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UWSP two games away from Division III crown

Pointer women's win against Pacific Lutheran a stepping stone to the national championship

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer women succeeded in keeping their national championship hopes alive this past weekend, winning a pair of games on their home floor to advance to the Final Four of the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time since 1987.

"Every team I have ever coached is unique in its own way and this year's team brings a lot to the table," said Coach Shirley Egner following this weekend's victories. Where Egner is concerned, this year's team stands out for two reasons: intensity and commitment. As she will tell

you, "These girls work hard and they win games."

The truth of that statement was never more apparent than in UWSP's 64-47 thrashing of Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) this past Saturday. The Pointer women entered the locker room at halftime with just a two point lead, only to explode in the second half, going on a 14-3 run just three minutes into the second period. From there, the women never looked back, recording a school record 28th win of the season.

In her last game in the Berg Gymnasium, senior Kari Groshek delivered an inspiring performance, scoring 16 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. The Pointers also benefited from big performances by sophomores Andrea Kraemer and Cassandra Heuer, who each contributed 15 points and 7 boards, respectively.



Photo by P. Larson

Coach Egner cuts symbolic net. For Groshek, who suffered both a knee injury and a losing record with the team two seasons ago, heading to the Final Four is a

tremendously gratifying experience. Said Groshek, "Being injured and watching the team struggle was a very frustrating time for me, and now to accomplish what we have accomplished in my senior year—there's nothing that could be better."

Before defeating Pacific Lutheran on Saturday night, the Pointers first scored a convincing win over Webster University (Mis.) on Friday, by a margin of 71-61. Again, it was Groshek leading the charge, scoring 22 points and pulling down 10 rebounds before a sellout crowd of 1,762 fans. Kraemer also delivered a stellar performance, falling just one assist shy of a triple-double en route to recording 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 9 assists on the night.

"It's been my goal this sea-

son to become an offensive threat, and I felt that in this game I was able to do that," said Kramer.

With the success of the past weekend behind them, Coach Egner and her team have already refocused their energies towards their game against Marymount College (Vir.) this weekend.

"We enjoyed our success Saturday night, but since then, it's been back to work," said Egner. To be assured, the Pointer women have certainly not lost the intensity and commitment their coach praised them for simply because they've reached the Final Four.

As one might expect, being just two games away from winning a national championship has only added more fuel to the team's fire. As Andrea Kraemer put it before a practice session earlier this week, "We're gonna kick some ass."

Admission halts

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS EDITOR

No additional undergraduates for the fall semester will be accepted at any of the 26 University of Wisconsin campuses due to the uncertainty about the state budget, the UW Board of Regents concluded last Friday.

Gov. Scott McCallum's original proposal would have cut \$1.7 million annually from UW-Stevens Point. The Joint Finance Committee's proposal would increase the cut by \$840,000 per year.

The Regents postponed admissions after the Joint Finance Committee supported a modified version of Gov. McCallum's budget plan that would leave UW schools with \$20 million less than his proposition for resolving the state's \$1.1 billion deficit.

"It costs \$9,000 to \$10,000 to educate a student," said Chancellor Thomas George. "The student pays one third of that and the state pays the other two thirds. With these cuts, we don't have enough money to get more students in."

George believes regents are acting responsibly to the budget problem by halting admissions.

"Our first obligation is to educate the students that are already here," he said. "We also need to provide instructors to the returning students. We have faculty positions open that we need to budget for. We have to set back admissions until we can provide financially for new students."

The temporary suspension may go on for another week. George urges students to keep applying although no acceptance letters will be sent.

The Joint Finance Committee also approved an eight percent cap on tuition increases, which is down two percent from Gov. McCallum's original proposal.

The halt will affect high school seniors.

"We encourage our seniors very early in the first semester to apply and to get accepted," said Jeff Meidam, guidance counselor and department chair at SPASH. "But, there are always perennial students who

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Students gather for memory walk

Walk remembers two deaths and raises money for health scholarships

By Geoff Fyfe & Amy Zepnick
NEWS REPORTER & NEWS EDITOR

About 60 students turned out March 7 for a walk in memory of two UW-Stevens Point students who passed away this year.

The walk for Casey Gazdik and Elvio Misoni was held at 7:00 p.m., beginning at the Schmeele Reserve sign on the corner of Michigan St. and Maria Dr. The Health Advocates as well as friends and faculty organized the event.

"A lot of students knew them from sports or through friends," said student Scott Specht. "It was closure for those who could not make it to their funerals or learned about their deaths after they occurred."

Gazdik died as a result of blastomycosis—a rare but potentially fatal disease affecting the lungs and skin. Misoni passed away as a result of alcohol poisoning.

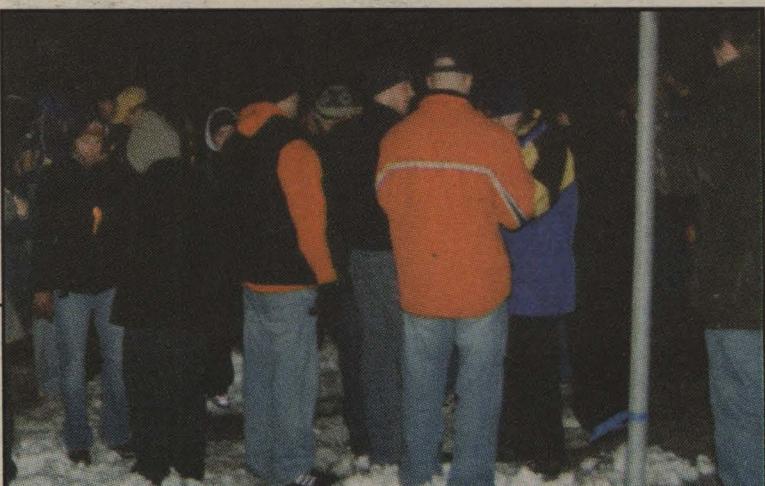


Photo by L. Zancanaro

Students waiting for the walk to begin.

Students were given one red and one camouflage piece of cloth to tie around their arms. This served as a reminder and silent symbol of Casey and Elvio.

The walk circled around Schmeele Reserve, tracing the path of the lake.

Afterward, the marching students went to the Allen Center for refreshments and talked about Casey and Elvio.

According to student Laura Daugherty, Casey's roommate and one of Elvio's friends talked to the students.

"They thanked students for coming," she said. "They were

surprised at how many people showed up in the cold weather. They all got to share their stories and remember."

Donations have now been collected over the week of March 3-9. They will be used for scholarships in both of the students' names.

"The scholarships are going through Health Promotions," said Daugherty. "They are given to students in the health wellness major because those were the majors of both Casey and Elvio."

To make donations, contact the Health Advocates at 346-4313.

Student sleeps out to protest alcohol

By Mollie Mlodzik
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Andrew Bushard, a senior at UWSP, held a sleep out against alcohol Friday night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Main Street.

"The sleep out was had to promote awareness about all the pervasive detrimental effects of alcohol culture," said Bushard, "Alcohol culture destroys spiritually, economically, politically, socially and intellectually."

The sleep out, originally scheduled for both Friday and Saturday nights, was cut short due to blizzard-like weather conditions. Bushard said that because of the heavy rain on Friday night, they had to seek shelter underneath the ledges of Main Street buildings.

Local officials were skeptical of the sleep out, because it was within walking distance of many downtown bars, and could cause confrontation between students at the event and those walking back from bars. Bushard also asked for extra police protection but found that none was necessary.

"Unfortunately, for the cause, not too many people even noticed us. This was due

to us trying to get the sign to stay still, but it didn't stay put, and also because we were semi-hidden underneath the building ledge," said Bushard.

Inspired by the "Sleep out for the Homeless" at the end of 2001, the alcohol sleep out intended to make a political statement. While Bushard and his friend were the only people who attended, he felt the statement was all the more potent, because of the sacrifice made to stay out all night in the 30-degree weather and bad conditions of hail, fast winds and rain.

Aside from protesting alcohol use in general, Bushard strongly favors prohibition.

"A nation should be concerned about the freedom of its citizens. If citizens are enslaved by the shackles of alcohol they never can be free," said Bushard. "People that are dependent on the bottle have no autonomy, a key ingredient of true freedom. It is only a misguided approach to suggest that it is a restriction of freedom to take away alcohol."

Bushard supports neo-prohibition, which discards some ideas of the old prohibition. In neo-prohibition, alcohol users would be nurtured, rather than

thrown in jail, and there would be a war on drugs, rather than people. He thinks that some day prohibition may be accepted again.

"Prohibition is an issue that could merge the love of both progressives and conservatives. Maybe focusing on the utmost importance is key. Alcohol has been responsible for killing millions and millions of Americans over time. When we can finally see how life-destroying alcohol truly is, our society may then be ready for the liberation of prohibition," said Bushard.

Though this sleep out was cut short because of bad weather, Bushard toys with the idea of holding another sleep out.

"It would be easier to do in warmer weather, but then that would be less of a sacrifice," said Bushard, "It would be very fun to hold a 'Prohibition Camp' in the model of the Peace Camp."

Bushard plans to graduate in May with majors in Sociology and Philosophy. He will attend graduate school for sociology at the University of Minnesota-Mankato.



Wednesday, March 6 9:00 a.m.

Lot Q

A student reported that the bug shield from her 2000 Pontiac Sunfire was stolen.

Thursday, March 7 2:42 p.m.

Lot J

A student reported that her vehicle was damaged.

Friday, March 8 10:28 p.m.

Neale Hall

Officials reported that five students were suspected of marijuana use.

Saturday, March 9 1:18 a.m.

Pray Hall

Officials reported vandalism to bikes and residence hall windows on the north side of the building.

Tuesday, March 12 1:17 p.m.

Roach Hall

Five students reported not receiving their mail or theft of mail.

Thomas in hall of fame

Professor receives Conservation Award for environmental work

Christine Thomas, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources and professor of resource management at UW-Stevens Point, was inducted into the (Milwaukee) Journal Sentinel Sports Show Hall of Fame last week.

Thomas received the Hall of Fame's Conservation Award, given for outstanding contributions to the environment, outdoor preservation or conservation.

In addition to her role as a university educator, Thomas is the founder of Becoming an Outdoors Woman, a program that teaches women outdoor skills. The nationally recognized program sponsors three-day workshops and seeks to break down barriers to women who want to participate in outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting and camping.

"I am especially honored to receive this award because others whom I admire so much, such as Dean Dan Trainer and former Governor Warren Knowles, have received this ahead of me," Thomas said.

Beginning in 1980, Thomas

worked as an assistant to the trainer, an emeritus dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), after earning a master's degree at UWSP. She holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a doctorate from UW-Madison and became the first female full professor of the CNR in 1989.

Thomas has received numerous awards, including the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award and Outstanding Faculty Member in the CNR, both in 1992. National recognitions include the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award and Budweiser Outdoorsman of the Year. She recently became a member of the prestigious Boone and Crockett Club, serves on the board of directors of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and is secretary of the Wisconsin National Resources Foundation Board.

Her book, *Becoming an Outdoorswoman—My Outdoor Adventure*, was published by Falcon Press, Helena, Mont., in 1997.



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Women's Resource Center protests beauty pageants

By Amy Hamann
NEWS REPORTER

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) encouraged members and non-members to protest the Miss America pageant last Thursday afternoon outside of the University Center. They believe that shows like the pageant send a bad message to girls, women and men. Alexa Priddy, the coordinating director of the WRC, said that they disapprove of pageants and the media's image of women because it deals with what women look

like on the outside.

A group of about eight met to show why and how media images hurt women's and girls' perceptions and their self-esteem. In addition, they wanted to educate people about current eating disorder trends and support positive body images.

"Judging from the response of people that took our information, most agreed with what we had to say," Priddy said.

There was also an online dialog about the subject, in which many students gave positive and negative opinions about stereotypes of women's bodies.

Though assertive, Priddy is realistic. "I don't see [pageants] going away. I think that they could be reformed, though."

"Beauty pageants are just one event that celebrates the

"I think it's good to show respect for a healthy, beautiful body."

woman's body. I think it is good to show respect for a healthy, beautiful body. Also, pageants are not only about bodies; they include talent and intellect. We should not be ashamed to show

off and be proud of the way we look or our intelligence," Jennifer Heaton said.

"Personally, I do not agree with how the media depict women. I think that many girls have a low self-esteem because they feel that they have to be a certain shape. But I don't think that a few people handing out leaflets in Stevens Point is going to have a significant impact," senior Sadie Deml said.

Student Steve Braatz disagrees. "I think it's good to show what effect the media is having directly on girls and

women. The media seem to have a negative influence on women."

Priddy says that we blindly accept whatever the television and magazines show us about women (and men). She thinks that men and women should start rethinking body stereotypes that are thrown at us.

Alexa Priddy is a senior at UWSP. The WRC office is at 336 Nelson Hall and can be reached at 346-4851 or women-res@uwsp.edu for more information.

Admissions

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decide late. Halting admissions is more of a well-calculated political statement. We are saying, 'If you cut our budget, we have to limit our students. There are going to be some consequences."

According to Meidam, there are about 100 to 125 students from this year's graduating class looking at UWSP.

"The vast majority of students we do send to college all start by attending a UW school," he said.

There are alternatives for students affected by the halt. Students can enroll in Wisconsin technical schools or private colleges. Minnesota campuses could also be an alternative despite the distance.

"Students who want to attend college can take classes and have them transfer," said Meidam. "There are still opportunities out there for the college bound."

George states that this process could take from a week to longer but, after going to Senate, fully expects the situation will improve.

Vigil scheduled

Who:

You and the Progressive Action Organization

What:

Candlelight vigil

Where:

Allen Center bonfire pit

When:

March 15

Why:

to remember the men, women and children who lost their lives to war

Program assistant completes career after 26 years in academics

A program assistant who has worked with top academic administrators during her 26 year career at UW-Stevens Point will leave her post at the end of this month.

Sonja Derkez, who came to UWSP in 1976, retires as a Program Assistant Advanced-Confidential in the Office of Academic Affairs headed by Provost/Vice Chancellor William Meyer.

Derkez, who has assisted Meyer for seven years, says she has great respect for both Meyer and his predecessor, Provost/Vice Chancellor Emeritus Howard Thoyre. She worked with Thoyre for 15 years both in his role as Vice Chancellor and as Dean of the College of Letters and Science (L&S).

"I can't thank them enough for believing in me and giving me the chance to learn and grow in my career,"

she says.

A Tomah native, Derkez began her career as a school secretary in her hometown, then served as secretary to the head of the Finance and Accounting Office at Fort McCoy. Her first job in state service was at UW-Sheboygan County, followed by positions in the State Department of Administration, UW-Madison Registrar's Office and UW-Eau Claire Personnel Office.

Upon transferring to UWSP, she worked in the Office of Extended Services and in the L&S dean's office for six years before joining Academic Affairs.

"I have been extremely fortunate throughout my career to have worked for and with some really wonderful people. UWSP is a tremendous place and is filled with unlimited opportunities to learn and advance," she says.

During her career at UWSP, Derkez has been rec-

ognized for exceptional performance and meritorious service.

Her involvement on campus has included terms on the Classified Staff Advisory Committee including one year as co-chair. She is especially proud of her role in seeking and obtaining the \$650 stipend attached to the Carolyn Sargis Award, the top classified staff recognition at UWSP.

She also has served on the Appointment, Payroll and Benefits Team, Chancellor's Cabinet, Parking Appeals Committee, Oversight Campus Personnel Team and other committees involved with designing a campus-wide data base system. She assisted with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation visit to UWSP in 1998.

Derkez's retirement plans include activities with



Derkez

her husband, Jim, a director of claims-commercial lines at Sentry Insurance, and their two dogs. Time also will be devoted to their son, Scott, a sales account manager for Crane Engineering, and his wife, Amy, a sales analyst for Alta Resources, Appleton, and their first grandchild, due in June.

Derkez also plans to remain active with her church and pursue her hobbies of gardening, needlepoint and woodworking.

She is the daughter of the late Walter and Maude Linder of Tomah and a 1965 Tomah High School graduate.

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Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Shunning the cliques: my tribute to eccentricity

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I've often heard that variety is the spice of life, and I have begun to agree with this statement. I know few people who don't enjoy doing something a little different every now and again. That's why I find it so hard to understand why so many people conform to the standard way of life.

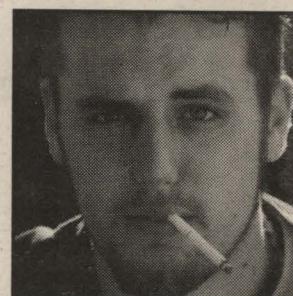
As a society we've agreed upon what is trendy, entertaining and desirable and much of the time anyone who deviates from these social norms is considered odd, unpleasant or at least eccentric. As the fashion, recording and advertising industries (along with Hollywood) decide for us what is "cool" and "in," our society has begun to become one of conformists and the most desirable people are those who conform the most.

This phenomenon infiltrates into other aspects of our culture as well, prompting communities to adopt the same values, beliefs and attitudes and to shun those who live their lives differently. Often conservative, small town values differ greatly from those in liberal, big city culture. It's hard for a progressive environmentalist to cordially interact with a staunch Republican congressman. A dinner between the two would most likely lead to fistcuffs over a dispute about the recycled paper content of the napkins.

The more I think about it, the stronger I believe that our society is a culture of cliques. It's about time for us to not only accept but encourage folks from different walks of life.

I'm hear to tell you that variety is more than the spice of life, but really the actual flavor. Every society needs to be multicultural because we need all the different viewpoints we can get to figure out the world today.

Imagine the scenarios if every different viewpoint grew into a universal way of life. If fundamentalists got their way we'd revert back to a Puritan society, ruthlessly executing evil-doers



because Leviticus tells them to do so. Should the National Rifle Association forward a universal policy, every hick in every shack in the woods would be packing a dozen AK-47's and drive to town once a month for ammo in their camouflaged battle tank.

On the other side of things, if the animal rights movement became the world's agenda, it wouldn't be long before you could claim the family dog as a dependent on your taxes. If the whole world turned vegan, we'd be subjected to McTofu at the drive-thru window.

I'd like to pay homage to those unique individuals who've made me realize that you don't have to conform to the norms to still be hella cool.

First, to the guy who tried to sell me crack on the streets of Minneapolis this past weekend, I thank you. You may not have made a sale by approaching me, but now I get to tell people that someone tried to sell me crack.

Also, the creepy old guy in the pink baseball cap that always hangs out around the bar at Bruiser's and stares at the dance floor has provided me with a glimpse into what my future may hold ... should I ever get creepy.

My high school classmate and friend, JV, provides me with an almost Woody Allen avenue of thought by corresponding with me over the past years with nothing but lengthy abstract emails containing more random thought than anything else.

A certain UWSP student has introduced me to the little known language of "pickerel" complete with "clucking." I thank him for broadening my vocabulary.

Accepting diversity is more than simply tolerated people of different skin color, gender or sexual orientation, its embracing the eccentric members of society that make everything in life more interesting.

One word can say plenty

Have you ever caught yourself carrying on a conversation with your dog? Or have you ever spoken to the stomach of a pregnant woman, hoping for a reply? For those of you who have, how many had the word violence cross your mind? It's a somber fact that thousands of unborn children are killed, and many more pets are beaten each year. So what do these statistics say? A whole lot more than the subjects do.

Many Americans believe they have the right to do what they want with their lives, especially their possessions. It's the American way. Two "possessions" in particular are pets and children. They both share a common quality that makes them targets for abuse among many homes throughout the country: they can't fight back.

As the "higher race" of animals, we believe we are the dominant species on this planet. The only thing that can stand up to us is each other. The problem, though, lies in the home. For instance, humans tend to enjoy having pets. Over 41 million people in America alone have a dog as a pet. We like the companionship, the love they share, the tricks we can teach them and the ability to do whatever the hell we want to with them. Many dogs bask in the great care of their owners. Yet, there is another side to this account.

It's a common scene in every city: a pet is harmed. Even animal lovers often find themselves in the act. So why does this misfortune occur time and time again? Dogs cannot speak. No kidding. Try to picture this scenario: One day a dog's owner finds it doing something naughty and decides to hit it as a punishment. The dog looks at the owner and says, "Hey, man, that hurts. Please don't do that again." What do you think would be the reaction of the owner, besides the obvious shock that his speaking dog could make him rich? Would you be able to keep hitting a dog if it told you not to?

Don't let me forget all the animals used as test subjects for new shampoo and cleaning supplies. Or all the other animals kept in cages while being transported illegally for fur trades. Should I even mention hunting or poaching? Animals clearly can't speak to humans on their own account. They can't call for help. They can't even tell us what it's thinking. It's those people that can understand animals or have a passion for them that are the least violent towards them. Those that beat animals choose not to see what they are doing, or do not have the ability to reflect on their actions. When this happens, and nothing can object, violence occurs.

As far as abortion goes, the same rules apply. The unborn child cannot tell anyone not to kill it; it doesn't even know it's going to die. People tend to be able to do traumatic things such as killings or beatings much easier if they have no opposition. Sure there's animal rights activists and anti-abortion groups, but they aren't there when the act is occurring.

The point I'm trying to make is that too many people use their anger on helpless victims that can't do anything about it. Power has a stronghold in this dilemma. Those that can retaliate, through words or actions, are more likely to have a more secure life. Those that cannot must deal with what we give to them. For more information, please visit animalcruelty.com. It is up to us to make change.

Ben Steele
UWSP Student

Your parents politicians are not your friends

As a university student and Wisconsin resident, I'm outraged that no one spoke up about the affects of the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill that recently passed the lower house of Congress. The bill, H.R. 2356, specifically prohibits minors from contributing to political parties or candidates.

Yes, you read that correctly. Under the current proposal, Shays-Meehan makes it illegal for any under age 18 person to contribute even \$1 to a political party, candidate, campaign or cause.

Too much legislation, too little time. The politicians don't even know what they are voting for these days.

Thankfully, there is an alternative. Ed Thompson, a libertarian, has shown that he will encourage youth participation – not discourage it as our current career politicians do. Ed Thompson now has "Students for Ed Thompson" chapters at UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater.

It's time for a big change.

Aaron Biterman

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Mystery Writers trip to Great Britain planned

Are you a fan of mystery and crime novels? Would you like to earn credits while meeting famous mystery authors in England? Registration is now open for UWSP Extension's "Mystery and Crime Writers" trip to London and Oxford this summer.

The trip is open to the public and is scheduled for Aug. 19 through September 2, 2002. (Yes, you'll be back in time for classes beginning on September 3!) Participants will attend a private reception at London's premiere mystery bookshop and attend informal talks in London by contemporary British mystery and crime writers. Confirmed speakers include Robert Barnard, M.C. Beaton, Kate Charles, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, Keith Miles, and Laura Wilson. Kate Charles will host a cream tea in her garden for participants.

A trip highlight will be attending the Ninth Annual "Mystery and Crime Weekend" at St. Hilda's College in Oxford, meeting and talking to authors. The theme of this year's conference is "The Female of the Species."

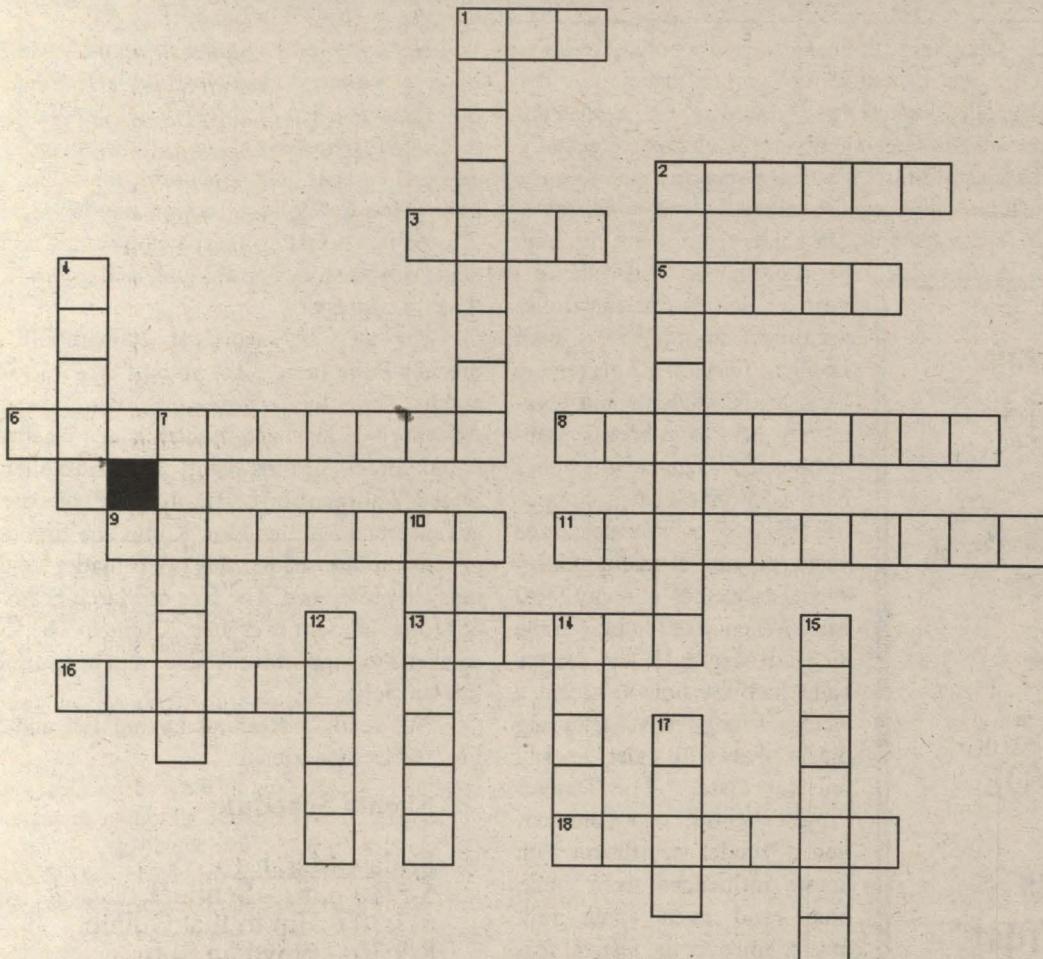
While in London, most evenings and the first weekend will be free for your own activities. Lodging will be at Passfield Hall in Bloomsbury, with easy access to the British Museum, Madame Tussaud's, Covent Garden, the West End and the shops of Oxford Street. The newly-built Millennium Dome is also nearby.

Credit options are available (English 395 or 595, 3 credits). The program is approximately \$2,600 including round-trip airfare from Chicago, lodging with breakfasts, entrance fees, The Mousetrap theatre ticket, St. Hilda's conference fee (including two dinners and two lunches) and Wisconsin resident tuition or workshop fee (graduate fee is extra).

The program leader is Dr. Kathy Ackley (English Department). She has twice led UWSP's Semester Abroad program in London; this will be her fourth Mystery Writers program. She has made over a dozen additional trips to England and is a member of the British Crime Writers' Association.

To register or for more information, contact UWSP Extension (x2426), email kkoepke@uwsp.edu, or stop by 032 Main Building. A nonrefundable \$150 deposit is required to register.

UWSP Crossword Puzzle



Across:

1. name of student run TV station
2. annual 90 FM call-in game
3. ____ Gym
5. room where BSU had their Soul Food Dinner
6. ____ Services
8. name of the April Fool's Pointer issue
9. I am not Pat ____
11. ____ Center
13. historic hall that may be demolished
16. chancellor of the university
18. College of ____ Services

Down:

1. where freshmen go to smoke pot
2. Federation Without ____
4. closest discount store to the dorms
7. farthest hall from campus
10. space between FAC and LRC
12. Elizabeth Pfifner ____ Center
14. George ____ Building
15. ____ Apartments
17. Fine ____ Center

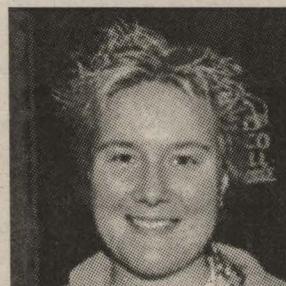
Pointer Poll

Photos by Lyndsay Rice

If you could be a Sesame Street character, which one would you be?



Joy Menet, Fr. Pre-Nursing
Oscar



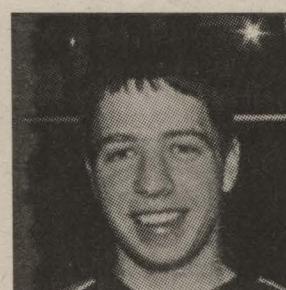
Katie Kish, Sr. Biology
Oscar



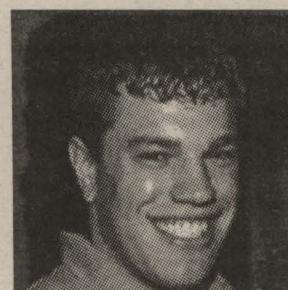
Nick, Soph. Physics
Ernie



Jasmin Hanna, Soph. International
Studies
Grover



Kyle Steele, Soph. Ecosystem
Restoration
Snuffy



Nolan Ott, Soph. Accounting
Cookie Monster

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The Pointer through time ... this week from the 50's

By Lindsay Heiser
COPY EDITOR

With the end of World War II, students saw *The Pointer* become more light-hearted and entertaining as it progressed into the 1950s with more photos, huge graphics and even a new annual "April Fools!" page, similar to our present-day *Pointless* issue.

Interesting news articles from the era included a feature of the seven students who earned straight A's for the fall semester of 1952 and a story on the nine students who were student teaching at P.J. Jacobs that same year. The traditional roles of women in the 1950s were evident in the story, as two men taught conservation, one woman taught chemistry (yeah!) and seven women taught home economics.

Changes around campus included the building of a new library. Before 1952, the library was located on the second and third floors of Old Main. When this location became inadequate, construction began on a new library, which is now the Student Services Building. When used as a library, the books were all on the main floor, along with a reserve section, circulation desk and the librarian's office. The second floor housed a music listening area, a faculty reading room, audio-visual room and a library science classroom. Textbooks and government stacks were in

the basement. Also, a new second-floor wing was added onto Delzell Hall, providing new rooms for 21 male dormites.

In 1953, school spirit was seemingly at its high, as *The Pointer* published music and lyrics for "The Purple and the Gold," the university's fight song, which every student was expected to learn. A full-page photo of the football team was also published, as well as a photo of Coach Quandt with his successful basketball team.

As for how students spent their leisure time during this era, fraternity and sorority activities were frequently featured. In 1954, fraternity pledges were required to wear a brightly colored hat and bow tie, carry a paddle everywhere they went, never talk to women and spend all of their free time in the library. Sorority pledges were required to wear ribbons around their necks and hold a tea for the active members of the organization they were pledging.

Also featured was a sleigh ride for the college's three foreign exchange students, from Guam and Peru, who'd never seen snow before. Advertisements for local soda fountains and Coca-Cola products were published in every issue, as Coke was formerly bottled

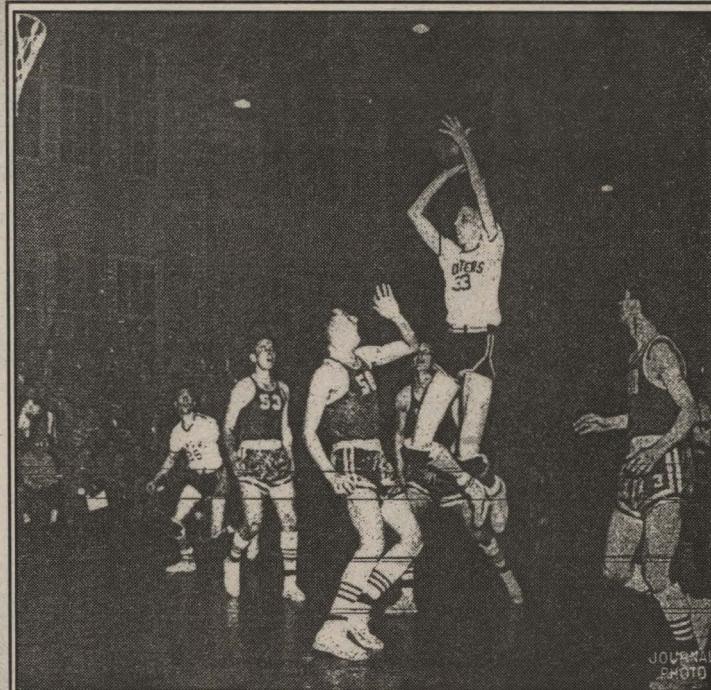
here in Point.

The "April Fools!" page in the 1954 issue of *The Pointer* contained a wide

meals a day instead of the usual two and purchase coal to heat their homes instead of burning students' exam papers. Teachers were given motor scooters for transportation, and private detectives to watch their significant others while they are at work.

Another "April Fools!" article was an interview with the custodian of the Washington Monument along with an interview of student Bobby Anderson, who was ecstatic because she'd gotten an A in her Minnesota Volcanoes class. A "revised" football schedule was printed as well, with the Pointers playing games against teams from a retirement home, the Army, the Training School fifth grade and the University of Southern California.

Again, a shout out to the folks up in University Archives, fifth floor LRC, for all their help in digging through the past. Besides microfilm of *The Pointer*, they have oodles of information about Stevens Point and Wisconsin.



1950s Stevens Point Journal photo

Pointer star Bob Johnson pops in the first of nine baskets against Winona State in the old gymnasium in what is now the Communications Arts Center (CAC) building.

variety of bizarre articles, including one describing a teachers' strike. According to the story, the teachers were indeed granted a higher salary, allowing them to eat three

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Beware the Ides of March? Not this year

By Laura Daugherty
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



Danger Project photo
The Danger Project helped bring in the rest of the bands for the Ides of March slated for the KEG this weekend.

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best talent we have right here in central Wisconsin will be taking the stage this weekend," said Danger Project guitarist and festival organizer Mike Scieszinski. The top level of the bar will be reserved for the main stage, and the lower level will serve as an open jam session for musicians as well as a place for political action booths. Before the Danger Project takes the stage on Friday night, student Alderperson Matt Filipiak will give a "state of the city address."

The Keg is located at 200 Isadore Street, Stevens Point (across the street from Watson Hall) and has six of their own special microbrews on tap. Advanced tickets are available at: Weebie CDs (Clark Street, Stevens Point), The Bookseller (Main Street, Waupaca) or at The Keg. Prices are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Come the first day and get in free the second day! No matter what your musical preference, The Ides of March Festival will have something for everyone. Come to The Keg this weekend to support local bands and hear some great live music!

"It's really just about having fun and loving life," Mike Scieszinski.

Events Schedule

Friday, March 15

5-5:30 p.m. – Sentinel
6-7:30 – Hip to that Quintet
8-9:30 – Floydian Slip
10-11:30 – Onomatopoeia
12a.m.-close – The Danger Project and Friends

Saturday, March 16

2-3:30 p.m. – Maggie and the Molecules
4-5:30 – Samoni
6-7:30 – Groovulous Glove
8-9:30 – Speargrass
10-11:30 – Northbound Train
12a.m.-close – The Danger Project and Friends

The Legal Corner - Advice on navigating through laws of the land

"I am a student interested in living off-campus next year, and signed a lease last fall which requires me to pay 100% of the rent and security deposit before I move in during August. Was this a smart thing to do? Am I being discriminated against because I am a student?"

Dear student,

I hate to say it, but you fell prey to landlord-induced hysteria regarding student housing that comes to campus every fall. Many students feel that they have to sign a lease by October, or the housing will be gone. Students agree to all kinds of provisions in leases that no other segment of the population seems to have to put up with, such as paying nine or 12 months of rent before they walk in the door. The only way that landlords will stop demanding prepayment of rent (and when you think about it, why do they assume that college students are more irresponsible than everyone else?) is if students refuse to sign leases with absurd and discriminatory provisions. I am not aware of any other targeted population in this area which is routinely asked to prepay rent like UWSP students are. Is it discrimination? In my opinion, yes, but unfortunately it is not illegal discrimination. Students do not have "protected" status under state and federal law regarding discrimination in housing. I hate to sound like Nancy Reagan, but just say no the next time. Become a smart consumer. Don't let yourself be taken advantage of.

"I live off campus in a house with four other UWSP students and one of my roommates grows marijuana in a closet. What risk do I run into if the police find this marijuana?"

Dear Student,

My suggestion is that the roommates should get together and request that the lawbreaking roommate stop the manufacture of marijuana in the rental premises, and get rid of the marijuana. You could go a step further and turn in the roommate to the police. A roommate puts the other roommates at risk of a criminal charge by that kind of conduct. Inconsiderate and reckless conduct, to put it mildly. Even if you have nothing to do with the marijuana, but permit it to be grown in premises that are rented by you, you risk being charged with a felony. By permitting the illegal manufacture of marijuana on premises rented by you, you also risk being evicted by the landlord. Penalties for possession, distribution, and/or manufacturing of marijuana are extremely stiff. I am cer-

tain that several students who have been prosecuted for growing, possessing, and/or growing marijuana would tell you that it wasn't worth it. The worst part of it (not the potential jail time, probation, fines, cost of a legal defense, etc.) is that a drug conviction might prevent you from entering the profession that you are preparing for with a college education, and is a serious stain on your character and personality that will affect you for the rest of your life.



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 UC or check out our website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sls/index.htm.

The Health and Wellness Spot

Dear Health Advocate,

A couple of my friends are really into meditation. I really don't understand what the big deal is and why they do it so much. I would like to try it if it is good for me, but I don't know where to get started.

Thanks,
Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Meditation is an excellent and easy relaxation technique. Meditation has many benefits for your mind and body including better mood, less stress and enhancement of overall health, so if you are willing to try it, there is no reason not to. Where and when a person meditates is very important. To start meditating, follow these easy steps:



1.) Put yourself in a calm and comfortable place and position. Many people sit up with their legs crossed and others prefer to lie down. Keeping the spine straight allows for better flow of energy.

2.) Often it helps to close your eyes or focus on one thing in your surroundings like the flame of a candle.

3.) Controlling your breath and thoughts is also a concept important to meditation. Try to concentrate on a flame or on the air flowing in and out of your body. When other thoughts enter your mind, let them go and relax.

4.) Start by meditating for a short time and work up to meditating for 30 minutes each day.

This is just a quick overview of what meditation is all about. There are also some great classes offered on campus for meditation and stress management. Good luck!

So you need help with that nagging bad habit or you want to learn what the best combination of exercises is to get yourself in the ideal shape for freestyle llama milking. Well, email the Health Advocate at kuch680@uwsp.edu and see what kind of advice she can dispense for you.

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Eagle Walkers prepping for 200 mile Spring Break hike

By Barett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

What's 200 miles? While not a short distance by conventional standards, it is a little bit of a trip for most people. Usually a 3.5-hour car ride will cover that distance. That is a one tank, one-day trip for most folks.

How about instead of driving that distance, walk that far ... in a week, regardless of weather while shouldering all your food and clothing you'll use in eight day's time. Oh yeah, let's not forget the sleeping bag and personal hygiene supplies to get one through 200 miles on foot. The list reads like this - tape, moleskin, molefoam, ointment, bandaids, ace wrap, Ben-Gay, antibacterial soap and crème as well as the usuals, i.e. tooth brush, toothpaste and deodorant.

Sounds like fun, eh? Well it is! Nine students and one alumni from this environmentally-minded campus will be sacrificing a week's worth of sand and sun over spring break to instead, sacrificing their feet and bodies over a 200-mile hike to raise money for the benefit of our national symbol, the bald eagle.

The Eagle Walk, started 21 years ago by some socially responsible UWSP women, continues on into 2002 with the goal of helping provide some extra cash for the important, and often under funded, work relating to one of Wisconsin's most "visible" species. To participate, each person taking part in the walk is responsible for raising one dollar for every mile that they walk, for a total of (come on, do the math) ... \$200.

The walk is going to take place on many of the state's quiet and scenic back roads, with overnight lodging and the occasional meal provided by some good Samaritans along the way. Eagle Walkers will begin their trek outside the University Center on the morning of March 22 and will make their way through places like Wisconsin Rapids, New Lisbon and Richland Center as well as several others, before arriving at Eagle Valley along the Mississippi river in southwest Wisconsin eight days later on March 30.

The UWSP students involved in the walk this year are Lindsey Jordan, sophomore; Justin Gleicher, freshman; David Jones, sophomore; Kimberly Pelo, sophomore; Lyndsay Carter, Sophomore; Alan Carter, alumni; James Roddewig, sophomore; Tara Matthews, senior; Kristin Wild, sophomore and Barett Steenrod, senior.

While it is too late for additional people to sign up for the walk, donations are always welcome. Checks made out to the Environmental Council are eligible for matching funds from a state grant. Checks made out to the Nature Conservancy are tax deductible.

The 21st Annual Eagle Walk is sponsored by the UWSP Environmental Council. For more information, contact Lyndsay Carter at lcarter750@uwp.edu or by stopping by her office at the Student Involvement and Employment Office.

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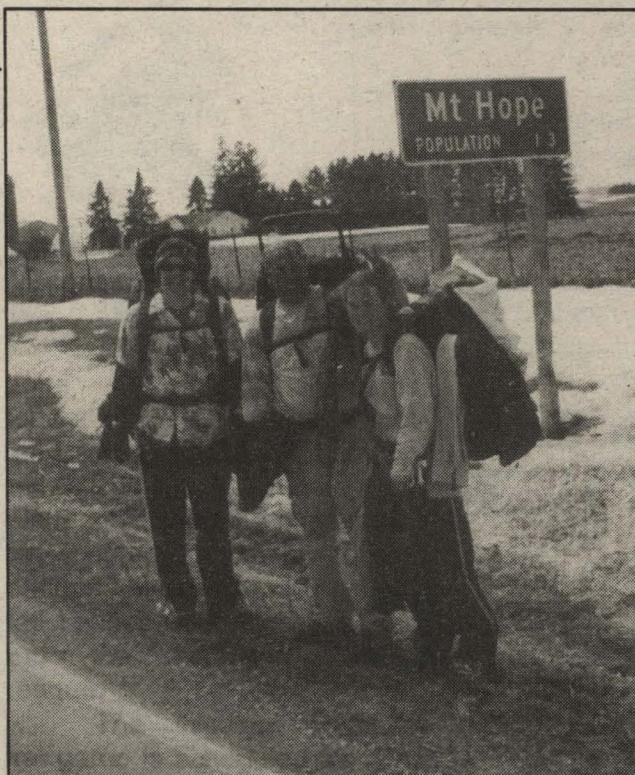


Photo by Lyndsey Carter

A few of the Eagle Walkers from last year as they near their final destination on the eighth and final day of the walk.

Athletic Training Program flexin' to be accredited soon

By Barett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

So you've been following the sport teams this year? You know all the star Pointer athletes on every team and you've even bought tickets to ride on the Fan-Support bus as the girl's head to Indiana to play in the final four. But do you know about the people behind it all? Can you really name the people who helped keep the athletes going through all the twisted ankles, pulled muscles and back spasms? If you don't, it's time you did.

These folks are students just like the rest of us. They are part of the Athletic Training Program (ATP) here at UWSP and they are the ones who help direct athletes through the physical therapy and rehabilitative care of a long and arduous season.

The ATP is a fairly new curriculum here at campus; so new in fact, that it is only now undergoing review for accreditation. Only after the program has met the certifications of the National Athletic Training Association will graduates of UWSP who pass the certification examination be qualified to administer treatment to athletes independent of a clinical instructor.

Currently, there are 18 students enrolled in the program. The program has a maximum capacity of 32 students as there are only four certified instructors and each instructor is limited to working with no more than eight students.

Beth Abegglen, junior, and Michael McElroy, junior, sat down with me and told me what their experience has been like so far.

"The degree is the same for each person, but the required minor varies from person to person," said McElroy. "The program also has very broad overview of health and well being."

"You can pick any minor you want," added Abegglen, "for example, my minor, psychology, helps me know the mental aspect of sports injuries better, which is important because the mindset of the

"Closer Than Ever" is closer than you think

The Off-Broadway musical revue "Closer Than Ever," a moving and hilarious look at the joys and frustrations of modern relationships, will be staged Wednesday through Sunday, March 13-17; Stevens Point

The revue includes a series of musical numbers, each one a separate little play, according to Roger L. Nelson, musical theatre faculty member and the play's director.

Among the many characters are a prim secretary with a delicious secret, a feisty country-girl-in-the-city who is fed up with her boyfriend wanting to be "just friends," three career women who remain friends despite the surprising twists and turns in their lives and men and women experiencing the joys and pains of

parenthood. Ultimately, "Closer Than Ever" is about life, change and the human heart.

"Closer Than Ever" features the witty lyrics of Richard Maltby, who wrote Broadway's "Miss Saigon," and the soaring, melodic music of David Shire, who has written scores for numerous movies.

Performances in the Studio Theatre of the Fine Arts Center will take place Wednesday through Saturday, March 13-16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m.

Cost of admission is \$9 for adults and \$5 for youth. Tickets may be purchased at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office or by calling 346-4100. Tickets also will be available at the door if the performance is not sold out in advance.



ATP Photo
Mike McElroy helps an athlete (unidentified) in the UWSP physical therapy center recently.

with, which means that you spend all your free time in practice or at games."

I was curious as to why students like themselves would be so interested in working so hard and giving up so much to do this. It seems as though the requirements would be enough to scare away many students. Their response was that this is the only health or medical field that does not require a more advanced degree. The job market is also growing as many states are starting to require all athletic programs to have a Certified Athletic Trainer.

They are encouraging students with a love for sports and teamwork and who want to make a difference in the lives of athletes to explore what the program has to offer. Competition for the available openings in the program is bound to increase once it is accredited; so interested students are encouraged to inquire now as admission requirements are already competitive. For questions, students can contact Kathy O'Connell, ATEP Director at 346-2409.

NCAA Tourney time: Ladies and gentlemen, start your brackets

Hey guys and girls, it's NCAA tournament time again. This is easily the most watchable sporting event of the year...just ask the guys who skip class on Thursday to watch opening-round games. Continuing with tradition here at *The Pointer*, we've asked our panel of experts to pick their favorites for each bracket. Here we go:

SOUTH

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

It's that time of year again when numerous students (you know who you are) miss class due to the March Madness flu bug. With a quick overview of the South region, here are my picks:

Alabama is probably the weakest number-two team out there. I see them losing to 3rd ranked Pittsburgh in the Sweet 16. With no tourney experience and leaning on a freshman guard, the Crimson Tide's streak will end. Pittsburgh's (3) Brandin Knight is one of the East's top players. Watch for them to win their way into the Elite 8.

Notre Dame (8) and Charlotte (9), two of the closest ranked teams in the NCAA tourney, will put on a great show. I choose Notre Dame on a toss-up. Also, the Quakers of Pennsylvania (11) recorded some impressive vic-

tories this season. Watch for them to put up a dogfight with California (6).

Let's finish with everyone's favorite, the upset specials. Oklahoma State (7) and Kent State (10)—For starters, Kent State will prevail over OSU, but their streak ends in the second round.

The biggest upset of the South Region will come in the third round, when Indiana (5) upsets number one Duke. To many, this could be a biased decision on my part, but with Jeffries and Coverdale leading the way, Indiana will upset the Blue Devil's powerhouse. When I say win, I mean upset Pittsburgh in the Elite 8 as well. Big Ten's Indiana is your Final Four team of the South Region.

WEST

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS INFO DIRECTOR

When discussing which region is the toughest in this year's tournament, the debate is short-lived. Simply put, the West is best.

The West Region is loaded with as many as five logical teams that could state its case for reaching the Final Four. There are teams from seven of the major conferences and 12 overall that won its conference tournament in the West.

Cincinnati enters as the region's top seed and is coming off

an impressive performance in the Conference USA Tournament, including a dominating championship game win over Marquette.

Bob Huggins' young but talented squad is headed by a senior leader in guard Steve Logan. However, if UCLA is able to get past Mississippi in the opening round, the streaky Bruins could make the Bearcats run a short one.

Jason Kapono, Dan Gadzuric and the rest of the Bruins have shown the talent to beat teams such as Kansas, Alabama and Arizona this season, but no one ever knows which UCLA team will show up.

Gonzaga was down right hosed by being dropped to a number six seed despite being ranked sixth in the polls. Anyone agree with the committee's decision?

Still waiting.

Didn't think so.

The only team that may have been hosed even more royally is third-seeded Arizona, who would have to face the Zags in what could be one of the best second-round games in recent history.

Second-seeded Oklahoma fell just short of picking up a top seed despite knocking off Kansas, the nation's top-ranked team, in the Big 12 championship game.

If you're looking for a first round upset, look no further than the dreaded 5 vs. 12 match-up. Every year a five seed falls, and this year it could very well be Miami, which is forced to showdown with a talented but Jekyll-and-Hyde

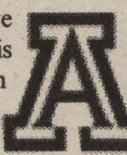
Missouri team.

If the Tigers can beat Miami, they could also put a scare into Ohio State and head to the Sweet 16. Heck, they could go to the Final Four.

So who's going to make it to Atlanta? Your guess is as good as mine.

Don't blame me if I'm wrong, but for my dollar I'll put my money on the leadership of Jason Gardner and Luke Walton to help Arizona survive a treacherous journey to the Peach State.

Besides, I got them underneath



MIDWEST

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

my Mountain Dew cap.

Despite the loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game, Kansas is the number one seed and definitely the team to beat in the Midwest bracket.

They became the first team ever to have an undefeated regular season in the Big 12, and they have the inside outside game that is necessary to advance far into the tournament.

If you are looking for a dark horse, this region features a pair of them in Illinois (4) and Mississippi State (3). Illinois has been an up-and-down team all season long, but they have the talent to match anybody in the country and could make

the Final Four if Frank Williams can put together some big scoring games.

MSU is coming into the tournament on an eight game winning streak, including winning the SEC tournament to earn the automatic bid. They are really playing solid basketball right now, and if they continue to play like they did in the SEC tournament, they are capable of going deep into the field.

If it upsets you're looking for, then it's Creighton (12) and Pepperdine (10) are prime candidates. Creighton has been to the last four tournaments, which gives them the experience factor. They also have a good draw taking on mediocre Florida (5) in the first round. Another reason to look for the upset is Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) player of the year, Kyle Korver, who gives them a go to guy down the stretch and that's very important when it comes to the big dance.

Pepperdine is a lot better than people give them credit for. During the regular season, they defeated UCLA, USC and Gonzaga to earn their at large berth. They have a good chance of knocking off not just Wake Forest (7) in the first round, but also Oregon (2) in the second, and they are my surprise pick for the sweet 16.

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Pointer preview: Women dancing in Terra Haute



UW-Stevens Point Pointers



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Marymount Saints



Photo by P. Larson

Pointer forward Cassandra Heuer elevates for a jump shot during the first half in the Pointers' victory over Pacific Lutheran on Saturday night.

Pointers head to Final Four on a roll

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The final destination for the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team's dream season will be Terre Haute, Indiana. UWSP will need just two more victories to secure a national championship.

Friday night at five o'clock the Pointers will be taking on Marymount (Va.). The second national semi-final will follow that game and feature St. Lawrence (N.Y.) taking on DePauw (Ind.).

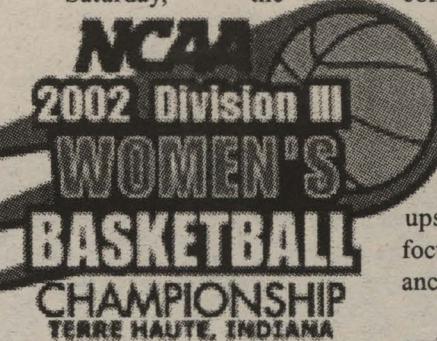
Despite all the success that UWSP has had this year, Head Coach Shirley Egner says they still have one more task to achieve.

"We talked about it (winning a championship) this summer and it was a goal that was set. We had four goals for this season, and the fourth one was to win it all and that is still up in the air."

UWSP reached the final four with two victories at the Berg Gymnasium last weekend.

Friday night, the Pointers came from behind to defeat Webster (Miss.) 71-61. Andrea Kraemer had a great all-around game falling just one assist shy of a triple double as she scored 16 points, grabbed 11 boards and dished out 9 assists. Kari Groshek also had a big night with 22 points and 8 rebounds.

Saturday, the



Pointers went on a 17-4 run early in the second half and never looked back, defeating Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 64-47. Groshek once again led all scorers with 16 points on the evening.

Marymount made it to the elite eight with a revenge win over their conference champion, Salsburg 79-51. Then they defeated Kings 67-64 to earn their first final four appearance.

Jodie Knotts had a big game with 21 points in the victory over Salsburg. Candice Brown had a huge game in the victory over Kings, as she scored 20 points and added 11 rebounds.

Marymount is led by Brown. A senior who made first team all CAC, she averages nearly 16 points a game. They also get key contributions from Ashley Courter, Kate Jarvis and Knotts, who all average about 12 and a half points a game.

Coach Egner was not as concerned with the match-ups; instead, she was more focused on her team's performance.

"I think the match-ups are good ones for us, but mostly I am worried about dealing with our strengths and how we can do what we like to do," said Egner. "It doesn't matter if we win or lose as long as we play Pointer basketball for 40 minutes."

A victory on Friday would put UWSP in the championship game Saturday at 7. Even with a loss they would still play in the consolation game at 4:30 on Saturday.

Groshek named academic All-American

UWSP senior Kari Groshek has been named to the 2001-2002 Verizon women's basketball Academic All-America Second Team.

The Rosholt native is a biology major who carries a 3.74 grade point average and is set to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in May of 2002. She became eligible for the honor by previously being named to the Academic All-District First Team. Groshek earned Academic All-District honors last year as well.

Groshek is the 12th student-athlete in UW-Stevens Point history to earn the award and is the ninth selection in the last three years.

Groshek has helped the Pointers to a 28-3 record so far this season and has guided the team to a berth in the NCAA Division III final four this weekend in Terre Haute, Ind.

She leads the team in scoring (15.3 points per game), rebounds (6.0 per game) and blocked shots

(1.5 per game). Groshek earned All-Conference First Team honors as a senior and a junior and was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Year this season. She was also the recipient of this year's Judy Kruckman WIAC Scholar Athlete award.

Groshek ranked third in scoring and field goal percentage in the WIAC this season. Her 38-point performance against UW-Whitewater on Jan. 23 broke UW-Stevens Point's single-game scoring record.

Groshek currently ranks third on UW-Stevens Point's all-time scoring list with 1,394 career points. This season, she was named one of the 10 finalists for the Jostens Trophy, which honors the top Division III women's basketball player.

Her efforts the past two seasons have helped the Pointers achieve their second and third 20-win seasons in school history. The 28 victories this season are a school record.



Groshek

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Isabelle Delannay, Defiance, MO
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Eric Rasmussen, Lancaster
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Jacqueline Kalscheuer, Baraboo
\$30.00 Meter Feeder Card

Pointer hockey ends bittersweet season

Kochan, Brolsma receive NCHA honors
By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer men's hockey team's season came to a close this past weekend. The Pointers (18-9-2) finished third in the NCHA Division III tournament after beating UW-River Falls 2-1.

UWSP forwards Zenon Kochan and Mike Brolsma earned All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association first team honors. Kochan (junior) finished the season with 14 goals and 15 assists while Brolsma (freshman) ended with 22 goals and 17 assists.

Three Pointers were named honorable mention for their season efforts. Senior goalie Bob Gould ended his UWSP career second in school history with all-

time wins, games played, saves and shutouts. He finished the season 11-7-2. Freshman defenseman Sean Leahy recorded three goals and 11 assists, while senior defenseman Randy Enders ended with five goals and 12 assists. Enders also was named to the WIAC men's hockey first team.

Five skaters earned All-WIAC honorable mention honors. Among those players were Bob Gould, Zenon Kochan, Mike Brolsma, Ryan Kirchhoff and Sean Leahy.

Head coach Joe Baladarotta was named the 2001-2002 WIAC Coach of the Year. Baladarotta recorded his 200th victory against UW-River Falls on January 25.



Brolsma

Brolsma finished the season with an impressive record of 206-106-24.

The Pointers entered the NCHA tournament with hopes of a championship. However, UWSP dropped a 4-3 overtime heartbreaker to tourney champ UW-Superior. After edging out UW-River Falls 2-1 on Saturday, the Pointers earned

third place in Division III.

In the final 11 games of the season, UWSP finished with a remarkable 8-1-2 record, though not enough for a bid to the NCAA tournament. If all goes well going into next season, the Pointers lose just six seniors.

Tourney

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After all the dust settles and the upsets are done, I think that this will be the year that Kansas returns to the final four due to their size inside and the excellent guard play they are getting out of Jeff Boschee

EAST

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

and Kirk Heinrich.

Yeah, I'm a homer. I'll be rooting for Wisconsin and Marquette in the tourney, and since they are both in the East, I get to write about them too!

Despite sharing the Big 10 conference title, Wisconsin was hosed on their seeding, coming up as an eight seed. If they can somehow get past an athletic St. Johns team, they will likely match up with number one seed Maryland. Don't look for Wisconsin to contin-

ue their luck against a hungry and talented Terp team.

Marquette is quite possibly the most intriguing team in the East this year. This veteran team is capable of setting the world on fire (see the upset over Cincinnati earlier this year), or stinking up the joint (see loss to Eastern Carolina). If the team's top two performers, point guard Cordell Henry and swingman Dwayne Wade, can step it up, look for Marquette to go far.

This region also features the most intriguing 2-15 matchup, with tiny Hampton from Norfolk, Vir. battling perennial power Connecti-

cum. Hampton, the surprise of last year's tournament after their surprising upset over Northern Iowa, won't be sneaking up on anybody this season. Look for UConn to win in a route.

UConn is my money team. Well, they better be, cause I picked them to win it all in the office pool. You never know, stranger things have happened.



SENIOR ON THE SPOT

SARA BECKER - ATHLETIC TRAINING



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UWSP Career Highlights

- Accepted into the UWSP athletic training program in 1997 (1 of 2 freshmen of 8 total students)
- My first sport assignments (football and fastpitch) in 1999, reaching my 1500th hour
- Travel with the women's soccer team to the NCAA Div. III Final Four, experiencing my first fracture (not me, an athlete)

Major - Athletic Training and Biology Education

Hometown - Slinger, WI

Most memorable moment - Traveling with the women's soccer team to Maryland and then to Boston to the Final Four, the singing, the touring, the free stuff...

Who was your idol growing up? - Honestly, I don't think that I had one, wow, that's something I never thought of before...

What are your plans after graduation? - Student Teaching in fall, and then on to the "real world"!

Do you plan on participating in athletic training after graduation? - Yes, I hope to be employed by a school district both as a biology teacher and an athletic trainer

What is your favorite aspect of athletic training? - Seeing an injury from start to finish and the occasional "thank you" from an athlete

Most embarrassing moment - Well, not that embarrassing, but one of the football players told Jenn and I that we didn't count as a girl's opinion because "girl athletic trainers aren't really girls".

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Jim Strick—that guy's got a great job, well, at least most of the time, plus the soccer team doesn't just sing to anyone

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. An ice chest full of ice
2. Margarita mix
3. Lots of Gatorade cups

What will you remember most about athletic training at UWSP?

- My fellow student athletic trainers who have become great friends and all the fun times that we've had both in and out of work.

This weekend, hear "The Pointer"'s

Dan Mirman

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THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take: Random thoughts from the curious sports observer

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I'm tapped out. Sorry. I just can't come up with anything coherent enough to write a whole column on. Well, what's the best thing to do in this situation? Ta-Da! I got it! A bunch of random thoughts for your reading pleasure. Well, here ya go:

- If any of you were at the women's basketball games this past weekend, you know that the house was rocking. Do you think that any of the Pointer players were a bit nervous seeing a packed house for the first time all season? People that don't even acknowledge sports at this university are jumping on the bandwagon. WOW!

- How many of you are going to be glued to your TV on Thursday for the opening round of the NCAA tourney? I know I am.

- Can anyone believe that baseball season starts up this weekend for the Pointers? We're supposed to get six to nine inches of freakin' snow this week! How are they gonna do this? I say baseball on snowmobiles.

- How many of you actually think that [new Packer's wide receiver] Terry Glenn will make it through a whole season in Green Bay unscathed? Heck, I can't even make it a whole DAY in Green Bay without getting bored out of my skull.

- When will the day come when Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis can join hands in harmony? I don't know what Lewis' children look like, but I really would rather

not see them get eaten.

- Does ANYONE around here watch the NBA anymore? Do they even play NBA games anymore?

- I just realized that once the women's basketball season is over, this section is going to be pretty scant. Maybe I can do a feature story on the violence of intramural trench dodgeball, or maybe the scandal behind the intramural soccer team *Real Futbol*'s ability to stack their team with former major league soccer stars.

- I wonder where Brant Bailey is right now? Probably whooping up on some Croatian guy named Sergei in a distant European country.

- I wonder what those guys that dance around the drum wearing women's clothes do after the men's basketball season is over? I'm thinking a job at Teaser's may be in order (That's for you, Phil).

- While watching the movie "Hoosiers" this weekend, I swear I saw Nick DeVos playing forward for Hickory High. Wow, I gotta lay off the three-week old Dominos.

- I think that if the Pointers win the championship this weekend, they should be invited to the White House, strictly so [STV sports announcer] Justus Cleveland has another excuse to go on a road trip. Does that guy EVER go to class?

Well guys, that's it for this week. Don't forget to cheer on Point this weekend! GO POINTERS!



The Sports Guy's Opinion: The NBA...I HATE this game!

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

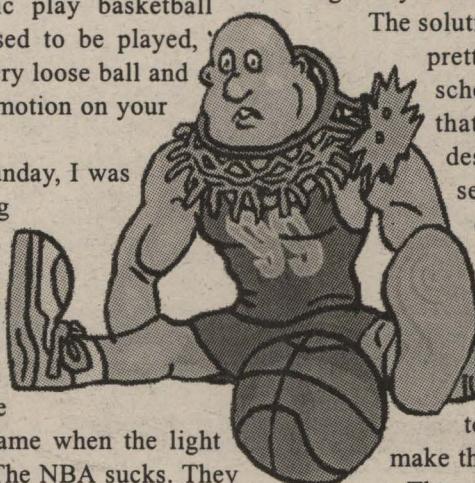
I'm ruined on the NBA. I just can't watch it anymore. Especially with all the great college basketball that has been on the last couple weeks

I have been glued to the T.V., watching teams like Illinois-Chicago and Florida Atlantic play basketball like it's supposed to be played, diving after every loose ball and wearing your emotion on your sleeve.

Then on Sunday, I was flipping between an awesome Big 12 tournament title game with Oklahoma and Kansas and the Bucks-Kings game when the light bulb went on. The NBA sucks. They don't play defense, they don't like to pass and in general, the players seem like they could care less.

Now that the tournament is underway, I doubt I will even check up on the NBA scoreboard until a new national champion is crowned. Watching college ball is like a gourmet meal with all the trimmings: just absolutely delicious to watch. The NBA, on the other hand, is more like ramen noodles: I only watch it when there are absolutely no other options.

Seriously, I don't understand it. Don't these players realize that they are getting paid millions of dollars to play basketball and they even get four to five months off a year?



Am I supposed to be impressed when Allen Iverson goes off for 40 points? He took over 30 shots to do it, though. Wow!

I would much rather watch players like Juan Dixon from Maryland score 30 because he was money that night, not just cause he was the black hole, shooting every chance he had.

The solution to this problem seems pretty clear: shorten the NBA schedule. It is fairly obvious that the players have no desire to play 82 games in a season and the fans obviously don't want to watch that many either. They need to drop it down to somewhere between 40-50 games. All of a sudden, teams can't afford to lose 30 games and still make the playoffs.

The second part of the solution is to ban Shaq from the league. Get rid of him. He is doing everything he can to ruin the game of basketball. He is not fun to watch, because all he does is push people around under the rim and then throws punches at them, saying they're dirty players. Sorry, Shaq, but I would much rather see someone show some dribbling and shooting skills, rather than the ability push over anyone between you and the basket.

Like with anyone else in a bad relationship, I know I will come back to the NBA as the playoffs are getting near. I'll watch the Bucks shoot themselves in and out of games, and maybe even watch them play some defense. Hey you gotta eat ramen sometimes, right?



The Week Ahead...



Women's Basketball - NCAA Division III Semifinals

(Terre Haute, Ind.), vs. Marymount (Va.), Friday, 5 p.m. (**Listen LIVE on 90FM**)

Baseball - at Bradley, Ill.; Sat., 1 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m.

Swimming - Women's NCAA Championships (Oxford, Ohio),

Thurs.-Sat.

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2. GAMECOCKS
3. SLAMIN SALMON
4. YAHTZEE

D2 VOLLEYBALL

1. TENJEWBERRYMUD
2. WYATT ST. BALLERS
3. RAPID SHREWS
4. B-TEAM

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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3. CRAZY GIRLS
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3. LET'S FIGHT

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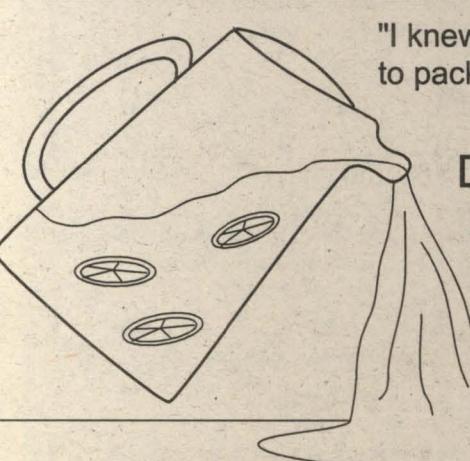
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On-campus Co-op offers alternatives and all-natural food

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

If you've had to wait in that unbearable Pointer Express sub line at the noon hour in the last few weeks, you've probably noticed less video games and more organic food in the area.

The Stevens Point Area Cooperative

(Co-op) which has been in Stevens Point for nearly 30 years, recently opened "The Little Co-op Shop" located right across from the Pointer Express in the UC.

Co-ops are essentially "all-natural" markets, selling only organic and all-natural products, such as fresh organic produce, herbs, dairy products, baked goods and even "delicious natural snacks and

sodas", according to their pamphlet.

The idea for a co-op in the UC came directly from the students desiring alternate food choices for lunch. The students expressed concerns and suggested a natural foods establishment. UC officials then got in touch with Co-op manager Maggie Woodside and sealed the deal for a second "mini" co-op that was more centrally located for students with busy days filled with classes.

Woodside said that students are a critical element to the success of both the original Co-op and the newer version in the UC.

"Students do make up a good part of our business, and a lot of our employees are UWSP students," said Woodside.

Not only students take advantage of the Co-op though.

Of course, there are many advantages to buying organic groceries and products instead of buying them through a grocery store. People can eat food from a co-op knowing that it's an

all-natural product and that no pesticides were used during its growth process.

If you've never shopped at a co-op before, expect to pay a few pennies extra for everything. Cost is perhaps the biggest deterrent of "going organic", but Woodside explained the inflated costs and their impact on financially-laden students. She advised to look for less packaging, buying fresh foods and buying in bulk.

"All-natural food prices have decreased significantly within the last 10 years," explained Woodside.

Woodside continued on about how a lot of the fresh produce and items available in bulk feature prices that are actually quite competitive with prices from traditional grocery stores.

"In the end, it's all about what you believe in. Our customers say that there's a difference, and we think so too. It's just about what you believe in," concluded Woodside.

The on-campus co-op is a huge step in the right direction for vegetarian or vegan students looking for an alternative to normal UC lunches. The Little Co-op Shop is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

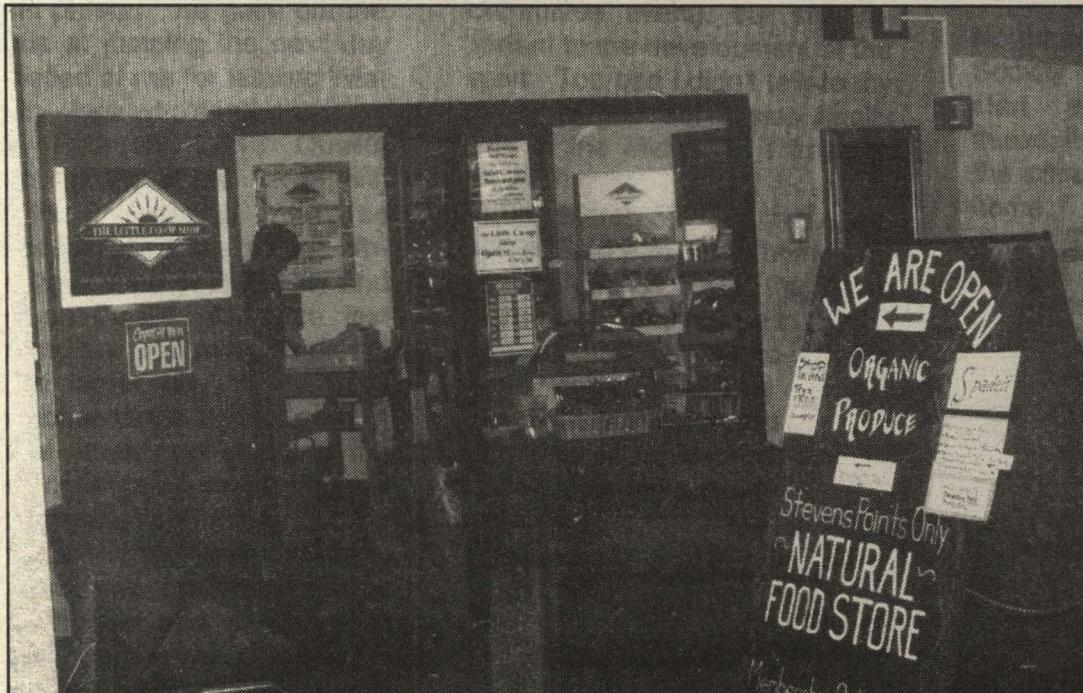


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The Little Co-op Shop, opened on Feb. 18, offers an alternative to students seeking non-traditional UC lunches.

Schmeeckle Reserve offers variety of spring programs

From herbal remedies and composting to searching for flying squirrels, a variety of programs will be held this spring at Schmeeckle Reserve on the UW-Stevens Point campus.

Open to the general public for free or a nominal fee, the workshops are led by UWSP students and take place at the reserve's Visitor Center, located on North Point Drive near the Michigan Avenue intersection.

For more information or to register, call the reserve at (715) 346-4492.

The workshop schedule begins Thursday, March 14, with "Nature's Cure" from 7-8 p.m. Discover how to use the natural world around you to stay healthy.

Learn about indoor composting with worms at "Vermicomposting" on Friday, March 15, from 7-8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 16, from 12:30-3 p.m., join "Plowing Thru the History of John Deere" with a trip to Plainfield to compare vintage tractors to today's mighty machines.

Discover how different cultures have celebrated the Spring Equinox throughout the ages at "Spring Into Traditions" on Tuesday, March 19, from 6-7 p.m.

Revisit the age of bootleggers, moonshine and fast cars through slides and stories with "The Bad Boys of Wisconsin" Wednesday, April 3, from 7-7:45 p.m.

Embark on a trip down the Wisconsin River and discover the rich history behind the names of cities along the way on Thursday, April 11, from 6-7 p.m.

On Saturday, April 20, from 1-2 p.m. walk the Schmeeckle Reserve as you explore the natural history of aspens during "Pulp Fiction."

Discover the mystery behind the frogs that live in the surrounding waters of the Schmeeckle boardwalks during "Amphibian Symphony" on Wednesday, April 24 from 8-9 p.m.

Schmeeckle Reserve is one of the favorite haunts of the elusive flying squirrel. Learn more about this unique creature of the night then join a hike to search for the gliding mammals in "Feeling Squirrely?" on Thursday, April 25, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Explore the sights and smells of wildflowers in Powers Bluff County Park during "What Smells at Skunk Hill?" on Saturday, April 27, from 1-3 p.m.

Schmeeckle Reserve is a 275-acre natural area set aside to preserve the natural plant and animal communities of Central Wisconsin. Supported by UWSP as a research and teaching resource, the reserve also offers inspiration and recreational enjoyment for the general public.

The center is also the home of the Conservation Hall of Fame and The Browse Shop, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.



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BOW sponsors viewing of prairie chicken ritual

The Wisconsin "Becoming an Outdoorswoman" program is now accepting reservations for viewings of the greater prairie chickens' spring mating ritual during the month of April.

The viewings will take place at the Buena Vista Marsh, located just eight miles south of Stevens Point, beginning before dawn and lasting approximately two hours. While some weekends are full, there are still plenty of spots available during weekdays.

The viewing is designed to help the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources survey the number of prairie chickens on the booming ground. The valuable information that viewers record will help the WDNR manage Central Wisconsin's threatened prairie chicken population. A special viewing blind allows viewers to watch the birds without disturbing their courtship rituals.

Wildlife enthusiasts and birdwatchers come from around the state each year to enjoy this rare opportunity to view greater prairie chickens and their exotic courtship dance. Participants are able to watch the birds claim their place within the lek (mating grounds) by strutting, hopping and booming. Booming is the descriptive term for the bassoon-like sound made by male prairie chickens as they inflate and deflate bright orange air sacs to establish their territory and impress female hens.

For more information, please call Mindy Brown at the Wisconsin BOW office at (715) 346-3259 or toll free at (877) BOWMAN. Registration for the blinds are on a first come, first serve basis. The registration fee is \$15 for non-students, \$10 for students. Scholarships are available.

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Backpacker Magazine gears up students for future trips

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Backpacker Magazine, the magazine of wilderness travel, visited UW-Stevens Point's Outdoor EdVentures Tuesday as part of the Get Out More! Tour.

Backed by outdoor gear sponsors such as North Face, Tamron and AfterBite, the tour encourages people to "Get Inspired, Get Informed, and surely ... Get Out More!"

Amy and Brent Anslinger, the Get Out More! team, travels nationwide to inform campers and backpackers of the essential items needed for trips and handy guidelines for backpack travel.

The newlywed couple just finished a five-month backpacking honeymoon, covering the whole Pacific Crest Trail. The trail covers 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific coast. Both are avid backpackers and brought their personal knowledge to the table presenting the tour's mission.

The tour emphasized gear needs and tips on buying equipment. The couple presented unique ideas for backpacking trips, giving helpful hints on cal-

culating miles and travel time while hiking. They also taught a basic system for meal planning and preparation while out in the wilderness.

Sleeping bags, important to camping, were covered first in the gear discussion. Amy, standing at five feet three inches, informed us that sleeping bags come in smaller sizes. Size is important. If the sleeping bag is too big, it takes energy from the body to warm up.

Tents, essential to camping, require maintenance if they intended to last long. UV rays break tent material down, so if possible camp in a shady area. Also, folding tents can break down material. Always stuff it in the bag and store loosely.

Your clothing choice is vital. When backpacking, cotton clothing is the enemy. It soaks and retains water. Polypropylene is recommended for a first layer because it is light and dries quickly.

To carry all these items, one needs a backpack. Amy and Brent suggest that before buying a pack, you should measure your torso. A person should never buy a pack that is too big. Too big of a backpack could lead to serious back, neck or knee injuries. Hip straps of a backpack should cross the belly button and not rest on the hip. Resting the weight of the pack on your hips could cause bruising.

Other fundamental items used in backcountry travel are stoves, water filters, bear rope, sleeping pads and hydration bags. Amy and Brent reminded us we don't need all the top-of-the-line equipment to enjoy a backpacking trip, just a passion for going and the bare essentials.

Amy and Brent suggest using a topographical map while

hiking. It will be helpful when calculating a distance equation, and it useful in determining elevation and inclines. The distance equation takes in the fact that the average human hikes about two miles per hour. You may want to add an hour or two depending on how many breaks you want for meals. Elevation takes about one hour for every 1,000 feet. This is where the topographical map comes in handy. Also add on occasional variables like rocks, boulders and muddy terrain that can slow you down.

The couple presented a handy way to plan for trail meals. They set up a grid for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the planned days out. On average, a hiker demands 2,500-3,000 calories per day. A good mix of 30% fats, 30% proteins and 40% carbohydrates should provide the energy needed for days out.

The presentations ended with a short lecture on "leave no trace" camping and packing ethics. Amy and Brent remind us that we should pack out whatever we pack in. Never dump and leave trash or human waste. If there is no path to follow, weave your way through, taking the most beaten way possible. Never create another camping site if you don't have to. And always be courteous to the other living creatures around you.

Amy and Brent will travel to Northland College next in Ashland, Wis. They will be spanning the nation until mid-August.

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CD Review**Uncrowded house live and with friends****Neil Finn and Friends*****Live At St. James***

By Colleen Courtney

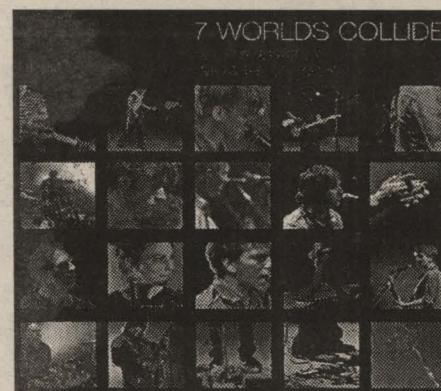
WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

New Zealander Neil Finn, former lead singer of Crowded House, is probably best known for the hit single, "Don't Dream It's Over." But that's soon to change: Finn is the proud papa of two albums this month. *One All* includes guest spots from Sheryl Crow and Lisa Germano, and *Live At St. James* breathes new life into live shows. Guest stars include Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder on four tracks and Radiohead's Ed O'Brien and Phil Selway lending a hand on vocals and guitar. Some might say Finn's talent is overshadowed, but all the contributors lend an equal hand vocally and instrumentally.

While listeners are rediscovering Finn's talents, they'll notice *Live* is also a must for

Pearl Jam fans. "Take a Walk," the first song with Vedder's vocals, is made from material the Dave Matthews Band would be envious of. The sassy strut features the beautiful duo vocals of Finn and Vedder croning the chorus, "I could take a walk again/ On a mountain stream/ Standing on the open rock/ Looking over the sea/ Funny when we move ahead/ Never know what we leave behind." Fans reaching out for heavier Vedder will appreciate the punked-up version of "I See Red." "Parting Ways" cools down to a slower-than- "Better Man" experience, and Vedder even gets out the ukelele for a version of "Paradise (Wherever You Are.)"

Not to be outdone, Germano also appears



on the album, helping out on vocals for raw, unplugged, acoustic songs like "Anytime" and "The Climber." Germano has a potent indie following and has released five albums since the 1990s. Her efforts vary from piano to violin to ukelele. O'Brien and Selway add a melodic feel to the record, adding some Radiohead influence. They appear on almost every track, pulling out all the stops on the guitar, drums and O'Brien even exhibits his e-bow talents. And of course, *Live* concludes with "Don't Dream It's Over," beautifully refreshed and new.

If you love live albums, look no further than *Live at St. James*. Neil Finn shines with his performing friends.

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By Pat "Prognosticator" Rothfuss

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Mighty and esteemed Mr. Rothfuss,

This isn't an advice e-mail, but a question e-mail. What are your favorite web sites for hanging around at when you're procrastinating?

Tiffany Raven

Huzzah for non-advice e-mail. Seriously.

Don't get me wrong. Any e-mail is good mail, and I like giving advice. But sometimes I like the simple questions more, as I don't feel morally obligated to do a serious job addressing the "Issues."

Here we go. You hit the jackpot, asking me for time-waster web sites. To save space, I'm going to leave the http:// off the URLs. To save myself from potential law-

suits, I'm not going to include my vast list of fish pornography sites.

I read a lot of web comics. The all around best one I've found is (sinfest.net). I'm amazed he isn't being published. Check out his archive.

For more standard cartoons, (www.unitedmedia.com/comics) is the place to go. You'll find most of the syndicated comics there: *Dilbert*, *Get Fuzzy*, *Arlo and Janis*, etc.

Other good comics that appeal to more specialized interests are: (www.penny-arcade.com) for computer and console games; (www.jobeth.net) for people who like blondes; and (people.ne.mediaone.net/pshaughn/tandr.html) for people who like

um ... triangles and pudding.

Since y'all are pretty close to Madison, I'm assuming you all know about *The Onion*. You can get the whole thing at (www.theonion.com).

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CD Review

Timeless in more ways than one

Various Artists

Timeless: Hank Williams Tribute

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Tribute albums are usually hit or miss. For every album like the *I Am Sam* soundtrack (not an "offical" tribute album, but close) that is great from start to end, there's clunkers like *Burning London* the Clash tribute from 1999 (311 doesn't even deserve to carry the Clash's amps let alone cover them on a record) where most of the tracks are hit or miss. Luckily, *Timeless* is in the category of the former and not the latter.

Hank Williams died in 1953 at the age of 29 leaving behind a legacy as one of the greatest singer-songwriters in American history. Williams remains a popular influence today and is hailed as one of the first musicians to play "black" music. This "black" music would influence what would become rock and roll. That's right kids, like it or not, just about every band you listen to can trace their influences back to Hank Williams.

Timeless has a range of artists on it that reflects this influence. This has some of the most diverse types of music I've seen on any compilation. Legends such as Johnny Cash,

Bob Dylan and Keith Richards lend their efforts to this album. Newer artists like Beck, Sheryl Crow and Ryan Adams also add a unique depth to *Timeless*.

Williams' songs were about the life he lived. They're songs about trying to exist in the poor, rural South and the heartbreak that accompanies this life, with nothing to get you by but your guitar and a sympathetic audience. Although the artists on here aren't poor by any stretch and don't live in the rural South, Williams songs tug at anyone's heartstrings and these interpretations of them do it well.

Stand-out tracks on this album include "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" by Keb' Mo', "Alone And Forsaken" by Emmylou Harris with Mark Knopfler and "Long Gone Lonesome Blues" by Sheryl Crow. My personal favorite is "I'm A Long Gone Daddy" by Hank Williams III, grandson of the man honored here. Hank III's voice and appearance is so similar to his grandfather's that it's eerie and it almost seems that Hank Sr. is speaking from beyond the grave on this track.



Hank Williams's songs will always remain timeless as long as people have to fight the daily rigors of life. Not only is this the best named tribute album of the year, it might also be the best. *Timeless* won the Grammy this year for Best Country Album, showing that the Recording Academy sometimes knows what they are doing. Although, if any of you Recording Academy people out there are reading this, there is absolutely nothing about the Train song "Drops of Jupiter" (Best Rock Song 2002) that comes near to rocking ... or rolling for that matter.

Regardless of what you think of country music, *Timeless* is one of the rare albums that crosses generational boundaries and appeals to almost everyone. Even if you remotely think you might like this, chances are you'll end up loving it. It's been in my CD player now for a month straight, and I don't see it leaving anytime soon. Williams' music has that kind of strength and emotion to keep you coming back from more. This CD won't disappoint.

Local Concert Update

Thursday, March 14

Open Mic—Mission Coffee House—8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15

The Janet Macklin Quartet—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

The Ides of March Music Festival—The Keg—6 p.m.
Irene's Garden and Burnt Toast & Jam—Witz
End—9 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Dan Hazlett—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.
The Ides of March Music Festival—The Keg—2 p.m.
Burnt Toast & Jam and Irene's Garden—Witz
End—9 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

Les Sampou—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Open Mic—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

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

Mike Joyce—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

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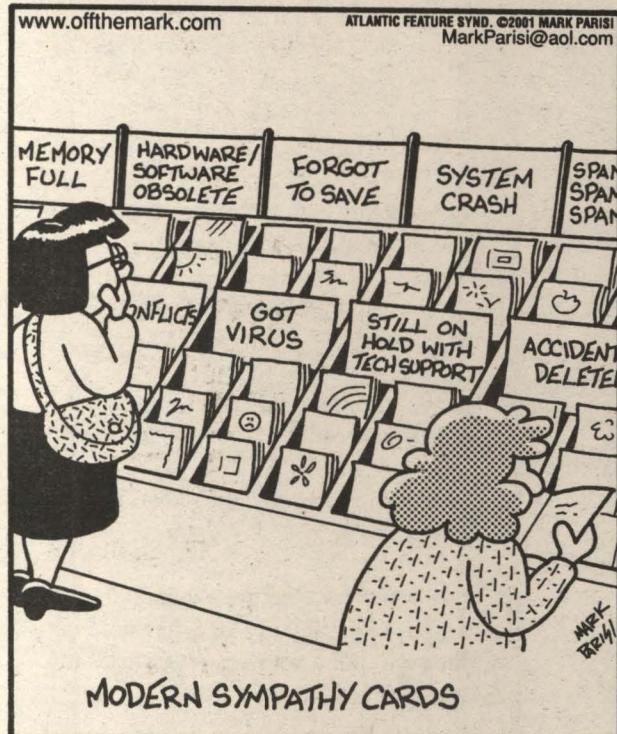
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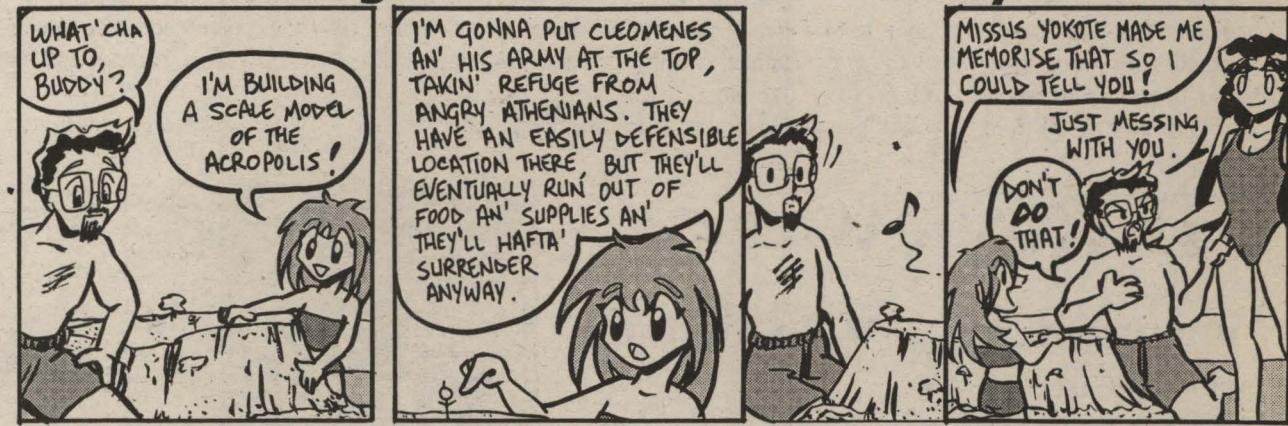
**Tonja Steele**

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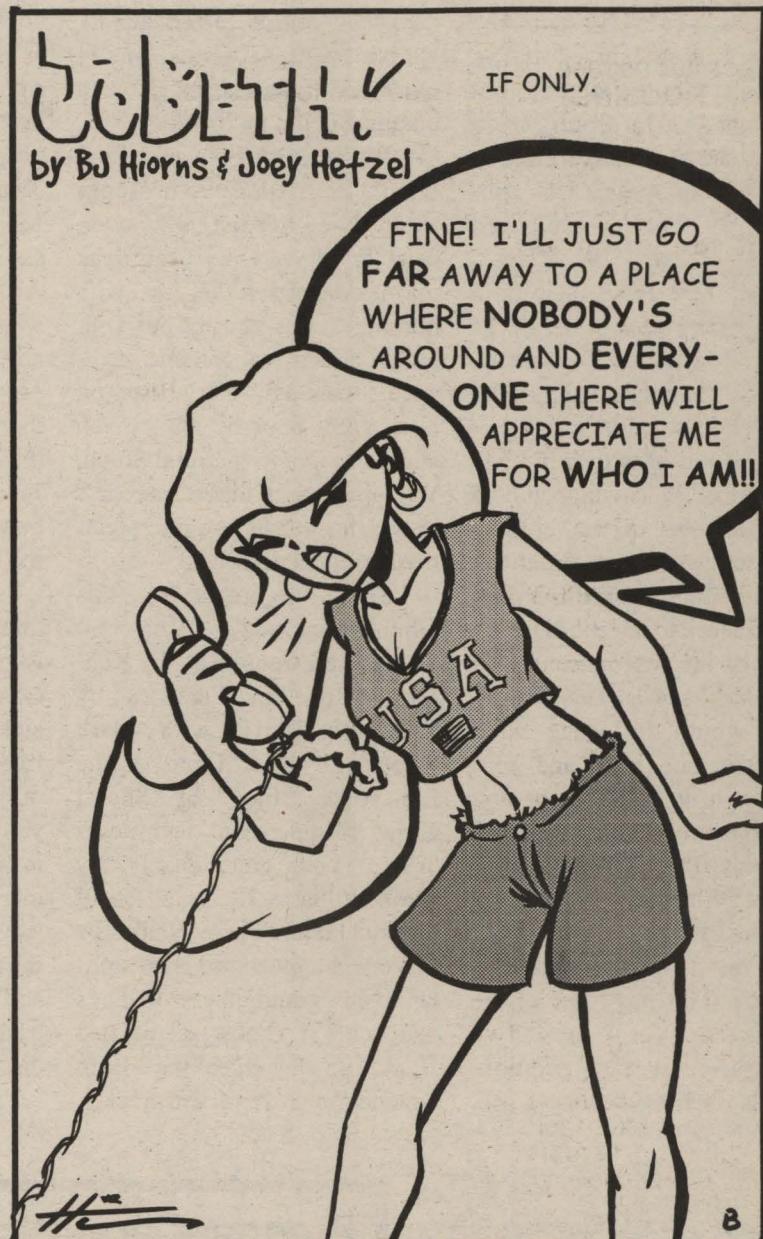
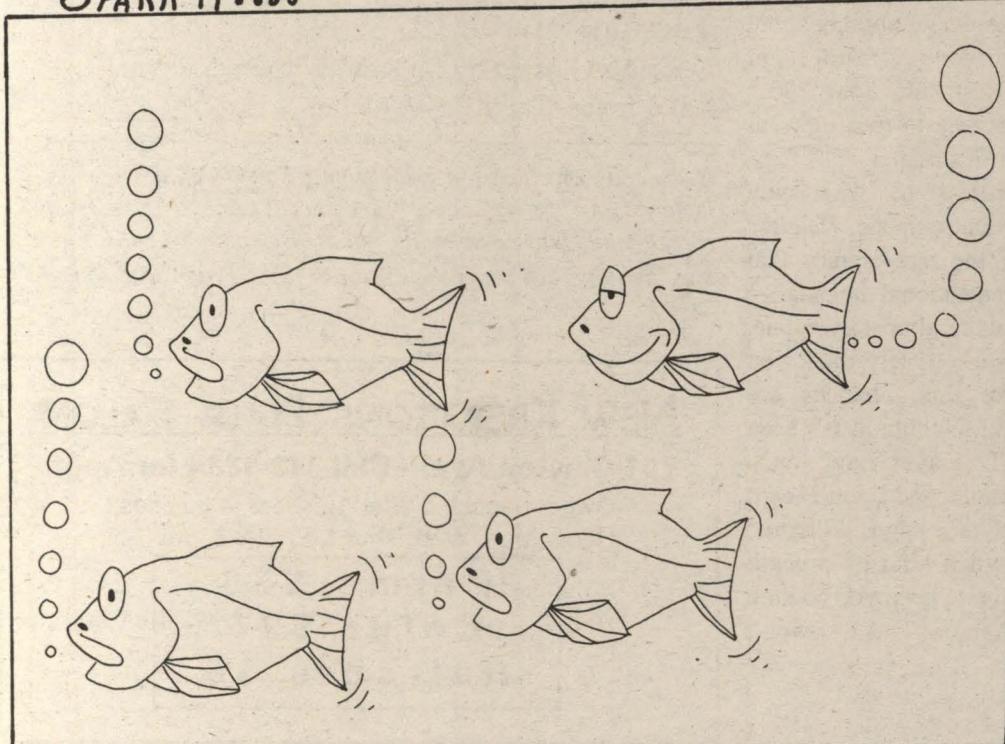
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