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United Council action denounced

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Student Government Association (SGA) passed a resolution in opposition of the United Council (UC) at the monthly general assembly last weekend in Barron County. The UC, the student government body of the UW System, denied UWSP one of their votes due to SGA's failure to meet committee diversity criteria.

SGA condemned this action by drafting legislation to remove the UC bylaw that dictates revoking votes in these cases.

According to legislation author Bret Deutscher, the UC bylaw is a "punitive measure that [SGA] believes to be illegal."

SGA claims that the UC violated Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) that states "The students of each campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance."

"The United Council is telling us how to organize ourselves and that isn't right," said SGA president Aaron Koepke.

Diversity requirements dic-

tate that each student government attending the general assembly bring along two women (including one woman of color), two non-traditional students, one student of color, one student with a disability, one graduate student and one LGBTQ student. According to SGA vice president Judy Birschbach, UWSP failed to bring along a student of color, a student with a disability, a LGBTQ student and a graduate student.

"It's not that we're not going out and finding diverse students," Birschbach said. "But if these

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SGA overturns drug offense related financial aid act

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point Student Government (SGA) recently voted 13-2-2 in favor of overturning a section of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1998 that denies or delays students' access to financial aid based upon convictions of drug-related offenses.

"I think that denying any young person the ability to get an education isn't a policy fit for an advanced society," said Michael Roth, former SGA legislative

director.

Roth authored a provision of the HEA. One element of the provision states that education is an important factor in allowing people to become more productive, well-rounded citizens.

Under the current HEA act, students are suspended for one year after their first offense of possessing a controlled substance and suspended two years after their second offense. Students are suspended indefinitely from receiving financial aid when con-

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Residence hall students sleep out to raise money for terrorist victims

Local firefighters and police honored at event over weekend.

By Seth Voeltner
NEWS REPORTER

Several UW-Stevens Point students braved the cold Friday night to show their support for local firefighters, police officers, and victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy in "Sleep Out for the Victims."



Smith Hall President Eric Zimmermann opening up the ceremony.

Thirty students slept outside Smith Hall to raise \$926.42 for the relief fund in New York and Washington as part of the twelve-hour event, which also included

memorial programs honoring local fire and police departments.

"I felt discouraged because I wasn't able to do anything to help before," said freshman Erin Phelps. "This was my way to contribute."

Heidi Ricci, Smith Hall director, agreed.

"It gave students a way to do something tangible to show support for our country," she said.

Ricci believes the participants demonstrated unity and confidence in the nation in a period of uncertainty.

"This is a time where people can get a real sense of fear," Ricci said. "But instead of focusing on the fear, they did something positive."

The task was even more remarkable, considering campers were only allowed to use cardboard boxes for shelter; no tents were allowed.

It was especially tough on some, including Ricci.

"For me, camping is the Holiday Inn," she said. "However, there were no bugs and it was for a good cause. We had a blast."

The program began Friday night with a memorial and prayer dedicated to the New York firefighters and the local fire department. Several representatives from the Stevens



(L to R) Erin Riley, Eric Zimmermann, Jenny Grall, Carrie McGrath and Erin Phelps enjoyed themselves at "Sleep Out for the Victims."



Photo by Eric Speckman

Students gathered to honor Stevens Point firefighters and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks Friday night during the "Sleep Out for the Victims."

Point Fire Department attended to show their support.

Students then shared stories around the Allen Center campfire. The program continued with an outdoor movie, free pizza and several games before morning.

"Sleep Out for the Victims" came to an end on Saturday, as members of the Stevens Point Police Department aided stu-

dents in a final program, including the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer for the nation and its police forces and a check presentation to the Salvation Army.

Ricci was pleased with the amount of participants.

"It's hard to get students involved on a Friday night, much less all night," she said. "I was very happy with the turnout."

Several UWSP residence halls and local businesses sponsored the event.

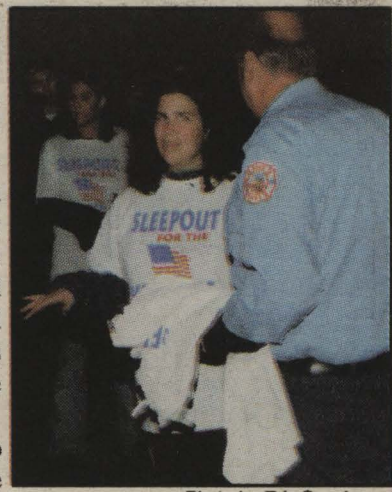


Photo by Eric Speckman

Smith Hall Director Heidi Ricci handing firefighter Charles Skibba T-shirts to give to his co-workers.

Student organizations speak about diversity on campus

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Representatives from several campus multicultural groups spoke Wednesday afternoon about how their organizations are promoting diversity on campus.

Chancellor Tom George and members of the Equity and Affirmative Action (EAA) hosted "A Taste of Diversity" in the University Center Alumni Room to give campus organizations the chance to speak their thoughts on diversity.

"We need to look at many ways we develop and train diversity," said Amy Gervasio, chair of the EAA and psychology professor. "We are making a measurable effort in creating diversity on campus."

There are many cultural events throughout the year to provide awareness to students. According to Bernice Twinn and Josh Maudrie of American Indian Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), the two organizations

will sponsor a powwow in Berg gym in April to promote Native American heritage.

In the early 1800s, Indian people held a powwow to renew family ties, forge political and social alliances, celebrate victories and to practice spiritual ceremonies. The word "powwow" originally referred to a shaman or teacher, not a dance or celebration. When the English met with Indian leaders they would "powwow together," or

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Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Bernice Twinn speaking while Josh Maudrie looks on in the Alumni Room.

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people don't want to go, we're not going to make them go and we shouldn't be punished for it."

In addition to the Wisconsin state statute, SGA claims that the UC's action to revoke a vote is unconstitutional. According to Koepke, the UC's action violates the 14th amendment by establishing a quota system.

SGA introduced a measure to eliminate this UC bylaw at the general assembly and the measure will be voted on at the next UC general assembly.

"It's one thing for us to suggest to just throw [the bylaw] out," Koepke said. "SGA is trying to come up with viable alternative to punishing students. We want to take a more proactive approach."

According to Koepke, SGA strives to create diversity within the UC through more appropriate means.

"We want to promote diversity within the United Council but do it in a legal manner and in way that doesn't conflict with state statutes or the Constitution," Koepke said.

While the diversity requirements were not met by SGA for the recent general assembly, Koepke stressed that diversity is a key issue on campus and in student government.

"Our SGA is committed to promoting diversity, not only in SGA but throughout the campus and community as a whole," Koepke said.

UWSP has accomplished a lot in promoting diversity throughout Stevens Point, according to Koepke.

"I'm proud to go to Point," Koepke said. "The strides we've made on working to bring diverse students to campus is impressive."

The revisions that SGA proposed to the UC bylaws comes up for vote at the Nov. 30 general assembly in Eau Claire.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Student members of Promoting Awareness with Students (PAWS) talk to a Stevens Point Police officer Wednesday afternoon. PAWS gave out informational materials on alcohol this week during National Alcohol Awareness Week and also provided students the ability to participate in educational games on alcohol.

Governor visiting UWSP

Gov. Scott McCallum announced today his schedule for Move State Government to Marathon and Portage counties, Oct. 28-30. Members of Gov. McCallum's cabinet and Lt. Gov. Margaret Farrow will join in events throughout the region.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with local officials, business leaders and residents to discuss issues of importance to the Marathon and Portage county area," Gov. McCallum said.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 (Stevens Point area)

- 7:30 a.m. - Portage County Business Council Breakfast, Sentryworld Sports Complex, 601 N. Michigan Ave.
- 9 a.m. - Visit St. Michael's Hospital, 900 Illinois Drive
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch and tour of UW-Stevens Point
- 1:30 p.m. - Tour Land's End, Hwy 51 Industrial Park
- 2:15 p.m. - Visit/check presentation at Plover Fire Department, 2400 Post Rd., Plover
- 3 p.m. - DNR electronic government announcement, Schmeeckle Reserve, 2419 North Point Drive (public event)
- 3:30 - Closing Cabinet meeting, Schmeeckle Reserve, 2419 North Point Drive (public event)



Debot Center

Wednesday, Oct. 17 3:19 a.m.

Three-foot conifer trees, which had been planted this summer, were pulled out of the ground.

Lot X

Thursday, Oct. 18 11:54 p.m.

Several parking meters had been entered and the coin canisters were removed.

Thomson Hall

Friday, Oct. 19 3:30 a.m.

The Stevens Point Police Department received a 911 call from a room. The person hung up the phone and didn't answer when called back.

Campus

Friday, Oct. 19 9:58 a.m.

The Residential Living Department received a complaint from a parent that her son was not receiving all of his mail.

Pray Hall

Friday, Oct. 19 10:46 p.m.

Occupants in a room were shooting a paintball gun from their window.

Hansen Hall

Saturday, Oct. 20 12:16 a.m.

A community assistant could smell marijuana coming from the third floor and reported it.

Lot V

Sunday, Oct. 21 1:37 p.m.

A student reported vandalism and theft of his vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot.

George Stien Building

Monday, Oct. 22 7:45 a.m.

Someone removed 8 to 10 cans of soda, valued at 35 cents a can, from a refrigerator located in a room.

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victed on a third offense. When convicted of selling a controlled substance, students are suspended from obtaining financial aid for two years on their first offense. Students are suspended indefinitely on their second offense.

"It's an unfortunate byproduct of political grandstanding of being tough on drugs," Roth said.

"A lot of people are getting caught with small amounts of drugs and are being called substance abusers. If you get caught for your first offense of using alcohol, it doesn't make you an alcoholic."

The HEA primarily targets low income and middle-class students, Roth said. Financial aid won't matter to students who come from wealthy families, but students who depend on money can't achieve their education under the current statute.

Not everyone is in favor of SGA overturning the section of the HEA. Matt Stefan, SGA senator, is against Roth's resolution. The resolution wants HEA to allow students convicted of drug-related offenses to be put in the same class as rapists and people

who commit other crimes, Stefan said. People who commit non-drug related offenses are able to obtain financial aid.

"I think none of them should be given financial aid," Stefan said. "I don't think it's the image the school promotes."

Stefan was surprised the majority of SGA members voted in favor of overturning the section of the HEA.

"If you're stupid enough to get caught twice, why should you

"If you're stupid enough to get caught twice, why should you get financial aid."

— Matt Stefan

get financial aid," he said. "People were saying that you should get a second chance, but people who get caught once get a second chance."

It's now up to the United States

Congress to overturn the section of the HEA. Roth hopes that Congress will vote bipartisan instead of party line. He believes it has a good chance of passing because of people talking about marijuana used for medical reasons.

"It has a better chance than it did a few years ago," Roth said.

Stefan doesn't believe it will be passed, but he said anything is possible.

"I thought it was going to be shot down by SGA and look what happened."

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in Indian society one might visit a "powwow" because of his or her healing powers.

"I'm impressed with what's going on," Maudrie said. "We hope to get people involved."

The Black Student Union (BSU) plans to celebrate Black History Month in February. According to Keith Green, member, BSU is hosting a Gospel fest and a Soul Food dinner.

Black History Month originated in the 1920's when an African American named Carter G. Woodson promoted Negro History Week. February was chosen because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The month-long celebration was implemented in 1976 and serves as a time for Americans to reflect on both the history and teachings of African Americans.

Andrea Brown, vice presi-

dent of the Stevens Point Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA), said SALSA celebrates Latino culture with salsa and merengue dancing after weekly meetings. SALSA also sponsored the Celebracion Hispana – a Latino celebration with ethnic food and dancing.

"We try to reach out to the community too," Brown said. "We work with the migrant population. We try to help Latinos not only on but off campus, too."

The multicultural organizations also plan on creating a multicultural sorority, Delta Xi Phi. Every culture can join, she said.

According to William Yu, the International Club is a non-profit organization, which supports students from different countries.

"We try to promote culture from different countries," he said. "Canada, Germany, Japan ... We want to have different culture experiences like finding out how the Japanese eat. We want to

develop true friendships, inform students of international affairs and educate the members."

The International Club will host the International Olympics November 2-4 and an international dinner in May. Cultural entertainment will be performed.

Cheryl Tepsa, member of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), said GSA promotes tolerance for alternative lifestyles.

"GSA sponsors Coming Out week, World AIDS week and Pride week," she said. "Our purpose is to provide emotional support for GSA members and allies."

Multicultural groups on campus promote diversity through their organizational events.

"People are really attempting to work together," Gervasio said. "This is essential for all students in our changing world."



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Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Everything I've learned in life, I've learned from watching hours of 80's family sitcoms

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I thank my lucky stars every night that I was only a child in the 80's and not a child of the 80's. All that neon, those stupid slap bracelets, pogo balls, "Miami Vice" and Men With Hats: it doesn't get much worse than that. At least I was only a youngster at the time and have a decent excuse for thinking any of that was cool.

Despite the many downfalls of the most notorious decade in the twentieth century, there is one redeeming quality from the 80's that makes all that other silly stuff almost worthwhile: the sitcoms.

Though some may prefer today's "reality TV" craze and the adult animated sitcoms like "The Simpsons," you have to admit that the 80's pumped out some of the most memorable television programming of all time.

But it was more than just television to me, it's one of the first social influences to impact my young, developing mind. It brought about a belief system that became integral to how I perceived the world around me.

Growing up in the sheltered Midwest, nothing gave me a taste of culture like a good episode of "The Cosby Show." Whether it was minority issues, jazz or ethnic foods, that show opened my eyes to a world of culture that I just couldn't get here in Wisconsin (plus Theo's hair was cool.) In addition to the "Cos," other 80's sitcoms allowed me to broaden my horizons. I had never thought that a housecat could make for tasty cuisine until Alf taught me differently.

But I became more than cultured, I learned about life. "The Wonder Years" became a crystal ball to my future middle school romantic life. If that Kevin shrimp could get a girl like Winnie, then I knew that my own sub-100 pound body

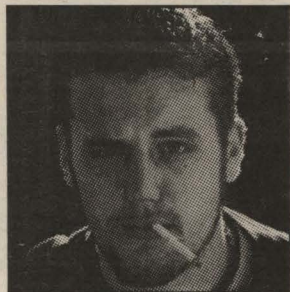
could turn a few girls' heads once I was lucky enough to get to the love-fest of junior high.

Speaking of ambition, "Doogie Howser M.D." almost prompted me to become a boy genius myself (if I hadn't wasted so many hours watching "PeeWee's Playhouse" I just might be your friendly neighborhood proctologist as I speak). I may not have become a teenage physician but I'm pretty confident I won't end up like Al Bundy. But if I ever did end up heading down the wrong path, I'd probably just end up in "Night Court."

Whenever my parents hired a babysitter, I wished for nothing more than to have Charles in charge (minus Buddy of course). And (though I hate to admit it) "The Golden Girls" were like grandmas that told dirty jokes to me.

Most importantly, I learned about living arrangements that differed from my nuclear family view of home life. I've made it a goal to end up having my own Mr. Belvedere or at least roommates like John Ritter had on "Three's Company." But the end all of 80's sitcoms was "Full House." Everything in life could be solved with soft, melodic background music and even the most devastating of crises could be corrected with a good heart to heart (and Uncle Jesse's hair was cool, too).

All in all, I left the 80's more complete than when I entered them, which has led me to the following conclusions: womanizer Sam Malone never had an attractive love interest, no one in the entire world really talks like Balki, the nickname "Boner" was once not obscene and ... Tootie, just Tootie. So right now I'm going to curl up with my "Mork and Mindy" pillow and watch "Nick at Night" until I finally figure out what Willis is "talkin' 'bout."



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What are you going to be for Halloween?



Rachel Marlett, Soph. Wildlife
My roommate and I are
going to be legos.



Jon Denardis, Sr. Pre-Nursing
A drunken master.



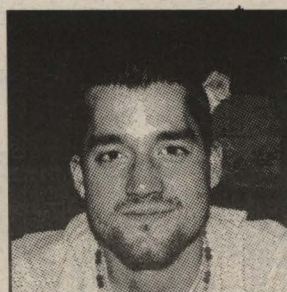
Laura Bialek, Fr. Comm.
A wench.



Nicole Kemmeter, Soph. Comm.
A devil.



"Big Scott," Jr. Education
Candy inspector.



Nick Morehouse, Sr. Forestry
I'm going to be a pirate.
Arrr...

Keeping Stress Away with Massage



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Katie Ziemann receives a massage from Krissy Buchholt.

By Jill Hubbard
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Unfortunately, experiencing stress is a normal part of our busy lives. Exams and projects are on our minds and fill our schedules. There are, however, many ways to relieve stress and massage is one of them. Many of us don't realize that even a one-minute mini-massage can make the difference in our busy days. Whether it is a hand or neck massage or a back massage from a friend, there are many benefits involved.

Most physical benefits of massage are well known. Some of these include: the loosening of tight muscles; the relief of muscle cramps and spasms and the reduction of tension headaches. There are also other benefits that we may not realize. Massage reduces heart rate, promotes deeper and easier breathing and nourishes the skin. So when you are feeling a little tight, a little massage can go a long way.

There are also emotional and mental benefits. Massage promotes better sleep, reduces mental stress and anxiety and eases

depression. We all have a basic human need for a caring and nurturing touch. Massage satisfies this need, which helps us focus on other things in our lives that need our attention, such as school, work and relationships.

You can practice massage anytime and anywhere. Next time you are sitting at a computer or at your desk, take a minute or two to sit back and give yourself a simple hand or neck massage. This is very easy to do. Simply rub little circles across the palms of your hands, gradually moving towards the tips of the fingers. If your neck or forehead feels tense you can rub circles around the area you want to massage. Other areas to include in self-massage may be your face, legs, back, shoulders or arms. Giving and receiving back massages from friends is another nice and easy way to ease our everyday stress and tension. Unwind by rubbing each other's shoulders or neck and you will both feel more calm and relaxed. So remember, a minute of massage a day can help keep your stress away.

Opportunity to take part in Native American culture

By Jodi Davies
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) and American Indian's Science and Engineering Society (AISES) are two student organizations open to all, regardless of nationality.

Meetings are on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Resource Center in the tunnel between the University Center (UC) and Student Services. New members are welcome to join and take part in local Native American events.

A trip to UW-Platteville's campus pow-wow and the Ho-Chunk nation buffalo ranch near

Janesville is planned for Sat., Nov. 3.

At this time, AISES is working hard to raise money to send students who wish to participate in the AISES national conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Participants can connect with job recruiters for graduation, locate internship positions or gain access to scholarships. Students also attend workshops to learn various skills.

There is going to be a silent auction on Wed., Nov. 7 in the UC and plenty of Indian taco sales to earn money. Be sure to check out the auction items and try tasting-some fry bread tacos.

The Health and Wellness Spot

Dear Health Advocate

I have been a heavy smoker for five years and I really want to quit. Any suggestions?



Dear Smoker,

You are not alone! According to a survey of UWSP students, 83.7% of smokers want to quit smoking. Quitting smoking is difficult and I commend you on your decision. There are many tobacco cessation strategies, but you need to do some research and find out what works best for you. Here are some strategies that are commonly used:

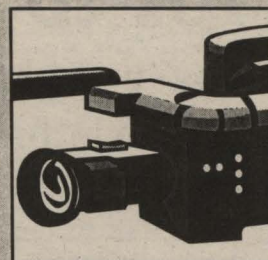
Nicotine Chewing Gum: Provides an oral alternative to cigarettes, in which nicotine is released from the gum by chewing it. This is not a substitute for behavior therapy and is only used for smokers who are heavily addicted to nicotine.

The Patch: Provides a more manageable means of preventing nicotine withdrawal symptoms than the gum. People who are willing to set a quit date, have a significant nicotine addiction and will not smoke while using the patch should only use these. The patch is not a substitute for behavioral program and should be used in conjunction with a program.

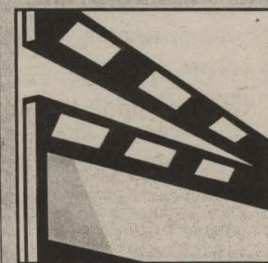
Pharmaceutical agents: Clonidine, Lobeline and Zyban are non-nicotine prescription aids for smoking cessation. Check with your health care provider to see if any of the above strategies are appropriate for you.

Stimulus-control strategies: This is a behavior-change process that identifies environmental and social triggers. Controlled studies have proven this to be successful in long-term cessation.

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Tips to land a most excellent off-campus home

Asking the right questions can make all the difference in finding the right place to live.

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

Ah yes, it is that time of year again. No, I do not mean the arrival of All Hallow's Eve (otherwise known as Halloween) and all the drunken slap-happiness associated with it. I am speaking of that time of year when everyone prances about in search of the perfect off-campus pad for the next academic year. Everyone, with the exception of freshmen, has the freedom to liberate themselves from the bane of dorm rooms, dorm bathrooms, dorm kitchens and, most importantly, Debot.

Unfortunately, for many students living off campus doesn't always turn into the dreamy fantasy that everyone hopes it will. A number of factors can foul the initial experience of true serendipitous freedom. *The Pointer* wants to help you avoid costly mistakes in your search for your own personal crib, so pay attention.

First things first. Find good housemates. If your roomies and you can't get along, it won't matter if you're living in a shack or a mansion it will not be pleasant. Find people you get along with and who get along with you.

Next, begin looking for your pad. If you want to simply leave the dorms without leaving the dorms, living in an apartment can sometimes fill the bill. If an apartment is not for you, then you should be eyeing a house or duplex. To begin the search, get a copy of the off-campus housing list from Residential Living Offices on Isadore St. across from Baldwin Hall, and start making phone calls to the landlords who might best serve you. You can also try the classified ads of *The Pointer* or the *Stevens Point Journal* (hint- most people don't think to try these sources).

When you have managed to set up a

meeting with a landlord to look at a house, try to have as many people in your party as possible at the meeting. Remember, the landlord can choose not to rent to you, so make a good impression and arrive on time, if not earlier. You also need to ASK QUESTIONS. All too often, I have seen naïve students being lead through our apartment by our landlord without saying a word to either the current tenants or the landlord, while not having a clue about what to look for in a house. The easiest way to get screwed into a crappy landlord or a junky house is by NOT playing twenty questions.

You need to step out of your comfort zone and talk to the current tenants about the house and the landlord at some point. Get their impression of how things are. Ask them if they like their landlord. Does the landlord get things fixed, do they do it promptly, are they a nag, are they nice, mean, indifferent, etc.

What about the house?

Do the rooms have many electrical outlets?

Does the house have working smoke detectors? Are there fire extinguishers?

Is it furnished? Can you have pets? Can you sublease? How big can your social gatherings be?

Is there storage for over the summer if you rent for consecutive years?

Is the house secure? Does your bedroom have a good lock on it?

How does the landlord go about cleaning at the end of the year when you move out? Do you have to pay for wear and tear (carpet cleaning, lightbulbs that wear out, etc?)

Who shovels or plows the driveway in the winter?

What about hot water and heat (is it gas, electric, or something else?) A big

house is nice, but just remember that the more square footage, the more it will cost to keep it comfy.

Open the fridge and stove doors. Are they working well or appear to be in good shape (my neighbors have a stove door that only opens half way.)

Is the house insulated? If so, how long ago?

A big thing to watch for is the assertiveness of the landlord. Do they lead you through the house and point things out, or do they pretty much take a hands off approach to a showing? You should be able to tell if they have something to hide.

When you have fully investigated these and any other questions you can

think of and think you have found the place of your (realistic) dreams, let the landlord know. Competition is pretty stiff in this town for places to live, so you need to let the landlord know if you want the house or not. If you don't, you may lose out on what you figured was a done deal.

When the time comes to sign the lease, you will probably pay a security deposit that ranges anywhere from \$100-\$400. The landlord will probably want the first rent payment due sometime mid spring semester. Make sure that when you commit to a place to live, that you have the funds to back it all up with. If you don't, you might

be out of a house regardless of how much preparation you made.

I should let you know that there are still plenty of places around town for next year. The landlords would even appreciate it if you would hold off on calling them for another month or two, but that is up to you. Happy hunting and good luck.

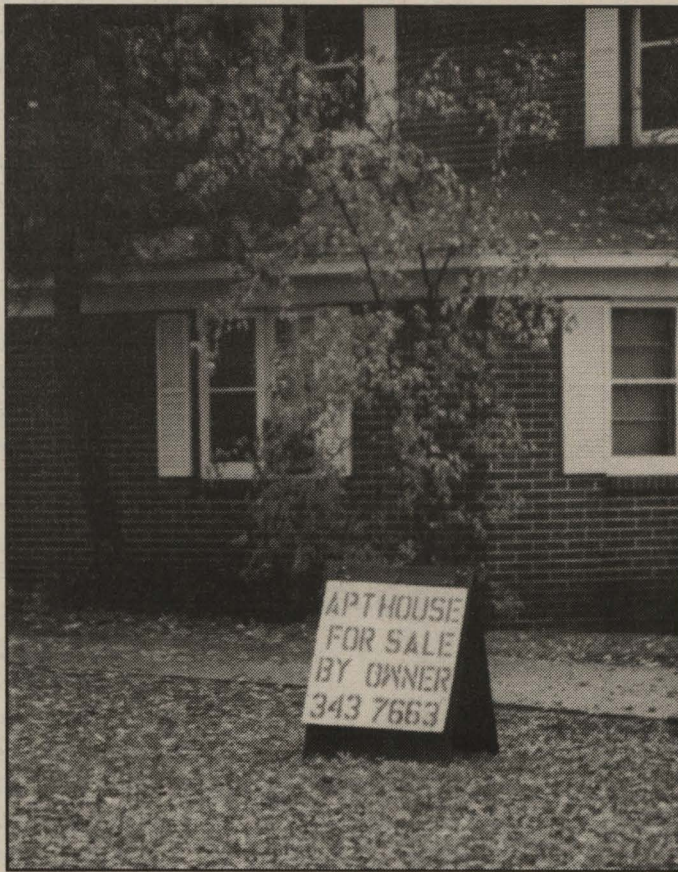


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While this apartment is for sale, most students will likely opt for simply leasing their living quarters for now.

What about the roof? Look at the ceilings for cracks or stains. If there are some, you could expect water damage and possibly a leaky roof.

The windows. Are they single or double paned? The more layers of glass, the more energy efficient the house. If there are only single paned windows, look for and ask about storm windows.

UWSP Disc Golf Club to hold first annual tournament Saturday

The UWSP Disc Golf Club is pleased to announce the inaugural Fall Mini for Sat., Oct. 27.

The tournament, consisting of one round of 18 holes, will be played at Standing Rocks County Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with action beginning shortly after the players meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Cost for club members is \$4 and \$5 for non-members. Participants can vie for the Ace Pool for only \$1.

The tournament will be broken into divisions for the novice, amateur, advanced and professional categories. There will be cash prizes and awards given to the top finishers in each division.

After the conclusion of the tournament and awards ceremony, participants are encouraged to stay for a chili cook-off.

A fundraiser including doubles and glow-in-the-dark play will wrap up the day's scheduled events.

The Stevens Point Area Flying Disc Association is hosting the event. For more information, contact Jeremy Volkening at jvolk941@uwsp.edu or at 344-1679.



Disc-Golf Club Photo

The target of disc golfers on Saturday.

Professor to reveal "desires of women"

Professor Emeritus Arthur Herman will discuss "What is it that woman most desires in all the world?" at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31 at UWSP.

The presentation in Room 128 Collins Classroom Center is open to the public without charge. It is sponsored by the department of philosophy's "Afterthoughts: Reflections by Emeritus Faculty."

Herman will explore what women desire most in the context of some critical reflections on power, authority and control. He will range over materials from King Arthur, Geoffrey Chaucer, Vedic and Upanisadic Hinduism and self-transformation. He also will talk about forgiveness.

Herman, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, began teaching in the philosophy department in 1965 and retired in 1997.

The title of his dissertation, later a book, "The Problem of Evil and Indian Thought," captures two of his primary interests: the religious-philosophical problem of evil – Does the

horror of evil and suffering in the world make belief in a beneficent Creator unjustified – and the philosophy of India.

Herman's course, Philosophy and Religion of India and China, was one of the most popular offered by the department, especially during the era of youthful spiritual searching in the early seventies. He was twice awarded the university's excellence in teaching award.

Herman was an active scholar during his tenure at UWSP, winning the university scholar award in 1993. He also published two translations of Sanskrit texts, "Indian Folk Tales" and "The Bhagavad-Gita: A Translation and Critical Commentary" and several other texts, "Problems in Philosophy: East and West," "An Introduction to Indian Thought," "The Ways of Philosophy: Searching for a Worthwhile Life," and most recently "Community, Violence, & Peace." He also has published upwards of 50 articles in scholarly journals.

Halloween high jinks abound

By Kristin Sterner
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It seems that each year around this time the nation sets up a magic trick. Suddenly, the warm tides of summer are swept away and the fierce rush of winter is forced upon us. Did Mother Nature really skip a step, or have people been hood-winked into worrying about the December festivities too early once again this year?

Christmas is just around the corner, according to every major mall and corporation who stands to gain a profit off this year's holiday season. What about Halloween, apple cider and jumping in piles of leaves? This fall, there are a lot of activities in the Stevens Point area that will bring those rosy-cheeked autumn memories flooding back into recollection.

Schmeekle Reserve has a few free or moderately priced outdoor activities and workshops for Halloween. Want to learn some traditional Halloween lore? Attend "Jack-O-Lanterns: From Turnips to Pumpkins" on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 7-8 p.m.. On Tuesday the 30th, hear creepy Wisconsin ghost stories from 6-7 pm at "Haunted Wisconsin." All events will take place at the Schmeekle Visitors' center, which is located on North Point Drive near Michigan Avenue.

Baldwin Residence Hall, locat-

ed on Isadore Street, will be hosting its 14th annual "Haunted Hall" from 7-8 p.m. (family hour) and 8:30-10 p.m. (hours of evil) on Friday, Oct. 26. For one dollar or a non-perishable food item, attendees are promised a spooky Halloween thrill. All proceeds from the event will go to the Red Cross or Operation Bootstrap, a non-profit organization that helps needy families make ends meet.

For those folks who like a good scare and crave more than a haunted hall, pile into the car and head towards Marshfield. The Nightmare is an annual operation put on at the Orbital just outside Marshfield. It is guaranteed to be a good scare. Get there early, as lines can get nearly three hours long as its popularity has spread. For information, log onto www.4anightmare.com or call 715-384-6552.

Need a break from costume parties and people trying to scare you? This Friday, Oct. 26th "Burnt Toast and Jam" will be playing at "The Keg," also located on Isadore Street. "Burnt Toast and Jam" is an acoustic/electric band that plays

long improvisational, instrumental jams. Call 344-4946 for more information.

If your Halloween week is booked solid, never fear, you have

two other options. You can visit Casey's Orchard. It is the only apple orchard in Portage County and is located by heading east on Hwy. 10 and turning right on Brilowski road

next to Wal-mart. From there, follow the signs. They sell about 6 varieties of apples, press their own cider and sell really nice (big and small) pumpkins.

You can also look into Schmeekle's scheduled line up of non-Halloween events as well. Learn the merits of composting at "Composting 101" from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. "Where the Wild Things Are", scheduled for Tues., Nov. 13 from 6-7 p.m., will give your wildlife watching a boost by teaching methods of attracting animals. Call 346-4992 to register or to receive information on any upcoming Schmeekle events.



The acoustic pop/satire artist Rob Paravonian plays UWSP Saturday

Chicago native Rob Paravonian brings a combination of music and comedy to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Paravonian's musical background began at age six when he learned to play the cello. He taught himself guitar while in high school and went on to play in a variety of high school rock bands. As a student at University of Southern California, Paravonian studied writing, focusing on short fiction and novellas. While at USC, he also discovered a new interest - comedy. He soon began performing comedy in cafes throughout Los Angeles.

In 1995 he began recording music and produced his first CD, "Don't Crowd the Plow." He followed up that studio release three years later with "American Cheese." A new studio CD, "Living it Down" is due out later this fall.

Rob brings to the stage the best of both worlds: he is a top notch comic with impeccable timing and he is a solid musician with extremely funny songs. He not only takes his audience on a hilarious ride, he takes comedy to another level.

His onstage personality is friendly and laidback while his material is sharp, clean and intelligent. Whether he is singing his own songs or deconstructing the ones on the chart, Rob uses music to get the laughs.

Paravonian has performed on Comedy Central and VH1 cable networks. He has been chosen three times as "Comedy Pick of the Week" by the *New York Post*.

The performance starts at 8 p.m. in the Encore. Admission is \$4 for the general public and free to UWSP students with a valid ID.

Paravonian's performance is sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions.

For more on Rob Paravonian, check out his Web site at www.paravonian.com.

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Pointers roll through Platteville in first round of WIAC championships

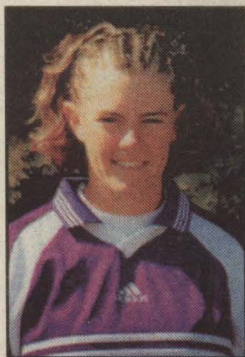
Jenny Bruce paces Pointers in first round of tournament

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer team continued their dominance over WIAC rivals on Tuesday with a 6-0 victory over UW-Platteville Tuesday at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.

UWSP advanced into the semifinals to face the 5th seeded UW-Whitewater Warhawks on Friday at 11 a.m. in Stevens Point.

The Pointers led by a scant 1-0 at half-time as sophomore forward Kelly Fink scored the lone first half goal with an assist from senior midfielder Mickey Jacob. Fink now has 21 goals this season, making her just the second player in UW-Stevens Point history to score over 20 goals in a season.



Bruce

"We came out lacking intensity in the first half, but after a little half-time pep talk, we came out with intensity in the second half and really kicked it into high gear," said Head Coach Sheila Miech.

The second half became the Jenny Bruce show, as the sophomore forward scored or assisted on all five of UW-Stevens Point's second half goals.

Bruce scored a goal just 1:23 into the second half off a pass from Jacob to give the Pointers a 2-0 lead. Eight minutes later, she found freshman forward Alyssa Souza in front of the net and then later sent a cross that Fink headed home to give the Pointers a 4-0 lead.

The high-scoring Bruce wasn't done yet, scoring a breakaway goal with an assist from freshman forward Melissa Becker at the 72:31 mark. Two minutes later, Becker scored her first goal of the season

off a corner kick by Bruce to give the Pointers a 6-0 advantage. Bruce's three assists tie an all-time WIAC tournament single-match record.

The Pointers held a 28-0 advantage in shots, firing 14 attempts in each half, while senior goalkeeper and captain Brianna Hyslop had another easy day of net-minding.

Miech attributed her teams slow start to their game against Macalester on Sunday saying "We came off a very emotional win on Sunday, and it's hard for any athletic team to get up for a game after going through what we went through."

Whitewater is coming off an emotional 2-1 victory at UW-La Crosse on Tuesday, and the team wants to avenge an 8-0 drubbing that the Pointers laid on them earlier in the year.

If they beat Whitewater, the Pointers will face the winner of the UW-Oshkosh/UW-Eau Claire game in the championship match, set for Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.



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Jenny Bruce takes the ball upfield in the Pointer's victory against Platteville on Tuesday in the WIAC tournament.

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UWSP Career Highlights

- Kicked game-winning extra point in win against La Crosse this season
- made touchdown-saving tackle against UW-River Falls this season
- kicked a 42-yard field goal against UW-Oshkosh this year

Major - Computer Information Systems

Hometown - Palm Springs, California

Most memorable moment -This whole season has been very memorable. I've loved being on a winning team and contributing this year.

Who was your idol growing up? - My brother. He has always been like a father to me and has always been there for me

What are your plans after graduation? - I want to find a job in my major, either here or on the West Coast, and possibly do web design. I also have a dream of playing professional football someday.

Will you continue with football at all after graduation? - Hopefully I'll have the opportunity to play professionally somewhere, possibly in the Arena League, the Canadian Football League or NFL Europe. If I get noticed, then who knows?

What is your favorite aspect of football? - The closeness of our team as a whole. When I came here from California, I didn't know anyone. The team really took me in and I loved that.

Most embarrassing moment - I missed the extra point after a touchdown earlier this year against Ohio Northern. I felt really bad because normally that is the easiest part of my job.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? I would be Martin Gramatica, the kicker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He's a great kicker and you know he loves being out there by how excited he gets. That would be me if I got the chance.

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. A good book
2. A friend
3. Definitely my football

What will you remember most playing football at UWSP? - Being part of something that is a total team effort.

Pointer swimmers open strong in South Dakota

Young teams start well against division II opponents

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

After an eight-hour bus ride and spending a restless night on the floor of a church, the last thing most people would want to do is jump in a pool. This is exactly what the UWSP swimming and diving team did this past weekend, traveling to Vermillion, S.D. to face Division II opponents University of South Dakota and University Nebraska-Omaha.

The Division III Pointers put up a good fight, with the women defeating South Dakota 141-90 before losing to Nebraska-Omaha 144-87. The young Pointer men's squad fell



Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer sophomore Matt Sievers on his way to a fifth place finish in the 200m individual medley in the Pointers meet in Vermillion, S.D. this past weekend

to South Dakota 144-94.

Senior Christine Sammons led the women's team by setting a pool record in the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:51.61. Sammons also placed

second in the 200m medley and was part of the winning 200m medley relay team with sophomore Alissa Bartz, freshman Lindsay Correll and junior Jen Randall. The talented

freshman Correll was also second in the 100m butterfly with the time of 1:10.47.

Junior diver Patricia Larson paced the UWSP spring-boarders with a second

place on the 3-meter and a third on the 1-meter.

On the men's side, the team had solid performances in the 100m freestyle, as sophomore Erik Johnson won the race in 54.19 seconds and freshman Aaron Marshall was a close second at 55.38 seconds. The 400m freestyle relay team of Johnson, Marshall, senior captain Anthony Harris and junior Eric Sands picked up the win in 3:38.24. Freshman Andrew Kanetzke also helped his team out by placing second in the 100m backstroke with a time of 1:03.08.

UWSP begins its conference season and defense of its back-to-back WIAC men's and women's titles Saturday with a dual meet at UW-Oshkosh.

Pointer football team suffers deja vu in Oshkosh

Defense struggles as team falls into tie for second place in WIAC

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

At this rate, the UWSP football team won't have any trouble remembering the Titans. For the second straight year, the Pointers fell to UW-Oshkosh by the score of 38-31 at a rain-soaked Titan Stadium.

The loss drops the Pointers' conference record to 2-2 and into a six-way tie for second place, behind the 3-1 Eau Claire Blugolds.

"We had a great opportunity to win a game and stay in first place, but it was a day when Oshkosh played well enough to win," said Pointer Head Coach John Miech.

Oshkosh jumped out early on the Pointers, as Titan safety Nick Carlson blocked Pointer freshman Cory Kahl's punt on UWSP's first possession, giving Oshkosh the ball at the Point 13 yard line.

"That blocked punt was a turning point in the game, because it put us back on our heels," said Miech. "To win in this league, you need to have strong support from special teams as well as your offense and defense. We had a let down on special teams that hurt us from the start."

Although the Pointer defense held the point and forced Oshkosh to turn the ball over on downs on their first possession, the mishap was just

the beginning of what turned out to be a miserable day for the Pointers.

After not being able to start anything on their second possession, UWSP's Kahl shanked a punt into the wind for only 19 yards, setting up a chip-shot 23-yard field goal for the Titans.

Oshkosh later scored when quarterback Alan Beversdorf hit tight end Chad Lindsley with a 16-yard touchdown pass to make the score 10-0 at the end of the quarter.

The Pointers finally got on the board early in the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Scott Krause weaved and darted his way through the Titan defense for a 45-yard score.

After trading touchdown drives to end the second quarter, UWSP went into halftime trailing by the score of 17-14.

Then the fireworks began. "The second half was just a shootout. That's what this league's all about," said Miech.

Titan halfback Matt Kimmeler began the second half by firing through the Pointer defense for a 73-yard touchdown run to make it 24-14. Pointer freshman fullback Kurt Kielblock answered, scoring on an 8-yard run and senior place-kicker Ricardo Vega's 42-yard field goal tied things up at 24-24. The field goal was the longest of Vega's career, along with being the Pointers' longest since 1996.

Oshkosh regained the lead on a 14-yard pass from

Beversdorf to Shannon King with 12:15 remaining. On their ensuing possession, the Pointers were driving with less than five minutes remaining when sophomore halfback Jason VanderVelden fumbled at the Titans' 35-yard line.

After trading punts, the Titans took over at midfield, and it only took three plays for Beversdorf to find King for a 48-yard touchdown to give the Titans a 38-24 lead. The touchdown was the first points UWSP has allowed in the final 12 minutes of any game this season.

Down by 14 points, UWSP went to their two-minute offense, which allowed Krause to hook up with freshman wide receiver Tony Romano on a beautifully timed fade route in the corner of the end-zone to bring the Pointers within a touchdown.

That touchdown proved to be the last time the Pointer offense would see the field, as Vega's onside kick attempt skipped out-of-bounds to preserve the victory for the Titans.

UWSP also lost standout senior left tackle Nick Van Cuyk to a season-ending ankle injury in the first half. A combination of sophomore Joel Hoell and junior Jeff Sieg will likely step in at tackle for the Pointers.

The Pointers return home this weekend to face a UW-Stout team that is now tied with the Pointers for second place in the conference. The game is at 1 p.m. at Goerke Field.

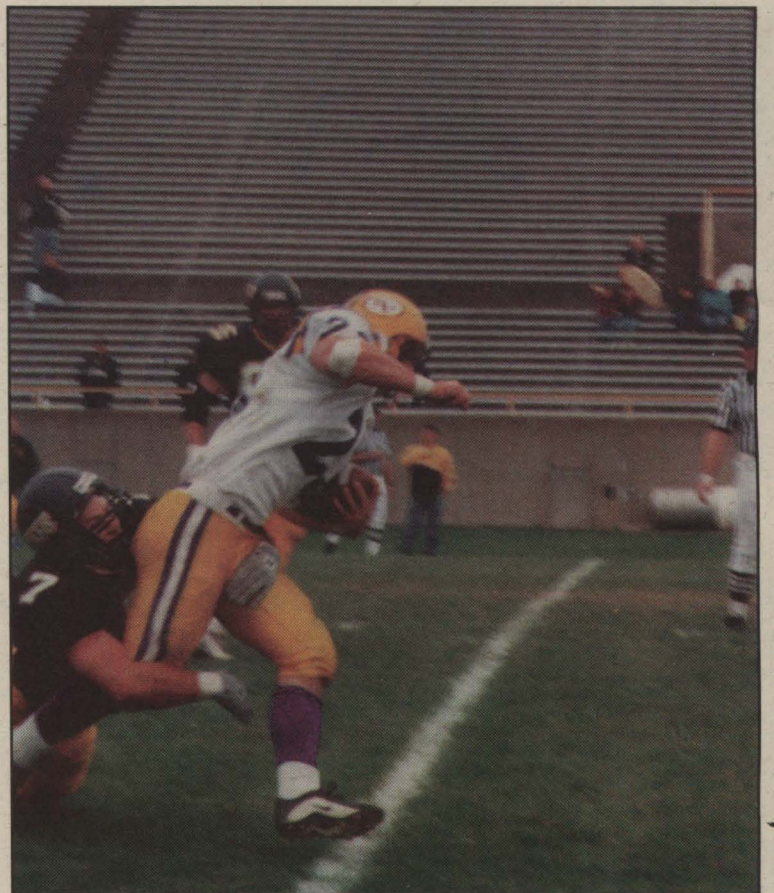


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Pointer halfback Jason VanderVelden runs for some tough yards against Oshkosh last Saturday



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Cross-country teams finally home

Teams prove depth as top runners take a break

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The top ten runners for both the UW-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams got the weekend off as Point hosted a dual meet against UW-Oshkosh. The men's team came away victorious placing three runners in the top five. The women's squad took second out of three teams just three points behind Oshkosh and 45 points ahead of Alverno College.

The men's team was led by Steve Tingum who finished second overall in the invite. Steve Gillespie and Cameron Cummings also finished in the top five overall coming in at third and fourth place. Andy Bednarik and Brad Seeley rounded out the top five runners for the Pointers.

"Steve Tingum has been with us for a long time and he has been pretty much injured for the past three years," said Coach Rick Witt. "He has managed to stick it out and on Saturday it paid off for him as he ran a great race."

The women's team defined the term pack running as their top five runners all finished next to each other finishing from fourth to ninth overall. The leading runner for the women's team was Bridget O'Malley, was followed by Jessi Bevers, Kim Kasieta, Tanya Simonis, Sara Franklin and Missy Kraemer.

"I thought the kids ran extremely well. They all worked extremely hard and ran a consistent race," said Coach Len Hill. "Bridget put together a solid

run and ran an extremely smart and complete race. Jessi Bevers also just laid it all on the line to run an excellent race."

The reason both teams held out their 10 best runners was to give them one final rest before the WIAC championships this weekend. The men's team is especially trying to get all their runners healthy including Curt Johnson who has been their top runner all season long but has been under the weather as of late.

"We're going to see how Curt is feeling because we want to bring him along slowly and make sure he is healthy for the regional in two weeks," said Witt. "The team is very well rested and I am expecting our team run very well, our conference is so tight that teams have lost the conference but won the regional."

The women's team had to overcome some hardships early on but the team is relatively healthy heading into the homestretch of their season. Just like the men's meet the women are in for a tough meet. They will be facing off against two of the top ten teams in the nation in UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh.

"Conference is very important because it is for all of the bragging rights. I think most of the injuries are behind us and we will do well," said Hill. "We have done a nice job bouncing back from when April (Halkoski) quit earlier. This has just been a fun team to coach and I am excited to see how they do on Saturday."

The conference championships will be held this Saturday in UW-Oshkosh.

Tennis ends season in Madison

By Amy Hamann
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's tennis team placed sixth out of seven at last weekend's WIAC tournament.

For the ninth consecutive year, UW-Oshkosh won the championship. The matches were played at Madison's Nielsen Tennis Stadium Oct. 20 and 21.

Stevens Point also placed sixth out of seven in the dual meet standings and overall WIAC standings.

Results of the tournament at number one singles: Debra Ashenbrenner (UW-Oshkosh), the third seed defeated Katie Pollock (UW-Stevens Point) seeded sixth, 6-2, 6-0 in round one. In round two, Tanya Petcher (UW-Stout), seeded seven, defeated Pollock (UWSP), 6-4, 6-3.

At number two singles

Leah Larson (UW-La Crosse) seeded number three defeated Aimee Streb (UWSP) seeded 6, 6-1, 6-3. In the second round, Petcher (UW-Stout) beat Streb (UWSP), 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Number three singles player Amber Wilkowski, seeded sixth, was defeated by UW-La Crosse's Jessica White, but went on to beat UW-Stout's Rachael Weber in the second round. Wilkowski lost in the third round to Diana Treu of UW-Oshkosh.

Gina Lamer, seeded six, made it to fifth place at number four singles. Also in fifth place was UWSP's Tiffany Serpico at number five singles. Number six singles player, Brenda Ambrosius, lost in round one, but went three sets in round two finally losing to UW-Stout.

Kristen Mader and Jessica

White (UW-La Crosse) seeded number two, defeated Pollock and Streb UWSP who were seeded number seven, 6-2, 6-4. The duo ended in fifth place. UWSP's number two doubles team of Wilkowski and Rachel Ferge, defeated UW-Oshkosh and UW-River Falls to claim third place. Jana Braam and Kim Goron, the number three doubles duo for UWSP, took fifth place, losing to UW-River Falls and UW-Oshkosh.

The 2001 WIAC Women's Tennis Championship is determined by using a combination of the regular season round-robin dual meet and the conference championship. The results for the regular season conference standings account for one-third, while the WIAC championship results account for the remaining two-thirds.

Spikers continue their late season slide

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team (6-16, 1-7) continued their late season skid as Wednesday's loss to UW-La Crosse stretched their losing streak to four games, including losing six of their last seven contests.

The pointers lost to La Crosse in straight games 30-17, 30-21 and 30-26. Jessica Parker was one of the bright spots on the evening for Point as she led the team with 12 kills, Lucy Fisher also had a solid match chipping in 27 assists.

"As the season has worn on, we have started to lose some of our focus and that is our biggest problem right now," said Head Coach Stacey White. "We really need to focus right now as a team. We just had four tough matches right in a row. We just lost one of our most consistent players for the season in Amy Schultz to a sprained ankle in practice. But right now we need to put that behind us and just concentrate on the task at hand."

The postseason is also just around the corner for the Pointers as they will be drawing the conference winner in the first round, UW-Whitewater. Whitewater is ranked number one in the country for Division 3 volleyball with a mark of 24-1. Despite the daunting task that lays ahead for Point, White remains optimistic.

"I think anything is possible in the tournament. Whitewater has already locked up a NCAA bid so they might not be as focused and if we play our best I know we can beat them," said White. "I have believed in this team all season long and now its up to them to make the difference."

Point will have one more tournament before the conference tournament this weekend as they will head to UW-Oshkosh for an invitational.

The Week Ahead...

FOOTBALL: UW-Stout Sat., 1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY: WIAC Championships at Eau Claire

VOLLEYBALL: At UW-Oshkosh Tournament Fri.-Sat., WIAC Tournament Quarterfinals vs. UW-Oshkosh Tue. 7 p.m.

SOCCER: Whitewater Fri. 11a.m., WIAC Tournament Championship Sat. 1 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING: At UW-Oshkosh Oct. 27, 1 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY: Elmira Fri.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

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Is it winter yet?

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

What a tease. The temperature consistently is dropping and rising. Some days are a hint of what's to come and others remind us of weather from this past summer. It's almost November and it's time to unleash the wild world of weather that we know as winter.

I, for one, love the cold weather and snow. I hear so many people talking about how they hate snow, or cold weather, or both, and it just confuses me to no end. Why even bother living in Wisconsin when the weather you hate is in full force for a good five months out of the year? Remember that you chose to come to school in Stevens Point. You could have picked another school in Illinois, or even Florida for that matter. But since you chose to stick with school in Stevens Point, you must accept the fact that what you ultimately hate is coming soon. And I can't wait.

I never could figure out why some people hate cold weather and snow. It's understandable if you hate to drive in snow, or you hate chiseling 2 inches of snow and ice off your car every morning. But to me, there's nothing like settling in with a mug of hot cocoa, watching a movie, and hearing the blizzard of a lifetime beating away at your window.

I've seen the extremes. I've sat on a bucket while icefishing in -10 degree temps (that's without the windchill, mind you) and caught absolutely nothing. Sure, it's lonely out there all alone because nobody is willing to freeze out on the lake and catch nothing, but I take pride in knowing that I at least tried and lived to tell about it.

I think a major factor as to why people hate the cold and snow is that they're too "fashion conscientious." For crying out loud, you need to wear a hat and gloves in the winter, and I'm not talking about a baseball cap and those super-thin little mittens that sell for \$2 at the gas stations. Wear a thick hat and gloves; it makes a world of difference. Also, that trendy little full-length sweater is not going to do the trick, ladies. I'm not saying that you have to resort to blaze orange jackets, but they'll surely work better than a sweater. And forget about sandals. I love my Tevas as much as the next tree-hugger, but there is a time and place for everything and now is definitely not the time for sandals, even with trendy wool socks.

The wind is another factor that really throws people off. All in all, the winter wind is what really packs the punch in Wisconsin. When shopping for warm clothes, keep this in mind. Open, thin or airy clothing just won't cut it. You need thick clothing that will stop the wind, or at least cut it down a little bit.

Dressing in layers is another crucial aspect to staying warm. When I go out in the winter, I usually wear a T-shirt, a long-sleeved shirt, another fleece or sweatshirt and my jacket in addition to my fleece hat, wool gloves and two pairs of socks. The best part of all this is that you actually begin to sweat before you get outside. Being out in subzero temperatures isn't nearly as bad when you're sweating.

I'm so ready for winter that I constantly keep an eye on the Weather Channel for big storms moving through. And wouldn't you know it, there's one moving through right now with a chance of snow on Thursday or Friday. I doubt we'll see much of anything yet, but just knowing that it's a possibility is exhilarating enough for me.

And to all of you who really despise cold weather, snow and winter in general, why? You'll be here for another few years and odds are that you'll be living the rest of your life in Wisconsin or somewhere else that has cold winters. It'd definitely be a good time to rethink your stance on the cold weather if you know you're going to be here for a long time.

But as for those of us who love the white fluffy stuff, it's coming. Unfortunately, not soon enough.

Never underestimate the recycling power of nature

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

My dorm room is a typical college dorm room. It has all the usual items found in dorm rooms: laundry strewn about the floor, books I don't even remember picking up at text rental, 10-day old uneaten rice sitting in a pot on the floor — all the usuals.

After shocking an unsuspecting friend who came for a visit, and tiring of tripping on all the crap, I decided it was time for a good old-fashioned cleaning. I chucked all my laundry in the corner, which took care of most of the problem. With the floor pretty much cleared, I was able to make it to the garbage can.

I pride myself in my practice of producing little waste. I recycle every little scrap of paper. I'm one of those crazy guys who cuts the plastic windows out of envelopes. I've made a trip to the recycling area several times so far this semester, but yesterday marked the first time I had to take out my trash.

In reality, I could have waited longer to take out my garbage. Most of the refuse I saw was granola bar wrappers, and those can be compacted quite small, but I was on a cleaning mission, and because I knew it may be months before I'm in another mood like that, I decided the garbage had to go. The bag in the can was at the bottom of the can under all the garbage.

I found a plastic bag I'd been saving (why throw it out when you can reuse it, right?) and began to empty the trash into the bag, when lo and behold I beheld an amazing sight. I remember, back in early August, looking at a bag of apples in the grocery store. I didn't know if I'd be able to eat them all, but I ended up buying the bag anyway. I didn't even put a dent in them, but somehow they made it along on the trip to my dorm room in early September. They sat on my floor (where else) for a week or two before I noticed they were getting "a little soft." I hate to throw out anything that biode-

grades, so I set the bag in the garbage can until I could take the apples into the woods where they could rot. That was over a month ago. Yesterday, the apples and I were reunited.

I had fared well over the course of a month. The apples, on the other hand, had not. Nature was taking its course. The apples were mush and there was "apple juice" all over the bottom of the can. I dumped the juice in the bathroom showers, but in hindsight, I should have bottled it and sold it to some unsuspecting student as a bottle of Woodchuck. I rinsed the garbage can, stuck it in the window to dry and took out the garbage. I came back to my room, flopped on the bed to relax and came to a shocking realization: my pumpkin was sitting on the floor. Will history repeat itself with another fruit? Only time will tell.

"I'm one of those crazy guys who cuts the plastic windows out of envelopes."

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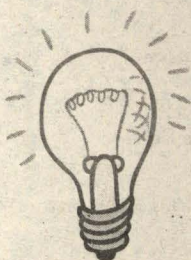
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If you've got a really great fishing or hunting story to share, please submit it! If you're in an environmental group on campus, we'd like to hear from you!



Time to prepare for T-Zone

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The T-Zone deer season recently began, so last Sunday I decided it was finally time to make sure my deer rifle was accurate. My friend had made some minor adjustments to my scope because the crosshairs weren't quite straight with the world, so I didn't know if the scope would be accurate. Neither of us has a bore-sighter, so I decided to take a shot at close range before heading to Dewey Shooting Range, where the closest target is 25 yards.

I picked up my rifle and drove to "a little place I know" where I can shoot. The only problem was, I didn't have a target. Hmm. I pondered what I had in the back of my truck, a.k.a. the trash can, that could serve as a target. I'm usually pretty resourceful, but try as I might, I couldn't think of anything ... until my eyes focused on last week's issue of *The Pointer*. My eyes lit up. Using *The Pointer* as a target is probably sacrilegious, considering I write for the newspaper, but I didn't have a choice.

I opened the paper, read Pat Rothfuss' column, chuckled to myself, then staked the paper down with a couple of sticks. What page did I shoot at? The editorial page. (Nothing personal, Josh, I just happened to open to that page. Seriously.)

As I walked to the dirt pile with the paper in hand before I set it up as a target, I heard scratching in the leaves. I was totally convinced the noise was made by a grouse, but I ignored it. As I returned to my truck, however, the bird flushed right next to me.

That burned. Actually it was the third grouse I'd flushed that day, and I wasn't even hunting. However, my shotgun just happened to be in my truck. Seeing that the grouse didn't go far, I went after it. The cover was narrow and I knew it wouldn't be hard to find the bird. However, try as I might, I couldn't flush it.

I headed back to my truck to call it quits when the bird flushed. It flew right in the open. There wasn't a twig in between us. Ha ha! This was going to be too easy, I thought. Somehow, some way, I missed the first shot.

I recovered and concentrated on the second shot, expecting to see the bird fold. I missed again! By the third shot, the bird was almost going straight away, but it was still in the open. I pulled the trigger ... and the bird kept going!

It was the most disgraceful performance in the history of grouse hunting. The odds of getting a single shot at a grouse, much less a shot at a grouse in the open, much less THREE shots at a grouse in the open, are astronomical.

But I saw where the bird landed and I gave chase. The bird held extremely tight and it wasn't until the third pass (each pass was within 20 yards of the bird) that it flushed. This time the bird presented a shot more typical of grouse hunting: tons of brush and little bird to shoot at. My fourth shot was a different story. It wasn't because I missed again.

I stormed back to the truck, (I was still only 15 yards from it) cased the damn shotgun and shot the rifle. At least I can still hit something with that.

Gypsy moth workshop coming to Point

Officials from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will conduct a workshop on how to recognize and destroy gypsy moth egg masses on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in a forested area adjacent to St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, located at the corner of Patch and Indiana Streets in Stevens Point. DATCP Secretary Jim Harsdorf will speak briefly about the gypsy moth situation in Wisconsin.

The site was chosen because it illustrates the important role citizens play in the battle to stop the spread of the destructive gypsy moth.

DATCP gypsy moth Trapping Coordinator Chris Whitney said an alert cemetery visitor reported the infestation to DATCP last summer.

"That's exactly what we hope people will do," Whitney said. "We place traps at regular intervals in every county of the state, but this infestation occurred between traps. If it hadn't been called in, we probably wouldn't know about it and the site wouldn't be considered for treatment next spring."

Whitney said crews would visually inspect seven other Stevens Point locations for gypsy moth egg masses where trap catches indicate a potential problem.

At the workshop, Melody Walker and Chris Lettau of DATCP's plant pest and disease section will point out gypsy moth egg masses on trees surrounding the cemetery, and will also demonstrate techniques for removing and disposing of them.

"Property owners can take some simple steps to protect their trees," Walker said. "We'll be there to show them how."

The gypsy moth feeds on the leaves of many varieties of trees and shrubs in its caterpillar form and is capable of doing a lot of damage—even killing trees. It's rapidly becoming established in Portage County, according to Walker.

"The Patch Street site is loaded with egg masses that will produce thousands of leaf-eating caterpillars next spring," Walker said.

Walker said the gypsy moths that laid the eggs at the cemetery were likely brought there from elsewhere.

For more information on the workshop, call 800-642-MOTH. For general information about the gypsy moth in Wisconsin, visit DATCP's web site by logging on to wisconsin.gov and entering "gypsy moth" in the search box.

Outdoor EdVentures course in Point

Outdoor EdVentures is sponsoring a 16-hour, hands-on Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course in Stevens Point from Nov. 17 to Nov. 18. This intensive backcountry medical training course will show students how to deal with medical emergencies when they are miles from help and dialing 911 is not an option.

Wilderness Medicine differs from traditional first aid in three

respects. First, transport times are measured in hours and days rather than minutes, so many phases of patient care that usually occur in a hospital must be carried out in the field. Second, severe environments dramatically increase the complexity of any emergency and heighten risks to patients and rescuers alike. Third, limited equipment makes improvisation and resourcefulness essential.

These issues and more will be addressed by professional instructors from Wilderness Medical Associates, leaders in the field of wilderness medical training. Classes are fast-paced with an emphasis on practical skills. Mornings are devoted to lectures, while afternoons and evenings are spent outside working on everything from stretcher construction to full-scale rescue simulations. A number of realis-

tic simulations, complete with fake wounds and stage blood, will be conducted. Past students commonly report on real-life rescues that "felt just like a simulation."

This course is recommended for all outdoor professionals and enthusiasts who spend time in

remote areas. Graduates will be certified by Wilderness Medical Associates. Call UWSP's Outdoor EdVentures and ask for Megan Peifer at 346-3848 for logistical and pricing information or Wilderness Medical Associates at (888) WILD-MED for curriculum information.

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By Dr. Pat Rothfuss

DOCTOR OF LOVE

So you've finally met someone. They're attractive, they're charming. You share common interests. You feel an almost mystical attraction when you're together. You've never known it could be like this.

So fine. Stop reading now. This week's column isn't for you. Make sure to tune in three weeks from now for my column titled: How to Deal With the Unbearable Shittyness of Your Life After Being Dumped by Your One True Love.

As for the rest of you, I'm guessing that you've met someone who meets the above criteria, but you haven't been able to approach them because you're shy.

Believe it or not, this is usually for the best. You see, you're shy for good reason: you're socially retarded.

No offense, you're my readers and I love you. But if you're reading this col-

umn, (or in the case of Greek fraternity members, having it read to you) I'm guessing you don't have the social skills necessary to play fetch, let alone attract a prospective mate.

And if that's the case, there's really only one romantic option left open to you. Stalking. **

Stalking has received something of a bad reputation ever since I was arrested for chaining myself naked to that confessional a couple years back. But most of that is just bad press. Stalking has a long and glorious history.

While the term "stalking" is a recent one, the art of stalking is ancient indeed. Historic stalkers include: Giacomina Casanova, Cyrano de Bergerac, Winston Churchill, St. Thomas Aquinas and Winnie the Pooh.

Perhaps the oldest story of stalking comes from the book of Genesis wherein a young boy (Jacob) falls in love with a

young girl (Rachel). Since Jacob lacks the courage to approach the girl and ask her out to coffee, he instead works in Rachel's father's shop for 14 years and goes to such lengths as marrying her sister before he achieves every stalker's true desire and gets to see her naked in the shower.

Some idealistic stalkers hope for more. It's every true stalker's dream that they will be accidentally discovered by their stakee and finally recognized as the sweet, sensitive, socially retarded person that they really are.

So while you're waiting for that to happen, here's some tips that will hopefully keep you out of jail.

- Never stalk someone bigger than yourself (This includes all women's rugby players by default.)
- Resist the temptation to stalk roommates or siblings.
- Stalk only animate objects, preferably human ones.



- While stalking often awakens artistic instincts, the results should not always be sent to your stakee. Poems are often well received. Sculptures made from dead cats are marginally less successful. Use careful judgement.

That's all you need to get started. Good luck, and remember: True love lasts forever, and so do blood stains. I don't really know what this is supposed to mean, but it's the advice my mom gave me before I went on my first date. I just thought I'd pass it along.

***While stalking has traditionally been a male-dominated sport, I personally encourage women to try their hand at it. Some of the most touching stalkings I've seen in recent years have been female ones. It warms my heart to see the modern woman stalking with such enthusiasm and creativity. To those of you who stalk, Good Job! To those of you that don't: I hope you realize that you're the ones standing in the way of gender equality.*

CD Review

Toploader

Onka's Big Moka

By Coleen Courtney

90FM MUSIC DIRECTOR

Heralded by Q magazine as "Britain's second biggest new band" (Coldplay is apparently the first), Toploader has in fact been casually jamming together since 1997. The five-member group features Joseph Washbourn on vocals, piano and organ; Dan Hipgrave on rhythm and acoustic guitar; Julian Deane on lead guitar and backing vocals; Rob Green on drums and percussion; and Matt Knight on bass guitar. *Onka's Big Moka*, named after a Papuan tribal practice, is close to selling one million copies after six months on the market. Best described as the halfway point between Jamiroquai's modern disco and Ben Folds Five's eloquent songwriting, Toploader is heavily working British clubs. The band was nominated this year for Best Band and Best Newcomer at the Brit Awards.

In 1999, the band began working on a cover of King Harvest's 1972 hit "Dancing in the Moonlight." The track was released in early 2000 but was slow to receive support until it appeared on *Onka's Big Moka*. The single, easily the friendliest and best track on the album, has

received constant airplay from 90FM. A earful of the opening keyboards and Washbourn sassing, "We get it on most every night/ When the moon is big and bright/ It's a supernatural delight/ Everybody's dancing in the moonlight" cheers up anyone's cranky day.

New singles off *Onka* include "Achilles Heel" and "Only for a While." British fans sing louder than Washbourn on the rhythmic, piano-enhanced "Achilles Heel." "I feel love flow like a river flow/ You and I standing still/ You are my Achilles heel." "Only for a While" combines a constant guitar with the soothing lyrics, "Time will pass it's only mild/ You've got to ease your mind for awhile." "Higher State" cheerfully chants, "Don't fret, get high, there's a new dawn that says hi/ The higher state."

Onka's Big Moka is the first album I have been fanatically enthusiastic about since the beginning of the school year. It's safe to say I am obsessed. Peacefully uplifting with wonderful lyrics and music, *Onka* is definitely a wonderful choice for any music fan.



Concert Update

Thursday Oct. 25

Hudson Falcons-UW-Madison-7 p.m.
The Hip To That Quintet-Mission Coffee House-8 p.m.
Grandpa's .38-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26

Absinthe Blind and Descent-Mission Coffee House-8 p.m.
Burnt Toast & Jam-The Keg-9:30 p.m.
The Danger Project-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Reptile Palace Orchestra-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Halloween Open Mic-Witz End-9 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2

Little Horse-UC Encore-8 p.m.
You're Pretty and Descent-Mission Coffee House-8 p.m.
The Hip To That Quintet-The Keg-9:30 p.m.
The Dangers-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Samoni-The Keg-9:30 p.m.
Irene's Garden-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

R&B heroes release new album

We're all in agreement that the O'Jays are living legends. We also agree that the term "living legend" is often overused and abused, but with the O'Jays, well, there's a little argument that the honorable tag truly applies. Now this storied trio adds yet another cornerstone to their impressive track record with *For The Love...*, their first effort of the new millennium and for MCA Records. You'll also agree, after absorbing the ten songs on this masterpiece, that *For The Love...* stands shoulder to shoulder with the best this trio has ever recorded.

With their place in modern music history on lock, The O'Jays could have cruise-controlled to that comfy hammock on a sandy beach, umbrella-decorated drinks in hand - and fans would have been cool with it. Why? (1) An ocean-wide body of work that spawned 24 Top 10

smashes and 59 total charted songs. (2) Incredibly energetic and dynamic live shows. (3) Mad respect for their Olympian vocals. And (4) their social and political impact on generations and nations.

But doing things slowly is not Eddie Levert, Walter Williams and Eric Grant's modus operandi. After more than 40 years making such international hits as "Back Stabbers," "For the Love of Money" and "Love Train." The O'Jays are light years away from easing up on the gas. And like fine wine, The O'Jays just improve with time.

For The Love... reflects The O'Jays uncompromising stance on love. Walter recalls the journey that brought the act to MCA Records: "We recorded most of the material in the fall of 2000, and we shopped it and shopped it. Some people heard it and



some didn't, others were afraid to put their money where their mouths were. Gerald and our attorney, John Kellogg, were in Los Angeles doing business and had (MCA Sr. VP Operations) Steve Corbin listen to a CD of what we recorded. Fortunately for us, Steve liked it and wanted to do business with us."

For The Love... is a release of inner musical urges that had been simmering within the group, and now all the emotions are released for their fans to enjoy and make love by. "It's The O'Jays finally getting a chance to express themselves in a romantic sense," Eddie concludes. "The message on *For The Love...* is love; love in a relationship, jealousy love, long-distance love, trying to find love." Walter concurs: "Love is the message. I think it's a great message and hopefully, we conveyed it properly."

Upcoming DVD Releases

Oct. 30

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Nov. 6

A Muppet Family Christmas
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Anzio
Baby Boy Special Edition
The Blue and the Gray
Doctor Zhivago
Legally Blonde
The Prince of Tides
Remains of the Day
The Sopranos: Season 2
Star Trek: The Motion Picture
Subway

Upcoming Film Releases

Thursday, Oct. 24

Bones-starring Snoop Dogg, Pam Grier and Michael T. Weiss

Saturday, Oct. 26

13 Ghosts-starring Tony Shalhoub and Embeth Davidtz
High Heels and Lowlifes-starring Minnie Driver and Mary McCormack
Van Wilder: Party Liaison-starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid
On the Line-starring James Lance Bass and Joey Fatone
K-PAX-starring Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges and Mary McCormack

Sunday, Oct. 27

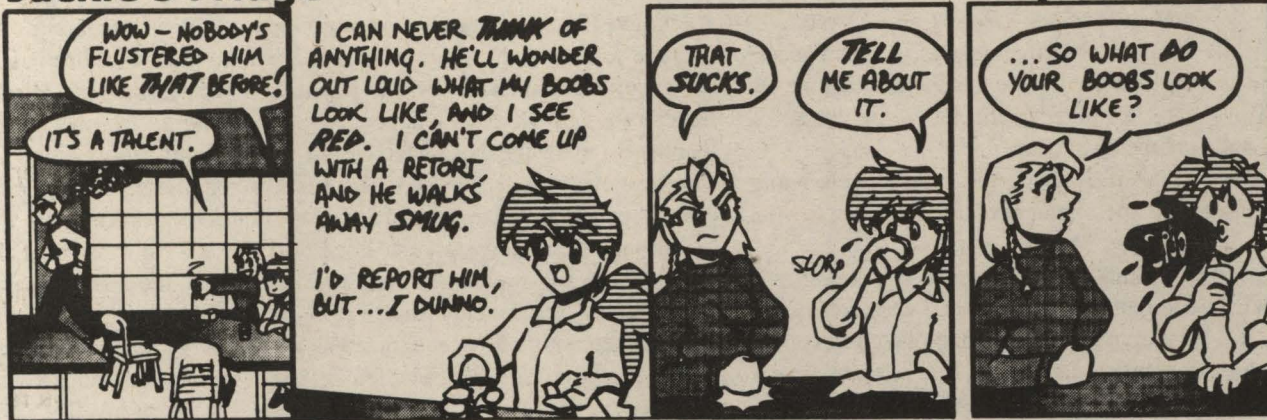
Out of the Flying Pan-starring Arthur Rosenberg and Guy Vieg

Wednesday, Oct. 31

The Man Who Wasn't There-starring Billy Bob Thornton
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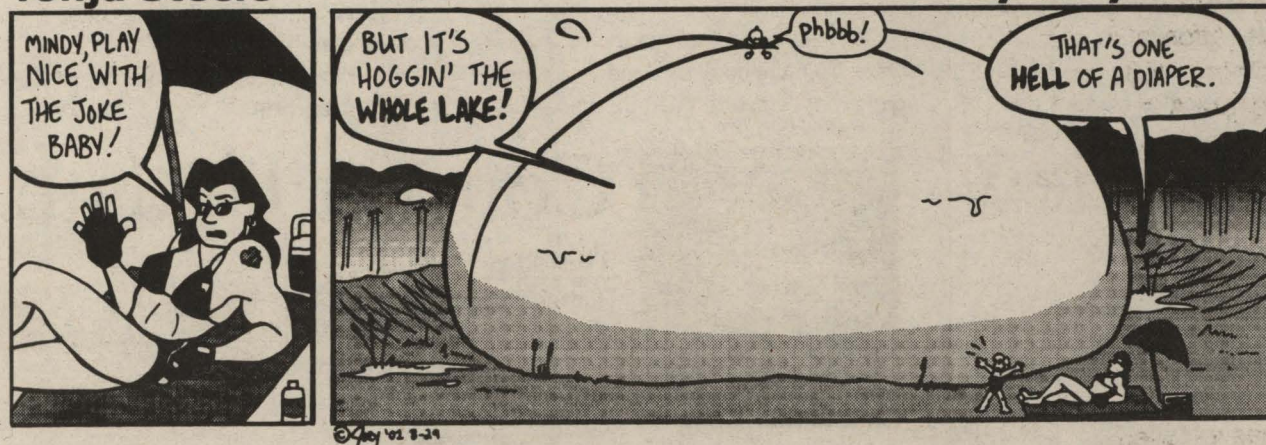
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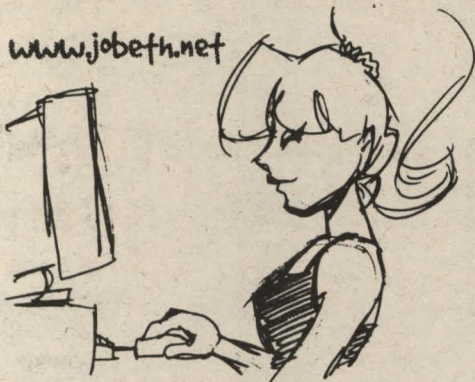


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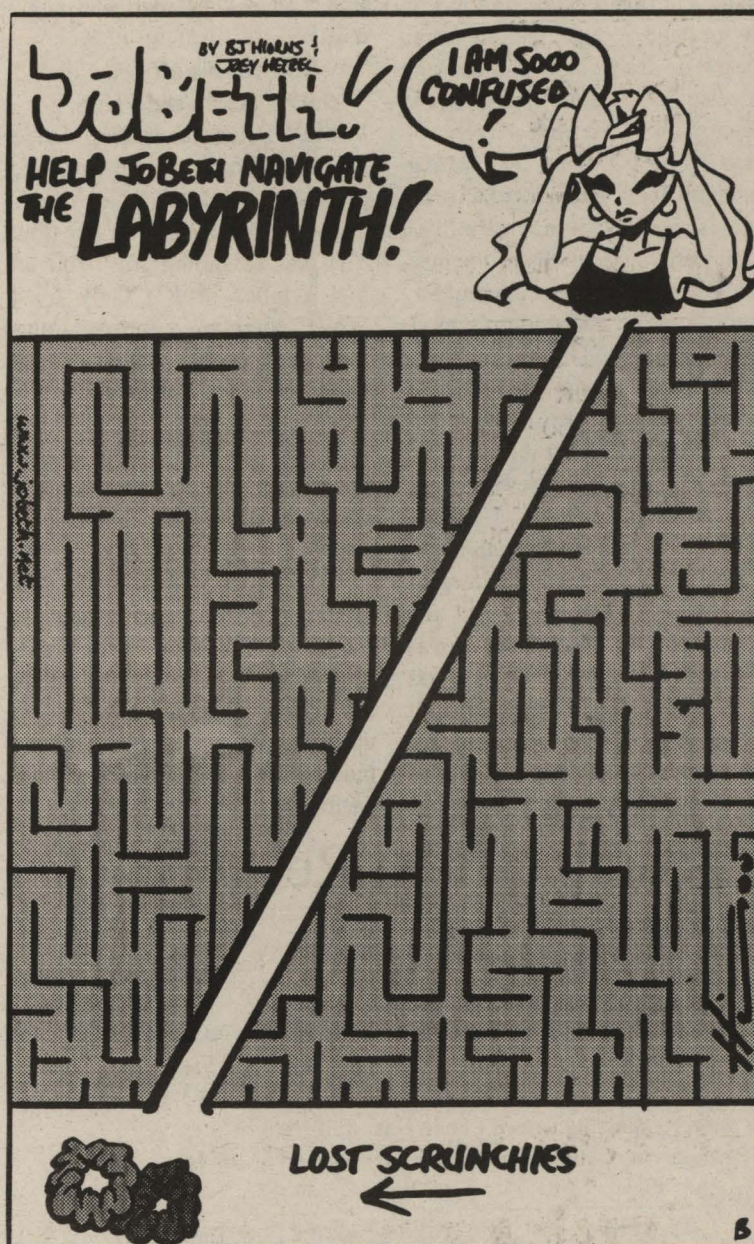


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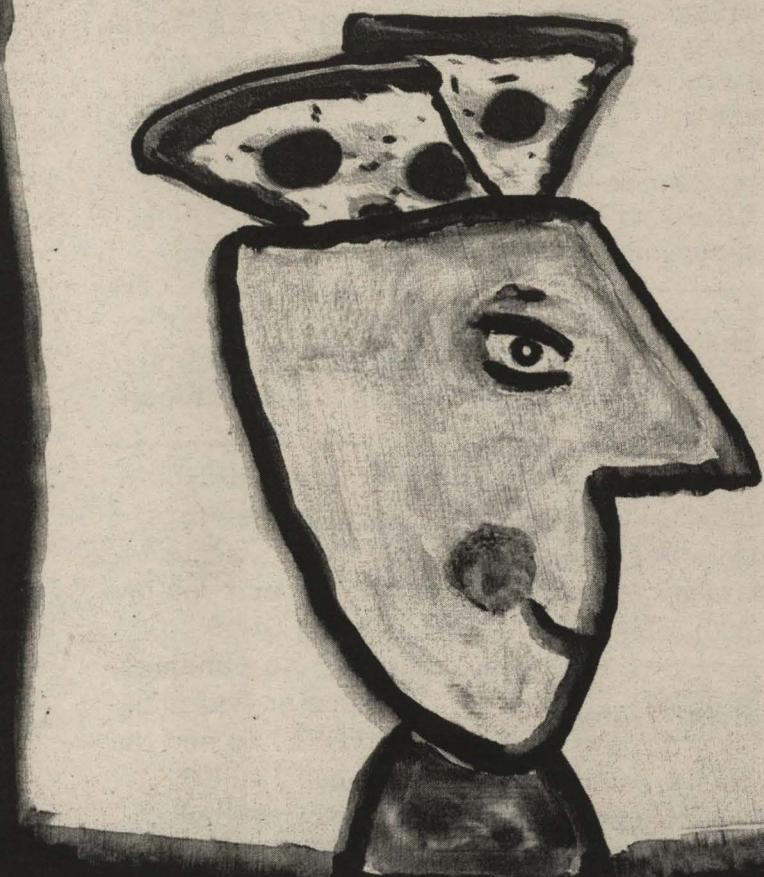
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