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UWSP student charged with second-degree assault

Amdahl charged with felony could serve up to 30 years in prison and pay up to \$10,000 in fines

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS EDITOR

A UW-Stevens Point senior was accused of sexual abuse Sept. 29 after giving a minor alcohol at Pray-Sims Hall

where he was a community adviser. John Amdahl was charged April 2 with second-degree sexual assault, a felony with a maximum fine of \$10,000 and 30 years in prison.

According to the complaint, the 18-year-old victim told officers that Amdahl served her and a few friends Black Russians, a vodka and coffee liqueur concoction, in his room.

The victim became sick so her friends took her back to her

room where she passed out. She woke up later partially undressed with Amdahl sexually abusing her.

The victim's roommate walked in while Amdahl was present but left thinking the couple wanted to be alone. However, knowing the victim had been drinking, the roommate re-entered out of worry.

Amdahl shoved his way out and pulled the victim's roommate into the hall, explaining

that the situation was not what it looked like, according to the complaint.

Amdahl said he was doing his nightly rounds when he entered the victim's room and attempted to comfort her by lying down beside her, said the complaint.

Amdahl also confessed to serving alcohol to students he knew were minors.

Amdahl is free on a \$10,000 signature bond. He is

not to have contact with the alleged victim, her roommate or several of her friends. Also, he must not have any contact with Pray-Sims Hall and cannot possess or drink alcohol.

According to the Residential Living department, Amdahl has been dismissed from his position as a community adviser. He is still enrolled at UWSP majoring in biology.

Amdahl's preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 9.

Powwow celebrates Native American culture

By Julie Johnson
NEWS REPORTER

On Saturday, April 6 in the Berg Gym a Native American social event took place. The event is known as the American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) Pow-wow. AIRO is one of the two American Indian student organizations present on the UWSP campus.

A Powwow celebration includes dancing, singing and visiting among friends and family. One of the most important



Photo by L. Rice

Native American dancer performs in traditional ceremony.

aspects of the Powwow celebration is the drum. This year, the UWSP AIRO Powwow included seventeen drum groups. Customarily, drums beat throughout the day of the celebration. The drums symbolize the essence of life to Native American culture. The beating of the drum symbolizes the beating of a heart, which represents the life of all people.

Traditions play an important part in the Powwow celebration. The Grand Entry is held in the beginning of the celebration as dancers and flag

bearers enter the arena. This orderly march includes the Color Guard, veterans and male and female dancers. The ambassadors or princesses for the respective tribes enter along with the Grand Entry. Chancellor George made a welcoming address to all Powwow attendees after this year's Grand Entry.

Inter-tribal dancing is also an important tradition to the Native American culture. When inter-tribal dancing is announced, anyone in attendance

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Faculty, students protest budget cuts in Madison



Photo submitted by T. Burkart

Protestors hold up signs to push for financial spending.

Protestors hope to change budget cuts to favor school's financial needs

By Mollie Mlodzik
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While most UWSP students were off enjoying their spring breaks, many state workers from UWSP were protesting the

budget cuts in Madison.

On March 28, a group of 1500 workers from around the state gathered on the capitol steps to protest job and benefit cuts to state employees that could help balance the \$1.1 billion state budget deficit.

Protestors included university workers, correctional officers, laboratory technicians, state troopers and other state employees.

60 of the protestors were members of the local Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU) 584, and were from the Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids area.

The rally, called "Enough is Enough", was aimed at Rep. John Gard, R-Peshigo, co-chairman of the legislatures budget writing committee. It focused on the assembly revised budget plan that would freeze the money available for state

salaries next year. It would also require that state employees pay a minimum of \$10 a month for individual and \$20 a month per family for their health insurance beginning Jan. 3, 2003.

Aside from professors, UWSP employs many state workers in positions including: Mail Services, Maintenance and Materials, program assistants, IT workers and telephone support workers.

Jerry Nazcek, president of the local WSEU 584, and senior maintenance mechanic at UWSP, stressed the fact that state workers on campus work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly for students and faculty alike.

"What good would it be to have the best professors in the world, when the lights don't work, the toilets don't flush, and you can't breathe the air?" said Nazcek.

Nazcek also mentioned the misconception that many people think that UWSP positions are expanded yearly, when in actuality there are not many positions added, and there is more work to do with fewer people.

"There is a wrong impression that state workers are overpaid. No one who is rank and file is getting rich," said Tom

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Burkart of UWSP mail services, "We want to bring recognition to the fact that state employees are valued, and for years our wages have been lagging behind the rest."

Local state workers on campus want to see a change in the budget cuts. Sue Wojciechowski, a program assistant in the communication department, said state workers want the government to look at other avenues rather than cut state employees programs and benefits.

Both Wojciechowski and Nazcek said that state workers would like the government to take away the exemption of sales tax on luxury items like jewelry, advertising and legal services.

"We also want the state to look at contracted services," said Wojciechowski. "They are hiring outside workers to do the same job that state employees could do for less money."

Many workers are upset with the budget cut that calls for state workers to pay at minimum \$10-\$20 a month for

health insurance.

"Many people are already paying \$160 a month for health insurance and that price could



Photo submitted by T. Burkart

rise to \$200-\$400 per month," said Wojciechowski.

Nazcek concluded that the government should not place any more burdens on the working class people, but tax big businesses proportionately.

"All state employees are trying to do the best job we can, but legislators keep cutting us, and we are bleeding to the point of hemorrhage," said Nazcek. "There is too much to do."

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Campus celebrates working students

UW-Stevens Point is honoring its more than 2,000 student employees during Student Employment Week, Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 12.

Sponsored by the Student Involvement and Employment Office (SIEO), activities began Monday, April 8, with Student Employee Appreciation Day. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., student employees could stop by the University Center Laird Room for prizes, complimentary massages, food and activities.

On Monday evening at 7 p.m., the UC Legacy Room, a panel of representatives from Georgia-Pacific, Noel Group, Firstar Bank and Sentry Insurance presented "What Your Future Employer Wants You to Know." The panel was co-sponsored by the student groups Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM).

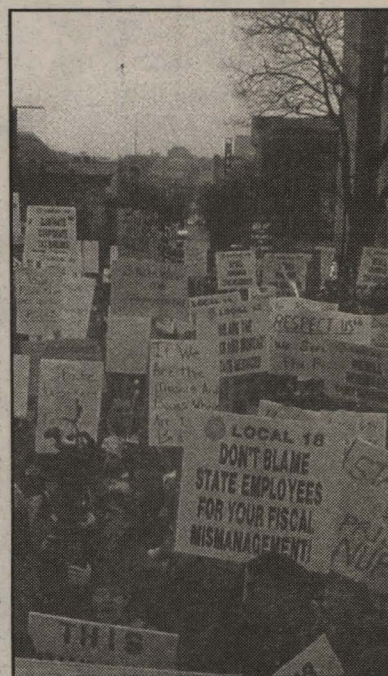


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since the academic year began, says Susan LeBow Young, manager of the Student Involvement and Employee Office.

"Students who work less than 20 hours a week, especially at on-campus jobs, do just as well academically, if not better

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The freshman/sophomore UW campuses



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Students apply for summer jobs.

Throughout the week, the SIEO will sponsor a professional clothing drive to support the efforts of "Dressed to Work," an organization that provides appropriate interview and workplace clothing for eligible people. Clean clothing donations may be dropped off at the SIEO, located in the lower level of the UC.

On Tuesday, April 9, a Summer Job Fair was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Laird Room of the UC. Both employers and students were welcome to attend.

Students were randomly selected to win prizes from campus and local businesses on Wednesday, April 10. On Friday, April 12, students picking up their checks at the Bursar's Office will receive an ice cream novelty while supplies last, courtesy of the Student Alumni Association.

UWSP student employees have earned over \$2 million

than their nonworking counterparts," she said. "By working, students develop critical skills necessary in the workforce: critical thinking, communication skills, problem solving skills and computer skills. Likewise, through their work experiences, students can determine if the career path they've chosen is truly what they want to do."

Students who are employed and active in college also tend to graduate in greater numbers, she said.

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Powwow

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can join in to dance. The head dancers usually lead the group and the rest follow. This year's AIRO powwow included an honoring song and dance for all those that are involved in the education of others. In particular, Sergeant First Class Larry Goins of the UWSP Military Science

Department was honored by the AIRO members and given a Pendleton blanket for his commitment and service. Also, Jasmyne Collins, the five-year-old daughter of Fletcher and Ericka Collins of Nekoosa, was honored with an eagle feather.

The AIRO feast was held at 5 p.m. in the DeBot Center. The feast included wild rice casserole, corn soup, fry

bread, potatoes and deer meat.

There were about 110 dancers at this year's powwow and an adult contest was held to select next year's head dancers. Bernard Webster is next year's male dancer and December Dickerson, a UWSP student, will be next year's female head dancer.

AIRO members were happy with the turnout of people.



Photo by L. Rice



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Prof awarded honorary doctorate

Barbara Harbach, visiting professor of fine arts at UW-Stevens Point, has been awarded an honorary doctor of music degree from Wilmington College (WC), Wilmington, Ohio. The awarding of an honorary doctorate is one of academic's highest honors, and Harbach is the second UWSP faculty member to receive an honorary degree in the history of the university.

At the weekend-long (March 22-24) Festival of Women in Music & Art at Wilmington College, Harbach was a central focus as three of her compositions had their world premieres, and it she gave WC's Watson Library a complete collection of Vivace Press compositions, editions and recordings.

"I'm overwhelmed!" Harbach said. "This has been a dream come true. I've only imagined them (her compositions) in my mind and they turned out incredibly - they came to life in the most exciting form."

Harbach is founder of Vivace Press, a music publishing company renowned for its interest in works by women and other traditionally under-represented composers.

In reading the honorary degree citation, Mark Policinski, vice chair of the WC Board of Trustees, cited Harbach as an "extraordinary and talented"

composer, a "virtuoso" performer on organ, piano and harpsichord, and an educator, scholar and writer who has "shared her knowledge and love of music" with thousands.

"Interwoven in each of these is a testimony to the immense, vital and significant role of women in the rich history and heritage of music," Policinski said. "Vivace Press, your publishing company, is at the forefront of presenting music composed by women. For so long, indeed centuries, the wonderful contributions by women composers were lost in the traditions of music publishing."

"You and Vivace Press have helped right those wrongs by giving women composers an avenue for presenting their music to the world," he added. "And what wonderful music it is."

The festival opened with a symposium titled "Are We There Yet?" that explored the past and present and future of women in music and art. Harbach was featured among five presenters involved in the arts.

Later that evening, a concert was held featuring Wilmington

College music faculty and students. Harbach's composition, "Emanations From the Sacred Harp," was premiered by pianist Barbara Dennis and cellist Robert J. Haskins. Dennis also performed Harbach's 1994 composition, "Suite Alternatives: Upturn, Nocturne and Return."

The grand finale of the weekend was a concert with MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir, directed by WC faculty member Catherine Roma, and the Wilmington College Festival Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Haskins. The orchestra performed the world premiere of Harbach's "Arcadian Reverie for String Orchestra" and "Frontier Fancies for Violin and Orchestra: Fiddlefirt, Twilight Dream and Dance Devil."

"This was something you can't wish for or plan for. It's something that's never on the radar screen," Harbach said about the experience. "As my students say, 'It was awesome!'"

Harbach holds a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree from Yale University and a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music. She came to UWSP in 2000 after three years as a visiting professor at UW-Oshkosh and six years as a tenured professor of music at Washington State University.



Harbach



Thomson Hall

Friday, March 22 2:03 a.m.

Police and fire department ambulance personnel were called to the third floor women's bathroom because of a possible suicide attempt.

Collins Classroom Center

Friday, March 22 6:13 p.m.

A custodian reported writing on the wall inside one of the bathroom stalls in the men's bathroom third floor.

Debot Center

Tuesday, March 26 3:26 p.m.

A faculty member reported a leather recliner had disappeared from Room 028.

Sundial

Wednesday, March 27 12:10 p.m.

Officers were notified of skateboarders using a bike rack to jump and slide on.

Knutzen Hall

Sunday, March 31 9 p.m.

A student reported his bike stolen from the bike rack between Knutzen and Thomson Hall.

Science Building

Monday, April 1 8:41 a.m.

A faculty member reported the theft of a Sharp LCD projector from Room D102.

Hansen Hall

Tuesday, April 2 12:01 p.m.

A smoke detector was activated on first floor east wing.

George Stein Building

Wednesday, April 3 11:00 a.m.

A student called Protective Services pretending to be a member of Campus Security, Protective Services and the Stevens Point Police Department.

Sims Hall

Thursday, April 4 3:16 p.m.

A student reported that a condom was pinned to her door.

Lot X

Thursday, April 4 8:46 p.m.

A visitor reported her car was struck by another vehicle while parked in the lot.

Words of Wisdom From the Editor

I'm sure I'm not the only junior out there with senioritis.

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It happened again today. My alarm went off around 9 a.m. after a full eight hours of high quality, wacky dream-filled sleep. I was refreshed. I was ready to learn even. I slapped the alarm off and slept right through my morning classes.

This situation has become more commonplace in my life these days. As the semester wanes to a close, I find my brain already in summer mode as I continually blow off responsibility after responsibility.

Most college students feel this same sense of "blah" as the year nears its end but, for me, this is an unprecedented feeling of complete laziness. I've lost the desire to know what my test scores are after I skip a week's worth of post-exam classes. I don't seem to care that I've turned in a few too many assignments past their due date. Even the little studying I get around to seems to be cut short by any excuse to do something else.

I'm not writing this piece to condone my abominable college student behavior, but to warn other underclassmen out there that senioritis isn't only limited to seniors these days. I've been suffering from a nasty case of it for about a year now.

The symptoms are pretty obvious and almost always include some form of video gaming. For me, it's NHL 2002, the PC version (naturally). I mean, sure my neuropsych homework was important, but it was severely cutting into my quest to take the Vancouver Canucks all the way so I

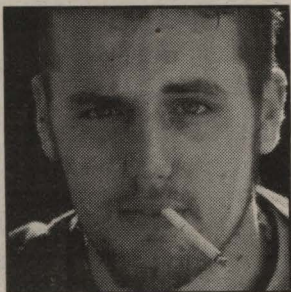
dropped the class. I would have won it all, too, if I wasn't wasting so much time writing research reports for experimental psych and reading so many damn books. In the end, the Philadelphia Flyers got off easy in the Stanley Cup finals and I'm probably getting a C (I'd know if I kept track).

But it's not just the video games and hours upon hours of excessive slumber that's kept me down, all my "priorities" have entirely shifted out of whack. I used to be able to skip an unlimited number of classes and still keep up to speed. I could easily pull an all-nighter before a test and come away with a damn good score.

Needless to say I've lost the magic touch and don't have the ambition to get it back anymore. This pesky senioritis has infiltrated other aspects of my life as well. First, (and most pathetic) I have yet to unpack from spring break. I have bags of laundry, CD's, food and books ominously piled into my closet and I really don't think I'll be straightening any of that out until some of those buried potatoes start to rot, and even then I'll most likely just stock up on Febreze.

I was never late for work one day in my life, but, needless to say, daylight savings time kicked my ass and put an end to that Ripken-esque streak.

Until now the only facet of my life (other than my entertainment priorities) that didn't take a blow from my pre-senioritis was my job as editor, but then I was trying to think of a conclusion and moral to this story ... sorry, online Rock n' Roll Jeopardy is calling my name.



Bills threaten separation of church and state

Your readers should be very wary of two stealth Religious Right bills snaking their way through Congress: H.R. 2357, The House of Worship Political Speech Protection Act, and H.R. 2931, The Bright-Line Act.

These bills are dangerous because they threaten the institutional separation of religion and government by amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow houses of worship to use church funds to campaign and lobby on behalf of, or in opposition to, political candidates. Their intent is to better enable a few unscrupulous religious leaders to monopolize this nation's political landscape.

The bills also fly in the face of a new poll showing that an overwhelming majority of Americans believe churches should not endorse candidates for public office. Survey results just released by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that 70 percent of respondents said churches should not endorse political candidates, while only 22 percent backed church involvement in campaigns.

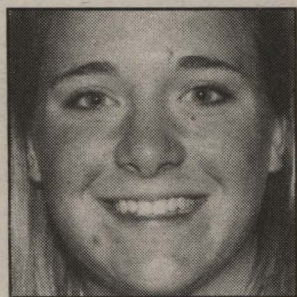
I urge both religious and non-religious activists to ardently oppose passage of H.R. 2357 and H.R. 2391.

Dennis Coyier

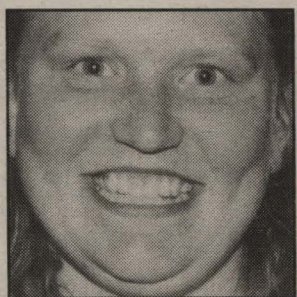
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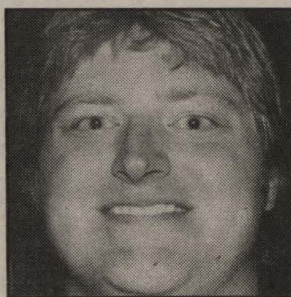
If you had to be stuck in a jail cell with one other person, who would you pick?



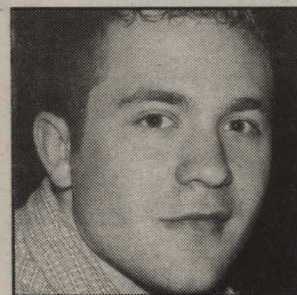
Amber Warhurst, Soph. Elem. Ed.
My boyfriend Russbear.



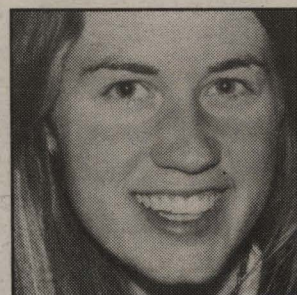
Danielle Vorpagel, Soph. Comm.
MacGyver.



Ding, 2nd Year Sr. Enviro. Ed.
Eric Marsh because I'd make him my bitch.



Brock Studick, Sr. Business Admin.
Penelope Cruz because I love her accent. It never gets old.



Lisa Anne Miller, Jr. History
Robert Downey, Jr.



Adam Hinkle, Soph. Rel. Studies
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The Pointless to the point

To "Sophonda Cox" -

Just wanted to write and give props where props are due—the "Student Impact to hold Kool Aid Tasting Party" article in the annual April Fools Day issue was hilarious and right on target. What a great piece of satire! Unfortunately, I'm sure that some of that satire will be lost—I'm not sure many practicing Christians are familiar with that other infamous Kool Aid party.

Whoever wrote it shows signs of pure genius. You've given many a UWSP atheist, agnostic and freethinker a good laugh.

BreeAnna Jatz-McConnell

Is the United States an Israeli Client State?

The announcement of President Bush that he is sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to the Middle East was accompanied by a mild remonstrance of Israel with a severe criticism of Palestine Authority executive Yassir Arafat.

By his failure to act re Sharon's defiant refusal to withdraw from Palestinian land, President Bush has, in essence, given his blessing to the attempt of Israeli Prime Minister Sharon's effort to destroy the Palestine Authority.

The US is presently engaged in a war against

fanatical Muslim terrorists while at the same time trying to engage the mainstream Muslim world as an ally in this war. Bush's pro-Israel posture certainly does not help in gaining Muslim support.

Moreover, recent congressional initiatives by Republican Mitch McConnell and Senator Joe Biden condemning the Palestine Authority a "terrorist organization" and pro-claiming "solidarity with Israel" can only be seen as stupid and ignorant blunders that can only serve to undermine the need to keep America safe from its bona fide enemies.

These actions by Congress remind one of the observation made by former ambassador to the Sudan Donald Begus in 1985: "At the State Department we used to predict that if Israel's

prime minister should announce that the world is flat, within 24 hours Congress would pass a resolution congratulating him on the discovery." (A CHANGING IMAGE, Richard H. Curtiss, p. 340).

Could this be because in congressional elections from 1978-2000, 1,732 candidates for Congress received a grand total of \$34,607,182 from pro-Israel political action committees? (Washington Report on Middle East Affairs Web Site <http://www.wrmea.com/html/aipac.htm>) In other words, Israel has the best Congress that money can buy and perhaps the presidency to boot.

William Gartland

Grade reports discontinued at UW-Stevens Point

Most UW campuses have stopped mailing grades to students or will be stopping soon.

Technology makes it possible for students to look their grades up on a password protected web site. UW-Stevens Point will be joining this trend. We are asking students to look up their grades on the web effective with the spring 2002 grades. If students wish to print their reports, they can do it from the web as well. The registrar's office will still print and mail a grade report for any student if requested and accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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It is no secret that Wisconsin needs to find ways to cut costs this year. This switch should save about \$10,000 per year.

Students have been able to look up their grades for several years. For many, accessing the web is already the preferred way to get information. Students can find out how they did sooner than waiting for the mail. Other campuses, that have made this change, report their students adjusted just fine.

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SPRING BREAK 2002: WHAT DID YOU DO?

UWSP students were all over the country for spring break this year. These are just some of the many things students did with their week off.

THE EAGLE WALK

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

I consider myself fortunate. I managed to stay in Wisconsin for my entire spring break, yet get a tan! Unfortunately, only my face, neck and hands show it, but as long as I'm fully clothed, I can easily be mistaken for someone who went much further south. I did go south, but, it was only as far as Southwest Wisconsin – about 180 miles. The other little thing to note about my trip: I walked the whole way.

This year was the 21st anniversary

of the Eagle Walk, and the whole thing took about nine days to complete. This year, I was one of only seven walkers to make it the whole way (one of the smallest groups ever); there have been groups numbering in the 30's in years past.

Our mileage was always different from one day to the next; some days we did under 20 miles, and other days well over 20. Our longest day added up to be 28 miles, and our shortest day (the last day) was 13. Don't bother trying to explain that to your body, though.

Anything over ten miles feels the same. After 13 miles, you just want to clean up and rest. After 28 miles, you don't really care about anything except sleep, and maybe never, ever walking again.

We met a lot of interesting people along the way, were well fed and always had a roof over our heads. It was hard, but rewarding. It was difficult to realize the rewards during the hike, but once we reached our destination of Eagle Valley along the Mississippi River, all the pain was so worth the gain.



Photo by B. Steenrod



Photo by S. Price

SERVICE IN THE SOUTH

By Sarah Price
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Three vehicles. 14 people. Original KFC. Cotton-Eyed Joe's Country Bar and Grill. Painting Barns. Chasing Goats. Building fences in the Smokies. Hymns in an old country church. Riding the bull.

Does any of this have anything to do with helping children and serving God, let alone spring break? Well, actually, yes it does.

Our group of Pointers and one former Pointer (now at Bethel College) headed down to Sevierville, Tennessee to volunteer our time and energy at the Wears Valley Ranch for the second year in a row. It is a place in the mountains where at-risk children come to live and learn. It teaches children Bible-based Christian values and gives them a better family environment in which to grow and develop.

We spent time with the children during the mornings and at lunch, and were able to witness the positive impact that we, as role models, could have on their lives.

When not working with the kids, we went down and volunteered time to help with different projects around the ranch. We built fences, painted a barn and tore down part of a shed. I shouldn't forget the goat chasing either (harmless fun, no goats were harmed in the process).

Evenings were free and there was time to conquer the mechanical bull (affectionally called "Gary"), since our quest to find him last year failed. We took line dancing lessons and experienced some genuine southern hospitality.

We went to serve our friends at the ranch, but in the end, we received more than we gave. Until next year...

to be one of the most scenic places to play ultimate in all of Georgia! Decorated with flowers and lined with live oaks layered with Spanish moss along with stone statues that told of Savannah's history, this certainly was true.

The Hat Tournament was a mixture of the 16 teams (11 men's and five women's) that came from all over the U.S. to play. The names were randomly chosen, and each new team consisted of about 16 players, all from different schools. Three games were first played, and then after that

Kim Pelo and Lyndsey Jordan brought up the rear in the Eagle Walk and kept big trucks at bay (right) while Craig Sikora and Brandon Thompson chased goats on a ranch in Tennessee (left).

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

By Miranda Christiansen
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Texas isn't exactly the destination most spring breakers have in mind when planning their trips, but for seven of us adventurous Pointer ladies, it was exactly what was needed to get a break from central Wisconsin. We packed up a van and road tripped 23 non-stop hours to San Antonio, Texas just so we could lend a helping hand.

Sponsored by the Association for Community Tasks (ACT), this annual trip brought us hard working Wisconsinites to pitch in and help with communi-

ty service wherever it was needed. We spent time working with Habitat for Humanity, MANNA (Meals Available for the Nutritional Needs of All), the homeless shelter and the Fourth Street Inn.

The Fourth Street Inn is a restaurant that serves the city's business district, with many of the proceeds going to feed the homeless in a breakfast through the MANNA program.

While at the homeless shelter, the volunteers served as night monitors, where they were able to speak with the homeless and learn their stories. This experience is one that I'm sure none of us will ever forget.

While in San Antonio, we stayed with Sam and Teresa Wishard, a couple that hosts mission groups from around the country. There was an abundance of southern hospitality and plenty of room for everyone in the comfortable five bedroom house.

The whole trip wasn't just hard work, though. We had our fair share of sightseeing in the state where everything looms larger. We did our best to adapt to southern culture, which included line dancing and eating authentic Mexican food (and experiencing all the good and bad that comes with it).

MEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE

By Scott Cattellino
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Over spring break, the men's Ultimate Frisbee team took their show on the road looking for sun, fun and lots of Frisbee. They got exactly what they were looking for in a 20-hour drive down south to Savannah, Ga.

First things first, let's talk Frisbee. Their first stop was in Statesboro, Ga, where they played in a weekend tournament at Georgia Southern University.

After starting out 3-3 in their first weekend, the team then traveled to the Atlantic coast for the weeklong High Tide Tournament in Savannah.

Over the course of the next five days, the team played 11 games and posted an 8-3 record.

On day one, the team went 3-1 with impressive wins against Middlebury and Harvard of the Ivy League. The second day brought a 2-1 mark with a near flawless 13-3 thrashing of Ohio

State, a team that made it to nationals last year. The last day found them 3-1 with their only loss coming in the semifinals to the University of Oregon, which is one of the top five teams in the nation. The team ended the week taking third place overall.

Their last outing took them a little further north to Clemson University for another weekend

Now let's talk spring break. During their week in Savannah, the men's and women's teams rented a beach house on beautiful Tybee Island, about 20 minutes outside of Savannah. The first day there was a day off, so most players spent all day on the beach working on their forgotten tans (thanks to Wisconsin winters) and drinking lots of...uh, Kool-Aid.

With the weather being mostly or completely sunny, with temperatures in the 75 - 80 degree range throughout the week, most of the time was spent outside, either on the beach

or the Frisbee field.

The waters of the Atlantic were a relief after a long day of playing. The walks on the beach at night in shorts and sandals were a much-needed break from the hustle and bustle of school and the long, ugly winter Mother Nature has bestowed upon us. I truly miss it already.



Photo by S. Cattellino

The men's ultimate frisbee team, Homegrown, takes a moment to chill after a long day of discin' Georgia style.

tournament in South Carolina. There the team posted an undefeated first day, going 4-0 and defeating their regional nemesis, St. Olaf College. They followed that up with a 1-1 mark the next day, losing only to the University of Tennessee. Overall, the men played 23 games in an eight-day period and came out of the week with a 16-7 record.

WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE

By Michelle Ingrouille
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

11 ladies from the UWSP Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team, SPF7, drove down to Tybee Island to spend spring break playing in a tournament and basking in the warm Georgia sun. After the 19-hour drive, they met the men's team to find the beach house that both teams would share and call home for the next week.

Right away at 9 a.m. on Monday, there was a Hat Tournament in Savannah, Ga. at Forsythe Park. This park is said

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The Health and Wellness Spot

Dear Health Advocate,

A couple of my friends are always getting massages and telling me about how it really helps them feel better about their bodies. Are there any real benefits of getting a massage?

Rubdown Critic

Dear Rubdown Critic,

Massage is an excellent and easy relaxation technique. Besides just feeling good, it really does help the body to heal. Here are some of the mind and body benefits to getting a good rub-down:

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- 9) Massage stretches connective tissue, improves circulation and nutrition and so breaks down or prevents the formation of adhesions and reduces the danger of fibrosis.
- 10) Massage allows focus on awareness and expansion of breath.
- 11) Massage provides an opportunity to learn and relax.
- 12) MASSAGE MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD!

This is just a quick overview of the benefits of massage. If you want to learn more or experience massage for the first time, stop by the lower level of the Allen Center and speak with a Health Advocate.

Questions for the Health Advocate? E-mail her at kbuch680.

Twilight of the Golds runs Friday

The off-broadway production dealing with genetic issues makes its debut at UWSP; discussion to follow the show

"The Twilight of the Golds," a poignant contemporary drama that raises issues about genetic research, will be staged in the Jenkins Theatre Friday through Sunday, April 12 to 14, and Thursday through Saturday, April 18 to 20, by the UWSP department of theatre and dance.

In "The Twilight of the Golds," David Gold, a young scenic designer played by Eli Kranski, tells the story of a family caught in crisis and the events that led to his separation from them. As the play unfolds, David's sister and brother-in-law, a genetic researcher, use a new prenatal test on their unborn child. The results indicate a potential problem that neither parent seems prepared to deal with.

Suzanne Gold-Stein, played by Susan Maris, and her husband, Rob Stein, played by Jeromy Spraker, are forced to decide whether or not they want to have a child who does not meet their expectations.

The entire Gold family is ultimately

drawn into the debate. Suzanne is pulled in all directions by her brother, her husband and her parents, Phyllis and Walter Gold, played by Phyllis O'Hara, and John Blick. Although the story is told from David's point of view, each character is given the opportunity to express his or her views directly to the audience, providing a necessary balance to the debate and an opportunity for audience members to identify with at least one of the characters.

"It is a highly theatrical play," said director Ken Risch, professor and chair of theatre and dance.

"It uses opera throughout as a reference for the action and plot. Ultimately, it is a play about a

very real dilemma facing modern civilization: given the power of knowledge gained through advances in scientific research, what is the nature of man's responsibility in using that knowledge? It's about science versus emotion."

"The Twilight of the Golds" was written by Jonathan Tolins and received positive reviews on the regional circuit before appearing on Broadway in 1993.

The Friday, April 12, performance is at 8 p.m., the Sunday, April 14, is at 2 p.m. and all others are at 7:30 p.m. Cost of admission is \$11 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the ticket office or by calling 346-4100.



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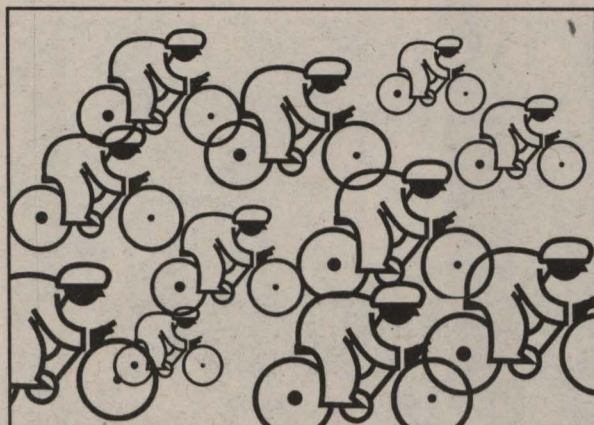
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The new student organization, Kyoto Now! has organized a bike rally in the Sundial tonight at 8 p.m. to raise awareness for the far reaching impacts that global climate change might have on human society.

The basis for the bike rally is to get people out in support of Earth. Everyone knows that global warming will melt polar ice caps, but what most people don't know is that global warming has the potential to destroy beer.

Ale, an ingredient in beer, is grown in cool climates, and the prospect of raising the Earth's temperature could have far reaching implications on the ability of farmers to grow this most essential ingredient.

While beginning in the Sundial, the bike rally will end at 9 p.m. at Guu's on Main for a post rally save-the-ales-and-possibly-the-planet party.

Bike-A-Thon coming

Enjoy the scenery along the Green Circle while raising money for charity during the UWSP Kiwanis Circle K Club's Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, April 20.

Sponsored by the UWSP student organization, the Bike-A-Thon is open to the public. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at Bukolt Park and the bike around the Green Circle trail will begin at 11 a.m. Pledges of \$5 or more are necessary to participate, with proceeds going to help fight iodine deficiency disorders.

Prizes will be awarded to those with the highest pledge amounts. Top prizes include a four-piece patio set and a jacket from Campus Cycle.

Pledge forms are available at the University Center pamphlet rack across from the Information Desk and at Campus Cycle and the Hostel Shoppe. Additional sponsors include the Plover Kiwanis, Copps Food Center, Coca-Cola, McDonalds on Highway 10 and Richard Belke Associates.

April offerings are abundant

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

That time of the year has arrived. Just when the most acute cases of senioritis have arrived, just when the weather has finally gotten nice, just when everyone has the most amount of homework to get done, Centertainment has done their best to make students re-evaluate their priorities with a full schedule of events in this last full month of school.

This Friday is a tag team offering of events. At 7 p.m. in the Encore, *The Tag Team Show*, featuring Self Proclaimed Nickname and Sentinel will perform, while over in the basement of Debot, the movie *Riding in Cars with Boys* will be showing at both 7 and 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 16, all the dance maniacs out there can pick up some moves at the first Hip Hop/Funk Dance minicourse. The course begins at 7 p.m. and lasts until 9

p.m. each of the next three Tuesdays in the Encore.

For those who are feeling like money is burning a hole in their pocket, they can ease their pain and buy a ticket to see the musical *Cabaret*. The show is at the Weidner Center in Green Bay, and costs \$49. The bus leaves at 4:30 p.m.

On the 18th, the Ghattobillies will be performing in the Encore at 8 p.m. The next day, the movie *Serendipity* will be showing at Debot at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Your chance to cheer on the Brew-crew arrives April 21 when UWSP sends a busload of Pointers to Miller Park. The cost of the trip is \$24 and the "train" departs at 8 a.m.

Other events are planned as well, so if you're looking for something to do to get your mind off your studies, keep an eye out. Before you know it, it'll be finals and there will be nothing left to entertain your fancy, whatever it may be.

The Legal Corner

I am 18 and was wondering if I can drink at a bar if my parents purchase the beverages for me?

Dear Student,
Wisconsin Statutes s. 125.07 (4)(a)(2) provides that it is illegal for an underage person to possess or consumes alcoholic beverages on licensed premises (a bar) unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. So, yes, if your parent is there with you and purchases the beverage for you, you are legally in the clear. However, don't let that parent disappear on you.

My landlord has entered my house numerous times with little or no prior notice. I am sure this is illegal. What kind of actions can I take against this?

Dear Student,
The Wisconsin Administrative Code, s. 134.09(2) makes it illegal for a landlord to enter onto rented premises at reasonable times, without giving advance notice of 12 hours, or a shorter period if the tenant consents. In

other words, if the landlord knocks on the door, and the tenant lets him or her in, then the entry is OK. The entry must be for the purpose of inspecting the premises, making repairs or to show the premises to prospective tenants or purchasers. If the landlord violates this provision, my suggestion is that the tenant file a complaint with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. They investigate complaints, and on rare occasions, if a landlord has repeatedly violated the provisions of the code, will take legal action to stop the violations.

Violations of this provision are also theoretically a misdemeanor but I have never seen this prosecuted as a crime. Tenants can sue landlords for double their pecuniary (financial) loss for violation of Section 134 of the code; however, a violation like this rarely results in an identifiable financial loss to the tenant. An illegal entry by a landlord on rented premises is essentially a violation of the tenant's right to privacy. There is

a cause of action in Wisconsin law for violation of privacy, however, I have not seen any such lawsuits brought for this type of conduct, although it is certainly theoretically possible. If any student feels that their rights as a tenant are being violated, they are encouraged to make an appointment with Jan Roberts, staff attorney for the Student Legal Society, to discuss the matter, and any potential responses to the situation. You can obtain a copy of Ch. Ag. 134 - Residential Rental Practices - at the Student Legal Services office.

The Legal Corner is sponsored by Student Legal Services. We offer UWSP students legal advice with a qualified attorney. If you have a legal question you would like to be answered, stop by our room, which is located down the hall from the Pointer Express on the second floor of the U.C., or check out our website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sls/index.htm.

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single elimination determined the top team. The winning team ended up playing six games in one day.

The next three days consisted of regular tournament play for SPF7. There were four other women's teams including Harvard, Middlebury, Lawrence and St. Olaf. The temperatures during play were usually in the mid-eighties with no shade on the fields and only some sideline shade. But despite the abnormal conditions for Wisconsinites, sunburn, dehydration and few substitutes during games, they managed to put forth a great effort. With each new game improvement was seen and the intensity level was high most of the time. Even though this was the ladies' first chance to play outdoors since before winter, they ended up with a record of 2-4 in those three days, beating Lawrence both times.

Usually after a full day of ultimate, supper was quickly made and swimming in the ocean (only 3 houses away) was taken advantage of. Then a night of rest and visiting other teams at their beach houses was had. All in all, SPF7 had a "huck" of a good spring break.



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Walking makes all the difference

Relay for Life participants help in the fight against cancer

By Laura Daugherty
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



The American Cancer Society "Relay for life" will take place this weekend on the HEC indoor track. The relay is a fundraising and awareness event being sponsored by the student chapter of the National Wellness Institute.

Teams consisting of businesses, organizations, schools, families and friends will begin walking on Friday at 7 p.m. and end at noon on Saturday. At least one member from each team should be on the track at all times of the event. When team members are not on the track, they will enjoy food, fun and team camaraderie.

This is the second year for the Relay for Life in Stevens Point, which last year raised \$15,000 dollars to help contribute to cancer research. UWSP student Erin Yudchitz will be participating in the event for the second year and said, "I am excited to have this event at our campus for the second year. It gives students and community members an opportunity to come together for a great cause."

Aside from the relay, there will also be a Luminaria Ceremony to remember those who have passed away from cancer, as well as honoring those who are survivors. A luminaria is a candle set into a special white paper bag with sand. When the candle is lit, it illuminates the area around it with a soft body of light. The bags with the honorees names on them will line a path at the relay, and candles will be lit at 9:30 on Friday. Luminarias will be on sale up until the time of the ceremony.

The Relay for Life is open to the public, and all UWSP students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend.

How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat?

By Laura Daugherty
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Association for Community Tasks (A.C.T.) is gearing up for the 15th annual Hunger Clean Up on Saturday, April 20. This is the A.C.T.'s largest event of the year and involves both the UWSP campus and the community.

Volunteers will accept pledges from sponsors to work on projects such as yard-work for the elderly, cleaning parks, washing school buses and painting. Half of all money raised will go to the Operation Bootstrap Program, 35% will be donated to the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness and the remaining 15% will go to international hunger programs.

In past years, more than 1,200 students have contributed approximately 9,000 hours of community service in the Stevens Point area through the A.C.T.

After the clean up, volunteers are invited to a picnic at Debot with food and prizes that are donated from the community. A.C.T. President Dakonya Haralson-Weiler said, "The A.C.T. looks forward to

the Hunger Clean Up every year. It is a great opportunity for students to get out and give something back to Stevens Point while enjoying the nice spring weather."

It's not too late to sign up. Volunteers can contact the A.C.T. office at 346-2260 or stop by room



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Verbrick dabbles in perfection

Ace throws first nine-inning perfect game in WIAC history

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP righthander Bill Verbrick will go down in Pointer history after throwing the first nine-inning perfect game in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference history, helping the Pointer baseball team defeat UW-River Falls 5-0 in the WIAC season opener for both teams.

Verbrick's no-no was the first perfect game thrown in a WIAC game since UW-Oshkosh's Whitney McCurdy had a perfect game against UW-Stevens Point in a five-inning game on April 14, 1992.

"It was just overwhelming. It took awhile to realize what had just happened," said Verbrick.

The gem was the sixth no-hitter in school history, coming

almost exactly ten years after the last no-hitter in Pointer history, when Robbie Wolff, Chris Combs and Kory Krueger teamed up to no-hit Lakeland on April 7, 1992. The only other perfect game in UWSP history was a five-inning performance by Bill Kuse against UW-Eau Claire in 1961.

Adding to the glory of Verbrick's game was the fact that only one hitter came close to reaching base against him. UW-River Falls' designated hitter Dan Kretovics came the closest to reaching base for the Falcons on two occasions. The first came in the fifth inning when Kretovics bunted, but Pointer senior third baseman Paul Molitor charged the play and threw off-balance to get Kretovics at first. In the eighth, Kretovics hit a ball deep in the hole at shortstop, but slick-fielding sophomore Mike Hall threw him out on a close play.

Verbrick, an Appleton native who played prep baseball at Xavier High School, struck

out the first two batters in the ninth, including Josh Eidem on a 3-2 pitch at the knees that was a called strike three for the second out. He then forced Andy Becker to ground out to the shortstop to end the game.

"I was just trying not to walk that last guy, and fortunately he hit a ground ball," said Verbrick.

Verbrick ended the game with ten strikeouts out of the 27 batters he faced.

The senior is now 3-0 for the season with a microscopic 1.96 earned run average. He has 24 strikeouts in 23 innings pitched.

"This was definitely the biggest highlight of my career," said Verbrick. "People I don't even know are coming up and congratulating me. It's nice to know that people are noticing what we are doing."

Saturday's win was the 19th of Verbrick's career, putting him second on the school's all-time wins list.

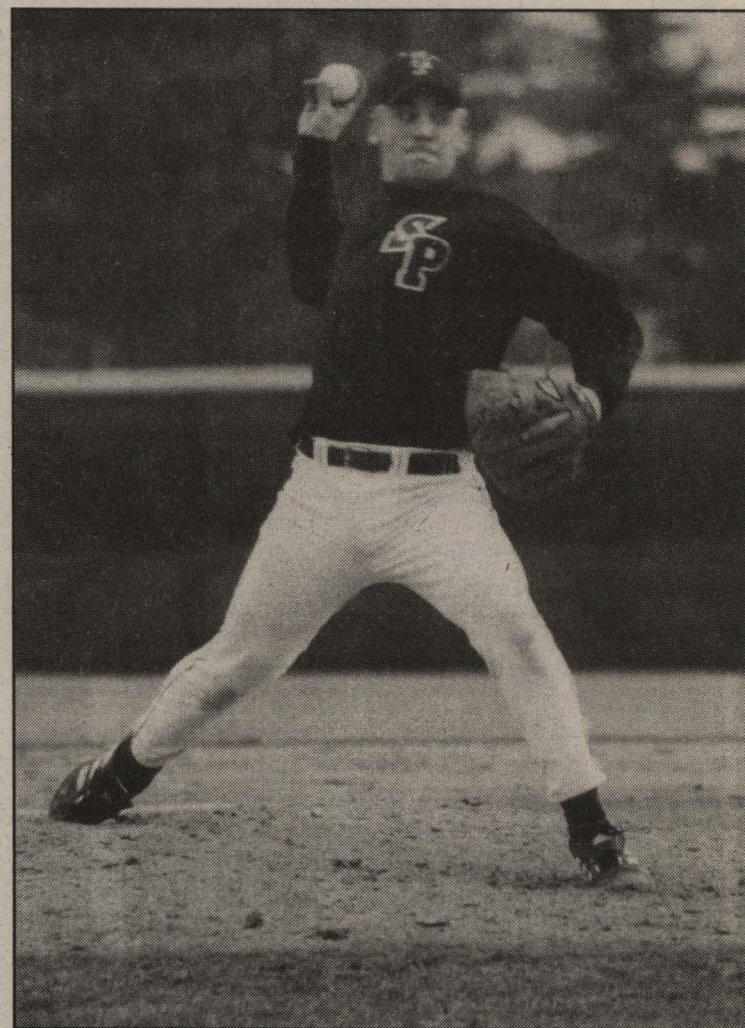


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Bill Verbrick winds up during his performance against River Falls on Saturday. Verbrick pitched a perfect game for the Pointers.

Pointers steal two from Pioneers

Team pushes record to 12-3 on season

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP baseball team continued their impressive season on Wednesday, taking both games of a double-header against the Platteville Pioneers in Stevens Point.

In the first game, the Pointers jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, cruising to a 13-0 victory.

After a scoreless first inning, the Pointers exploded for three runs in the second on an RBI single by sophomore catcher Joe Waksmonski and an RBI double by sophomore shortstop Mike Hall. A throwing error by Platteville leftfielder Brad Bussler allowed another run to score, making it 3-0.

The lead was all the Pointers needed, as junior Jeff Pieper scat-

tered four hits over seven innings to pick up the complete game victory. The game was shortened to seven innings due to the 12-run rule.

In the second game, the Pioneers were the ones who got out to an early lead, scoring two runs in the first off Pointer starter Jeremy Mueller.

After two innings, the score was knotted at three each, and it would stay that way until the seventh, when both teams scored once to tie it at four.

The score remained even through regulation and into extra frames till little-used freshman Matt Polomis ended the game with one swing of the bat in the 12th inning, poking a single to left-center that scored senior Randy Reed.

Pointer ace Bill Verbrick picked up the win in relief, pitching the final seven innings while giving up the lone run in the seventh.

Verbrick tied a school record with his 20th career victory.

In other games this week, the Pointers carried a 4-2 record, recording a sweep over UW-River Falls over the weekend, while taking one of two from St. Norberts on Tuesday.

In the River Falls games, besides Bill Verbrick's perfect game, sophomore Josh Blaha pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings in relief for the win on Saturday, while junior Eric Schlender gave up two hits over four innings of relief for Sunday's victory.

In the victory over St. Norbert, senior Randy Reed hit two homers, giving him three for the double-header.

Freshman pitcher Shane Standifer pitched a complete game for his first victory.

Next up for the Pointers is a two-game set against the La Crosse Eagles this weekend, while they travel to Oshkosh to face the Titans on Wednesday.

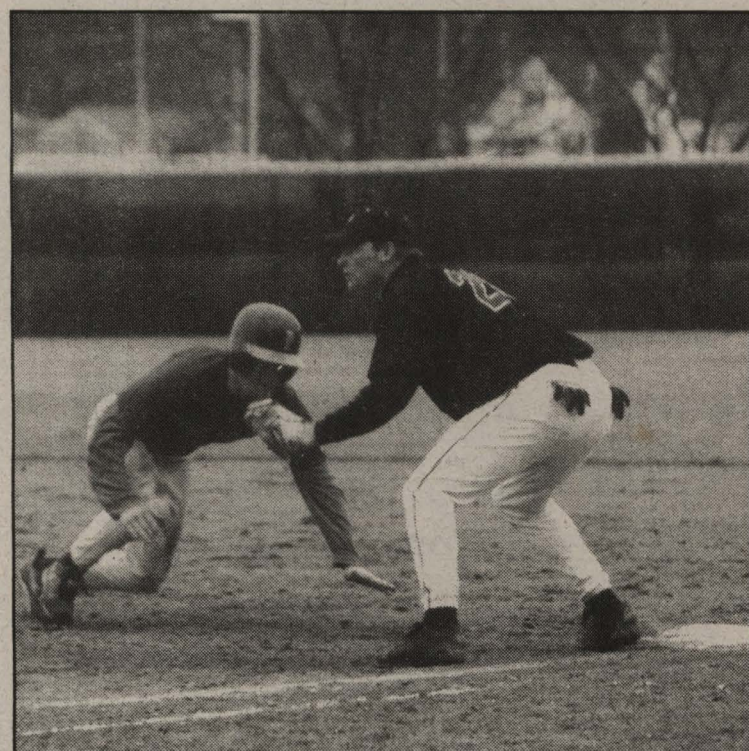


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Point first baseman Ryan Jones gets ready to receive a pick-off throw against Platteville on Wednesday.

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Pointer softball splits first WIAC games

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's fastpitch team (11-6, 1-1) split a double-header with UW-Whitewater to open their conference schedule on Wednesday.

In the opening game of the double-header, the Pointers got a masterful performance on the hill from junior Karen Guckenberger. Guckenberger pitched all ten innings of the extra inning affair to lead Point to a 2-0 victory. She surrendered just eight hits and struck out eight to record the shutout of Whitewater. The victory improved Guckenberger's record to 6-2 for the year.

The matchup was the ultimate pitchers' duel, as both teams failed to score in the first nine innings. However, the Pointers finally broke through in the top of the tenth when Stacy Karls led off the inning with a triple. Brooke Woller then hit her third dou-

ble of the season to drive in Karls and give UWSP the lead to stay. Woller would later score on a sacrifice fly for an insurance run.

In the second game, the Whitewater bats came to life as they squeezed out a 3-2 victory over UWSP. The Pointers took an early 2-0 lead as they scored a pair of unearned runs in the second inning. Whitewater quickly answered scoring three runs in the third inning to take the lead for good. UWSP came close to tying the game, loading the bases with one out in the sixth inning. But a double play ball ended that threat and UWSP would get no closer.

Guckenberger pitched a scoreless seventh inning to end that game and that, combined with her ten inning shutout in the opener, extended her scoreless inning streak to 32 innings. Her performance also lowered her ERA to an amazing 0.22 for the season.



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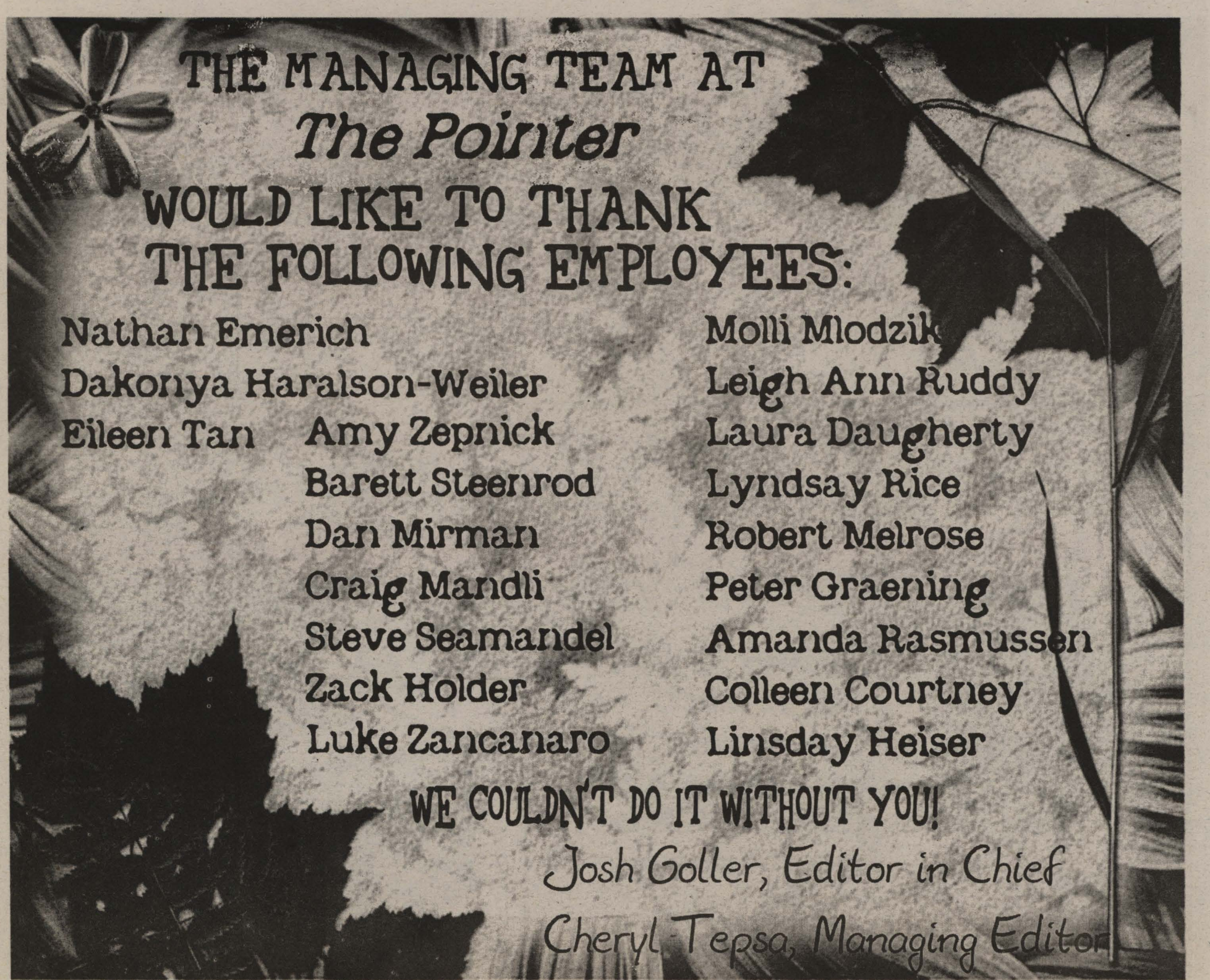
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Track teams start up outdoor seasons on a positive note

Men's team wins a dual match with the Titans; women finish with a close third

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

Rainfall and wet conditions might have added an increased sense of adversity to the annual University of Memphis Big Cat Classic, but the weather was not enough to prevent the men's and women's Track and Field teams from beginning the outdoor season on a positive note.

"When you go down south, you expect good weather. On this occasion, the weather was terrible. Mentally, that's a big thing and it requires a big adjustment. We just have to be ready to go at all times," said men's Coach Rick Witt.

Despite rainfall that persisted throughout the day, the Pointer men were able to make the necessary "big adjustment," notching eight top three performances on the day. Among the more notable performances were those of Gary Gunderson, who placed second in both the 100 and 200-meter dash, and Jeremiah Rolfs, who with a 47.33 meter toss in the discus throw was the only Pointer male athlete to win an event. Mark Lalonde also came up big, finishing second in the 5000-meter run with a provisional qualifying time of 14:41.33.

The women's team produced a pair of first place finishes, as Kara Vosters won the 5000-meter run with a provisional qualifying time of 18:03.73 and Eden Olson edged out Taylor Poling of Hendrix College to win the pole vault competition. Coach Len Hill was particularly excited by the performances of freshman Teresa Stanley and Amanda Nechuta. Stanley finished third in the first steeplechase competition en route to attaining a provisional qualifying time. Equally

impressive in the eyes of her coach was Stanley's form during the race. Due to slippery conditions on the track, Stanley opted to hurdle the water jump as opposed to stepping on the jump to clear it, a technique that is usually utilized by far more experienced runners.

"She made a big step forward as a competitor. It was a surprise and a lot of fun to watch," Hill commented.

Stanley was not surprised at all by her performance. "I realized that it was slippery on the first lap when I stepped over the water jump, so I decided that the next time I was just going to hurdle it. I had no doubt that I could clear it," said the freshman.

Nechuta also impressed Hill with her outdoor debut, finishing second in the shot put competition. Still, Hill feels that the freshman has vastly more potential than she exhibited in Memphis.

"[The shot put competition] was late in the day and the weather conditions were certainly a factor. Nechuta's performance was not even close to what she is capable of," said Hill.

Hill was impressed by Nechuta's ability to focus her energies toward her field events so quickly after the conclusion of her season with basketball program. "We asked her if she wanted to take a week off to recover from the basketball season, but she declined. She wanted to refocus herself right away. That's just Amanda," said Hill.

Both teams also recently competed in separate outings on April 6. The men's team dominated a dual meet with conference rival Oshkosh, winning the meet by a score of 110-89 and taking first place honors in 13 of 19 events.

The meet produced three national qualifiers: juniors Noah Eschenbach and Luke Hilgars in the hammer throw, and senior Jeremiah Rolfs in the discus. The women's team succeeded in producing two national qualifiers in their third place effort in a triangular meet, which also featured Oshkosh

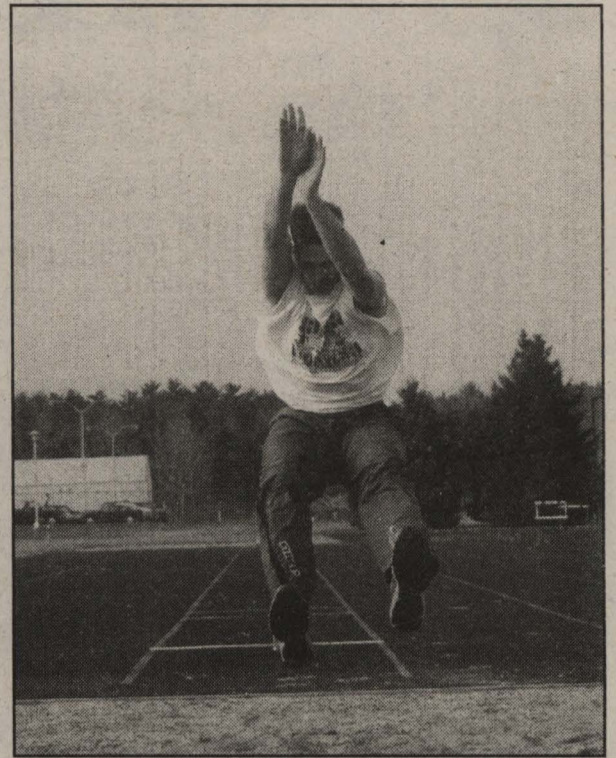


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Cory Lesperance practices long jump for this weekend and La Crosse.

Kara Vosters and Rebecca Lebak dominated their opposition in the 10K run, finishing over two minutes ahead of the rest of the field and achieved automatic national qualifying times.

The next meet for both teams will be the North Central College Invitational on April 13.

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UWSP Career Highlights

- Threw first nine inning perfect game in the history of the WIAC conference.
- WIAC all-conference team as a sophomore and a junior.
- Named team captain sophomore through senior year.
- Second all-time in wins in a season and career strikeouts.

Major - Economics

Hometown - Appleton, WI.

Most memorable moment - By far, it was the perfect game that I threw last weekend at River Falls.

Who was your idol growing up? - I didn't really have an idol, but I was always a big Greg Maddux fan.

What are your plans after graduation? - Starting this summer, I will be the assistant golf professional at the Stevens Point Country Club.

Do you plan on playing baseball competitively after graduation?

- I'll play baseball if I get drafted by some miracle, but I don't count on that happening.

What is your favorite aspect of baseball? - My favorite aspect is the complexity of the pitcher-batter matchup. Each pitch is so important!

Most embarrassing moment - I missed a half court shot at half-time of a UWSP basketball game last season. If I made it, I would have won a big screen TV, but I threw up an air ball. My roommates still give me a hard time.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - I would like to be Tiger Woods, especially this Sunday at the Masters.

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

1. My girlfriend Kara
2. My golf clubs
3. My bow

What will you remember most about baseball at UWSP? - I'll remember all the great guys I met, along with all the fun times we shared as a team. (Along with our win at the 2002 World Series Championship game in Appleton).



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The Sports Guy's Opinion: What is the deal with NASCAR?

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

I don't get it. I just can't figure out how NASCAR has gotten so popular in this country. I understand how racing can be thrilling, and it's in everyone's blood and all that stuff. I even enjoy racing in go-karts myself once in a while.

My problem is, why are so many people going out to watch it? All I see is a bunch of cars that are too loud and go around in an oval. Please. If I wanted to see something like that I would lend my keys to a friend and watch him drive around the block.

I read recently that if NASCAR continues to grow at this rate, it will trail only the NFL in popularity by 2010. I am already starting to see the effects too. During the football season last fall, I was watching a football game on a Sunday afternoon in a local bar. As I enjoyed myself, some NASCAR fan walked in, equipped in an official Pennzoil jacket with a matching hat to boot (it should also be noted that his girl was wearing a matching jacket).

This "sports fan" then asks for the TV I am watching to be changed to the big race, and he actually gets some support from some other hicks, I mean NASCAR enthusiasts. Fortunately, I was able to hold my ground and leave the channel unchanged, but the

threat left me a little shaken. I could not believe NASCAR was actually threatening football.

NASCAR also is responsible for getting my spring break off to a bumpy start. Even though the city I planned to stay in on Saturday was two hours away from the race, all the hotels were full with race fans and I was forced to drive another hour and a half for lodging.

The epidemic is getting worse too. The NASCAR season extends from Feb. 10 all the way to Nov. 17. That is just ridiculous. I only have two months to enjoy being NASCAR-free until it returns again and infects my TV. That means it will be ruining another ten minutes of Sportscenter.

The part about NASCAR that I have tried the hardest to figure out is the merchandise. Why are all these people paying money to advertise DuPont or Viagra? I see all these jackets running around that look like various companies have just sewn their slogan on there. It would seem to me that people should be getting paid to advertise these companies, but maybe that's just me.

While I don't understand the hobby, I am impressed by the large following that it has garnered in such a short time. Whoever thought taking the muffler off your car and then going around for 500 miles could attract such a following.

The Man's Take:

My attempt at going a day without sports

By Craig Mandl
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week my girlfriend accused me of watching sports way too much. Well, just to prove that sports aren't a necessity in my life, I vowed to make an attempt to go a day without any sports. Since the Brewers were off on Monday, and nothing else really big was happening, I decided that Monday was as good of day as any. Well, here is the running diary of my day without sports.

10:45 a.m. - Wake up (I figure that since I had a class at 11, I wouldn't be tempted to flip on Sportscenter while tossing down my typical breakfast of mini chocolate doughnuts and Tang. Worked to perfection, except that I managed to brush my teeth before drinking the Tang. Not good times, bad times.)

11 a.m. - Psychology class. No sports thoughts here, unless learning about how our eyes pick up

color can be classified as a sport. Woo-hoo, I didn't think so! One hour down.

12 p.m. - English. Last time I checked, Moby Dick wasn't signing a multi-million dollar endorsement deal with Nike. Hour two in the books.

1 p.m. - Investigative reporting class. This would be tough, considering the group project we are working on is on Title IX. I just barely managed to put myself on cruise control, gathering absolutely nothing from the class (sorry, Professor Kelley).

2 p.m. - Advanced journalism. Another tough one, considering this class is in a computer lab in the Communications building. I tried paying attention this week instead of surfing the various sports-related web pages I normally indulge in. It worked!

4:30 p.m. - Staff meeting. No problems.

5 p.m. - Now comes the hard

part. Getting through the night without sports. Fortunately, I procrastinated on working on a paper for another English class. Good 'ole John Milton, I could kiss you! Five hours used!

10 p.m. - Bedtime. I know, all of you are thinking that I'm a lightweight. Really, I haven't gone to bed that early since middle school. But I figured, "Hey, early to bed, no need to watch sports."

10:15 p.m. - I'm almost asleep when my buddy calls to tell me that ESPN Classic is featuring a documentary on Vince Lombardi. Half asleep, I flip the TV to the right channel and begin to watch when I finally realized what I had done! It was over. I failed. I was so close, too.

Oh, well, I guess I can't complain. I went nearly a whole day. That deserves something, right? Well, I decided that I'm never going to do that to myself again. Now, if you will excuse me, I'm going to go watch Sportscenter. Till next time, GO POINTERS!

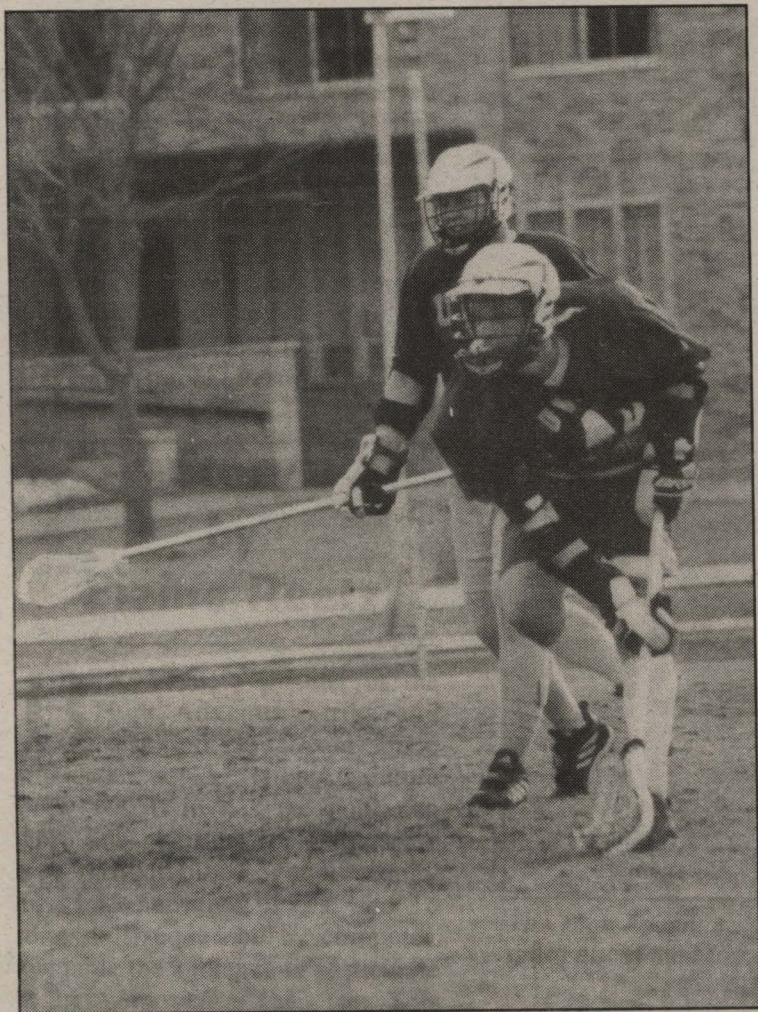


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Pointer lacrosse players Ron Konkell and Eric Marsh (in yellow) practice for this weekend's tournament.

Pointer lacrosse to play 20th ranked Duluth at home this weekend

The UWSP lacrosse club team will play its first ever Upper Midwest Lacrosse League (UMLL) games in Stevens Point this Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

Lacrosse, known as "the fastest game on two feet," is the fastest growing sport in the country and began at UWSP in 1998 through the ambition of four freshmen: Sean Brennan, Josh Magnuson, Paul Bernlein and Kevin Schabow.

The team has grown significantly over the past 4 and a half years to 34 players—nine return-

ing players and 25 new players.

The Pointers are currently ranked eighth in the UMLL as they go into this weekend's games, facing the 20th ranked team in the nation, University of Minnesota - Duluth, on Saturday and St. Cloud State University on Sunday.

So if you want to see what the hard hitting, fast paced game of lacrosse is all about, come check it out and cheer on the Pointers at noon on Saturday and Sunday on the intramural fields located next to Lot Q.

Softball gets ready for conference showdown

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Pointer softball team (10-5) will show what they're made of this weekend as they travel to UW-Whitewater to take on five conference opponents. The schedule includes UW-Eau Claire, Stout, River Falls, Superior and La Crosse.

UWSP's top pitcher, Karen Guckenberger, looks to further her streak of 21 straight scoreless innings. Guckenberger, 5-2, 0.27 ERA, was Player of the Week for her strong pitching performances this past weekend. The junior hurler earned two wins as the Pointers came away with three out of four in Illinois.

Junior infielder Brooke Woller was named Position Player of the Week for her play in Illinois. Woller batted .333 in four games with four hits, an RBI and a run scored. With the fourth best batting average on the team, .372, she boasts a whopping .744 slugging percentage.

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The Week Ahead...



BASEBALL: UW-LaCrosse (DH), Sat. and Sun. 1 p.m.; at UW-Oshkosh (DH) Wed. 1 p.m.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL: WIAC cluster at UW-Whitewater, Sat. vs. UW-Eau Claire 8:30 a.m.; vs. UW-Superior 2:30 p.m.; Sun. vs. UW-River Falls 8:30 a.m.; vs. UW-Superior 10:30 a.m.; vs. UW-LaCrosse 2:30 p.m.; UW-Oshkosh (DH) Tue. 3 p.m.

MEN'S and WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD: at North Central Invite, Sat.

*All home games in **BOLD**

Spring invites disc golfing to resume

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSITANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

So happy to see the grass is gradually turning greener, the ground a little less muddy and the snow a little less white. The changing season creates excitement in me, as I know the disc golf courses will be in better condition.

Unlike those traditional golfers, many disc golfers don't suspend play because of a little snow or mud. Most cages are left up during the winter months and play continues whatever the weather is. Seeing the snow melt just promises less mud and cleaner discs.

Last week Friday was the kick off of UW-Stevens Point's Disc golf club league play at Yulga Park, an 18-hole professional course in the town of Hull.

The city of Stevens Point also has two 9-hole courses. One is located in McDill Park on Patch Street and the other at Mead Park. The course at Mead is very straight and simple. This park is an excellent starting course for people who have never played. McDill Park has more slopes and some more challenging holes, but is still a good learning course for inexperienced discers.

Disc golf is played with similar rules to traditional golf. Holes have a set par; you drive at the tee and putt towards cages.

The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) is hosting an amateur disc golf tournament on Saturday, April 20 at Standing Rocks Disc Golf Course outside of Plover. The tournament is open to anyone. Registration is

\$15 for novices, players who have never been in a tournament, and \$20 for all others. Tons of prizes will be given away. Directions to all local courses can be found on UW-Stevens Point's disc golf club website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/discgolf/>.

So here it comes, a slew of days that all I'll want to do is skip class and throw. I've never been golfing in the traditional way, but I'm convinced this is much more fun.

Outdoor EdVentures sells discs and will be selling them at the Gear Sale on Friday, April 12. Cheap discs can also be found at Play it Again Sports.

All you need is a driver, a will to throw and some patience.

Softball

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Jill VanWychen leads all Pointers this season with a batting average of .500. First baseman Nikki Best, who started all 15 games so far, boasts a .408 average with a team-leading 13 RBIs.

UWSP finished their spring-break trip in Florida 7-4. The Pointers batted .292 as a team with five homeruns and a total 89 hits. VanWychen led the spring hitting attack going 19 for 35 (.559). Nikki Best was right behind, going 15 for 33 (.455).

Sophomore pitcher Jeanann Briski made her first career start a memorable one. Briski threw a perfect game against Cardinal Stritch College as the Pointers won 9-0. Brooke Woller nailed two homers, finishing with three that day.

The fourth coach in four seasons heads the Pointers this year. Paul Caufield, UWSP's assistant hockey coach, starts his first year as the women's head coach. He is assisted by UWSP's top hitter last year, Kelly Rutta.

The Pointers return home on Tuesday when they host a double-header against UW-Oshkosh. Game time is 3 p.m.



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A robin sighting in Point confirms that spring is on the way.

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Chronic Wasting Disease; is it really affecting Wisconsin Deer?

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has surfaced in the news lately regarding findings of the disease in local deer populations.

According to the Wisconsin DNR, ten cases of CWD in Wisconsin have been reported. Mostly found in the southern region of the state, these deer are being tested at UW-Madison for further investigation. Testing is concentrated to the part of the state where positive results have been reported.

CWD is closely related to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or "Mad Cow Disease." When deer are infected with the disease it causes tremors, weak body conditions, excessive urination, increased thirst, difficulty in swallowing and finally death. There is no way to test the animals when they are living because tests require dissecting parts of the brain. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), researchers in Colorado are working on a live animal test using tonsil biopsies.

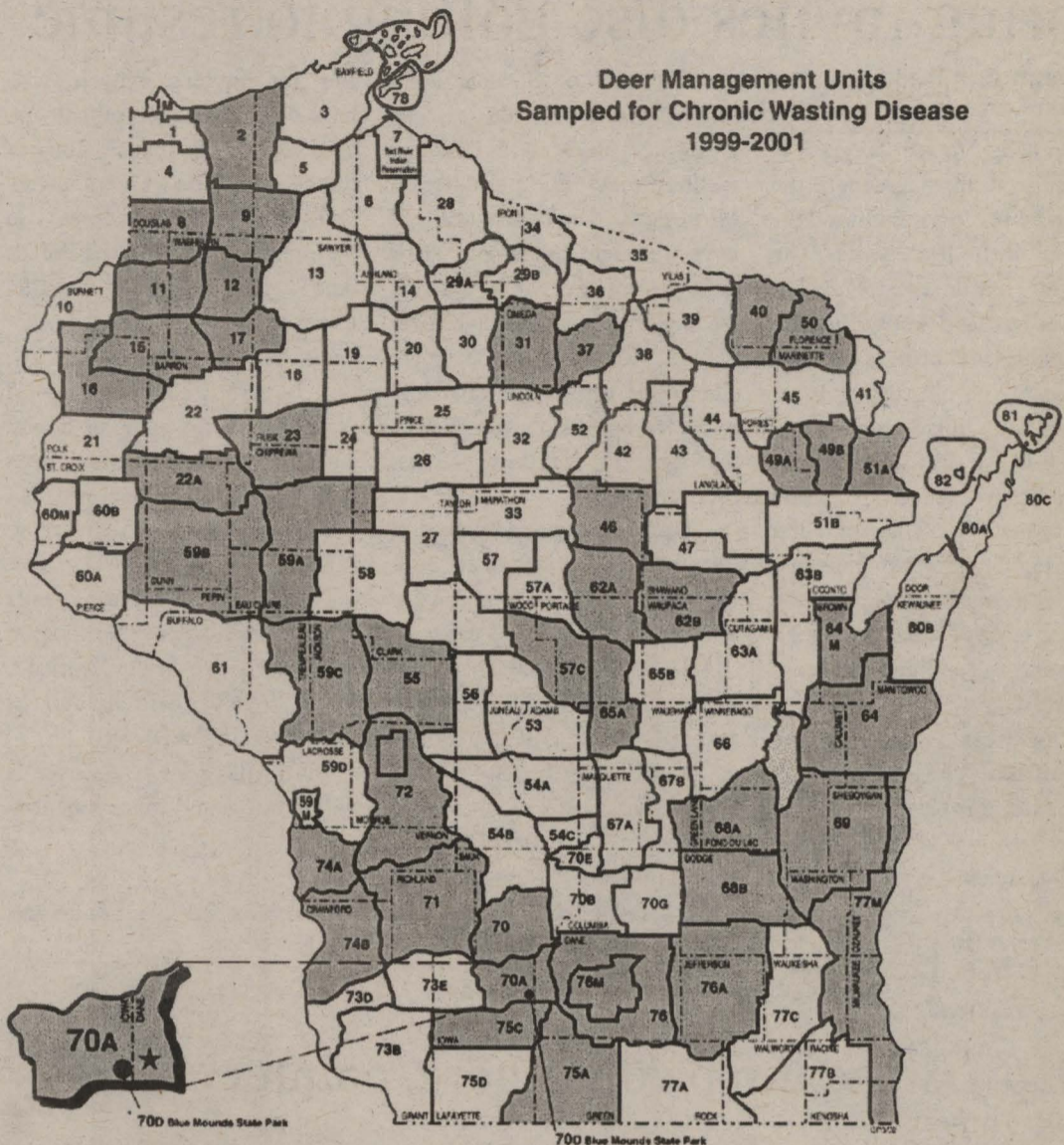
Many parts of Wisconsin have been surveyed since 1999. Parts of Portage County have been tested, but no positive results have surfaced.

In parts of Dane and Iowa Counties, the DNR will be shooting deer during the spring turkey hunt that started April 10. State officials are asking turkey hunters to keep a look out for sickly looking deer.

The World Health Organization (WHO) claims there is too little information about CWD to know if it can affect humans. It is suggested by the WHO that if a deer is known to have CWD, humans should not eat any part of it.

The disease is known to become concentrated in the brain, eyes, tonsils, lymph nodes, spinal cord and spleen. These parts of the body should be avoided for consumption.

Health officials and the DNR suggest safe handling tips like wearing rubber gloves when field dressing the carcass, bone out the meat from the animal, minimize handling of the spinal cord and the brain, wash your hands and instruments after handling and field dressing the carcass and request that your animal be processed individually, without meat from other animals being added.



Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Health biologists collected tissue samples for Chronic Wasting Disease from deer in these deer management units over the past three deer hunting seasons. No positive tests were recorded in 1999 and 2000.

★ Three positive tests were recorded in samples collected from deer registered in Unit 70A in 2001.

Turkey hunters warned of CWD testing

State officials are reminding spring turkey hunters in south central Wisconsin that state officials and landowners are shooting white-tailed deer in portions of Iowa and Dane counties to collect samples to test for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Wildlife officials coordinating the effort are hoping all of the sampling will be completed by the time the spring turkey season opens April 10. As of April 1, the state had collected 415 of the 500 samples needed within a 420 square-mile area near where deer shot last fall tested positive of CWD. Officials will issue a news release when the sampling has concluded.

If the hunt has not concluded by April 10, turkey hunters especially in zones 4, 12 and 16 should be aware of the possibility of Department of Natural Resources personnel and landowners shooting deer. Conservation wardens encourage all turkey hunters to wear blaze orange clothing when moving to and from their hunting locations so they are seen by other turkey hunters; however, they say that if the sampling is still going on, it will be especially important in these zones.

Wildlife officials are also asking turkey hunters, farmers and other rural residents statewide to be on the lookout for sick looking deer. Anyone who sees a sick deer can contact a local wildlife biologist, DNR service center or state conservation warden to report the location where the deer was seen.

Daily reminder: mother nature rules

A true account of our battle with a sonar guided vermin.

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The call came into *The Pointer* office late on Wednesday. In nearly 20 minutes, I'd be facing one of the biggest clichés in the outdoors world; there was a bat stuck in the house.

Luckily, there were two other strapping *Pointer* teammates on my side; Editor In Chief Josh Goller and Arts & Review Editor Zach Holder. We were all prepared for a battle.

Of course, we were very mature about the situation. On the car ride over, we agreed to attempt to work with the bat and release it back to the wild unharmed. However, every single one of us realized that this battle very well could result in a death ... on either side of the trenches.

We approached the bat with caution thinking that maybe it would sense danger and magically fly out of the main door, the only way in or out. No such luck. It caused us to retreat outside while it flew all the way up the stairs, to the furthest point in the hallway from the exit. Bat 1, *Pointer* 0.

From that point, details are sketchy at best, but involve multiple towels being ruined in addition to hoisting one of us three stooges up onto the roof. Now we had a watchman to see the bat at all times. Bat 1, *Pointer* 1.

The bat was visibly shaken and was flying around like a madman, attacking the window that our watchman stood at triumphantly. It was pissed. At one point, it began flying down



towards the exit, and I thought that maybe it really would fly out.

By this point, there was no intervention between us and the bat. He cleared us out of the stairwell by taking multiple laps around the whole place. In a definite plot to taunt us, he even flew within a foot of the exit, only to retreat to the distant corner of the stairwell. He finally settled on the downstairs apartment door, smack dab in the middle. He

couldn't hide.

Now that we had him cornered, we had to think of a way to contain him and get him outside without injuring him. With such few tools to use at this point of the game, we were forced to corral him to the floor with a broom and cover him with a towel.

We immediately dragged the towel to the exit and right as we crossed the doorstep, he flopped out from underneath for all to see. It was like from the movies; he was belly up and wings fully extended. We weren't quite sure if he was playing dead, was stunned or really was dead. I can't speak for the other people at the scene, but I hoped that the bat would make it and fly off.

Nobody knew quite what to do while the bat was laying there. One person traded the broom in for a snow shovel, a sure fatal blow for the bat. Right as the shovel was about to put the bat's life to a definite end, he miraculously flapped his wings, just as a pro-wrestler always breaks out of a pin right before the ref gets to "three." We all backed away and watched the bat get up and majestically fly away.

Ultimately, the bat probably won the battle and also made us look like a bunch of sissies, but sometimes life has a weird way of proving to you that mother nature always holds the upper hand.

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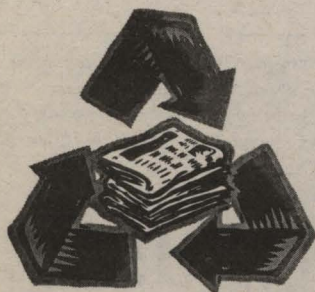
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Study shows system working to protect walleyes

State efforts to prevent over-harvest of walleye on northern waters where tribal spearing and sport angling take place are working, according to a recently released study sponsored by the University of Wisconsin (UW) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).

The study, a doctoral thesis that examines walleye management in Wisconsin from 1990 through 1997, found that walleye populations on the 859 walleye lakes in the northern Wisconsin territory ceded by Chippewa tribes in the 1800s are well within the ranges biologists consider healthy.

Population densities on 210 study lakes with heavy tribal spearing and sport angling pressure averaged 3.7 walleye per acre, exceeding Wisconsin's management target of three adult

walleye per acre.

"It appears that walleye populations in the ceded territory are generally doing fine," says Doug Beard, the study's author. Beard became the DNR's treaty fisheries coordinator in 2000.

A 1990 ruling by Federal Judge Barbara Crabb established how the state would manage walleye populations in the ceded territory to meet their treaty obligations and conserve walleye population at healthy levels, replacing a series of interim agreements negotiated between 1985 and 1989.

Beard studied records of the number of adult walleyes harvested by tribes and sport anglers from 1990-1997. Using a variety of analyses, he showed that estimates of adult walleye exploitation risk level in the ceded territory ranged from 1.9 percent to

2.9 percent, encompassing the acceptable risk range. Beard recommended that to know the true exploitation risk walleye populations can withstand would take active manipulation at higher exploitation levels than currently seen in Wisconsin's most heavily harvested waters.

The ceded territory includes all or portions of 30 Wisconsin counties. A 1983 ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals reaffirmed that the Chippewa maintained their right to hunt, fish and gather on the ceded lands, rights that had been denied them by the state for decades.

The DNR and the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) set the number of walleye that can safely be harvested from each lake by the combination of tribal spearers and sport anglers. The tribes

declare which lakes they want to spear, and what proportion of the safe harvest they plan to harvest. The six tribes work together through an intertribal task force to coordinate their declarations; for 2002, the tribes' combined declaration totals 48,776 walleye on 282 lakes.

DNR fisheries biologists use the tribal declarations on the individual walleye lakes to determine what daily bag limits for sport anglers on the individual lakes will prevent overharvest.

The tribes' declaration, and the corresponding daily sport bag limits are announced in April. Under an administrative rule adopted by the state Natural Resources Board in 1998, bag limits may be adjusted after the Chippewa spearing ends in the spring if the tribes harvested fewer fish than they declared.



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Letters From the Edge of the World

More letters than you get sick at.

By Pat "Media Whore" Rothfuss

MORE OF A MEDIA HARLOT, REALLY.

Pat,

I read your article in this week's Pointless, like the good little girl I am. And I would just like to point out that you forgot one very important thing that happens when you turn 24. On your 24th birthday you are an entire box of candles!

O.K. it's not much, but it's something.

Saryn

I'm pretty sure that good little girls don't read this column. That would make you, Saryn, a naughty little girl by process of elimination. It's OK. I like naughty little girls.

Ahem Anyway, what you said got me thinking. Not only does 24 make a whole box of candles, it makes a full case of beer. Best of all, 24 is also a complete family-sized package of Durex™ fruit flavor condoms (orange, straw-

berry and, of course, banana). If you manage to bring those three conveniently numbered products together successfully, you're bound to have a very happy 24th birthday indeed.

Hey you,

I finally got around to looking at some of the websites that you mentioned in your column a couple of weeks ago. (The peeps site rules!) I didn't understand the last site until I saw your name. Did you win an award or become a scientologist? I don't know if I should congratulate you, or be very, very afraid.

I remember you mentioning your book in a column a while back, but I thought you were just kidding. Did you really write a book? Did it really win an award? What's it called so I can find a copy ...

Christa Pfookstur

So many questions. I'll try to answer them all. I'm not a scientologist. Yes, I really wrote a book, and it did win an award (sort of). The book's called *The Song of Flame and Thunder*, but you won't be able to find a copy, because I haven't found a publisher for it yet.

However a piece of the book will be printed in an anthology this August. (That piece of the book, masquerading as a short-story, is what won the award.) The story is called "The Road to Levenshir" and the anthology is called *L. Ron Hubbard (presents) Writers of the Future Vol. XVIII* (That's volume 18, for you non-Romans out there.)

By the way, you should congratulate me and feel very afraid.

Something going on that pisses you off? Do you lack the words to describe the far-flung boundaries of your bitter rage? Drop me an E-mail (proth@wsu.wsu.edu) If your topic pisses me off too, I'll give the powers that be such a vigorous tongue-lashing that they'll cry like kittens in a tilt-a-whirl.

CD Review

Cornershop, shaking the one-hit wonder label

Cornershop

Handcream for a Generation

By Colleen Courtney

WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

There's only one CD that has made me pause and set down my copy of Gorillaz's *G Sides* this month. Cornershop has returned to the music scene with a brand new full length album. As funky as the *G* but with solemn corners, Cornershop has completed a solid mixer album.

You know how your friend dismisses a band as a "one hit wonder," but you know they have been around for eons? That's the definition of Cornershop. The band's been spinning tunes together since 1993, but the 1997 single "Brimful of Asha" brought the band to the top of the heap.



Cornershop and Noel Gallagher

After "Asha," the mainstream crowd wondered "what ever happened to..." but the indie market knew Cornershop was alive and kicking. Who else would bravely forge a collaboration ("Spectral Morning") with one of mainstream's least favorite British bad boys, Noel Gallagher? In February, Cornershop remixed the track with Gallagher, expanding it to a mind-blowing 24 hours long. Don't expect it to show up on the radio anytime soon.

Talking 'bout the music, it's fabulous. The band mixes everything from pop to rave, disco to vocal samples. Cornershop's first working single off *Handcream*, "Lessons Learned From Rocky I to Rocky III," is hilarious. Deemed "the overgrown super shit," the band ponders society's Rocky phenomenon. The first track is "Heavy Soup," armed with horns and a disco feeling complete with Otis Clay's vocalization.

I like "Staging the Plaguing of the Raised Platform," which kicks off with lead singer Tjinder Singh mumbling, reminiscent of "Asha," and continuing with a background chorus of children. Although limited to 14 min-

utes instead of 24 hours, "Spectral Morning" is a kicking Indian-influenced song. No whiny Oasis boys here; Singh's and Gallagher's vocals are electrically fuzzy and funky.

Cornershop is currently touring in London and plans to hit the US this May. Whether their album gets picked up by corporate radio or stays out of the limelight, it's certain Cornershop is back and here to stay.

Local Concert Update

Thursday, April 11

The River City Jazz Band-The Sky Club-8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Greg Boerner-Amherst Coffee Company-8 p.m.

Michael Manring-Clark Place-8 p.m.

Stall and Flatus-Mission Coffee House-8 p.m.

Blue Shadows-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Mike McAbee and Mike White-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Jeff Lang-Clark Place-8 p.m.

You're Pretty and Silik-Mission Coffee House-8 p.m.

Jupiter Moon-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15

Open Mic-The Keg-9:30n p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

Open Mic hosted by MOON-9 p.m.

Mike Joyce-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

Open Jazz Jam hosted by Nostalgia-Clark Place-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Open Acoustic Jam hosted by Heartwood-Clark Place-8:30 p.m.

River City Jazz Band-The Sky Club-8 p.m.

AJ Love-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19

Chris Cunningham-Amherst Coffee Company-8 p.m.

Uptown Sinclair-Mission Coffee House-8:30 p.m.

Strawberry Square-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

The Sweet Potato Project-Witz End-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Lucy Webster-Amherst Coffee Company-8 p.m.

Heartwood-Clark Place-8 p.m.

The Danger Project-Mission Coffee House-8:30 p.m.

Brent & The Groove Movement-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Stephen Fearing-Clark Place-7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22

Open Mic-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Open Mic hosted by MOON-Witz End-9 p.m.

Mike Joyce-The Keg-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Open Jazz Jam hosted by Nostalgia-Clark Place-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Open Acoustic Jam hosted by Heartwood-Clark Place-8:00 p.m.

River City Jazz Band-The Sky Club-8:30

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Janah: Music to sit home and travel by

"The bottom line to our music is to let people travel with the songs while staying in their own homes."—Keith Johnston, Janah

Janah has found equal success with audiences, whether playing to jam band fans at neo-hippie festivals, to slick hipsters in Atlanta's Virginia Highlands or to world music aficionados at a music conference. That serves as testament to the universal appeal of Janah's eclectic mix of rock 'n' roll, world music and positive spirituality. Although comparisons to a young U2, Peter Gabriel, Enya, Afro Celt System might seem to reek of hyperbole, the discriminating listener will find them to be apt.

The genesis of Janah's music derives from the travels of lead vocalist/guitarist Keith Johnston, who spent much of 1994 and 1995 working, first on a kibbutz near the Sea of Galilee, then on Ein Yahov Moshav, in a desolate stretch of desert near the Dead Sea. While on the kibbutz, he lived with 25 volunteers from all over the world. The exposure to differing cultures was eye-opening. "You see things differently from how you see them growing up," says Johnston. "There weren't many Westerners [on the moshav]; that's where I started writing lots of songs. We listened to lots of Israeli and Arab music on the radio while we worked."

After his sojourn in Israel, Johnston toured Egypt and Greece. Egypt had a particular impact. "Everything there had a wild rawness to it that was beautiful. I tried to trans-

late the feels and colors and smells into music." When Johnston returned home to Atlanta, he continued to explore the music of other cultures, while writing songs that married his new cultural experiences to his rock sen-

adds immeasurably to Janah's distinctive multiple part harmonies and precision call-and-response singing style. Percussionist/vocalist Rick Shoemaker is fascinating to watch as he combines his split-second timing on congas, timbales, concert bass drum, dumbek and a variety of other instruments with that of Cochran. This rhythm section is unlike any other in the rock world.

Multi-instrumentalist Bill Douglass is as much a front man for Janah as Johnston. He projects a commanding appearance on stage, sings most of the baritone parts of Janah's complex vocal arrangement and plays an impressive array of exotic instruments. Tablas, sitar, bamboo flutes, bodhran, penny whistle and mizmar, along with the exotic Australian wind instrument, the didgerido, all come to play when Douglass is on stage. Midi guitarist/vocalist Michael Martin, the newest member of Janah, trained extensively in classical guitar, as well

as in rock, jazz and Spanish folk styles. He is slowly adding some of those elements to Janah's sound, along with tasteful midi effects.

Janah holds its own on stage when opening for any other band. They look good; they sound better. Exotic instruments, exotic costumes, candles and incense all contribute to the image. Beautiful melody, exciting on-stage interaction and a uniquely positive attitude complete the scene.



Janah in their natural element

photo courtesy of www.janah.org

sibilities. When it came time to perform these new songs, Johnston was able to find some very special musicians.

Bassist/vocalist Steve Atwell and drummer/vocalist Ron Cochran had played in bands with Johnston, but never in a band remotely like Janah. Atwell's bass style serves to anchor Janah's sound, but it is his showmanship that a first-time audience notes. Drummer Cochran doesn't play the traditional trap kit found in virtually all rock bands. He contributes fills from a variety of African drums (he uses a djembe instead of a snare, for instance); his vocal work

Lebowskiism

By Adam M. T. H. Mella

ARTS & REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Religion has been helping people to find inner-peace and spiritual wellness since at least 1822. Through thick and thin, Buddha has lent moral guidance to those seeking solutions, and Allah has giving so many people noble rectitude in all His many splendors. Religions give answers to those who follow in life, and reassurance thereafter. In their many forms, however, modern religions have fallen far behind in a world dominated by evil robots, hip-hop music, giant moths and the damnable "Garfunkel Regime." The religions of yesteryear were molded to fit a world that has since melted into the sea. Almost nine in ten amongst you readers could surely cure a demonic possession by simply splashing the victim with "holy water" or hitting them about the breast with a new Bible. How many people would falter when given the task of liberating "Holy Land" with a good old-fashion crusade? None. That is the fact of the matter. Yet what do Methodists, Taoist and Mormons preach to the lamb whom is battling laser wielding robots or experiencing road rage in the "Gotta Hava Java" drive through? Not a thing, poor lamb, not one damn thing.

One source of inspiration and direction does have the answers that I, like so many others, seek in this hellish world of the future. The answer to our common dilemma, feeble lamb, is Lebowskiism. A religion created by two prophetic brothers during the 20th century has the antiphon for a world filled with confusion. The ideas and beliefs of Lebowskiism are outlined not in book form, as many outdated religions have done, but rather in a motion picture designed to antiquate the pupil with the religion quickly and with great ease. The tutorial focuses on the life and

behavior of "The Dude," who serves as the central figure of the religion. His followers and Himself experience many "Strikes and Gutters, and ups and downs" along the path, and in the end find enlightenment on "The Bowling Lanes," a metaphor for heaven. While many of the virtues that The Dude, and His followers Walter and Donnie instill upon the viewer are hidden deeply and shrouded in secrecy, there is no doubt that after experiencing this tutelage, entitled *The Big Lebowski*, the student will be changed forever. Some significant passages on life from the film include, "Mark it zero, or you are entering a world of pain," which teaches fairness, "No Walter; you're not wrong, man, you're just a f*cking a**hole," an allegory on calm behavior and the pitfalls of stubbornness, and also "Pass me the UZI Dude, I'll double back and beat the information out of one of them, take that hill!", a lesson in determination and fortitude.

Whatever the situation, Lebowskiism can provide the moral answers that so many seek for both long-term happiness and for everyday situations. All one has to do is to look to The Dude when they are in a position that is compromising. Whether a person is dealing with corrupt authority such as Garfunkel, perverse robot armies, tremendous plagues of cats, inner demons such as alcoholism or "the clap", or even problems amongst peers, Lebowskiism has for you, young vitiated lamb, the rejoinder you seek. Lebowskiism is good and does not discriminate against anyone, even former Ganksterites, Longhairs, Military Officers, and yes, even Methodists from Seymour, you lousy bums. "F*ck it Dude, lets get a Lane."

Award winning bassist Michael Manring to make two area appearances

Bass Player Magazine's 1994 Bass Player of the Year, Michael Manring, is making two appearances in Stevens Point in the coming week. Manring has been awarded two gold records and has also been nominated for Grammys and Bammies (Bay Area Music Awards). Besides the Bass Player of the Year award in 1994, Manring has won numerous other Bass Player Magazine accolades. His renown has spread world-wide. The magazine *Musicien* from France says "Do not miss your ... opportunity to discover the bassist with the most fresh and inventive playing today."

Michael Manring will be appearing at Clark Place, 1019 Clark St., on Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Manring will also be appearing in the Encore in the UWSP University Center on Sunday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for UWSP students and \$10 for non-UWSP students.

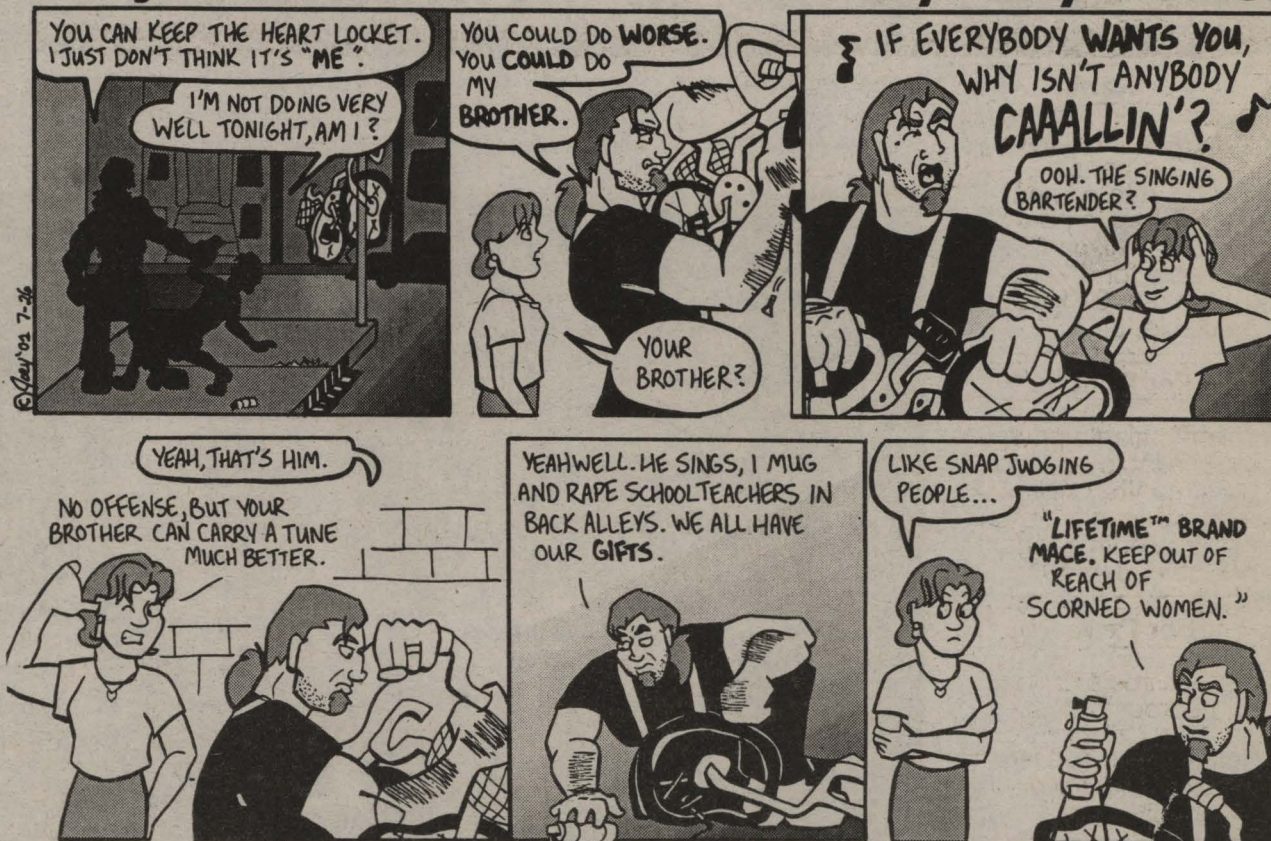
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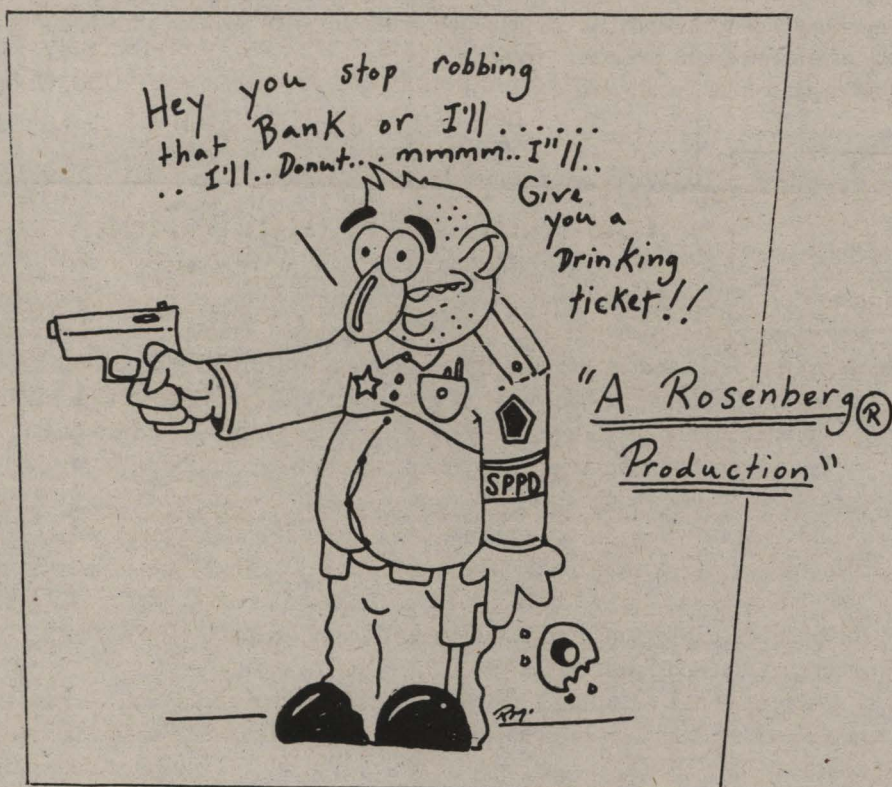


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Flexible part-time 2nd, 3rd and alternate weekend shift openings within our community-based residential facility serving adults with mental illness. College Psych. and Soc. students encouraged to apply. Prior experience in a health care setting is helpful but not necessary. For application materials call Amber at 344-4030, M-F between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
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