they had to take any deer they shot in to be processed right away, instead of being able to hang the deer and return to hunting, he said.

Also, because the weather was so mild, "deer were able to sit tight longer too. It wasn't as easy to get them to move, and if they did move, there was no snow statewide for hunters to track them," Mytton said.

"The double whammy on this year's nine-day hunt was that both weekends had extremely poor hunting weather," he said. "The importance of these weekends is that this is when most hunters are in the woods."

"Generally, opening weekend accounts for more than half the harvest, so when hunting conditions didn't improve through the week, it was apparent that the numbers would be down for the entire season this year," Mytton said.

This reduced harvest was most significant in the antlerless kill. That is why deer biologists from around the state continue to stress the importance of the Zone T early and late hunts to buffer weather situations.

Hunters shot about 44,450 deer during an early Zone T hunt that was held in October, compared to nearly 66,500 in 2000. A special hunt for people shooting muzzleloader rifles — one-shot rifles for which the powder and shot is loaded through the end of the barrel — runs through Sunday, Dec. 2, and then there will be a second antlerless-only hunt in the designated Zone T units from Dec. 6 through Dec. 9.

With winter comes frostbite

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the recent snowfall and cold weather, frostbite can nip you quick if you aren't prepared.

According to the McKinley Health Center in Illinois, frostbite is the freezing of the skin and/or the bodily tissues under the skin. The fluids in the tissues and cellular spaces freeze and crystallize. This can cause damage to the blood vessels and result blood clotting and lack of oxygen to the injured area.

It most often affects feet, hands, ears, nose and face. Extent of damage depends on the length of time a person is exposed to cold temperatures, the force of wind, wetness of clothing, ingestion of alcohol and high altitudes.

Frostbite can occur in just a few minutes. If conditions are cold with a high wind-chill factor or if the temperature is extremely cold, the short exposure of uncovered body parts are at risk.

Frostbite also occurs more frequently to people with medical conditions. The very young or

very old are especially susceptible. Those with previous cold injuries, use certain drugs or those with recent injury or blood loss are at risk. While medically

unrelated, persons from southern or tropical areas are also at risk. This may be due to their bodies unfamiliarity to cold temperatures.

Frostbite can be serious. It has been known to damage and even kill tissue to the point of amputation.

There are many signs of frostbite. First, mild frostbite upsets the outer skin layers and turns it white. Usually, these symptoms dissolve as warming takes place. However, the skin can appear red for a few hours after. In more severe cases, the skin will appear white, grayish-yellow or grayish-blue. The affected skin will be numb and blisters may

appear. The tissue will feel frozen. Other frostbite symptoms include burning, swelling or itching as the area is warmed.

It is important to protect against frostbite.



Wear warm winter clothing with insulation and provided protection against snow and rain. Choice fabrics are wool or polyester alternatives. Protect

your toes and feet by wearing two pairs of socks made of wool, or one of wool with a cotton sock underneath. Make sure boots cover the ankles. Wear mittens instead of gloves to keep in body heat. If mittens limit finger use, wear gloves under mittens. Make sure clothes and boots are not too tight. Restricting blood flow makes it hard to keep body parts warm and increases risk of frostbite. If you are in frostbite-causing weather, remember to stay near shelter, avoid alcohol and avoid standing still.

If you have frostbite, it is important to take quick action. First, contact a medical professional, even in a mild case. Get to a warm place and rest the injured areas. Use 100F water for 30 to 45 minutes until skin returns to a pink color. If blisters are present, leave them intact. Cover them to prevent rupturing. Elevate the area above the heart. Don't allow the injury to thaw then refreeze. Also, don't use alcohol, nicotine or other drugs.

When you are out having fun this winter, take precautions to prevent frostbite. A little safety can save yourself some pain ... and an ear.

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City Clerk

Speaker hopes for a successful migration

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Dr. George Archibald, chairman of the board of the International Crane Foundation, spoke during the CNR Colloquium series Wednesday. His speech, "Cranes and Planes:

Wildlife Research Center in Maryland. When the chicks were a month old, they were transported to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.

At Necedah, the cranes were raised by scientists wearing crane costumes. Costumes were used so the birds would imprint on a

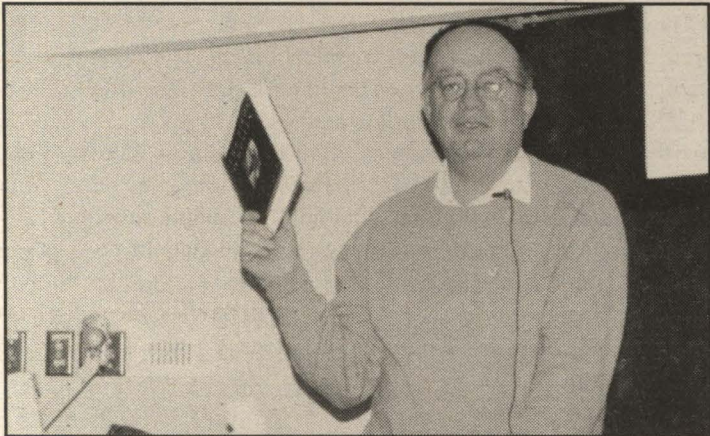


Photo by Joe Shead

George Archibald spoke about the introduction of the whooping cranes east of the Mississippi River at the CNR colloquium on Wednesday.

Whooping Crane Conservation Takes Flight" centered on the current project of establishing a population of endangered whooping cranes east of the Mississippi River.

Archibald said whooping cranes never were an abundant species. Their habitat originally was composed of tallgrass prairies, but as European settlers farmed these lands, they also displaced the cranes. By 1941, only 15 birds remained.

Whooping cranes nest in Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada and winter 3,000 miles south in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. Because this population is small and subject to extinction, several groups decided to try to reintroduce a population of whooping cranes east of the Mississippi River. These groups organized into the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership.

The sites chosen included a nesting grounds in the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin and a wintering grounds 1,250 miles south in the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge in Florida.

The plan was to raise cranes, then have them follow an ultralight plane from the breeding grounds to the wintering grounds. Canada geese and sandhill cranes had successfully been raised and had followed ultralight planes in the past.

Last year the project was tested on sandhill cranes. These birds were raised at Necedah and followed an ultralight to Florida. This spring they returned to Wisconsin on their own. It was then time to bring in the whooping cranes for the real experiment.

Whooping crane eggs were obtained from wild cranes in Wood Buffalo National Park and were hatched in the Patuxent

crane, rather than a person. Archibald said in one incident in Idaho, a whooping crane that had been raised by people not wearing costumes mated with a sandhill crane and the other birds raised in the project didn't mate at all because they never imprinted on a whooping crane when they were young.

The whooping cranes flew behind the ultralight this summer and built strength for the trip. On Oct. 17, the birds began their journey to Florida. As of Nov. 28, the birds had reached Florida but were still approximately 80 miles north of their destination in the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. Scientists expect the birds to finish the journey Dec. 1.

Archibald said scientists hope to try similar experiments with other species of cranes, particularly the Siberian crane. Only three birds of this species remain in the wild, but there are 120 birds in captivity.

Winter: what puts Wisconsin on the map

Ramblings about the cold stuff from a cold-blooded Wisconsinite

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

It always smacks me right in the forehead. My favorite season is upon us. Maybe it was finally getting past Thanksgiving, or maybe it was the little bit of snow that fell earlier in the week. Whatever happened, I'm so ready for this winter, it's not even funny.

I've already broken out the snowshoes. They are waiting patiently in the trunk of my car. If I'm not too lazy, I'll eventually plan a weekend trip to a local lake and do some icefishing. And even though I don't own any cross-country skis, I'm always on the lookout for a good rental deal.

If you couldn't tell already, I'm a lazy winter sportsman. I'm not out on the slopes with skis or a snowboard. I'd definitely severely injure myself. But there's nothing wrong with enjoying the less physical activities during winter. I know a lot of people who play 18 holes of disc golf per day in the summer and call themselves "outdoorsy." If those stoners can be classified as "outdoorsy," I guess I'm in.

Winter can be such an inconvenience, but I've learned to manage and actually have grown to like it. In July, you wake up, put on some shorts, sandals, and go to it. But come January, you not only have to put on pants, heavy socks (sometimes two pairs) and a sweatshirt, but then a jacket, gloves and hat. What can you possibly do with those gloved fingers? Nothing. You can't icefish with them or pull stuff out of your pockets. Gloves usually get snow in them anyway so your fingers are cold. But like I said, I've grown used to this.

I'm convinced that Thinsulate has produced the most ingenious contraption ever; flip-top mittens. They come up to your wrist so you've got the no-snow guarantee, plus the tops fold down for easy finger access. And above all, they're fashionable and cool looking. What more could I ask for? They're nearly perfect.

Jackets are another major negative aspect about winter. I always hate feeling like the Stay-Puff Marshmallow Man in a heavy triple-lined jacket. Cramped classrooms are horrible for stuff like this, especially when you always run late like I do. I hate having a

class in a tiny CCC room, arriving late, and then proceeding to bump everyone on the way in with my backpack and fluffy jacket.

The snow around here always made me smile though. This is my first year out of the dorms, so for once I won't have to skate from the sidewalk to my door to get home. I never understood why the sidewalks around campus weren't shoveled or salted. You'd think that someone would have sued the school because of an injury by now.

The best part about walking to class from the dorms is the HEC. Everyone always forgets that snow covered shoes and floor tiles make for slippery walks. Everyone wipes out at least once per winter in the HEC no matter how many rugs and mats they put down. It's just inevitable.

Runner-up for the most slippery spot on campus definitely goes to the manhole covers that are in the middle of the sidewalks. Not only are they extremely slippery with snow and ice, but they hide too. Nobody knows where they are after it snows. This winter, I'm ahead of the game. I've already memorized exactly where each manhole cover is. Not only has it made me more prepared for this winter, but it gives me a sense of adventure on my way to class each morning while counting out the paces.

And when you finally do make it to class safely, you have to contend with sitting in a pool of melting snow. It always seems like there's a never-ending stock of snow, slush and ice in your shoe treads after you notice a small river that starts at your feet and snakes through the row of desks that you're in.

Obviously there are downsides to winter. Nobody really likes shoveling snow and slipping on ice in front of large amounts of people, but that's what you get when you live in Wisconsin.

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Letters From the Edge of the World

The downhill side of the semester

By Pat "Tempus Frangit" Rothfuss

NOT BEST DRESSED, SIMPLY BEST.

Well, if your semester is shaping up as well as mine, the rest of the semester is looking like a long downhill ride. You're caught up on your reading in your English lit class. Your research paper is finished except for a little touch-up work on the bibliography, all your laundry is done.

Yes sir, it's looking pretty sweet for the rest of the semester. You've got nothing left to do but lay around the house naked, turn up your favorite Gregorian chant CD and finger-paint peanut butter genitalia on your roommate's N-Sync posters.

I'm sorry what was I saying?

Oh yes. The end of the semester. It's going well, wouldn't you say?

What's that? Your semester isn't going well? You can't seem to find enough hours in the day? Nobody loves you? You keep having a dream where your mom bounces around on a pogo-stick for hours in her swimming suit?

Well, the last two are your own problems and should be dealt with by professionals. But I should be able to help you out with the first one. You see, effective time management is one of

the most important skills you can hope to take away from college.

The key to ETM is simple. Examine your busy, busy life. Go take a good long look at it. In fact, go get a pen and paper and make a list of everything you plan on doing tomorrow. Write out your whole agenda for tomorrow. Next to each item write how much of your time it's going to take.

Go on, I'll wait for you.

I'm serious, make a list.

Now, look at the list. Do you really need all that bullshit cluttering up your life? Now I'm not talking about things like your sucky Taco Bell job or toughing out another jazz appreciation lecture. I'm talking about all the miserable little things you feel you have to do, because society demands it.

Those are the little things that suck up your life.

Worst of all, you usually aren't aware of them.

For instance. I'd be willing to bet that none of you wrote down "Fix hair-5 minutes."

Why didn't you write it

down? Because five minutes isn't enough time to worry about, right?

Wrong.

Let's do the math on this.

5 minutes a day.

x 7 days a week

=35 minutes.

Let's say you don't brush your hair on Sundays. Day of rest, right? So that makes it an even half-hour.

30 minutes a week

x 52 weeks a year

=1,560 minutes.

=26 hours

That means you spend more than a whole day every year brushing your hair. Just brushing your hair.

What's truly frightening is that I know some people who spend over an hour every day primping, crimping, combing and otherwise faking up some pretty face. Do you have any idea how quickly that adds up?

Now I'm not saying that we should all stop taking showers because it takes too long. I'm

saying that each of you should decide, **rationaly decide**, if the time you spend on things is really worth it. I know having nice hair is really, really important to some people. If that's the case, if having nice hair makes you happy, gives you a deep soul-filling knowledge of your own self-worth, then God bless you, keep on brushing.

Me, personally, I've got other things to do with my time. I've got books to read, girlfriends to kiss, roommates to torment, professors to confusate and bebother. I could probably even manage to respond to a letter or two, if any of you would bother writing.

So. Make another list, a more detailed one. Take a close look at it. Cross off the bullshit. It's your life, after all. Why are you pissing so much of it away?

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Hair of the Dog to appear in Wausau at Bases Loaded

J.M Presents & Z104 are proud to announce that Hair of the Dog, with a yet unnamed supporting act to be announced, is coming to Wausau. This band has toured with the likes of Cinderella and Skid Row.

The concert is taking place on Sat. Dec. 8. It will be held at Bases Loaded, 814 Hwy WW, Wausau. The doors open at 7 p.m. and it is an all ages, general admission show.

Tickets cost \$10.41 in advance and are available at Inner Sleeve-Wausau, Radio KAOS-Stevens Point, Italian U Boat-Merrill, Video Exchange Marshfield, Tomahawk Sports, On Cue Music-Rhineland and Wisconsin Rapids, Radio Shack-Minocqua, The Bases Loaded Box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. You can also order tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com or charge them by phone by calling (920) 494-1414.

Upcoming film releases CD Review

Thursday, Nov. 29

Planet of the Pitts

Friday, Nov. 30

Kids World

Behind Enemy Lines

The Affair of the Necklace

Last Call

Saturday, Dec. 1

Dischord

Without A Word

Dead Dogs Lie

The Beautiful Country

Thursday, Dec. 7

All American Cowboy

The Business of Strangers

Ocean's Eleven

Saturday, Dec. 9

Breaking Up Really Sucks

Live

V

By Colleen Courtney

WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

A few people have asked me, "Why haven't you negatively reviewed a disc yet?" My answer is usually, "It's not worth the time or space." It's certainly not for lack of material. I could write volumes about the CD I received that had 64 tracks of farting and pooping in a bathroom stall. Last Tuesday, I got a "burned" CD enclosed in a stapled-together sheet of paper. The back read, "For additional copies, send \$10 to ..." A standout track from that con artist, complete with one note from a Casio keyboard, was called "I Want to F*** My Dog."

But a more substantial disappointment is Live's new album, *V*. Band members Ed Kowalczyk (vocals), Patrick Dahlheimer (bass), Chad Taylor (guitar) and Chad Gracey (drums) have had their share of ups and downs: their third album, 1994's *Throwing Copper*, sold 6 million copies, but their fourth, *Secret Samadhi*, flopped. While the band probably does not receive enough acknowledgement (their "best" stuff is the best-known), *V* is an embarrassment to the band vocally and lyrically.

From the get-go screaming intro, Live sounds strange. Who are they trying to be, Slipknot? Whitesnake,

perhaps? On the fourth track, "Like A Soldier," Kowalczyk reeks of bald-faced sarcasm, comparing commercialism to the militia: "Turned on the television, should of chewed off my hand ... let's vote for Nader, what are we waiting for?" Kowalczyk decides to screech at the top of his lungs through "People Like You," and "Call Me A Fool" is a ridiculous ballad reminiscent of the '50s. Finally, the track they have released as a single, "Overcome," is off of the washout soundtrack for *The Mummy Returns*. Kowalczyk theatrically breathes, "Holy water in my lungs/ And I am overcome." That certainly describes Brendan Fraser, the determined explorer, to a T. Another sappy ballad. Thanks, guys!

V has two blatant standouts. "Simple Creed" imports the rapping talents of Tricky, an up-and-coming superstar. Also, the instrumentals remain solid Live, even if the lyrics have something to be desired. I would recommend this disc to die-hard Live fans who enjoyed the band's first two albums. But if you are looking for another "Lightening Crashes" or "The Dolphin's Cry," you're not going to find it here. Hey, at least it's not farts or guys f***ing dogs.



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A variety of pre-show entertainment for the four performances will begin one hour in advance of the gospel program.

General admission is \$5 per person and children under five are admitted for free. Advance tickets are available at the following locations: Family Christian Store and Cops East, Stevens Point; Shooter's Supper Club, Plover; Norm's Amoco in Iola and Amherst and the Iola IGA. Tickets are also available at the door.

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Proceeds this year will be given to St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel Church, Operation Bootstrap, Hospice of Portage County, Achievement Center, Ronald McDonald House, Y & S (Youth Education and Safety Program), Enchanted Oaks Stable and United Way of Portage County.

Since 1995, the Smokey Express Gospel Show has donated more than \$27,500 to more than ten non-profit organizations.

For more information, contact Janet Glodowski, show coordinator, at 824-2525.

Pioneering musical activist/feminist Holly Near to perform in Wausau Nov. 29

Singer-songwriter Holly Near, a trailblazer in the field of political and feminist music for almost 30 years will perform at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County Theatre in Wausau on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Near is touring in support of Appleseed Recordings' newly expanded 2-CD reissue of "HARP-A Time to Sing!" which features live 1984 collaborative performances by Near, Arlo Guthrie, Ronnie Gilbert and Pete Seeger.

With a background in film, television and Broadway acting, Near distilled her focus to music, especially that which articulated the social conditions of the world community and began writing and singing songs in the early 1970s. An immense vocal talent, Near's career as a singer has been defined by an unwillingness to separate her passion for music from her passion for human dignity. Touring worldwide, she is an ambassador for peace, uniting world consciousness, spiritual discovery and theatricality.

In 1972, Near founded Redwood Records, a major force in alternative music for more than 20 years, dedicated to recording and promoting music by politically conscious artists from around the world. She has received numerous awards for her work for social change, including honors from the ACLU, the National Lawyers Guild, the National Organization for Women and MS. Magazine's award as Woman of the Year. In 2000, Near received the Legends of Women's Music Award for her pioneering

work in lesbian and feminist music. Near published her autobiography, *Fire in the Rain: Singer in the Storm* in 1990 and toured with a stage show based on her book. She has more than 20 recordings to her name and has appeared as a guest on many others.

Holly's most recent recording is *Edge*, released in 2000 on her own Calico Tracks Music label, containing political songs of grace, humor and maturity. In Jan. 2002, Appleseed Recordings will issue *Early Warnings*, a thematic collection of Holly's songs drawn from two earlier Redwood releases (1984's *Watch Out* and 1989's *Skydances*), reflecting on war, abuse and the indomitable spirit required to rise above these human dysfunctions. *Early Warnings* also contains "Quiet Early Morning," a song she recorded for Appleseed's 1998 award-winning multi-artist tribute, *Where Have All the Flowers Gone: The Songs of Pete Seeger, Vol. 1*.

The UWMC Theatre is located at 518 S. 7th Ave. in Wausau. The time of the show is 7:30 p.m. The tickets cost \$8 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and non-UWMC students and free to UWMC students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at UWMC's information desk. The information desk is located in the main entrance on 7th Ave. For more information on the show, call 261-6234 or 261-6235.

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Saturday, Dec. 1

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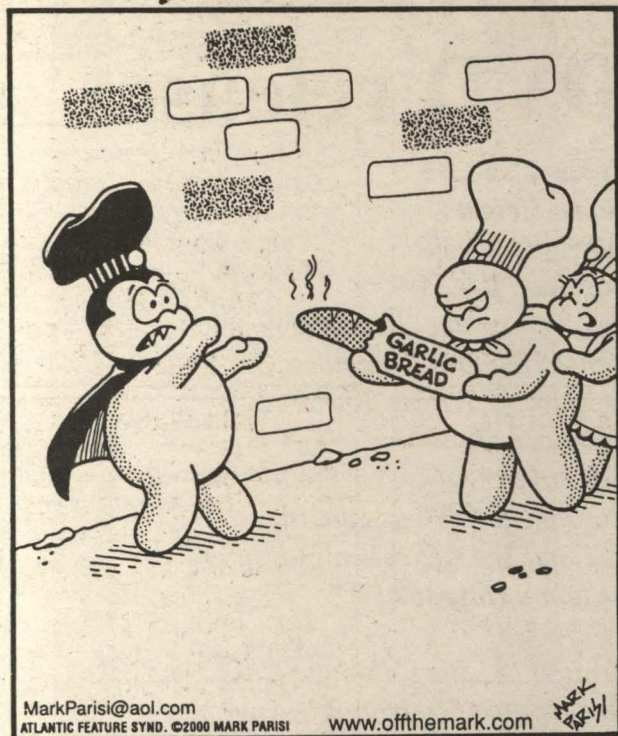
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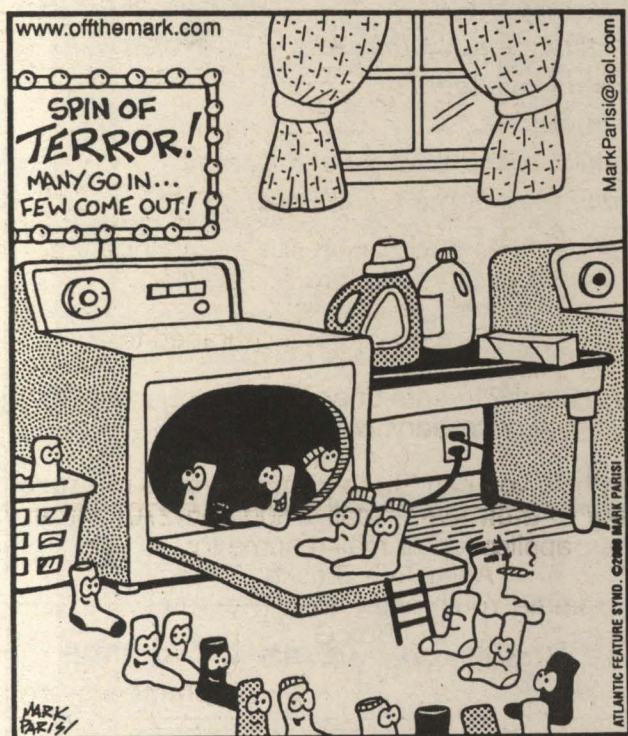
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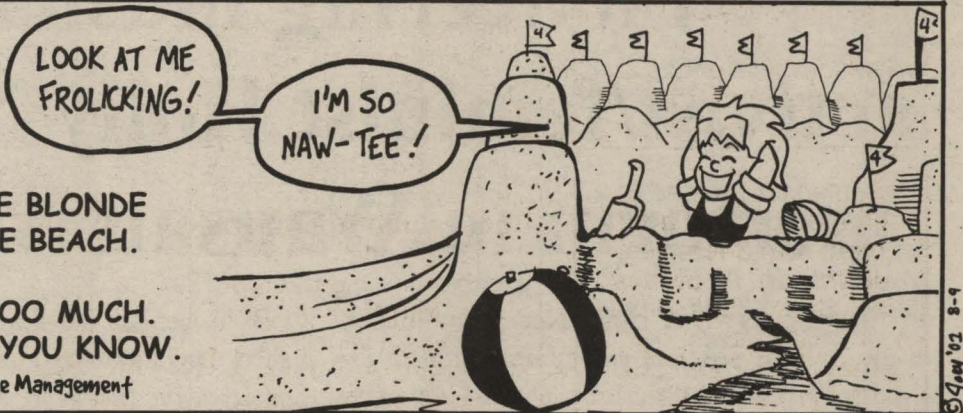
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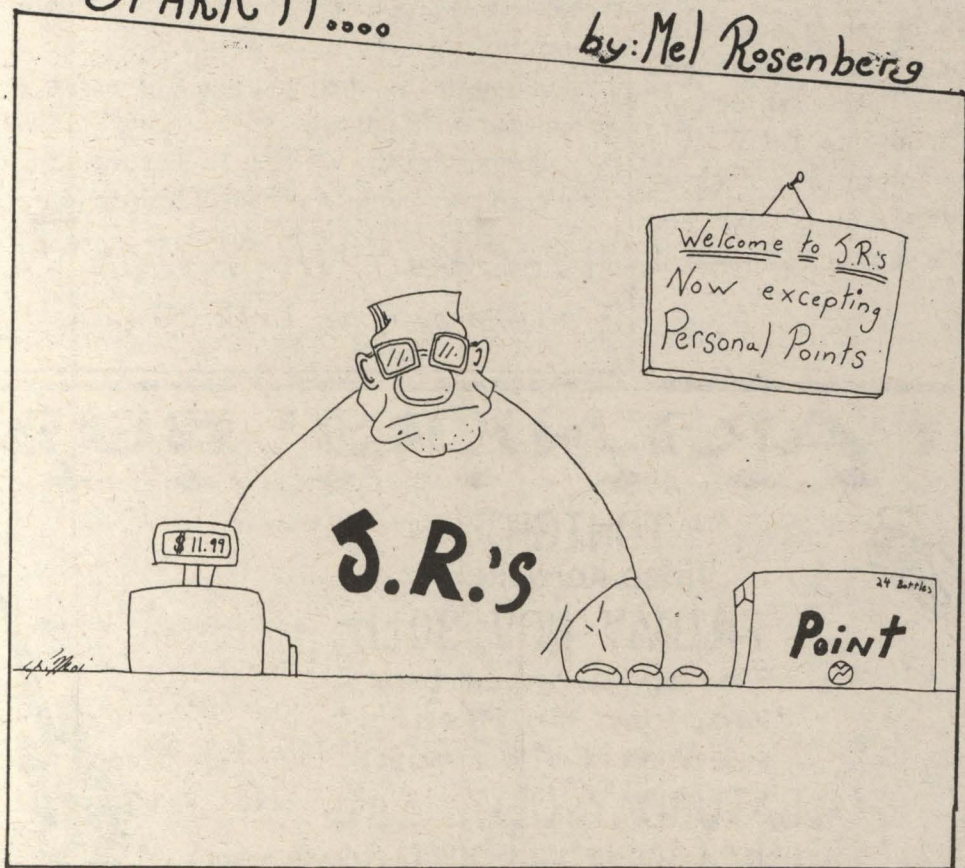
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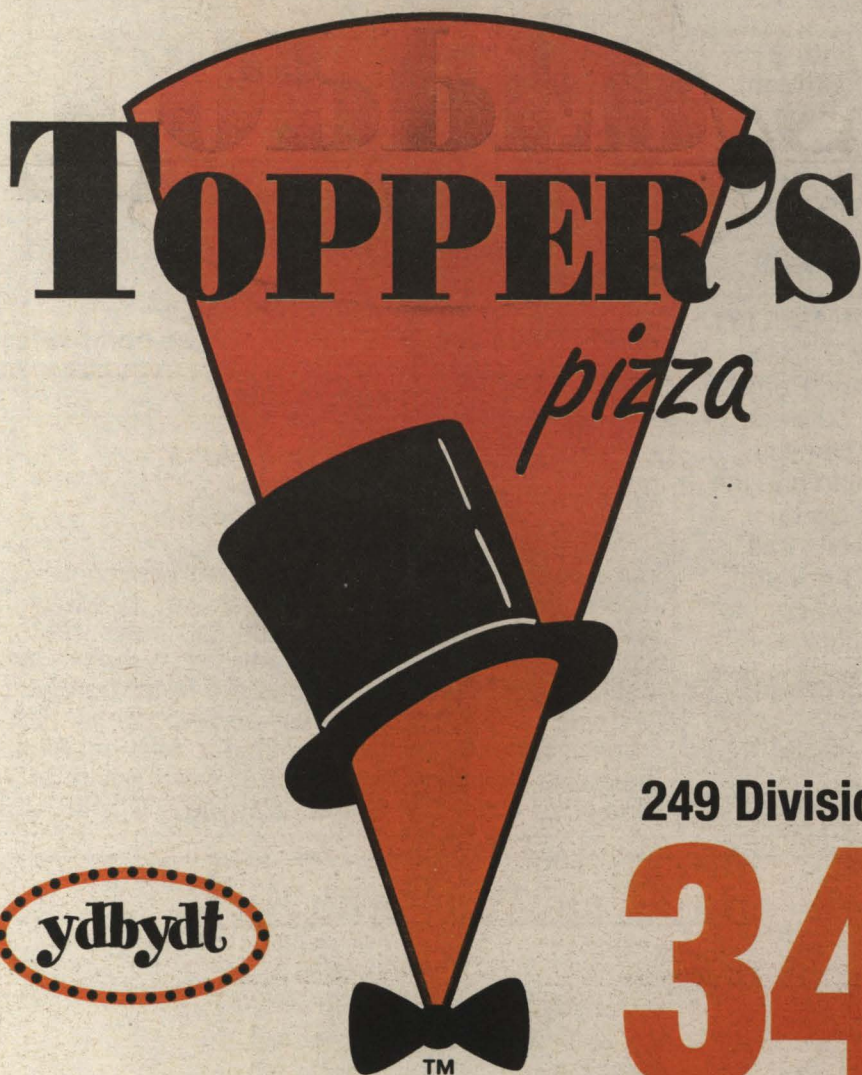
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