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Leaves are starting to turn colors with the changing of the seasons.

Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Islamic myths dispelled

Al-Akhras promotes tolerance and understanding between Muslims and other cultures

By John Adams
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Ahmad Al-Akhras, President of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), spoke to a packed Alumni room Tuesday, delivering a message of tolerance and understanding and of bridging the gap between Muslims and other cultures.

"The reason I call [Islam] the misunderstood religion is because it truly is misunderstood in the United States," said Al-Akhras. "... There are close to seven million Muslims in the United States, yet sometimes if you ask a mainstream person, Christian or Jewish or other religions person, 'what do you think about Islam?' at one point or another they will say something that comes from the media."

Al-Akhras said that much of the misconceptions of the Islamic faith stem from misrepresentations and poor reporting in newspapers and television.

"I hope that I can dispel some of the myths about Islam," he said. "We need to learn from each other and bridge the gap and work with each other so that we can understand each other."

The audience listened closely as the Palestinian talked about his faith and culture and its place in America and the world.

"He was really eloquent," said student Sara Fisher. "It was all common sense stuff, but he presented it in a way that really made you think harder."

Other students echoed Fisher's sentiments.

"I think it was a positive atmosphere," said Laura Fisher. "We were a little afraid that some people would come here with bad attitudes, but everyone just listened."

Al-Akhras moved to the United States fifteen years ago when fighting in the Middle East forced his family out of their homeland of Palestine. Since then, he says he has been a proud citizen of the U.S.

"Muslims do not hate Americans," Al-Akhras said. "There are seven million Muslims that are Americans. I live here and I raised my family here. I love

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Al-Akhras

Survey distributed to gain students' input on issues

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

It's important that UW Stevens Point students fill out and send in the Portage County Comprehensive Plan Community Survey they received or will soon receive in the mail, according to

one Portage County Planning and Zoning official.

The survey looks at population trends. For example, it covers most of the facets of county life, including housing concerns, general development and agriculture and other issues. The effort is a result of the state's new Smart

Growth Law, enacted by former Gov. Tommy Thompson.

The survey might be confusing because of a printing error. The survey is due by Friday, Oct. 5, instead of the Friday, Sept. 21, listed. Students who receive the survey will be getting cards from the printing company stating the

error. The commission requests students call to get another survey if they threw it away, thinking it was already due. Thirty thousand copies of the survey are being distributed throughout Portage County.

"The students account for over 30 percent of Stevens

Point's population," said Jeff Schuler, senior planning consultant at the Portage County Planning and Zoning Department. "We think it's a very important segment of the county to hear from."

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Assembly speaker stresses diversity

Low number of students and teachers attend

By Carol Seavey
NEWS REPORTER

"A collective mixture characterized by differences and similarities," is how Betty Garcia-Mathewson defines diversity.

Garcia-Mathewson spoke at the University Assembly last Thursday. She discussed diversity and focused on the need for a change in personal commitment.

"She really detailed things out, saying this is how we can become more diverse," said Michelle Fitch, junior. "She had some really good points but I was disappointed that

more students didn't support it."

This was the fourth annual University Assembly and it had low attendance compared to other years. Approximately 215 students and faculty attended.

"I didn't think that I got into it because we'd been through so much diversity stuff already so we weren't the ones who needed it," said Dustin Walz, sophomore.

According to Garcia-Mathewson, two things need to happen for there to be a change.

The systems need to reevaluate their structure and access changes, she said. There also needs to be a continuation of skill development around diversity.

"We look at diversity with an understanding that none of our organizations work for 100% of the people," Garcia-Mathewson said.

As life gets more diverse, it becomes more complex, she added. The more complex things get the more tension there is. But diversity benefits when we work through the tension.

"As I learn more and more about others, I learn more about myself," Garcia-Mathewson said.

The next step to becoming personally diverse is having diversity mature, she said. This is gained by reflecting, engaging, conversing and being in uncomfortable

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Photo by Lyndsay Rice
Elementary students demonstrated "science in action" teaching methods to future teachers in education classes Tuesday morning.

Diversity

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situations. When one feels comfortable in these situations they have diversity maturity.

All of this comes from group identities, Garcia-Mathewson said. Group identities branch from race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economics, age and education. In an organization or work place group identities come from title, rank, or tenure. All of the dimensions of who we are make up diversity.

The dominant identity is the majority of people who are comfortable being themselves, she added. We need to look internally at ourselves and think of someplace that we know we matter. That is a place where we are not conscious of our differences.

However, when we are someplace where we do not feel comfortable or like we belong, we feel marginalized, Garcia-

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with the passage of the 1999-2001 state budget bill.

In order to comply with the new law, every community in the state must develop a comprehensive plan and modify existing land use related ordinances, like zoning and subdivision regulations, to be consistent with the plan by Jan. 1, 2010.

"Students may think, 'I'm here, then I'm gone again,'" Schuler said. "The university is

Mathewson said. We notice our differences and hold back, as not to let those differences show.

"I truly believe that the nature of people is to be connected."

— Garcia-Mathewson

Entire groups of people that feel marginalized or excluded are called subordinate groups.

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Students who attended the

part of the county, and we need to get its perspective."

The Portage County Planning and Zoning Department is also working at scheduling a workshop titled "Hopes and Concerns" to be held at the university sometime in the near future. At the workshop students will be able to talk one-on-one with consultants about concerns they have over issues not addressed on the survey.

"We need to hear from as many people as possible to make this work," Schuler said.

assembly had mixed feelings about Garcia-Mathewson's message.

"I like how she focused on celebrating differences instead of making everyone the same," said Eric Fee, senior.

"She pushed a lot of personal stories onto us but they didn't have meaning to us," Walz added.

"I think it was a good topic for some people, but not the entire university, as an assembly speaker should be," said B. J. Hersmen, junior.

Garcia-Mathewson has been involved in community development and social justice issues for over 20 years. Her specialty is systems change and she currently coordinates the Cornell Migrant Program's School Diversity Project.

The comprehensive plan is in its beginning stage. Right now the committee is working at getting people's input about issues in Portage County. Then they will come up with an overall vision for the plan. Based on this they will come up with policies to help guide growth. Finally, they will implement the plan.

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Graduate exams to be held October 20

Graduate Exams in Education will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Room 116 of the College of Professional Studies. The registration due date is on Friday, Sept. 28. Students in the Master of Science in Education-Elementary Education and Master of Science-General programs can participate in the exams. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 24 graduate credits toward their degree and those credits must include the required component courses. Further information may be obtained by contacting staff members in Education Graduate-Advising.

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Sudevan elected chair of Faculty Senate

Professor Padmanabhan Sudevan was elected to chair the UWSP Faculty Senate during the 2001-2003 academic years. A specialist in cognitive psychology, attention, performance and perception, he directs the psychophysiology section of the Lloyd Beck Laboratory in the Department of Psychology.

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Your Only Alternative

Teacher forum to discuss energy

Teacher Educators Networking For Energy and Environmental Education will bring about 30 faculty members from 15 colleges and universities across the state to UWSP Thursday, Sept. 27 through Saturday, Sept. 29. The program includes discussions of environmental education on the state and national level. In addition, there will be a tour of the ReNew the Earth Institute located in Custer. The 4,200 square foot building incorporates energy efficient features such as working solar and wind energy systems.

Campus Beat**Burroughs Hall**

Thursday, Sept. 20 10:48 a.m.

Someone threw a baby stroller at a student's window, shattering an exterior panel of glass.

Health Enhancement Center

Thursday, Sept. 20 11:50 p.m.

A student reported that his black Champion backpack had been taken from the bleachers in the Quandt Gym.

Debot Circle

Friday, Sept. 21 2:58 a.m.

A person in a group of people standing in the circle near Steiner Hall flicked a cigarette at a Protective Services squad car.

Neale Hall

Saturday, Sept. 22 8:22 a.m.

A Community Advisor reported vandalism in the second floor bathroom.

Off Campus

Saturday, Sept. 22 10:15 p.m.

An officer driving to work observed a person staggering badly across Division Street on 4th Avenue. The officer had to move over in the lane, fearing the person would walk into the vehicle.

Lot F

Saturday, Sept. 22 10:20 p.m.

Someone reported that an individual punched him in the stomach and then tried to steal his wallet.

Schmeeckle Reserve

Sunday, Sept. 23 1:05 a.m.

Two males on top of the hill just south of the Shelter House were lighting a bong or pipe.

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America."

As the evening went on, Al-Akhras talked about Islam and its basic beliefs. According to Al-Akhras, Islam, like most of the world's religions, is a religion of peace, mercy and forgiveness. The word itself means peace, and the religious translation means "submission to the will of God."

"We believe in one, unique God," he said. "It is the same God that's worshiped by Christians, Jews and Muslims."

So where do we get phrases like, "Muslim terrorists" or "Islamic fundamentalists?" Al-Akhras asked. Stereotypes in the media, on airlines and by some leaders of this country all fuel anti-Islamic sentiments.

He cited numerous newspaper and television reports in which journalists reported their perceptions or stereotypes of Islam. One U.S. News & World Report article contained quotes like, "Islam...originated in

Arabia and it survives in Arabia in its purest and most virulent form," he said.

Al-Akhras gave over 20 other examples of stereotyping and irresponsible reporting by the media that has lead to "Arabphobia" and anti-Muslim attitudes, including one interview with Rep. John Cooksey (R-LA) in which he made this remark: "If I see someone that comes in, and has got a diaper on his head and fan belt rapped around his head, that guy needs to be pulled over and checked."

"If people with the most power on earth say these kinds of things to their constituents, well then I do not blame someone who backlashes on a Arab or Muslim or Jew, or anyone for that matter," Al-Akhras said. "Because if these are our leaders, saying these kinds of hate speech, what can I expect from people like me and you?"

He continued by saying that the main problems come from

misinformation, unchallenged stereotypes, the idea that American Muslims and Arabs are not trustworthy, passenger profiling on airplanes and most of all, unbalanced media coverage.

"There are no Muslim terrorist," he said. "Just like some-

unlawful incident emanating from their communities, and irresponsible reporting that twists the realities and complexities of the Muslim world needs to be stopped, he said. There are opportunists who exploit the misery and hysteria of the public.

"I think it was enlightening to hear from a Muslim," said Matt Filipiak, student and Third Ward representative. "You hear so much of the propaganda and non-stop media coverage. I'm almost ashamed to be an American sometimes, yet now I'm inspired to work on bringing people together for peace and unity."

Although Stevens Point has very few Muslims, the town and university seem to some to be tolerant of those who do live here.

Shabbar Razvi is studying computer information systems and is Muslim.

"No one has given me a

hard time," Razvi said after the presentation. "I've had a lot of people come up to me and ask me how I am doing."

Razvi also gives speeches on campus about Islam in America.

"[Al-Akhras] was fantastic," he said. "I'm glad I came to this. I'm going to take points I heard tonight and share them at my lectures."

At the end of the presentation, Al-Akhras gave listeners a chance to ask him questions. Many members were eager to learn more and offer help in educating the community on Islam.

"If you want to know something about Islam, ask a Muslim," Al-Akhras said. Don't be afraid. If there can be anything good about the last two weeks, it's that there is now an opportunity for an open dialogue."

"There is no Muslim terrorist."

— Al-Akhras

one who bombs an abortion clinic isn't a Christian terrorist or a Jewish terrorist. Anyone who commits an act of terrorism in the name of a religion is not following the teaching of that religion."

The challenges that American's face are big, Al-Akhras said. Muslims, Christians and Jews need not defend every

Islam in America

Facts on the "misunderstood religion"

— Over seven million Muslims live in America; they come from different ethnic backgrounds and national origins.

- There are 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide.**
- Islam is the fastest growing religion in the U.S. and around the world.**
- It is now believed to be the number two religion in America.**
- By the year 2025, it is estimated that one in four people on earth will be a Muslim.**
- There are almost 2,000 mosques, Islamic schools and Islamic centers in America.**

Information provided by CAIR

See news happening.
 Call The Pointer at
 346-2249. Ask for
 Casey or John.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CAMPUS SAFETY WEEK

Cardio Center: Yoga, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Room 003, Allen Center
 Student Government and Residence Hall Associations presents: Drunk

Driving Speaker - MADD, 7:00 PM, Room 113, UC

CP! Concerts presents: Allison Moorer, 7:30 PM, The Encore, UC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CAMPUS SAFETY WEEK

Tennis, Ripon College (A), 3:00 PM

CP! Centers Cinema presents: Along Came a Spider, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM, 073, Debolt Center

CP! Club/Variety presents: Dash For Dollars, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, The Encore, UC

Rainbow Lake Backpacking Trip, Outdoor EdVentures

Wom. VB, UW-Eau Claire Tournament, TBA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Wom. Soccer, UW-Whitewater (A), 1:00 PM

Football, UW-La Crosse, 1:00 PM (A)

CP! Centerstage presents: City Dionysia - Theater Competition, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Sundial, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Laird Room, UC

Gay-Straight Alliance presents: AIDS WALK Wisconsin, Milwaukee Summerfest Grounds

Wom. Golf, UW-Oshkosh Invitational (A)

Wom. VB, UW-Eau Claire Tournament, TBA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Wom. Golf, UW-Oshkosh Invitational (A)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1-HOMECOMING WEEK

Cardio Center: Gentle Yoga (Series I), 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Aerobics Room, Allen Center

Homecoming Week--CP! Special Events presents: "Your Tour Bus Arrives-Decorate It In Style"-complete by 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2-HOMECOMING WEEK

CP! Special Events presents: "Strike a Pose"-Photo Scavenger Hunt Homecoming Court Voting, Concourse, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wom. VB, UW-Whitewater (H), 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3-HOMECOMING WEEK

CP! Special Events presents: tie-dying tees, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Debolt Lawn

Student Involvement and Employment Student Organization Web Workshop (Beginner), 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, 310 LRC

Tennis, Lawrence University (A), 3:30 PM

Wom. Soccer, UW-Eau Claire (H), 4:00 PM

Cardio Center: "Guang Ping/Yang" Tai Chi, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Legacy Room, UC

Brewhaus Jazz Combo, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC

Wom. VB, Lakeland College (A), 7:00 PM

Department of Music: Roslyn Dunlop, clarinetist/bass clarinetist, 7:30 PM, Michelsen Hall, FAC

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

ACT aids teenage mothers

Organization seeking donations for First Home patrons

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

The UWSP Association for Community Tasks is reaching out to help teenage mothers in Stevens Point who are in need of basic supplies to nurture their children.

The organization is holding a diaper drive on Wednesday, Oct. 3 from noon until 4 p.m. in front

of the Debot Center. The items collected will be donated to First Home.

First Home gives teenagers with children and those pregnant ages 13 to 18 a place to live and learn about nurturing skills while they get their high-school education.

The mothers are either court-ordered to stay at the home or decide to stay there because their family situation isn't ideal. Four mothers currently live at the home, but it has the capacity to hold eight.

"A lot of members volunteer

at First Home," said Renee Leja, senior. "It's so local and we know a lot of the moms, instead of doing something more national where we don't really see who we are helping."

The organization is also accepting monetary donations to be sent to First Home. Personnel at the home are appreciative of any support they receive.

"It's going to help us out tremendously," said Laura Di Salvo, part-time staff. "It helps us to really provide the things the parents and babies need."

How you can contribute to ACT's drive

Items which will be collected include no-spill "sippy cups," child-safe musical instruments, socks (boys and girls infant to toddler size), mittens (sizes 12 months to 24 months), toys appropriate for 12 months to three-year-old children, cleaning supplies for the nursery (antibacterial kitchen or bathroom spray, antibacterial dish soap, laundry soap, bleach and liquid or sheet softener), children-dish sets for ages 12 months to three years, diapers (all sizes from one to five) and diaper wipes. Please no stuffed animals.

Money donations can be sent to Box 12 Lower UC, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Make checks payable to The Association for Community Tasks. For more information, call the Association for Community Tasks at 346-2260.

Festival of India to be held this weekend

Area residents will experience the cuisine and culture of South Asia at the 14th annual Festival of India at Stevens Point Area Senior High School on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to South Indian culture, ethnic foods and a bazaar, the festival will feature a stage show of Indian music and dancing.

Praful Kelkar, M.D., a native of Bombay, will play the sarod and be joined by Indian classical vocalist, Nancy Lesh, and Payton MacDonald who will play classical raga music on tabla (drum). There will be folk and Bhangra

dancing and a fashion show. Keynote speakers for the evening program include UWSP Chancellor Tom George.

Kelkar's primary musical influence has been his mother and guru, Sulochana Kelkar. She holds a Ph.D. in music and was a professional classical vocalist and teacher in Pune, India. His uncle also taught violin and sitar for many years. Having studied tabla for a number of years since a young age, Kelkar later studied sitar for three years from a disciple of Ravi Shankar. Shankar first brought the sitar sound to American and British audiences through the Beatles in the late

1960s. Kelkar currently is training under the renowned sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.

As a member of the faculty of the neurology department at the University of Iowa's School of Medicine, Kelkar continues to find time to practice, perform and record. He has played sarod on three CDs and played with a group of Indian musicians for a production of Nritya Jyoti Dance Theater in Minneapolis in 1999.

The evening will begin with workshops from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and a bazaar will feature ethnic clothing, henna painting, folk dancing, novelties and foods.



United Campus Ministries Presents



Free Home Cooked Meals For UWSP folks.

Monday night meals. Each Monday night @ 5:00PM UCM fixes and serves home cooked meals to any and all who come. There is no obligation to join anything or to believe anything, merely a requirement to be respectful and to enjoy a relaxed meal with everyone else. Meals are served in the UCM house located @ 2009 Main street. (3 houses west of Reserve). Meals are Vegetarian friendly. Most weeks a movie will be shown after the meal for whomever wishes to stay and watch.

Wednesday worship in the woods.

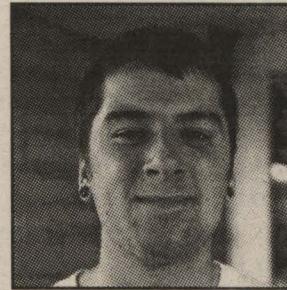
Are you interested in connecting your spirituality with nature? We will be worshiping in Schmeeckle reserve on Wednesdays @ 5:15PM until winter prohibits us. Worship will be about half an hour with Protestant communion offered. Any and all are welcome regardless of your beliefs or doubts. Come and explore. We will meet in the meadow located on the left side of the path up from the shelter towards the north boundary of Schmeeckle. The shelter is across from the track and the baseball fields and is the rain location. Any questions? Please call Pastor Greg 341-0266.

GLOBS. (Gay Lesbian Open-minded Bible Study) Come and ask about the Bible and practices of Christians. All are welcome, please call for time and locale 341-0266. Pastor Greg. Peace to all.

Pointer Poll

Photos by Lyndsay Rice

What would you do if you were drafted?



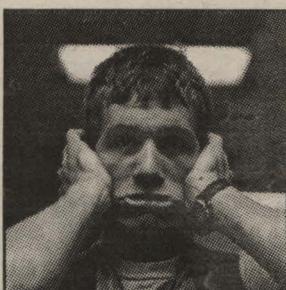
Kyle Mickolajczyk, Fr. Enviro Ed.
I'd go kill some people.



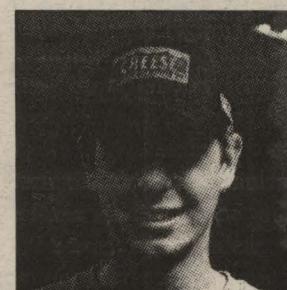
Sam Fuller, Soph. Forestry
I'd go fight a holy war.



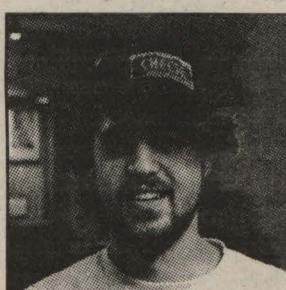
Chris Konrady, Sr. Business
I'd fight.



Dan Graves, Fifth Year Spanish Ed.
I would go to Canada or Europe.



Joey Zimmerman, Jr. Business
Move to Vancouver.



Aaron O'Neill, Jr. Business
I'd get implants and a sex change and change the spelling to Erin.

Project Freedom

Project Freedom is an effort to reach students and teachers who have been directly affected by the attacks on our nation's freedom.

Collections for donations will be outside of the CPS cafeteria during the weeks of Sept. 24 thru Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may give monetary donations for teachers and their classrooms, newly purchased stuffed animals or Beanie Babies for school children.

Words of Wisdom from the Editor

My tribute to the restroom poets

By Josh Goller

EDITOR IN CHIEF

There are times in life when everyone needs some comic relief. Besides the national tragedy that our nation continues to endure, college students have the usual stress of balancing classes with work while still trying to salvage a social life. It's times like these that we all need a little comic relief.

I'm taking this space in my column to personally thank those anonymous word wizards who continually construct thought-provoking and inspiring prose and tastefully display them in men's bathrooms throughout campus.

I'm talking about a select group of people I will simply refer to as the "restroom poets." Whenever I venture into a public restroom, I get the chance to enjoy these displays of creativity. Just a few words scribbled with a black magic marker or even the traditional "number two" stir in me some serious soul searching.

To most (those who are silly enough to call these works of literary art graffiti), these self-expressions can seem ugly, distasteful or even obscene. But take into account that even classics such as *Huck Finn* have been banned in certain libraries for being "inappropriate." It's all about perspective.

In the Comm. building's first floor restroom alone, I've discovered enough reading material for dozens of trips to relieve myself. Where else can you find a tribute to the late Joey Ramone cramped so tightly next to a big fat "Ricky Martin sucks."

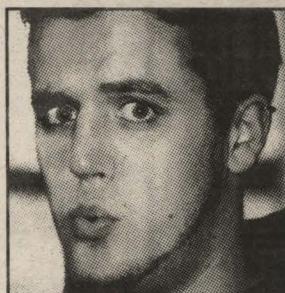
Professors clarify their message

As a result of the devastating terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, my colleagues Susan Brewer (History) and Bryan Brophy-Baerman (Political Science) and I were invited by the Student Government Association to speak at an open forum on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Concerned students, faculty and people from the community asked excellent questions, and the vast majority clearly understood what we were saying. Altogether, it was a useful and informative session. Unfortunately, the follow-up accounts that appeared first in the Stevens Point Journal and subsequently in the Pointer did not accurately reflect what had been said. The headlines were inflammatory, and the tone of the articles tended to distort our positions. Many, who read the articles without having been at the forum, gained the impression that we were blaming the United States for the attacks. It is admittedly difficult to summarize such presentations accurately and without distortion, but ethics of professional journalism require that a serious attempt be made to do so.

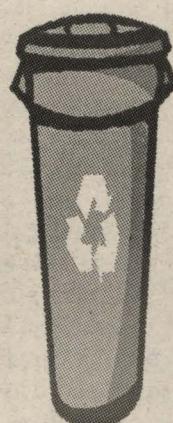
Past policies of the United States have unquestionably harmed Arabs and Muslims and thus con-

tributed to an anti-American hostility that wins Usama bin Laden recruits for his suicide squads. That in no way justifies his murderous assaults against innocent civilians. Moreover such assaults, committed in the name of Islam, are a perversion of that religion. Muhammed instituted holy war or Jihad, but he also strongly condemned the killing of innocents. What bin Laden did is a disgrace and dishonor to Islam, and it is important for Muslim nations and individual Muslims to state this explicitly. Many have already done so. For Americans, it is important to show restraint. Retaliatory actions by our government or by individual Americans, that target innocent Muslims, give bin Laden precisely what he wants. He would like nothing better than total war between Islam and America. That is neither in our interest nor in the interest of the Muslim World. It is also crucial for us not to shut down reasoned debate within our country.

Neil Lewis,
Chair, History Dept.



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Revived patriotism spurs change of perspective

After the tragedies of September 11th, I am amazed by our newfound patriotism in this country. Why did it take such horrendous tragedies and loss of life to force people to become more active in their government and appreciate what it means to be American? The solidarity shown by America's diverse peoples following the attacks has been heartwarming and reassuring-I hope that it will continue for weeks, months and years to come. I hope that we will take a step back as a nation and reflect on what truly is important in our society and develop a focus on more than "money" and "stuff."

Granted, it is a given that we need "money" and "stuff" to survive. However, I believe that we need to focus more on our communities, our individual faiths and our relationships with our fellow Americans.

Ten years ago, I studied abroad in the former Soviet Union for nearly a year. What really touched me and left a lasting impression from that experience was this: though the Russians and the other peoples of the Soviet Union were experiencing extremely dire economic conditions, I always found them to be warm and hospitable people with a very strong sense of who they are. That experience really left its mark on me in many ways. I hope that we will not allow "money" and "stuff" to degrade the very fabric, the essence, of the principles which our nation was founded upon. I hope that we will not allow ourselves to become blinded by greed and greed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of those individuals and families touched by these tragic events. The outpouring of support, help and resources by Americans and other nations for our fellow Americans and those from other regions of the world affected by the events of September 11th is, well, what America is really all about.

Joe Gosz
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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POINT OF VIEW

TO RIP OUT THE SUNDIAL OR NOT RIP OUT THE SUNDIAL? TIS' THE QUESTION.

By S.D. Pemberton
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Sundial is a feature unique to the UWSP landscape, setting our campus apart from other schools and giving us an identity all our own. Its innovative design and amiable atmosphere are irreplaceable elements which have come to define life in Point as we know it.

The concept of the sundial has been around since the dawn of man. Ancient Egyptians consulted similar structures in determining when to plant their crops. The Sumerians were so dependent on the sundial that a common wartime practice was to destroy the sundial of a neighboring city-state.

Though advances in technology have rendered our own Sundial nearly obsolete as a time-telling device, it still serves many functions in modern society. It provides a common ground where students and citizens from all walks of life can meet and interact. Its uses are varied, ranging from an arena for public forums and candle-light vigils, to a makeshift frisbee field.

Besides the obvious recreational and practical benefits of the Sundial, those in favor of "improving" the Sundial often overlook the glaring obstacles inherent in such an undertaking. The process of removing it alone presents a logistical nightmare.

First, there is the expensive and daunting task of displacing the raw materials. Excavating and disposing of nearly 430,000 tons of concrete and stone is no paltry task and would no doubt contribute to ever-inflating costs of tuition. Also, there is the inconvenience of conducting a large-scale project in a high-traffic locale.

Picture if you will, two scenarios you might encounter as you walk to class. First, a pleasant stroll through a beautiful open space where fellow students can congregate and learn. Second, a treacherous hike through mounds of black dirt and rebar, as you attempt to navigate an endless series of bulldozers and dump trucks. As for a completion date, anyone who has attempted to negotiate Hwy 10 over the last couple of years is aware of the kind of time frame involved in a project of this size.

Keep the sundial!

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

Naysayers of the Sundial often tout it as little more than a large, unremarkable slab of cement in the middle of campus. What they've failed to observe is that the Sundial is in reality an architectural marvel, where aesthetics and science converge. It's a place teeming with life, interspersed with strips of lush grass and picnic tables and even bike racks for those who choose alternative modes of travel. Clearly, to write such a place off as merely a nondescript hunk of concrete is indeed a grave injustice.

Even if the Sundial were to be eradicated, what could possibly take its place? It seems that many of the Sundial's detractors have romantic visions of a broad, rolling expanse of meadow where flowers and bunny-rabbits live together in harmony. A natural haven adorned with sparkling rivers and totem poles.

Another proposal has been to keep the sundial motif alive by replacing our own Sundial with a newer, larger one that keeps time and has lots of pretty colors on it. In the words of one critic, "Why not make Stevens Point home of the world's largest working sundial?" Surely the best way to accomplish this would be to rip out the existing sundial and spend millions of dollars financing the creation of a newer, shinier one.

The only decision that makes sense from a recreational, aesthetic, and financial viewpoint is to keep the Sundial alive in its present state. I hope you'll agree that in these few short paragraphs, the unfeasibility of all other arguments has become blindingly clear. In short, the Sundial is our heritage. It is a place where boundaries dissolve, where dreams become reality. To lose the Sundial would be to lose a part of ourselves.

The Sundial. A meeting place, a relaxing place. A place unique to UWSP. An eyesore if you ask me. It is high time to rip out the Sundial!

Don't get me wrong I harbor no hate towards those few acres of concrete, I am just looking ahead to the up-and-coming renovation of the Fine Arts Center and its effect on the Sundial.

Why not improve upon the sundial as it is now and make it a place geared even more towards being one of campus' relaxable, socially friendly areas?

have changed, development has ensued, and progress has forced this stream into hiding. The stream, Moses Creek, is still there, it is just relegated to a pipe-dream existence now. While restoring the stream is not a viable option, restoring vegetation to this area is. This would serve to soften up the area by increasing the green space in which students could more comfortably study, relax, hang out, toss the Frisbee, play hacky-sack and peacefully assemble.

Besides the social aspect, there is a tremendous environmental benefit to



The Sundial is an area, technically named the Raymond C. Specht Forum, constructed in 1971 specifically to be a meeting area on campus- the quad if you will. It serves this function. The September 11 Memorial Service held two weeks ago Friday events during

tion, Take Back the Night, The Eco Fair, etc., all attest to the popularity of using this location on campus to rally and organize the student body.

However, it can be improved. Green it up! Soften it up! Make it creative!

This school is nationally known for its strong natural resources and fine arts curriculum. Why not harness that talent for a greater good?

Let's take those barren acres of land and add some grass, native plants and maybe some brick walkways. Incorporate it all into a highly aesthetic, yet utilitarian area upon which all the liberties students

currently have there, remain there. A great way to do this would be to incorporate an actual working sundial within this "renovated" area. The real sundial could be large, huge even. Why not strive to make Stevens Point home to the world's largest working sundial? Living trees, shrubs or even totem poles that pay honor to the tribes that once made residence in Wisconsin could be part of this upgraded working sundial.

Prior to the Sundial, the CNR and all points north to Schmeeckle, there was once a stream that flowed and ebbed its way to the Wisconsin River. Times

adding plants and vegetation. Everything that finds its way onto the Sundial (garbage, waste, pollution, food, etc.) will find its way down the drainage grate when the rains come or the snow melts. All of this will find transport to our otherwise beautiful Wisconsin river courtesy of Moses Creek in the form of untreated, non-point source pollution. Removing the concrete surface and adding vegetation will prevent, if not significantly lessen this campus' contribution of wastewater to the local environment.

As a natural resources student at a wellness themed university with a highly talented fine arts department, I find it a flat out shame that the faculty, staff and students here are perfectly content with the Sundial. In its present form, the Sundial has limited recreational function with a negative impact on our environment, not to mention being a work of "art" without any vision or redeeming characteristics.

If the issue is where to have graduation in the spring, and I have heard that this is what redeems the Sundial, then suppose I understand why for 364 days of the year we have to suffer. I also understand that the lawn in front of Old Main is large and spacious with a backdrop that would rival the sundial while still serving the graduation needs of the campus. It also has an entire summer to heal any scars left behind.

Is the Sundial the best this campus can do? If you really believe so, close your eyes and picture this area between the library and Fine Arts Center and envision something else. If that image lacks concrete, than its safe to say you have the vision, which others (the originally designers and proponents of the existing Sundial) lack. Put that vision to use.

Rip out the Sundial.

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Your Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrant
90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR

If you are looking for a peaceful way to ease into your Sunday morning, tune into 90FM WWSP. Two shows, New Age Sampler and Acoustic Revival, will help you slowly wake up and get your day going.

New Age Sampler, with DJ Steve "Bear" Berndt goes on-air at 5 a.m. on Sunday morning ends at 9 a.m. He just completed his 148th show this past Sunday and estimates that New Age Sampler has been on-air for five or more years.

Berndt divides his show into four different categories; Ambient Aether, Space Continuum, Acoustic Resonance and Fantasy Realm. The music he plays ranges from smooth jazz and space to orchestral and world. Some artists that he plays include Yoyo Ma, Star Key, Telomere and Steve Roach.

Berndt's shows are scripted in advance then posted on his website so his listeners from all over the world can print off the play list and make notes. Berndt's audience listens from as far away as Belgium and Africa on the Internet.

Berndt's goal is to have his listeners "drift and relax." The New Age Sampler's goal is to "gently kick-start Sunday morning." His website is at www.bearheartltd.com/nas, which has links to artists, record companies, and his Top 20 list.

After you have been gently roused by New Age Sampler with "Bear," Acoustic Revival will get your day going, and before you know it, your energy level will be up with the sun.

Tim Krogman, a.k.a., "Granddad," the jock for Acoustic Revival, has been doing his show for three of the fifteen years Acoustic Revival has been on 90FM.

Acoustic Revival's format is much different from New Age Sampler. Krogman comes into the station with one or two songs in mind to play, then lets his listeners decide where the show should go by calling in and requesting what they want to hear.

The music in Acoustic Revival is made up of anything acoustic with a focus on folk. James Taylor, Tom Rush and Steve Earl are just a few of the artists that are played.

Krogman feels that "Sunday morning should be relaxing. Too much time is spent on Monday through Friday. Sunday should be an island to do your own thing." That attitude is what he tries to convey with music during his show.

Beat it back down into the campus crib: the Basement Brewhaus

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

Your stress free-zone to relax and regain some of that academic edge is starting to warm up now that the school year is in full swing. The Brewhaus, while still retaining its characteristic mellow yet lounge encouraging atmosphere, has a couple of events planned during the week.

If you feel the need to get up in front of an audience and do something, then Tuesday evenings are your chance. Every week on this day, from 7:30 p.m. to 10pm, the entrepreneurial folk will have the opportunity to shine onstage with an open mic for half an hour. Performers can do anything they wish...within the bounds of good taste.

Anyone and everyone is encouraged to perform, be it a song, a poem or dancing. The open mic is for students, faculty, staff or even the talented but underrated, John or Jane Doe from within the community.

Sign up for one of the half hour slots takes place each Tuesday during regular Brewhaus business hours. If signing up for one-on-one time with the live mic isn't enough, patrons to the Brewhaus can also

sign up to win a TREK mountain bike. However, with both the live mic and mountain bike, only one registration is permitted per Tuesday.

Wednesday night also is another time for an open mic session; however, it is of a more unconventional flavor. Jazz Nights returns each and every Wednesday night with the band The Hip to That Quintet. The band will be helping the Brewhaus emanate the soothing sound of stand up bass, saxophone, trumpet and drums, among others, from 7p.m. to

10p.m. Rumor has it that our very own Chancellor George has performed on occasion, so you might just be treated to something special. The only way to know is to get up and go.

Other events in the works this semester possibly include bands on Friday or Saturday nights as well as Dress Up Days in which patrons who happen to be dressed similar to the Barista's could earn drink or coffee discounts.

For information about Brewhaus events, contact Diana Heng, at 346-4949.

Get off your duff & get buff!

Try the Allen Center's group fitness classes- for free!

By Kristine Sterner
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

What is the first thing you want to do after a long day of classes? If you are anything like me or many people on campus, working out would not be the first thing on your list.

The truth is, however, that a good workout is just what your body needs to perk up after a day of intense mental strain. For this purpose, the Allen Center offers a variety of group fitness classes to recharge your energy and make you more physically fit.

The Allen

Center has programs that are geared toward all fitness levels and interests. If you are looking for a fast paced, high energy, cardiovascular workout you may want to try "Cardio Blast" or "Funk."

These Sara Schillinger leads students in an intense Cardio Kickboxing workout Wednesday afternoon at the classes are gu-

Allen Center. Guaranteed to get you huffin' and puffin' all the way to a healthier heart. "Cardio Kickboxing" or "Boxercise" are also available, and are great for working out all that I-am-too-busy-for-my-own-good stress.

If you love a high-energy workout but your knees, shins and ankles don't, you can also try some of the lower impact workouts. "Step and Sculpt" is an aerobics program that

uses a step that is adjusted to your needs.

If step classes aren't your thing, you can still get a low impact, high intensity work out with "Funky Cardio". This class combines toning, stretching, and dance moves for complete exercise.

There is also "Mind and Body Cycling" that uses Spinners, a specific type of stationary bike, and a focusing of the mind to attain cardiovascular health.

Better yet, why not get wet!

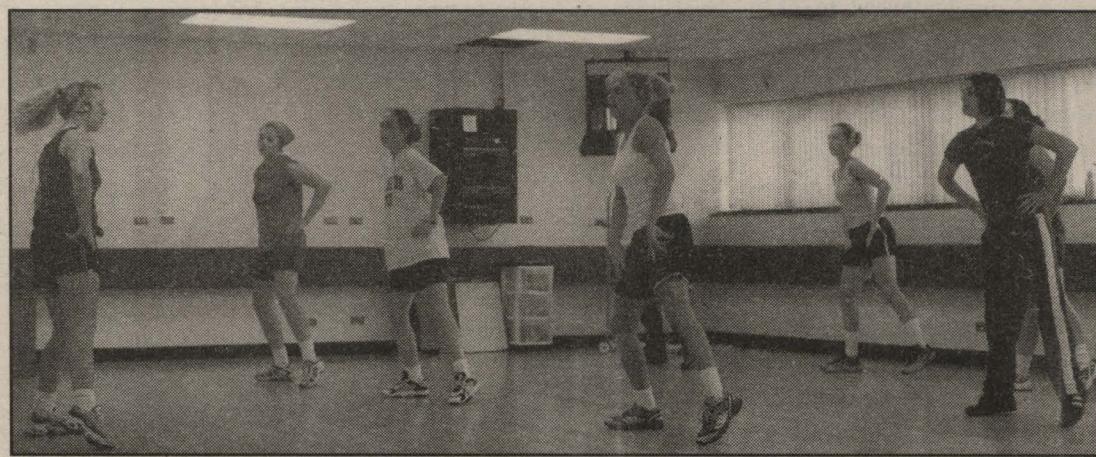


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Sara Schillinger leads students in an intense Cardio Kickboxing workout Wednesday afternoon at the

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Allen Center. There are three group water aerobics classes that incorporate the use of water resistance and specialized movements to build muscle and increase cardiovascular health.

There are also classes that emphasize the cardio workout, and focus on muscle building and toning. "Ball Basics" is one of these classes, and employs the use of dumbbells, body bars, body weight and stability

see some new faces. Programs are free to UWSP students and are offered at a low cost for faculty. Classes at the Allen Center require pre-registration and are first come first served at The Berg Gym. Stop in at the cardio or strength centers in the Allen Center to pick up a class schedule or call the cardio center at 346-4711.

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Point creams Platteville in gridiron victory

UWSP sets a total-yardage record in Saturday's blowout victory

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Many times a letdown can happen after an athletic team picks up a big victory. It wouldn't have been surprising if the Pointer football team experienced one of these letdowns following their big opening weekend victory over Ohio Northern.

However, this year's rejuvenated Pointer squad was anything but lackadaisical this past weekend, beating UW-Platteville 51-13.

"When a team piles up 670 yards, it's impressive," said head coach John Miech. "I don't want to take anything away from our defense, though. They played an excellent game."

The Pointers' offensive explosion surpassed the school record of 653 yards set in a 72-14 win over UW-Superior on Nov. 4, 1989. It was also the Pointers' highest offensive scoring output since a 62-34 victory over UW-Stout on Nov. 7, 1998.

"The biggest mismatch of the game was our offensive line against their defensive line," said Miech. "Our offensive philosophy is to get the running backs past the defensive linebackers, and we were very effective in doing that. The great downfield blocking from our receivers

allowed our backs to get some long gains."

Senior left tackle Nick VanCuyk, junior left guard Luke Hilgemann, senior center Jason Wagner, senior right guard Ryan Peterson and senior right tackle Paul Steffeck led the offensive line push. Veteran tight end Steve Jones also had a good blocking day, along with hauling in four passes for 69 yards.

Redshirt freshman fullback Kurt Kielblock rushed for three touchdowns and 151 yards on 15 carries to lead the Pointers offense, which totaled 405 yards rushing. Sophomore tailback Jason VenderVelden was second on the team with 84 yards on 17 carries, while senior reserves Lance Gast and Tim Rabas piled up 77 yards and 68 yards, respectively. Gast also had three touchdowns. Gast only had two career touchdowns before the game.

Sophomore quarterback Scott Krause piled up some respectable numbers, going 21-33 for 265 yards with one interception.

The Pointers held a 21-6 halftime lead and stopped UW-Platteville on its first possession of the second half. Later Kielblock rushed 75 yards for a score on the Pointers' second play of the half.

On defense, the Pointers limited UW-Platteville to minus-seven yards rushing, but the Pioneers 74 passes, completing 37 for 407 yards. 17 of those

catches were by wide receiver Jason Leonard, who piled up 187 yards. Platteville sophomore quarterback Tom Stetzer set a Platteville record for attempts in the defeat.

Paul Schmitt led the defense with two sacks, while Dillon Maney, Kurt Trunkel and Andy Heller each came up with interceptions for the Pointers.

The game did not count in the WIAC standings and the Pointers will return to Platteville for a WIAC contest on Nov. 3. It was UW-Stevens Point's ninth straight win over UW-Platteville.

Next weekend the Pointers travel to La Crosse to try to beat the Eagles, something that UWSP hasn't done in La Crosse since 1962. "This game is no bigger than any other game, we just have to take them one at a time," said Miech.

The game is at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in La Crosse, Wis.

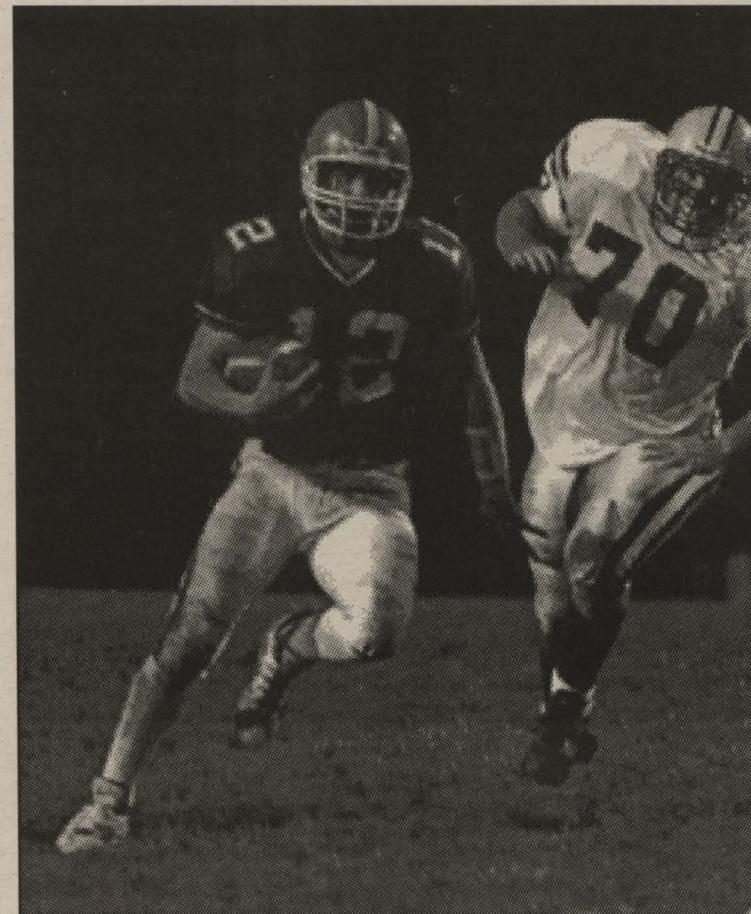


Photo by Jessica Reilly, UW-Platteville Exponent

Point defensive tackle Tim Lium tries to chase down Platteville quarterback Tom Stetzer in Saturday's Pointer victory

The Week Ahead...

FOOTBALL: At UW-La Crosse Sat. 5 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL: At UW-Eau Claire Invitational Sat.-Sun.,

UW-Whitewater Tue. 7 p.m., At Lakeland Wed. 7 p.m.

TENNIS: At Ripon Fri. 3 p.m., At Lawrence Wed. 3:30 p.m.

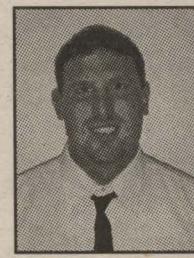
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PAUL SCHMITT - FOOTBALL



Schmitt

UWSP Career Highlights

- Named to the all WIAC conference 1st team defense as a junior
- Led the team in tackles for loss last season with 12
- Played for Point team that made it to the playoffs in 1999 to take on St. Johns

Major - Physical Education

Hometown - Stratford, WI

Most memorable moment - Making it into the playoffs two years ago and playing St. Johns.

Who was your idol growing up? - My older brother (Pointer assistant coach Wally Schmitt) was a great role model. He also excelled at football and plays over in Europe in the offseason.

What are your plans after graduation? - I would just like to get a job in the area.

Will you continue with football at all after graduation? - I am hoping too, but it depends on different things. I would like to play over in Europe like my older brother.

What is your favorite aspect of football? - On the field it has to be sacking the quarterback

Most embarrassing moment - One day in the taping room I was waiting in line and my roommate pulled down my shorts and I wasn't wearing any underwear.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - John Randle has always been favorite player. I like how he plays and that he's always chattering.

What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP? - The players and all the friendships I have made.



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Mens cross country wins Carthage Invite

Curt Johnson takes first out of 25 team competition

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes in the wide world of sports an event does not go the way it was planned. That was the case Friday as half the runners ran a longer race.

In the Carthage invitational at Kenosha the first 50 runners all ran an extra 700 yards due to a course blunder. A fence that was supposed to be closed for the race was left open until after about 50 runners had already gone the wrong way.

Despite the gaffe, Point was still able to dominate the meet, winning with 39 points, which was more than 40 ahead of second place University of Chicago.

"We had the meet won anyway, but they ended going by film that was taken at a point earlier in the meet for the final scores," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "But that stuff is gonna happen once in a while, when you're not used to hosting that many meets."

Curt Johnson was the overall winner of the 25 team meet with a time of 28:15, 20 seconds faster than the next finisher. Point then had a pack of three runners round out the top ten, led by James Levash.

Levash finished eighth and he was followed Jesse Lalonde and Mark Lalonde. Senior Adam Freihofer finished 25th overall to round out the top five for the Pointers. Despite the dominating victory Witt still felt his team needs to improve.

"We know we can count on Curt to finish towards the top of the pack. Now we need to get those next three to close the gap with Curt," said Witt. "Then there are three or four other guys who have the ability to move up

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Mills serves up double wins in victory

Pointer tennis takes first WIAC match of season in victory over Stout

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

about 15-20 seconds and if we can't do that we will have a strong team."

Point will now have two weeks to gear up for their next tournament, as they only have a JV invitational in Beloit this coming week. Then in two weeks, they will be traveling to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame invitational which will take place on Oct. 5.

Many times having a young team can spell disaster for an athletic program. Often when young talents are given a chance to compete, however, they can surprise even the most pessimistic observer. This season's Pointer women's tennis team is a prime example of this concept.

After experiencing some growing pains over the first month of the season, Coach Nancy Page's young squad has begun to find its rhythm. The

Point aces took a positive step in that direction on Saturday against UW-Stout.

Junior Alison Mills, one of the few veterans on the team, took both her singles and doubles matches to lead the team to its first WIAC victory of the season with a 5-4 win.

Mills teamed with sophomore Rachel Ferge for an 8-2 win in the No. 2 doubles match, and then breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 win in the No. 3 singles.

Other singles winners for the Pointers included sophomore Kathryn Pollock in the No. 1 match and senior Aimee Strebog in the No. 2 match. Sophomore

Gina Lamer battled to a third set tiebreaker at No. 4 singles before losing 7-4 to Stout freshman phenom Jill McDowell.

Freshman doubles partners Jana Braam and Kim Goron easily took their No. 3 doubles match 8-0.

The victory over UW-Stout pushed the Pointer's season record to 3-2, while they improved to 1-2 in WIAC match play. The Pointer tennis team continues its season on Friday when they travel to Ripon, Wis. to play the 10-1 Ripon Red Hawks in a non-conference match-up. Matches start at 3 p.m. at the Ashley and Larson courts in Ripon.



Mills

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Soccer team remains undefeated

Pointers are up to third in the Division 3 rankings

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Stevens Point soccer team has continued its dominance this season, winning three games since last Thursday.

On Saturday, the Pointers faced WIAC foe UW-River Falls, winning 8-0.

Eight different players scored goals for the Pointers while a tenacious defense held UW-River Falls without a shot for the second straight year.

"We were just happy to be playing again after having a week and a half without a game," said head coach Sheila Miech. "The girls were letting a lot of pent-up energy out."

UWSP outshot UW-River Falls 41-0 for the match after outshooting the Falcons 53-0 last season.

After a quick day off, the Pointers were again back at it with a match at home against Edgewood College in a rematch of last season's Division III first round.

Three goals in the first three minutes of the second half

sparked the Pointers to a 6-0 win over their non-conference foe.

"We didn't play a very good first half, but after a little wake-up call at halftime, we came out strong in the second half," said Miech.

UW-Stevens Point outshot the Eagles 38-3. The Pointers held the Eagles without a shot for the first 42:30 of the match, snapping a streak of 151 consecutive minutes without allowing an opponent shot attempt.

Brianna Hyslop had saves on all three Edgewood shots.

On Wednesday, the Pointers upped their record to 7-0 with a 12-0 defeat of the UW-Superior Yellowjackets, giving the team its best start in school history.

Jenny Bruce and Emma Porter each scored three goals for the Pointers as UWSP opened up a 9-0 halftime lead.

The Pointers outshot the Yellowjackets 45-0 and have allowed just seven shot attempts in their last four matches.

UWSP will play at UW-Whitewater Saturday at 1 p.m. in a WIAC match.

"This upcoming week will tell us what this team is really made of," said Miech.



Photo by Craig Mandli

Point junior Molly Cady drives against River Falls in last Saturday's Pointer victory.

Volleyball has rough weekend, still winless in conference

Team falls to UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a disappointing weekend for the UW-Stevens Point volleyball team (2-6, 0-3) as they failed to win a single game in two matches to remain winless in conference play.

Point lost to UW-River Falls on Saturday in straight games (30-25, 30-19, 30-19). Sophomore Jessica Parker led the team in kills with 10 and had the second highest percentage at .214.

"I thought Jessica Parker was one of the bright spots of that game," said Head Coach Stacey White. "She really added an offensive component, and Kim Palmiteer also did an excellent job digging some balls out."

In Friday's contest against UW-Stout they fell in three games (30-16, 30-22, 30-28). Freshman Alyssa Mader had career highs with 7 kills and 14 digs to lead the team.

"Alyssa is definitely a good player for us, she is a lefty so she is a real asset to have on the right side," said White. "She definitely is a smart athletic player with a well rounded game."

Some of the inconsistent early play for the Pointers has a lot to do with their inexperience. The team only starts two seniors and they are just beginning to find some chemistry.

"We have the talent, now we just need to learn how to compete. We need to concentrate on starting strong and not letting these teams get an early run on us, if we do that we will win some of these games," said White.

Point will head to UW-Eau Claire this weekend for a tournament. Then they will return to conference play on Tuesday as they host UW-Whitewater.

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Waters class learns gillnetting

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Michael Hansen's Water 483 class, fisheries research, dove into some fish research hook, line and gillnet last week.

Every semester, the class travels to Lake Superior to climb aboard a 52-foot ship with several fish biologists from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to gain first-hand experience using gillnets and to learn about some of the species found there.

The nets used are 900 feet long and six feet high. Three different sizes of mesh (3 3/4 inches, 4 1/2 inches and 5 1/4 inches) are used in order to catch different sizes of fish. Fish swim into the monofilament net, which entangles them by the gills.

The class was broken into two groups, due to the limited number of people that could board the fishing vessel. The first group spent Monday night at a hotel in Washburn, then boarded the ship at 7 a.m. Tuesday. The second group followed suit a day later.

The purpose of netting the fish was to determine the balance of predator fish and prey species in Chequamegon Bay of Lake Superior. This data will be used as a guideline in determining future fishing regulations on Lake Superior.

Upon reaching the net site, the nets were hauled aboard by a mechanical wheel. Students and biologists alike took up the tedious task of untangling fish from the net. The net was then pulled to the rear of the boat where it was folded and was later reset.

White suckers were the most common fish species caught. These were counted and released back into the lake. Other species of fish were placed in holding tanks if they were alive or put on ice to be cleaned if they died in the net. Among the other species caught were walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, longnose sucker, brown trout, burbot, coho salmon, silver redhorse, lake whitefish, Menominee whitefish and a hybrid between the latter

two species, which was referred to as a "mule."

The length of fish was measured, then live fish were released. A small bone, called an otolith, was removed from dead walleyes and northern pike, which will be used to age the fish. Stomachs from these fish were also removed and the contents will be analyzed.

and some good-sized walleyes.

"If we see everything we talk about put into practice, which is a big part of what we're here for," said student Chris Aman.

"For a school field trip, it's by far the best I've ever had," student Bryan Cain added.

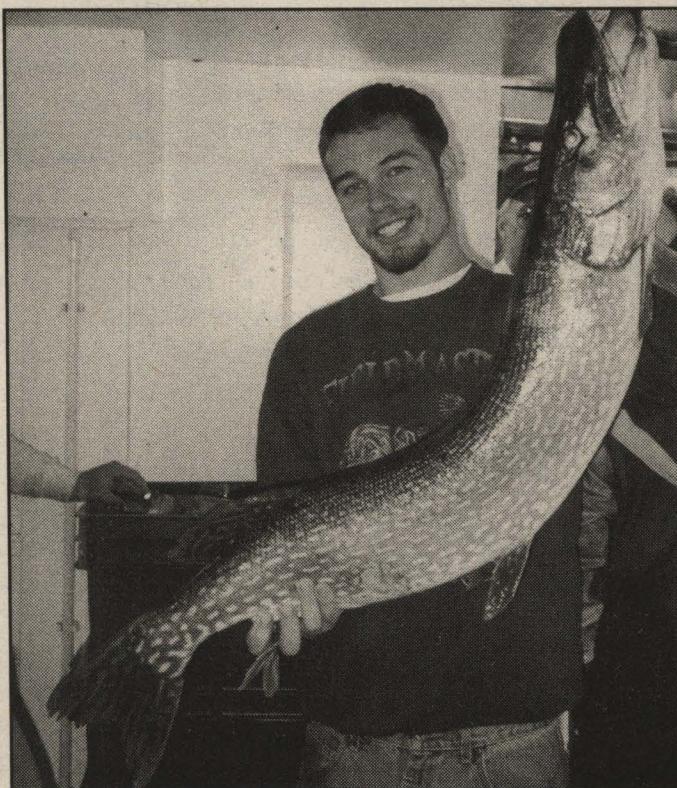


Photo by Chris Aman

Joe Shead holds a 42-inch northern pike caught in a gillnet placed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Chequamegon Bay of Lake Superior.

Five brown trout were kept and will be tested for various contaminants in the water. The stomach contents of these fish were tested by squirting water into their mouths, which flushed out what they had eaten.

The net was reset in a different location on the way back. DNR workers cleaned the fish and students took home a number of walleye and northern pike fillets.

Students enjoyed the experience and said it gave them a unique opportunity to see some fish species they don't normally encounter. It also taught them a fishing technique many had never used. Many were amazed at the size of the fish caught, particularly a 42-inch northern pike

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Put some pants on

By Steve Seaman
OUTDOORS EDITOR

I knew it would happen. The day I sit down to write an article about the weather turning from warm to cold, we hit 65 degrees. Well, the article will be written regardless because if I didn't write it, the temperature wouldn't get above 45 for the next week and I'd be kicking myself for hot writing it.

Anyway, to quote the lead singer from Bananas at Large, "It's gettin' to be dat time of year again." (By the way, if you don't know what I'm talking about, consider yourself a disgrace to outdoors and no, it's not "The Second Week of Deer Camp. Everyone knows that's by Da Yoopers.) The time is coming when we'll wake up to a fresh five inches of snow every morning. The temperatures will not get any warmer from here on out.

Apparently some of you aren't aware of what's going on. I made this deduction because people are still wearing shorts. Are you people nuts? For example, on Tuesday, I saw lots of jackets and long-sleeved shirts. However, there were so many people out in sandals and shorts.

Did these people just not realize how cold it was outside that day? My teeth were chattering and I was wearing a jacket. Oh, and I absolutely love cold

weather. I'm the type who wants to see -75 degree windchills in February. But just because I love it doesn't mean that I act foolishly. Luckily, I've never had problems with frostbite. I've been cold before, so cold that I almost walked out of a Packer game. But if the guy in front of me with no shirt made it, I wasn't about to leave.

Students, teachers, everyone, please bundle up. My favorite quote about cold weather is, "Winter in Wisconsin is not about fashion, it's about staying warm." Where else in America can you go to a bar on Friday night wearing a camouflage jacket and a blaze orange ski mask and still have good luck with the ladies? Only in Wisconsin.

Winter will come, and for some odd reason, I have a feeling that it's going to be a nasty one. It's just about time to put the shorts away; jackets, gloves, hoods and hats are all a necessity. You can and will get sick from the harsh cold days. Then you'll miss class. Then you'll have to repeat. Then you're here for another semester. It'll be a never-ending cycle of sickness, skipping and being here for yet another semester. So do yourself a favor and just wear a jacket and some gloves.

There is no such thing as winter fashion in Wisconsin. It's all about staying warm.

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UWSP student guides his way to fishing success

Camp in Canada serves as unchartered fishing grounds for young guide

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's not every day that a student can say that they spend their summers in the desolate northern tranquility known as Canada. Furthermore, how many can say that they fish there every day, making money?

One UWSP senior, Nathan Hartle, can say that and much more.

In almost a night and day career, Hartle juggles a major of Mathematics and Business Administration during the school year and lives to fish in the summer.

Hartle has been fishing since age

four. He first guided at age nine. If I remember correctly, I had just graduated from my Snoopy rod and reel combo a few years before that.

Hartle's parents own a fly-in camp in northern Canada, located approximately 185 air miles north of Ontario, Canada. That's a modest 14-hour road trip from Wisconsin plus another 40 minute plane ride from the Red Lake Airport.

Upon meeting Nathan, he handed me an informational pamphlet from the camp. It looked like something from *Fishing with Babe Winkelman*. As that thought crossed my mind, I flipped the page to see a picture of Babe himself.

While the camp's scenery is nothing short of breathtaking, Hartle's extreme love and sheer talent for fishing are noth-

ing short of impressive.

Hartle's first guiding exposition came at age nine when his father ran out of guides. The boat was filled by four Polish men and Hartle. By the end of the day, a 44" Northern Pike, among others, had been landed and the trip was a success.

Since then, Hartle has continually had success on the water. His favorite fish to pursue is the elusive Northern Pike which is abundant in Canada.

Hartle has had many other non-fishing adventures either en route to the camp or while staying there.

"Our plane crashed in the middle of the lake once and I've been chased by bears; I've pretty much seen every animal that there is to see up there," said Hartle.

"It's just amazing though, we're 185 miles from the nearest city and about 45 miles from an Indian reservation, the closest sign of life."

Hartle has also had the fortune of hosting guests like Al Linder, Jimmy Chamberlain of the Smashing Pumpkins and former Milwaukee Buck Randy Bruer. Hartle said that Linder shot two segments for his showwhile at the camp; one on northern



Photo submitted by Nathan Hartle

Nathan Hartle hoists a beautiful Canadian walleye.

and one on walleye.

Hartle added that the weather is quite interesting in the summer.

"It's a lot like Wisconsin, but then again, it does get colder in June. July and August are the warmest months."

While in Point, Hartle's favorite place to fish are the typical popular spots, DuBay and Lake Joanis in Schmeeckle.

"I've pulled some decent bass from Schmeeckle," said Hartle with a little smile on his face.

As for whether or not Hartle will pursue a professional career as a guide is still undecided.

"I'm considering it," Hartle said through a huge smile.

Although his future is uncertain, one thing is for sure: I certainly wouldn't mind being guided by Nathan for a few days.

Perhaps putting in a good word will earn me an all-expense paid trip to their camp. Well, probably not.



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Among other adventures, one of the most memorable moments is when the camp's plane went down in the middle of the lake. Apparently everyone made it out safely.

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Statewide duck season opens Sept. 29

Hunters reminded Canada goose exterior zone opens one week later

Hunters heading out for the Sept. 29 statewide duck season opener are reminded that the Canada goose season in the exterior zone including the Rock Prairie and Brown County subzones does not open until one week later, Oct. 6. The Mississippi River subzone Canada goose season opens Oct. 13. The canvasback duck season opens for a shortened 20-day season on Oct. 20 to Nov. 8.

"Overall, hunters can probably expect an average duck season," said Jon Bergquist, waterfowl ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources. "Although our state-produced mallard numbers are down from last year, we're still right at our long-term average mallard population."

"As for Canada geese, this year's migrant Mississippi Valley Canada goose population survey showed a distinct decline in non-breeding birds, which make up around 50 percent of the fall flight, lowering the prospects for a full 70-day season," said Bergquist.

This year's duck production picture has been a mixed story. Above-average spring rains in May negatively affected nesting along the Mississippi River and in northwestern Wisconsin, but water levels in June were good statewide, providing excellent brood habitat over most of the state, according to Bergquist.

Letters From the Edge of the World

Oracle at Large

By Pat "Omniscient" Rothfuss

SEIZE AWL. NOSE AWL.

Hey Pat,

Glad you're writing for the Pointer again. I've got a problem I'm hoping you can help me out with.

This year, right before school started, my girlfriend and I moved in together. We've been going out for almost two years, and it's the best relationship either one of us has ever had. It seemed like a pretty natural step to take.

But things aren't going so well. I mean, we used to have a great time together. We were always over at each other's houses, spending the night. You know, having fun. But we're not having fun any more. We're bitchy at each other and it's only been a month.

I need to nip this in the bud before it gets any worse. Help me Obi-Wan, you're my only hope.

Jake Whitmore,

P.S. I'd love it if you used my letter, but don't use my real name. I don't want to get a lot of hassle from my friends about this.

Well, Jake, I mean Jack, if you really want to fix things and save your relationship you'll have to listen closely and do exactly as I tell you.

Ready?

OK. First you have to realize that your girlfriend is out-of-her-head, utterly and without doubt, totally batshit-crazy. I don't need to know her, specifically, to make this statement. It's a characteristic all women share.

Oh, she may look and act normal. But believe me Jake, I mean, Jack, that's all it is, an act. Many women are very adept at concealing their Crazy. But it's always there, lurking, like a sleeping marmot dosed in lighter fluid. Then one day you make some offhand comment about her ass looking big and WHOOMPH! Suddenly, the marmot's not asleep anymore. Oh no, now the Marmot's on fire, screaming about how you leave your socks out all the time, and she saw the way you were looking at her sister, and the fact that you moved the green chair out of the corner when she was at work and it's been making her elbows hurt for the last two weeks.

Anyway, what was I talking about? Oh, yeah. The main reason I point this out, is so that you can throw all concept of 'fair' and 'reasonable' away. They aren't going to do you any good here. Whatever you thought previously was wrong. There's a whole new set of rules when you're living together.

The second thing you have to realize is this. You, Jake, I mean Jack, are a bumbling thoughtless, insensitive, thinks-with-your-dick, dickhead.

You are, because we all are. And just like the girls, some of us have learned to hide it most of the time. The rest of mankind blunder destructively through life, with the most extreme cases becoming athletes, Hollywood producers and politicians.

So when the Marmot is on fire and she's crying because you moved the fruit bowl. Don't focus on the Crazy; you can't fix that. Focus on the facts: you did leave your socks out, you did move the fruit bowl and the green chair. And be honest with yourself, the only reason you aren't looking at her sister's ass right now is because it isn't in the room.

Things were easy before because when you visited each other it was a visit. An escape from the real world. A vacation. Well, the honeymoon's over now, and you need to examine your expectations.

For example. Do you expect her to clean up after you? Don't just deny it. Think for a second. Isn't there some part of you, deep down, that expects her to do the cleaning because she's the girl? It's OK to want that. It's nothing

to be ashamed of. After all, that's what our culture teaches us is Normal and Good (Watched Leave it to Beaver lately?)

But what's not OK is expecting her to do it, never mentioning it to her, and then getting more and more irritated the longer she doesn't fulfill your little June Cleaver fantasy. Also be aware of the flip side. The Ward Cleaver fantasy, the belief that because you're the man, you're obliged to pay for everything. If she expects that of you (and probably some part of her, deep down, does) you're well within your rights to feel a little disgruntled.

The only way around these problems is to talk about them. Do it now, while you're still settling in together. Otherwise, you'll end up married with her doing the dishes every night and resenting you for it, while you balance your checkbook and resent her. If we don't examine our underlying expectations in relationships, then discuss them, things tend to become slowly, steadily, sour with our loved ones.

Lastly, I assume in your letter that when you say "spending



the night" you mean "having sex." And when you say "having fun" you mean "having oral sex." With that in mind, I can't help but draw attention to where you say: "We're not having fun anymore."

Now, you're certainly not the only guy in history who assumed that a live-in girlfriend was the same thing as a renewable coupon for free oral sex. But remember what we just said about expectations. You're not on vacation anymore. You can't really expect her to come home from a long day, change into a cheerleader outfit and jump your bones.

So here's what to do Jake, I mean Jack. Pick up your socks. Put the fruit bowl back. And when your Crazy girlfriend comes home from a long day at work, you love her up on the green chair that you have thoughtfully returned to the corner.

And hey, if there isn't as much 'fun' in the house as you'd like, maybe you should return the favor before the fact. If you know what I mean.

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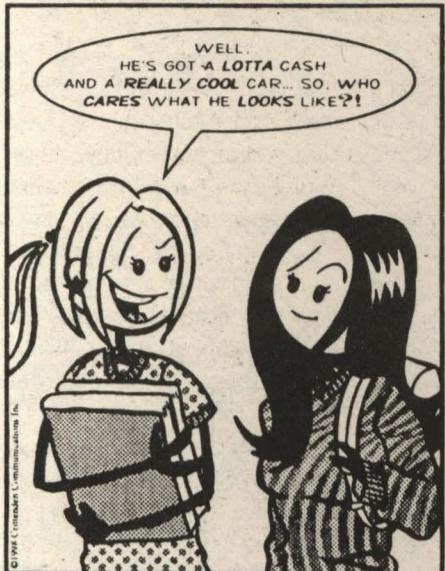
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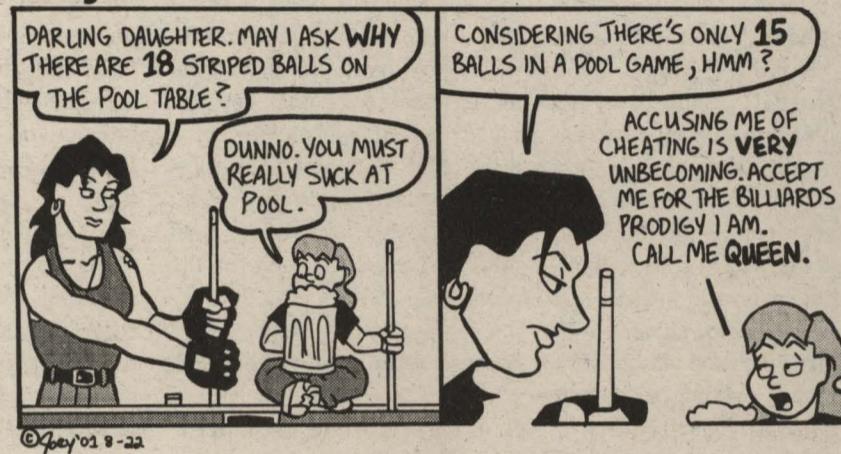
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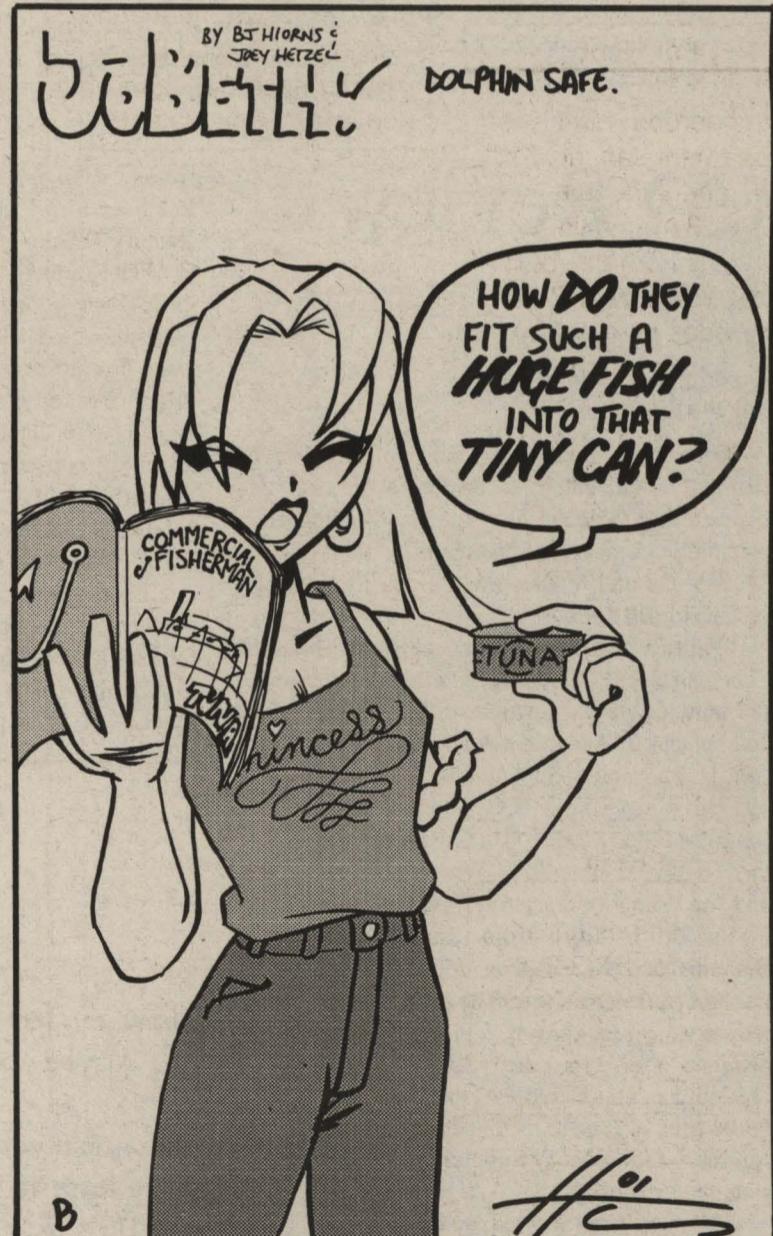
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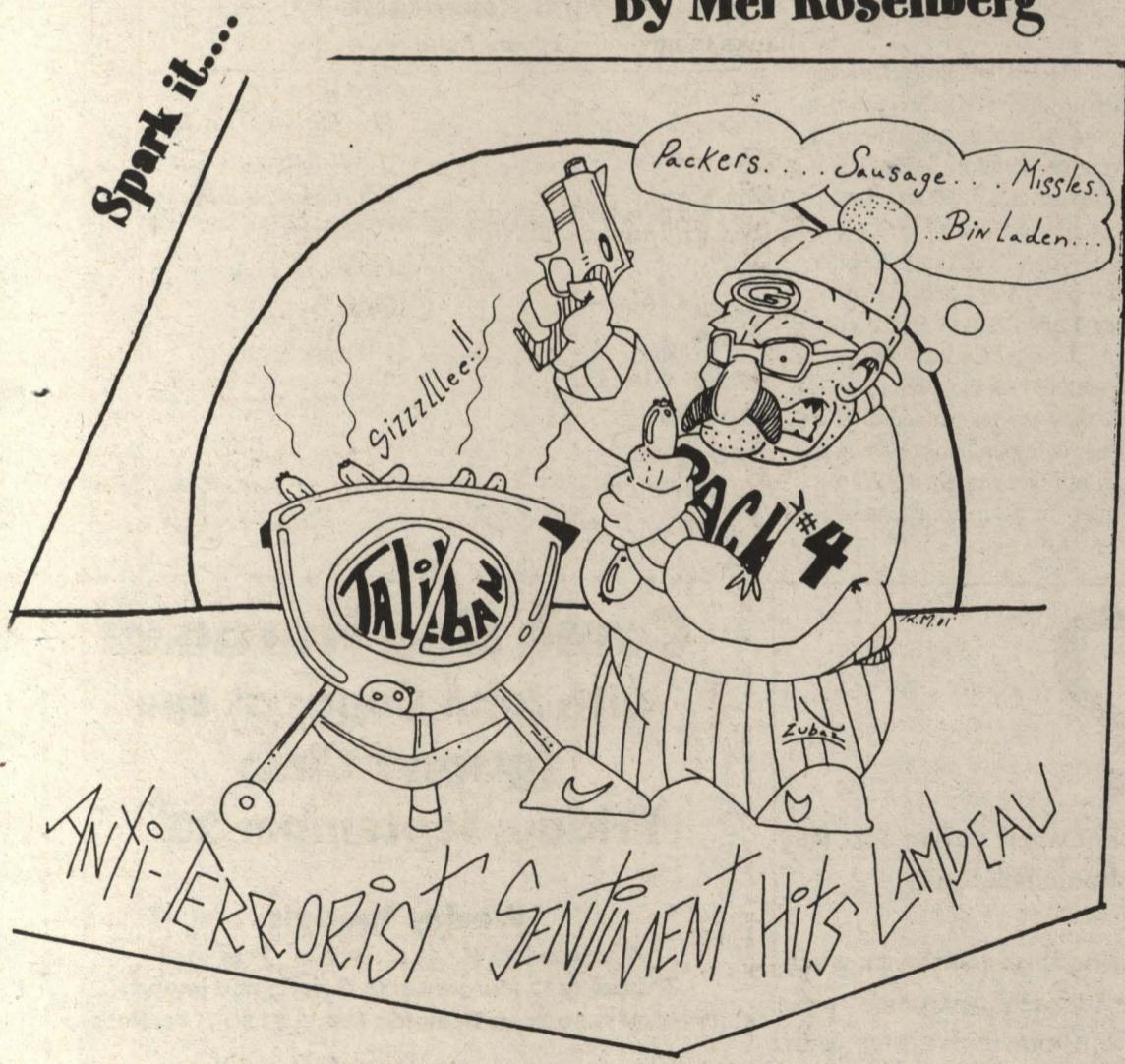
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