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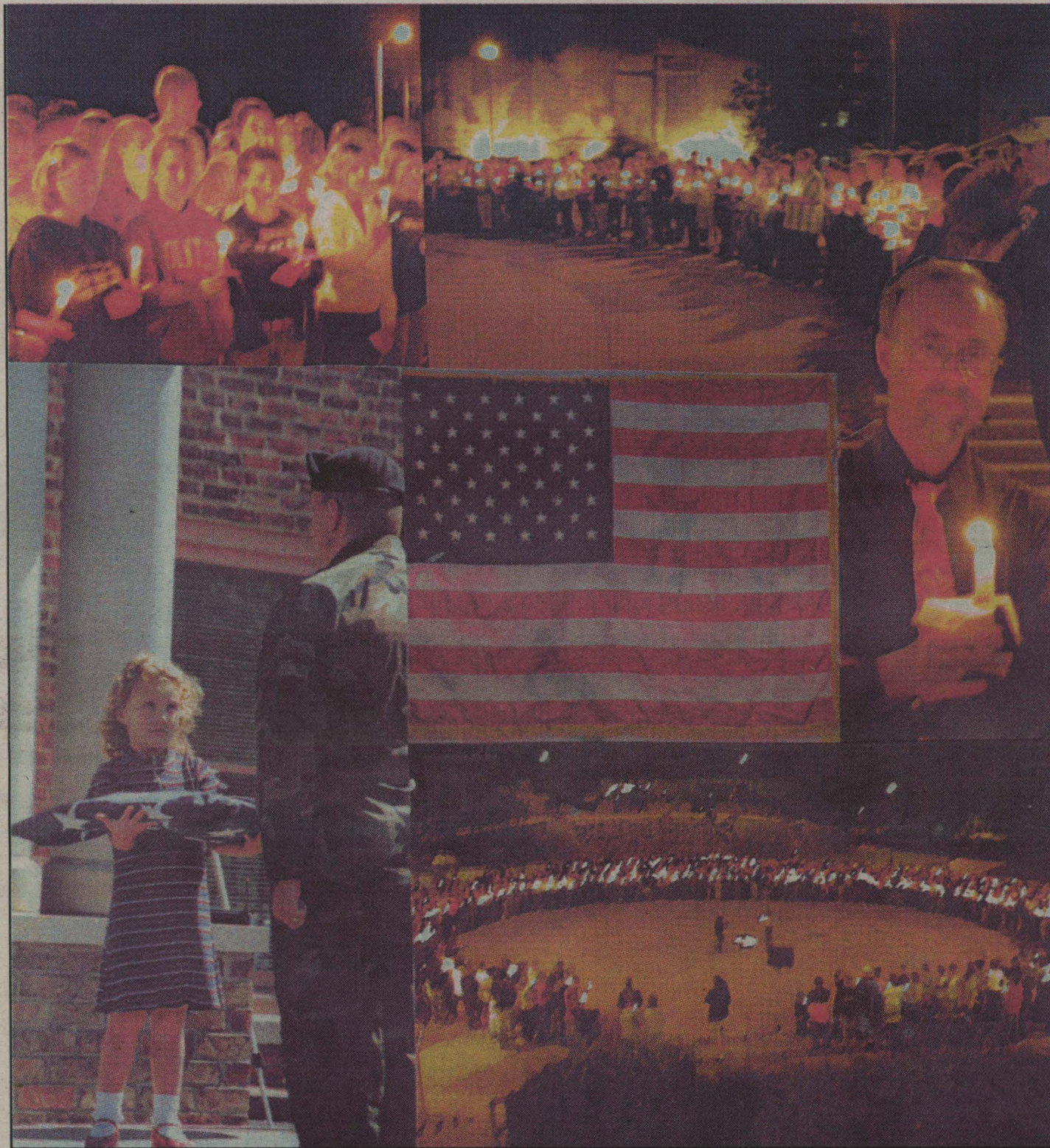
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UWSP holds vigil, debates in honor of 9/11



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Scenes from around Stevens Point on America's first Patriot's Day.

Candlelight vigil offers new emotional healing

By Julie Johnson
NEWS EDITOR

On the one year anniversary of Sept. 11 a candle light vigil was held in the Sundial in remembrance and reverence of the tragedy that took place merely a year ago. With over 625 students in attendance the turn out was unbelievable and the event was unforgettable.

A circle was formed by a diverse group of people ranging in race, age, gender and religion united to remember and reflect upon the victims of Sept. 11.

The vigil began with

numerous quotes that demonstrated the emotions and reactions of different people. Amanda Foege presented a quote by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. She read, "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." The group then participated in the lighting of the candles which represented the light from within of all who attended. The lighting of the candles was a synchronized movement throughout the circle. As one

candle was lit another followed until the circle stood as one.

In attendance was Chancellor Tom George who spoke briefly about the candle light vigil that occurred last year and then again this year. George spoke of the importance of speaking without aggression or hate and encouraged people to speak of inspiration and personal experience. Afterwards, the middle of the Sundial marked by a circle of candles became a speaking block open to anyone that wanted or needed to share their experience or feelings about Sept. 11. A surprising number

of people took advantage of this opportunity to comment on how their lives changed and the impact that Sept. 11 had upon their lives. Some thoughts were vocalized through stories, others through personal narratives. Songs were sung and poetry was recited. Students spoke of finding a family within others here at Stevens Point. People shared stories of personal loss and tragedy as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The main theme present throughout the vigil was of kindness to your fellow man. Sentiments expressed ranged

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Past and present profs debate happenings of one year ago and what the future holds for our country

By Scott Cattellino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On the one year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a panel discussion was held in the Laird room of the University Center. The main focus was to provide students and community members with answers to their questions, comments and concerns regarding the tragic attacks that occurred a year ago and those that may be encountered in the future.

A four-person panel made up of past and present professors was assembled to provide the near seventy-five attendees with information and observations gathered over the past year.

First to speak was Professor Erik Yonke, a UWSP professor of history. In his opening comments Yonke talked about how the United States has spent over \$400 billion on defense spending to conduct a fight against an almost unknown enemy, not to mention the \$48 billion dollar increase from a year ago. He also commented that somehow we would have to find a more just and peaceful international order.

Larry Weiser, a retired professor of economics, addressed the effects that the attacks have on our economy local to national levels. Weiser went on to say that by the end of this year, states, towns and cities will have spent over \$10 billion to increase security and prevent further terrorism. He added that in the few short months following Sept. 11 the nation's unemployment rate rose from four to six and a half percent.

Doug Forbes, an assistant professor of sociology, covered the repercussions of Sept. 11 on our society and communities. "Right now it's too hard to determine what the effects are on society as a whole," said Forbes. "One year is too short of a time in the life of a society to tell right now." An increased sense of connection to community and family over the past year has been a direct result of the terrorist attacks and continues to grow.

Last to speak was Bryan Brophy-Baermann, an assistant professor of political science. Unlike the other panelists, Brophy-Baermann took a different approach to the discussion and used his opening comments to share his views and observations as well as pose a few questions for thought.

After all four panelists had finished their opening comments, the floor was opened to the audience for questions and comments. Topics ranged from weapons of mass destruction and feeling secure at home to trying to understand the views and attitudes of our attackers and those in

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SGA holds first senate meeting of the year

The UWSP Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding their first annual senate meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:20 p.m. in the Legacy room of the University Center. All interested students are encouraged to attend.

SGA is also currently seeking student senators for the 2002-2003 school year. There are nine positions open for the College of Letters and Science, six for the College of Professional Studies, three for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and one for the College of Natural Resources.

Chosen senators would be responsible for representing the students of their respective colleges by attending SGA senate meetings on Thursday nights and serving on SGA and university committees. Applications are available in the SGA office, which is located in room 026 of the lower level University Center, or online at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga.

For more information, please contact Betsy in the SGA office, at 346-4592, or by email at enels043@uwsp.edu.



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Hansen Hall

Sunday, Sept. 4 2:50 a.m.

The fire alarm in Hansen Hall was pulled by an unknown individual.

Hansen Hall

Sunday, Sept. 4 3:15 a.m.

While checking rooms in Hansen Hall for people who failed to vacate the building for the fire alarm, a poster was noticed to have been set on fire shortly before officers got to the third floor west wing.

Hansen Hall

Sunday, Sept. 4 3:30 a.m.

While checking rooms in Hansen Hall for people who did not vacate the building during the fire alarm, a male was found in the top bunk of a dorm room.

Lot J

Monday, Sept. 5 8:10 a.m.

Parking Services reported a vehicle break in and the radio missing from the vehicle.

Lot J

Monday, Sept. 5 8:15 a.m.

Protective Services reported that while investigating a report of a vehicle break in in Lot J, another vehicle was found to have been entered. A fuzz buster, sleeping bag, CD case and CD's were reported missing.

Lot J

Wednesday, Sept. 7 2:00 p.m.

A complaint was filed in regards to damage to a vehicle while parked in Lot J. The damage was estimated at \$1,400.

Thomson Hall

Thursday, Sept. 8 2:00 a.m.

Protective services was dispatched to Thomson Hall regarding disorderly conduct by a student.

Thomson Hall

Thursday, Sept. 8 2:30 a.m.

Protective Services were called for assistance with an incapacitated individual in the second floor bathroom.

Renovated library among improvements for start of school

A more functional and inviting library lobby, landscaping to mark 100 years of home economics and improved air exchange equipment in the Health Enhancement Center (HEC) were among the projects completed over the summer at

1,500 freshmen began fall classes at UWSP.

In addition to replacing air-handling equipment in the old portions of the building, the HEC project also included the installation of air conditioning in the classrooms, laboratories and

funded \$434,000 library remodeling that improved security, made for a more efficient work and traffic flow and created a more inviting area for library users. A new staircase connected the first and second floors and a vaulted barrel ceiling on the second floor opened space in the central atrium area.

A two-tier garden terrace and commemorative stone plaque at one of the entrances to the College of Professional Studies building has been installed and will be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the centennial celebration for home economics programs at UWSP.

New furniture was purchased and upgraded wiring was installed in four residence halls, the pharmacy and waiting area at the Student Health Clinic was redesigned and many rooms and offices throughout campus received flooring and wall updates. Other new offices and spaces were created, reconfigured and air conditioned and several parking lots, sidewalks and steps were repaired.



Photo by L. Zancanaro

A view of the newly renovated library lobby.

Stevens Point.

The improvements were ready on Tuesday when about 8,600 students including nearly

offices. Total cost of the upgrades was \$1.8 million. Dedication ceremonies will be held later this fall for the state-

Forever remembered: 10000children.org Memorial

Over 10,000 children were directly victimized by the unforgettable events of Sept. 11, 2001 and its aftermath. Some lost their own lives, the rest lost either a mother or a father or even both parents, resulting in lives of diminished quality. Although the majority

of casualties were American citizens, a significant number of innocent lives extinguished that morning were citizens of other countries.

This simple memorial has been created in order to personalize the dramatic scale of destruction the world witnessed

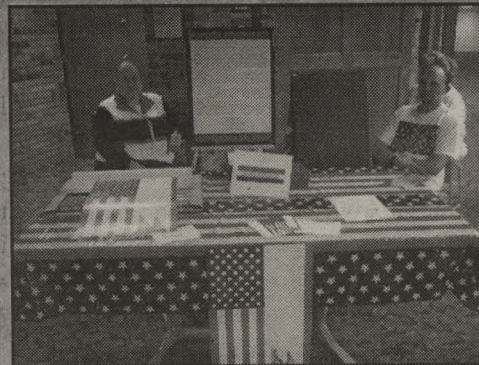


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Organizers of the 10000children.org Memorial welcome passers-by to their booth.

and provide a record of the loss in purely human terms.

A foundation has been established to distribute proceeds raised by the sale of this memorial. The primary focus of the foundation will be to address the future educational needs of the children left behind.

To request information about the foundation or to place an order of the memorial or the poster of the memorials illustration, please contact:

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Issues in gifted education addressed in conference

Experts in gifted education will address critical issues facing parents and educators of exceptional young students during a statewide conference on Friday, Sept. 20 at Stevens Point.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY), the day-long conference, "Partnership Building: New Directions in Gifted Education," is open to parents, teachers, educational administrators and others interested in the issues.

"Giftedness is often seen as a problem of excess. The child has too much of a good thing," according to Christine Gould, keynote speaker for the conference. "We do a good job understanding developmental differences when those differences are deficits. We don't do a good job of understanding differences when a child is advanced."

UWSP Chancellor Thomas George will welcome participants to the conference.

Gould, associate professor of education at UWSP, will lead one of eight topical sessions offered throughout the day. Gould's session focuses on early identification of gifted young people.

Leaders of other breakout sessions include Ellie Schatz, president of WCATY, on college planning and resources; Pamela Clinkenbeard, professor of educational foundations at UW-Whitewater and president of the Wisconsin Association of Talented and Gifted (WATG), on the state of the state in gifted education; and Susan Assouline, associate director and clinical supervisor at the Belin-blank Center of the University of Iowa, on the Iowa Acceleration Scale.

A roundtable discussion will provide opportunities for participants to share ideas and resources for meeting the educational needs of their brightest students.

Susan Corwirth, director of programs, and other WCATY professional staff members will lead sessions on online program options, parent networking, finding financial resources for parent and school programs and the benefits and uses of out-of-level testing.

Registration for the conference, including lunch, is \$25 for WCATY members and \$30 for nonmembers. Volunteers also are needed for the event. Volunteers may attend breakout sessions for a reduced rate. Registration forms and additional information are available online at www.wcaty.org or by calling (608)271-1617.

Established in 1991, as a private, nonprofit organization, the WCATY offers programs for gifted students statewide. The group provides summer residential programs, online courses and mentorships for students. Seminars also are provided for parents and teachers. WCATY is funded primarily by private gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations. For more information, contact Melissa Bleiler (608)271-1617, ext. 32.

Second annual Celebracion Hispana event to be held

The second "Celebracion Hispana," featuring a speaker, Latin-American food and a performance by Ballet Folklorico Mexico, will be held Saturday, Sept. 21 at UWSP.

Admission to the event in the University Center (UC) Laird Room is \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, and free for children ages 4 and under. A dance will be held in the UC Alumni Room following the dinner.

The dinner buffet in the Laird room begins at 4:45 p.m. with a menu including Arroz con Gandules, Red Chilean Meat, Chilean Ensalada, Frijoles, Platanos, Arroz con Leche and Jamaica y Horchata.

At 6 p.m., Jimmy Cabrera will address the participants. Cabrera is a motivational and educational speaker who holds the National Speakers Association Speaking Profession CPS designation, held by less than eight percent of the organization's 4,000 members.

A speaker and consultant for more than 19 years, Cabrera's theme is "Don't count what you have, but what you have given—that total equals your success."

Following his talk, display boards and other informational items about Latino culture will be

offered in the LaFollette Lounge. At 7 p.m. in the Laird Room, Ballet Folklorico Mexico will perform energetic dances from a variety of regions in Mexico. Founded more than 25 years ago by Jesus and Carmen Avila, the group includes three generations of family members.

A jam session and dance will be held in the Alumni Room at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at the University Box Office, 103 University Center, 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378. Tickets also will be available at the door. The event is sponsored by Students for the Alliance of Latino Studies and Advancement (S.A.L.S.A.), Multicultural Affairs, and the Multicultural Resource Center.



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from, "befriend someone that you normally would not," to a plea for constant kindness explaining, "you never know if that will be your last words spoken."

The candle light vigil concluded with the singing of the national anthem with all heads held high. The event itself was

moving and inspirational to all, but the message is to be continued. The victims of Sept. 11 will not be forgotten nor will the legacy that they left.

Thomson Hall Student Government sponsored the candle light vigil.

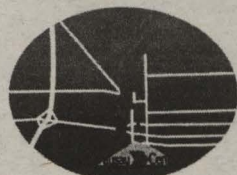
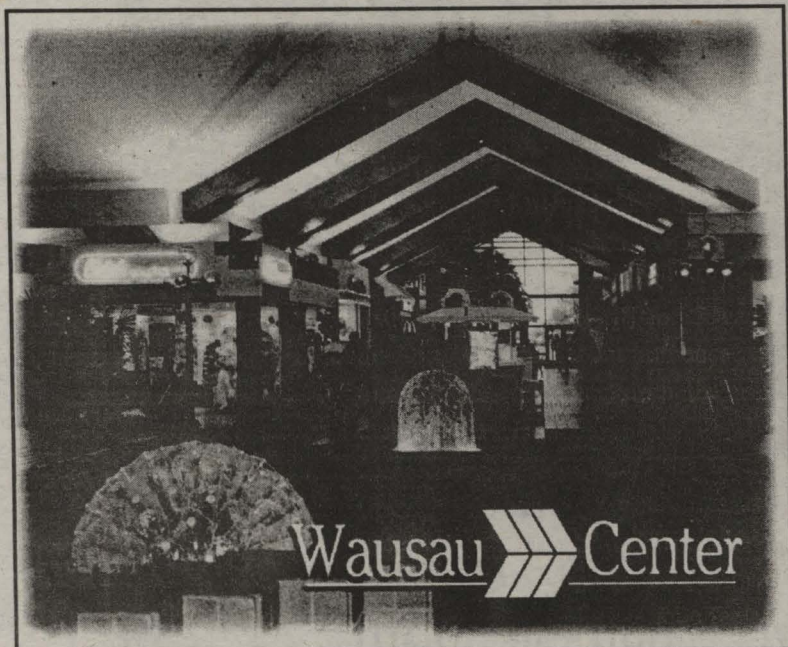
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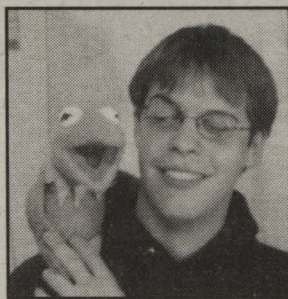
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Whatever...the world according to Steve

I'm not always right...but I'm never wrong.

By Steve Seamandel
Editor In Chief



Ahhh, at last. My very own weekly column. Sigh.

I've been debating this one for the entire duration of the summer; what should I tackle my first week? There are tons of ways to start off the year with a bang. How about my stance on Sept. 11? No way. After watching the anniversary specials, I couldn't possibly offer yet another "this is terrible, America rocks" outlook. Not that America doesn't "rock" and all, but hey, it's been done.

Then I thought to myself, "Self, how about tackling a *serious* issue that's really plaguing the students and faculty of UWSP?" It's been brewing in my system ever since my arrival in Stevens Point; why in the *hell* do we not get at least one syndicated episode of "The Simpsons" per day? Milwaukee gets two per day; Madison gets four I believe. Basically, every other peapod of a town in this state gets a literal overdose of "The Simpsons" every damn day of the week, and we get squat. What gives? As I prepared a strong case for this article, I figured it'd be better to tackle at a later date.

So what can I write about? It's 3:58 a.m. and I just can't get too in-depth about anything right now. However, one thing did come to mind, and wouldn't you know it, I think it's pretty appropriate for an inaugural column. Of course, anything seems pretty appropriate for an inaugural column at this time of the day, but I'll give it my best.

This is my fourth year at Point, and they've flown by quicker than I could have ever imagined. It seems like just yesterday that I was moving to Point with my parents following me with a truck of crap, er, worldly possessions, to be crammed into my new eight foot by eight foot cube of bricks. Now, I'm somehow living in a house with seven female roommates who I didn't even know three months ago. Don't ask me how it came to be; it feels like I fell asleep and when I woke up, I was signing the lease. I still haven't exactly had a long, hot shower this semester, but at least I have a roof over my head with some semi-decent and cool roommates. (There, you all owe me for mentioning you in my article *and* calling you semi-decent and cool.) And beyond roommates, I've met some of the coolest people in the last year. Most of them have come completely out of left field, but I've got experiences up the yin-yang with these super cool individuals to tell for many years to come.

It's amazing to think how far I've come in even the last four months; I went from unstable to completely "back in the swing of things." I did a ton of things this summer that I never thought I'd get to do. For instance, I finally got to take a cross-country trip to upstate Pennsylvania to see a few concerts by my favorite band in the entire world, The Disco Biscuits. Not only was the trip one of my most memorable concert experiences ever, it was a great chance to get away, view a different part of the country and be alone for a weekend in my own little bit of heaven.

Now, I don't want this article to become a primer for freshman giving them the same message of, "Cherish your college years, for they're the best years of your life." Of course, I think that's quite true, but I think it's a little more important to follow the simple words of one Ferris Bueller. "Life moves pretty fast; if you don't slow down and look around once in awhile, you might miss something."

It happened to me for the last two years. I seldomly looked around. Now I realize it and am trying to make up for lost time. How can one ensure themselves that they won't make the same mistake that I did?

For starters, get involved. Anything will do, really. Luckily, I found *the Pointer*. This is my third year here and I think that being a part of an organization—any organization—is the best way to meet people.

Secondly, think for yourself. Don't let others capture your thoughts, feelings, values, beliefs and desires. Do what you want, when you want. (And just to make the parents happy, I'll throw in a "be responsible and respect others while having your fun too.") So many incoming students miss out on their freshman years because they spend September through May glued to AOL Instant Messenger or the phone with their love interest. Forget it. Don't completely do away with old friends and loved ones, but don't sit around all day wishing that you were in a different place. You *chose* to come to Point, remember? Just think: if you met the sweetheart of your dreams at a high school with an enrollment of a few hundred students, imagine what a college with a couple thousand students has to offer. There are *mad* cool people here in Point. Get to know them. Introduce yourself to all of your neighbors. Say hi to strangers in DeBot, or better yet, even ask to sit with them and have dinner. No, don't go out and find a new lifelong companion just because you're in college. But yes, meet new people.

And what about those seasoned out-of-the-residence-halls non-social people? Well, there are still tons of ways to meet people. Go downtown for a night (assuming that you're 21, unless you want to make friends with Stevens Point's "finest"). Get to know people in your classes by forming study groups. Ask for a few phone numbers.

So, what's up with the "get out and meet people" sermon, you ask? I guess it's just a polite public service announcement to those who have felt like they've already missed out on a year or two, and also a swift kick in the ass for new freshmen to get out and socialize. Time's a wastin', and before you know it, you'll be in your fourth, or fifth, or heaven forbid sixth year at school wishing that it was only your first or second all over again.



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YOUR COLLEGE SURVIVAL GUIDE.

A Rare Interview With the Man Behind the Column.

By Pat Rothfuss

Straight on 'til morning.

Pat Rothfuss is back in Stevens Point and has agreed to start off the year by giving a rare interview to our staff reporter, Mitchell Dexterson.

MITCH: So who the hell are you?

PAT: I'm Pat Rothfuss, the perennial student.

MITCH: A Parietal Student?

PAT: [laughs] Well, kind of, but not really. I said perennial student.

MITCH: What exactly do you mean by "perennial?"

PAT: It's a plant thing. It means I keep coming back, year after year.

MITCH: Like violets?

PAT: Actually, I think violets are annuals.

MITCH: So...like dandelions?

PAT: Nope. Annual. They grow new from seeds every year.

MITCH: You must think you're pretty goddamn smart. You name a perennial then, smartass.

PAT: Um...marigold? [Silence] Look, let's not get caught up on this flower thing. I just wanted to make the point

that as far as students go, I've been around a long time; they can't get rid of me.

MITCH: Like herpes.

PAT: Fine, like herpes. Next question.

MITCH: So what is your column about?

PAT: I give advice to anyone who writes in a question. I give advice on relationships, schoolwork, how to deal with roommates. College stuff mostly.

MITCH: Mostly?

PAT: Well, I deal with the letters as they come in. Sometimes they want advice on things that are a little less college-oriented. Like the girl who wanted me to interpret her sexual Lego dream, or the guy that wanted to start a cult. I wrote about corn dogs once too, I think. We've covered a lot of topics over the years: prostitution, the Salvation Army, kitten fishing, stalking....

MITCH: So, you'll pretty much answer any sort of letter.

PAT: Sure. Sometimes a relatively simple question will turn into a surprisingly funny column.

MITCH: So, what makes you more qualified to write this column, than, say, my dog?

PAT: Well, I can type for one thing. And I spent nine years here as a student at UWSP, so I know all this campus' dirty little secrets. I know how to work the system. I know where you can get free doughnuts and cheap long

distance service. I have all the answers. I'm like the oracle at Delphi.

MITCH: [long pause] Except you're in Stevens Point.

PAT: Except for that.

MITCH: Right. You've been referred to as [sound of paper shuffling] ah yes, "Peter Pan with Pubes." What do you suppose that means?

PAT: Who said that? Nobody said that. You're just making it up.

MITCH: Just answer the question.

PAT: Well... I suppose... Ok. It's like this. College is your last stop on your way to the real world. It's a special place where you have all the freedom of an adult, but not nearly as much responsibility. It's like Neverland, except you don't have to be a pre-adolescent boy to enjoy it.

MITCH: So to sum all this up, you're a hairy megalomaniac in tights, and if people want advice from you, they should write you letters?

PAT: Sure. Whatever.

Pat is back for another year, so start sending in your questions. Letters can be dropped off at the Pointer office, or E-mailed directly to Pat Rothfuss at prothfus@uwsp.edu. If Pat uses your letter, you will receive a free copy of the new anthology that contains Pat's story, "The Road to Levinshir." How's that for cool?

Wartime decisions are what make or break a presidency

By Josh Goller

Arts & Review Editor

Wartime decisions are what make or break a presidency. Roosevelt's leadership during WWII made him an American hero, while Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam War decisions prevented him from seeking a second term. Picking which battles to fight is an integral part of leading the country. While retaliation to the Taliban's attack on America a year ago met with virtually no opposition from the American public, the Bush administration faces a much more difficult task of selling the idea of a war with Iraq to the world.

Recently, the news headlines have been inundated with reports from the Bush administration on the extreme threat that the Saddam Hussein regime poses to Israel, the US and, basically, the entire world. Despite a lack of physical evidence, Bush and Cheney claim that Saddam Hussein is accumulating a stockpile of chemical, biological and even nuclear weapons, which he could either use in an attack on America or give to terrorist organizations such as the al-Qaeda. Rather than diplomatically reinstating U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq (who left the country before a wave of US-British bombing raids several years

ago), Bush officials claim that an all out assault on Iraq is the only way to ensure the safety of the world.

The prospect of another war with Iraq has met with mediocre public response at best and has even caused a rift not only within the Republican party, but also Bush's cabinet. Most notably, Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed his concerns over an unprovoked war with Iraq. Powell, whose approval rating is ten percentage points higher than the president's, told the BBC that U.N. weapons inspections are needed before any kind of attack is conducted. Meanwhile, Bush-cronies, like Rumsfeld and Cheney, push for a "pre-emptive" strike against Iraq to ensure the elimination of potential weapons of mass destruction and to force a regime change.

The United States government and public seem to be torn on the issue, but support for war is far greater in this country than it is worldwide. Other than Britain, our closest ally who seems to have adopted a clone-like stance on the issue, most powerful nations have discouraged unprovoked military action and some (such as China who holds U.N. veto power) vehemently oppose it. Meanwhile, Egypt and Saudi

Arabia, who played key roles in Daddy Bush's Persian Gulf War a decade ago, have spoke out against the U.S. government and our military has yet to garner the support of a Middle East nation to base a military campaign on.

With all this opposition, even within his own cabinet, I find Bush's determination to further military action against Iraq to be very alarming. Several weeks ago, Bush aides stated that due to policies passed during the Gulf War and recent anti-terrorism laws, the president has the authority to launch an attack without the approval of Congress. This arrogant flaunting of authority only adds to reports that Bush and Cheney are willing to fight a war without U.N. support.

Calmer heads like Powell, recognize the need for U.N. support rather than unilateral action. Powell also expressed concerns about setting a precedent for unprovoked military action against another nation. Few government officials recognize the fact that Iraq, a country that has sustained countless bombing raids since the Gulf War to prevent it from acquiring military might, has not engaged in any aggressive actions against any other nation

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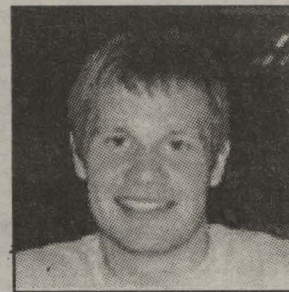
Pointer Poll

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If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?



Megan Craig, So. Physical Education



Matt Beard, Sr. Biology/CIS

Not allowed to have class on Fridays. Classes should be held once a week and be taught by Andrew Bushard.



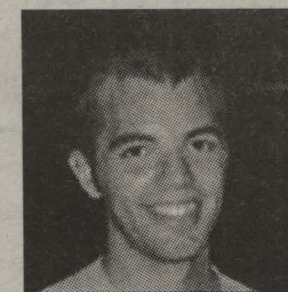
Jessica Glodowski, Jr. Graphic Design



Jessica Thronson, Sr. Business

I would make travel easier so Americans can learn other cultures.

It's payday everyday, and there's no work on paydays.



Steve Tingum, Sr. CIS/Business



Cameron Cummings, Sr. Pre-Med

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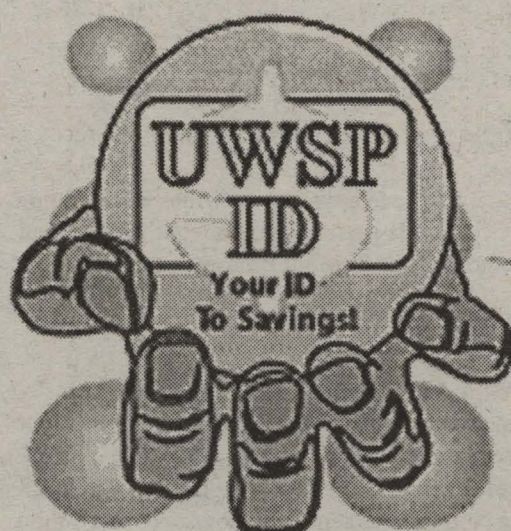
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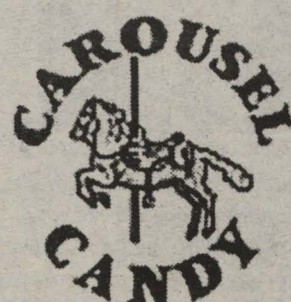
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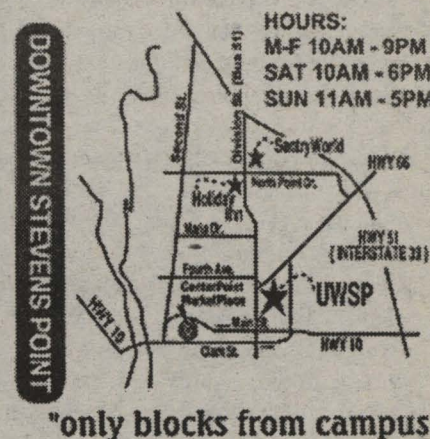


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UWSP ROTC retires September 11th flag

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

For the past year, the American flag flown in front of the Noelle Group served as a solemn tribute to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. In the spirit of nationalism, the same flag was flown every day for the past year to serve as a constant reminder of a national crisis.

That flag was officially retired yesterday in a ceremony conducted by the UW-Stevens Point ROTC Color Guard.

The ceremony, held at 1 p.m., was the second phase in the local travel company's effort to pay homage to those who lost their lives amidst a time of confusion

and disorder. The retired flag is to become part of a permanent monument to be displayed near the establishment's main entrance.

At the request of the Noelle Group, the ROTC played an integral role in the ceremony, selecting a squadron of eight cadets to take part in the symbolic event.



ROTC members fold retired flag.

Photo by L. Zancanaro

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Sliwicki, the Chairman of the Military Science department, who was on hand for the event. "It's an honor to do this."

Echoing that sentiment was Lisa Luedtke, the only female cadet selected to participate in the ceremony.

"I'm proud that I was able to do this," she said. "Since the tragedy, I've had so many mixed feelings; pride in the military, sadness for the those who died, fear that these circumstances are always continuing and never resolving themselves. It's reassuring for me to be a part of this memorial."

Another cadet who found reassurance in his participation was Jason Reiman, one of two cadets assigned to the duty of lanyard, a position that entails lowering the flag from the pole before it is presented to the officer in charge.

"I feel that this was the best way I could pay tribute to those people who lost their lives and to show respect for my country,"

said Reiman. "It was an honor and pleasure." Reiman also stated that his participation in the ceremony finally gave him an opportunity to feel as if he was contributing something important to the war on terrorism and seemed to express the collective attitude of fellow cadets.

"At this time last year," he said, "I wanted nothing more than to get on a plane and get somewhere to help, whether that have been New York or Afghanistan. It's a year later, and I finally feel like I'm doing something for the victims, for my country, for everyone."



Photo by L. Zancanaro

ROTC members raise new flag.

The cadets lowered the flag and placed it in the hands of Sergeant Jeff Polovitch, who folded the flag before presenting it to Noelle Group executive Dan McGinnity.

Though the ceremony only lasted fifteen minutes, the minutes were important to those directly involved in the proceedings, as for that duration of time they prominently served as representatives of our nation on the first anniversary of an event that weighs heavily on our collective national consciousness.

"The students involved are proud of all the people who gave their lives and who have served this country, and they are proud to show their appreciation," said

Student returns from Afghanistan

Olson served overseas and returned with new perspective on country, world and self

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With the recent events since Sept. 11 the U.S. military acted overseas and called many young recruits to duty.

Student David Olson, serves in the National Guard, 829th Engineers' Team Utilities Forward, dubbed the "Dirty Dozen." As the 11th member, Olson was called to duty Nov. 4, 2001 and served 2 1/2 months in an undisclosed location as well as 3 1/2 months in Afghanistan.

"I got the call after class in my dorm room," Olson said. "They told me to get my gear and meet at the armory at 8 a.m. the next morning."

With the help of the military science department and the multicultural Resource Center, Olson was able to drop his classes.

"I couldn't believe it was happening," Olson said. "I was scared, excited and nervous. I called my family who couldn't believe it either."

Olson joined the military to serve his country.

"I am adopted from Brazil," Olson said. "It was horrible there. When I learned the language here, I wanted to give something back to the country."

Olson worked overseas to put in the water line for showers and laundry facilities for the infantry. He also helped to build a hospital.

"The infantry is always excited when engineers are there," Olson said. "Before we came, their location was pretty primitive. They were going to the bathroom in tubes and portapotties."

Olson and the "Dirty Dozen" trusted the infantry to keep them safe and secure while on location. There was an overwhelming feeling of finishing the job so they could go home.

A normal day for Olson began at 6 a.m., he would put on his equipment



Photo submitted by Olson

Olson during his time serving overseas.

and go to the work station. It was 70 degrees. By the time the "dozen" started work, it got to be 100 degrees. The work day was usually 10-12 hours long. Sundays were off-days to clean weapons.

"The hardest thing about being there is to find enough stuff to do to keep our minds off from being away from family," Olson said. "You get to miss your family a lot and just want to go home."

Olson learned the reality of his situation when other engineers died in an accident. He understood what it meant to sacrifice life for the United States.

"When I returned back home two months ago, I was welcomed with smiles and hugs," Olson said. "My little sister ran up to me screaming my name."

Olson said he will be returning to Afghanistan within the next couple of years. Because engineers rank high on the priority list, there will be plenty of work that needs to be done.

"I want to thank everyone for all their letters," Olson said. "It's great getting so much support."

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Thought for the Week:

Give me a lever long enough and a prop strong enough, and I can single-handedly move the world. -Archimedes

Family Video opens door to campus entertainment

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

Entertainment on campus can be limited, especially for residence halls housing pre-legal students. However, less than a month ago, framework began for the birth of a new fun-house featuring high quality video amusement. Strategically placed across from campus, Family Video opened its doors Sept. 9 and put a new spin on classic college entertainment.

"Anyone who lives in Point knows there was a need for additional points of entertainment," said Levi Dinkla, District Manager of Family Video.

"Having this location, we get a great mix of students and families. We hear members comment on how great the need was."

Charles Hoogland started Family Video in 1978 when he inherited Midstates Appliance and Supply Co. in Springfield, Ill. The company got stuck with a huge number of video movies. They suggested renting them out and thus the Video Movie Club was born, charging \$25 for membership and \$5 to rent a

movie for three nights. Evolved soon after, Family Video became a chain of stores, which is now the largest privately owned in the United States.

"We got off to a good start here," said Doug Seefeldt, Manager of Family Video.

"Because of the location, it has been easy getting new members, the majority of which are students. Everyone loves the good pricing and free movies."

According to Seefeldt, a new member can sign up using only a verifiable phone number and valid ID. They will then get 50% off anything they rent or buy in the store over the next 30 days, which also includes game systems and new releases.



Photo by: L. Zancanaro

Family Video is located at 316 Divison St.

"So, if you sign up you can take advantage of our inexpensive prices to begin with," Seefeldt said. "Instead of getting two movies for a \$1 in one of our sections, you can get two movies for \$0.50. Most people are very surprised when they hear about our deals."

Students have had a positive reaction to the new video store.

"Having Family Video

there is very beneficial to students who don't have cars," said student Ann Wendorff. "They can't get to stores that are farther away but they can get to this one."

Student Stacey McKay agreed. "It also keeps kids from going out and drinking. They now have an alternative."

Family Video is open 365

days a year, from 10 a.m. to mid-

night. They house over 5,000 different movies, including new releases, games and game systems.

"It's great getting a chance to build a good relationship with the community," Dinkla said. "It's also beneficial to get the community familiar with Family Video. It's been enjoyable to see so much support for our new store."

Spotlight Trivia

1. What was the Professor's name on "Gilligan's Island?"

- a. Bob Remole
- b. Roy Hinkley
- c. Steve Seamandel

2. Who is Sean Austin's ("Rudy", "Goonies") birth mom?

- a. Judy Garland
- b. Elle McPherson
- c. Patty Duke

3. What time do all the clocks read in "Pulp Fiction?"

- a. 4:20
- b. 10:10
- c. 5:50

4. What talking toy does E.T. play with in Elliot's living room?

- a. Walkie Talkie
- b. Simon
- c. Speak n' Spell

5. What song and dance routine was taken out of "The Wizard of Oz" before running?

- a. The Sandman
- b. The Jitterbug
- c. The Walkman

6. What is Michael Jackson's son's name?

- a. Lord
- b. Prince
- c. Michael

7. Who was the leading lady in "Grease II?"

- a. Michelle Pfeiffer
- b. Nicole Kidman
- c. Sandra Bullock

8. Who or what was Rosebud?

- a. Lover
- b. House
- c. Sled

Answers:

- 1. b 5. b
- 2. c 6. b
- 3. a 7. a
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Organizational Notes spotlights: The Newman Center

By Andy Wavrunek
FEATURES REPORTER

The Newman Center is a Catholic Ministry for UWSP students offering spiritual leadership, guidance, and fellowship in a peer setting.

The Newman Center serves mass Wednesday night at 9 p.m. and Sunday night at the Convent for those looking for a break from studying and a place to go to meet new and friendly people.

The Newman Center offers a variety of activities throughout the year including its fall retreat, student suppers once a month and taking mass every weekend.

Newman is always looking for new and eager students who are interested in serving, reading or ushering at mass.

Interested? Contact Father Tom at the Newman Center, 345-6500.

Before you leave campus: Ways to battle homesickness

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

Homesickness, otherwise known as "separation anxiety," is universal. It is a yearning for the familiar and secure and is most often related to loss of people, places and routines. Research at a British university shows that 35% of new students experience it in some form of homesickness to the point of depression.

Some students begin by feeling mildly anxious and separated for the first few weeks before leaving, while some continue feeling depressed into the year and even after breaks.

Vulnerability to feeling homesick is determined by many things. The distance from home can be an issue even if it was the student's decision to go to that university. Also, expectations not being met and work overload could add to the stress. Lastly, the contrast in lifestyle and instant freedom can overwhelm a student, making them feel out of control.

It is important to realize that homesickness is normal, and can

be combated.

Here are a few ways to deal with homesickness:

1. Be realistic about what to expect from yourself and college life.
2. Make contact with people who share the same interests you do. Join a club or sport to stay active.
3. Figure out who you really want to be at the university. Seek advice from counselors or career advisers.
4. Invite people along during excursions to explore the university or just to buy groceries. Don't isolate yourself.
5. Exercise.
6. Don't try to bury the feeling with partying, alcohol or sex.
7. Find a mentor, a comfortable reading place and a good friend to confide in.
8. Realize that new situations

take time to get used to.

9. Talk to someone. Try a tutor, mentor, supervisor, counselor or coach.
10. Keep in contact with the people you left behind, but also give yourself opportunities to absorb your new surroundings.
11. Get enough food and sleep. Not having enough of either will affect you emotionally as well as physically.
12. Give yourself time to adjust before making any quick decisions about staying or leaving.
13. Get a job. There is a satisfying feeling in accomplishment and working for wages. This will develop self-esteem.
14. If you become uninterested in normal social or academic things, seek professional help.

For more information and support for homesickness, you can contact Counseling Services at 346-3553.

UWSP mascots have it ruff

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

He is considered by some to be as much a part of the game as the players, as much a part of Stevens Point tradition as house party busts and bar raids by the police during the first weeks of school. He is Stevie Pointer, the man who every woman wants to be with and who every man wants to be.

The saga of Stevie Pointer begins each fall as over a dozen university hopefuls endure an extensive tryout process to see if they have what it takes to don the ridiculously oversized head of Stevie, or perhaps even his female counterpart, Stephanie. Not unlike the tryout procedures for the football team, cheerleading team or a military special forces unit, mascot hopefuls must prove their agility, stamina and ability to react under pressure by undergoing a series of tests.

Unlike in football or the military, however, in the world of the mascot, these tests include performing a short dance number while wearing a giant dog suit and demonstrating a creative flair for using props, such as a large rawhide dog bone. Mascot hopefuls must also demonstrate a range of skills that often go unnoticed by the casual observer.

Improvisational skills and a sense of comedic timing are essential to the success of anyone

who aspires to be the defining emblem of the Stevens Point sports program.

Though it is easy to imagine the life of a mascot as being filled with adulation and admira-



Stevie and Stephanie Pointer

tion, for the proud men and women who take the field as Stevie and Stephanie Pointer each week, the glory comes at a price. The costume itself poses special difficulties, as captain and two-year squad member Amber Wilkowski can testify.

"It's as hot as humanly possible inside that costume," she said.

As new recruits soon find out, the temperature inside the costume can sometimes reach the upper 90's, making dehydration a potential risk. The visibil-

ity inside the costume also poses a problem, as the nature of the mask doesn't allow the wearer to see anything outside of his or her direct field of vision.

"I've walked into garbage cans many a time," said Wilkowski. However, the most difficult aspect of a mascot's job however is the issue of fan abuse. In the past, fans have attempted to steal Stevie Pointer's gloves, forcefully remove his tail and have even succeeded to pummel him with their fists.

Still, the quest for an esteemed place in the realm of athletic attractions continues. Despite the high profile nature of icons such as the Philly Phanatic and the San Diego Chicken, mascots at the college level still have not received the respect they feel they deserve, and are often the subject of indignation by college-aged sports enthusiasts.

"A lot of college kids don't take the mascot seriously," explained Wilkowski. "They're just like, Get away from me! They also complain when the giant head blocks their view of the game. I wish people would just chill."

Indeed, it's hard to get respect when your head is large enough to cause an eclipse of the sun.

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So, beware: the penalties under certain circumstances can be criminal, as well as civil (involving just money). If you own a dog who has hurt someone, consider your options: dog obedience school, bringing him or her to the pound or giving him to an owner who is willing to take the time to train the dog. Like a child, a dog is a big responsibility that should be taken seriously. No, don't get me wrong. Children are much greater responsibilities than dogs, but dogs are living things who need love, attention, food, an occasional bath, treats, a clean living area, medical attention, etc.

Jan Roberts has been rehired as the UWSP student attorney and is available to give legal consultation through Student Legal Services for a fee of \$5.00. You can setup an appointment with her by calling 346-4282 or emailing Student.Legal.Society@uwsp.edu

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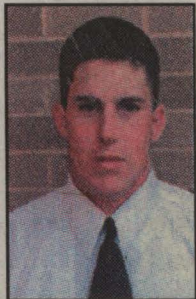


Pointers sweat out season opener against Augustana

Krause's late TD sparks Pointers on sweltering day

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP junior quarterback Scott Krause could finally be that big-game quarterback that the Pointers have been lacking since Ryan Aulenbacher's graduation in 2000. Krause's nine-yard quarterback draw for a touchdown with 1:50 left capped an 11-play, 82-yard drive and gave UWSP a 20-17 win over Augustana College (Ill). Saturday in a matchup of two of the top rated teams in Division III.



Krause

Augustana, ranked third in Division III by most publications, took a 17-13 lead on a 38-yard run by wing back Blair Westerly with 5:22 left in the game. However, the defending WIAC champion Pointers drove for the win as Krause completed four of seven passes and rushed twice for 16 yards on the drive.

The Pointers' biggest play on the drive was a 17-yard pass from Krause to senior wide receiver Levi Massey on a fourth-and-six play from the Vikings' 26-yard line with two minutes remaining, setting up the game-winning score. The catch was Massey's second of the game after not catching a single ball last season.

"Levi made a big play for us today," said Head Coach John Miech. "He made a play that his family can be proud

of."

Both teams came into the game with high hopes for their vaunted running games, but the defensive play proved to be too strong as the Pointers had just 131 yards on the ground, while Augustana rushed for 153 yards after leading the country at 370 yards per game last season.

"Our run defense I thought was phenomenal," said Miech. "I thought that [defensive end]

Clint Bakken played a great game to anchor the defensive line."

The scoring began early in the second quarter as Augustana placekicker Michael Clark nailed a field goal to break the 0-0 tie.



Bakken

The Pointers answered back with 3:41 left in the half on a peculiar play, beginning when an attempted field goal by junior kicker Cory Kahl

was blocked by Augustana All-American Tim Williams. The ball flew right back into Kahl's hands which he quickly flipped to mammoth offensive tackle Luke Hilgemann, who easily pranced into the end zone. Illegal touching

was ruled by the refs and Augustana was forced to accept the penalty, resulting in a 26-yard field goal by Kahl on his second chance.

"I was happy that one of the officials knew the rules, because he was the only one on the field who did," said Miech. "In the pros, that's a loss-of-down penalty, but in college, it isn't." Kahl added a 23-yarder with 33 seconds left in



Photo by Patricia Larson

UWSP fullback Jason VanderVelden hauls in a leaping touchdown grab to give the Pointers a 13-10 lead early in the fourth quarter against Augustana on Saturday. UWSP won 20-17.

the half for a 6-3 halftime lead.

After an Augustana touchdown late in the third quarter, the Pointers rallied with an 11-play, 80-yard drive capped by a spectacular leaping 13-yard grab by fullback Jason VanderVelden for a touchdown and a 13-10 UW-Stevens Point lead.

After trading touchdowns by Westerly and Krause, Augustana again gained pos-

session with 1:50 left in the game, but quickly relinquished the ball as UWSP sophomore strong safety Ryan Bentley intercepted a pass on an underthrown ball from Augustana quarterback Brad Wendell.

After taking as much time off the clock as they could, the Pointers were forced to punt back to the Vikings with 18 seconds left. Moving to a prevent defense, the Pointers

sealed the victory as senior free safety Dillon Maney intercepted Wendell's hail-mary pass to end the game.

This weekend the Pointers face Ohio Northern in a rematch of last year's season opener, which the Pointers took, 14-10. "This game will be a good test for our team," said Miech.



Photo by Patricia Larson

UWSP freshman Courtney Timblin puts in on the last hole of the Pointers' match against St. Norberts on Tuesday.

UWSP golf plays rude host, wins own invite

By Tyler Drummond
SPORTS REPORTER

If I may borrow a line from the movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance," "Golf is not a sport that can be won or lost...only played." This being said, the women of the UW-Stevens Point golf team play golf, and boy do they play well.

The Lady Pointers are coming fresh off a first place victory in their three team invitational. UWSP hosted St. Norbert University and Ripon College, Tues., Sept. 10 at Stevens Point Country Club.

"This is one of the best teams since 1996. We are very competitive," said Head Coach Mike Okray. "The girls want to be coached, and when you have a team like that, it makes my job as

a coach easier."

The team is extremely young, with half of the roster consisting of freshmen. This doesn't seem to bother Coach Okray though.

"This is the first year I've been able to recruit, so I would expect the team to be young. It's great to have a team that wants to play. Back when we started this program, whoever wanted to play would show up, but now that I recruit it's easier to build a competitive team."

The hardest thing about having a young team is the transition from high school.

"When these girls play in high school, they are playing a 5,200 yard course. But when they get to college, the distance expands to 5,800 yards. Girls that

could get on a par four in two shots are now needing three or even four shots which means our chipping and putting need to be that much more precise so we can make up for the distance factor. It's really all about course management," Okray said.

The girls are looking to move up this year, and Coach Okray feels they can.

"Ideally I think we can move up 3 or 4 conference rankings higher than last year, but I think within two years our team will be strong enough to win the conference title."

We're looking for great things from the girls' golf team this year. If their talent is any indication, great things are definitely on the horizon for this team.

Soccer team heads into the record books

Pointers win 56th straight conference game to move past North Carolina

Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

For a small college in the heart of Wisconsin, UW-Stevens Point sure seems to have a knack for finding the national spotlight.

With a 3-0 victory over UW-Whitewater on Tuesday, Point stretched their conference win streak to 56 matches. The win streak is the longest ever for any women's soccer team in any division.

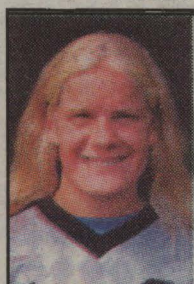
"I was more concerned about playing well after the match with Gustavus Adolphus where we didn't play as well," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "We had some trouble scoring, so it was nice to get in there and score right away."

Jenny Bruce did not waste any time getting the Pointers on the scoreboard, scoring a goal just 56 seconds into the contest. But that was just the beginning for Bruce as she tallied two more goals to give her a hat trick before the first 13 minutes of

the game had gone by.

"I think Jenny felt a little more comfortable today, and she was just on," said Miech. "It was also the conference opener so we were looking for everyone to step it up, and she did that."

Bruce's three goals gave the junior 30 goals and 30 assists for her career, making her just the third player in Pointer history to reach those numbers.



Meister



Bruce

After the quick start from the Pointers, both teams settled down and neither would score for the rest of the game.

"You have to give Whitewater a lot of credit. A lot of teams would give up after three early goals, but they kept playing hard," said Miech.

Freshman Kortney Krill did the job in goal in the first half. Melissa Meister came in for the second half to complete the shutout for UWSP. The shutout was extra special for Meister as it came on her 21st birthday.

"I really trust both of them in the goal," said Miech. "Meister has been hurt a little

bit early on, so that was why Kortney got a little more time so far, but they are very even."



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Pointer forward Kelly Fink drives for a shot against Whitewater on Tuesday.

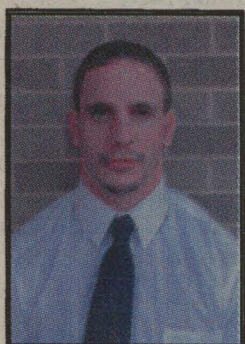
Point's victory broke the tie that they had with North Carolina. The Tar Heels were the previous record holders with 55 victories from 1994 to 2000.

UWSP will have another difficult matchup coming up this Friday when

they will square off with Macalester College. Macalester currently holds the nations longest unbeaten streak at home, which stands at 51 matches.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT

JOE MAKOVEC - FOOTBALL



Makovec

UWSP Career Highlights

- Been a part of three division champion teams
- Has been a UWSP student for seven years
- Played a major role on defense in the Pointers' win versus Augustana

Major - Health Promotion/Wellness

Hometown - Muscoda, Wis.

Nickname - "J-Mack"

Most memorable moment - Taking part in three conference championships as a player.

Who was your idol growing up? - (Hall-of-fame quarterback) John Elway

What are your plans after graduation? - I would like to coach football at the college level.

Do you plan on playing football after graduation? - It would be great if I could, so who knows. I'm going to leave that option open.

What is your favorite aspect of football? - The team camaraderie. Guys may not get along off the field, but on it, everyone is pulling for each other.

Most embarrassing moment - Being a student here for so long (seven years)

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - (Dolphins linebacker) Zach Thomas

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

1. My Metallica CD
2. A Playstation 2
3. My Dog

What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP? - Hopefully a fourth conference championship, and being part of a successful team.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - I guess I have no parting words.

Mountain bikers climb to nationals

By Joel Austin
SPORTS REPORTER

The mountain bike club racing team participated in two regional collegiate racing events in Kickapoo State Park in Danville, Ill., and in Portage, Ind. Finishers in both of the events earned points for a possible trip to the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals in New Mexico.

Five team members racing this past weekend: seniors Nathan Cover and Joel Austin, juniors Jeff Godbout and Ryan Ruhland and sophomore Kyle Jacobson.

The racers were organized into different classes based on differing ability levels. Class C, the beginner level, started first; B, the intermediate level, started second; A, the expert level, started last. Depending upon the class in which they competed, racers completed differing numbers of laps. C class raced one lap, B two laps and A completed three laps. Each lap was nine miles long and took 40-50 minutes to complete.

"I don't know how you finished three laps" commented Jacobson to the A racers after a strong finish in the men's B race.

Stevens Point had one person in the C race, one in the B race and three in the A race. Godbout, after giving his all and finishing well in the C race, tasted his breakfast a second time when it came up again from exertion.

Luckily for the racers the course was fast dry and fun. "My tires really hooked up, the turns were fun," said Ruhland.

After finishing the race, the team packed up and headed for the race in Indiana which was hosted by Purdue.

Racing started the next morning with the sky clear but the air hot. The racing again was fast and furious with Stevens Point again coming in with some strong finishes. This course was the same distance and number of laps as the



Photo by Joel Austin

UWSP mountain biker Nathan Cover competes in a race in Danville, Ill. last weekend.

Illinois course, but included many muddy spots, bridges and many log jumps.

"The first few [log jumps] were fun but by the third lap they were starting to get old," said Ruhland.

Happy with their respective races and the points they earned towards qualifying for nationals, the racers returned home to Stevens Point. There will be several more races in the near future including races in Michigan and the Midwest Regional Championships in Kentucky. The 2002 National Mountain Bike Championships will be held in Angel Fire, New Mexico on Oct. 19th and the team is currently looking for funding for a trip to the race.

The racers are members of Mountain Bikers, a UWSP club that promotes biking. Regular group rides welcoming all skill levels are organized weekly. If you have an interest in joining the club contact any of the racers mentioned above via university email.



Photo by Patricia Larson

UWSP's Isabelle Delannay and Jenna Mitchler hit the finish line neck and neck during the Pointer Open/Alumni Cross Country Meet on Saturday.

Spikers finish strong in Platteville

Senior Rockwood leads Pointers to victory over Knox College

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team had a strong finish at the UW-Platteville tournament, winning their final match against Knox College in straight sets.

After winning the first set by a close 30-27 margin, they really turned it on by winning the next two sets 30-13 and 30-12. Mindy Rockwood, one of two seniors on the team, came through with seven kills in her first seven hitting attempts to lead the way for UWSP.

"We have such strong leadership from our seniors in Mindy and Alicia (Schwan)," said Head Coach Stacey White. "They really do a nice job of staying positive and pushing each other to stay up."

After a rough start to the tournament, where UWSP dropped the first match to UW-LaCrosse, they gave Elmhurst College a run for their money before losing to them in three

sets.

"Elmhurst is a top 10 team in the country, and we played really well against them," said White. "There is no doubt in my mind that we can beat a team of that caliber. We have a lot of new faces, and the team is starting to come together."

Sophomore Alyssa Mader had top individual honors for UWSP as she was named to the all-tournament team.

A tough five set loss to Dubuque gave UWSP a 1-3 mark for the week-end and dropped their record for the season to 1-7 overall. The poor early record can be mostly attributed to 11 new players coming in and working everybody into the line-up.



White

"We know we have talent and that we are a good team," White said. "We are having some ups and downs early, but when this team comes together the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

Coming up next for UWSP will be a tournament in La Crosse this weekend, which will also feature conference rival UW-Stout, as well as Lawrence University.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno

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The Week Ahead...



Cross Country: at UW-Oshkosh Invitational - Fri., 5:00 p.m.

Football: at Ohio Northern - Sat., 12:30 p.m.

Golf: UW-Stevens Point Invitational, Sat.-Sun., 11:00 a.m. (SP Country Club)

Soccer: at Macalester - Fri., 6:00 p.m.; at UW-Superior - Sat., 2:00 p.m.

Tennis: at UW-La Crosse Invitational, Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. (Fri.), 8 a.m. (Sat.).

Volleyball: at UW-La Crosse Tournament, Fri.-Sat.

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THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take: If I were Frank O'Brien

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Welcome back to campus, all you faithful Pointer sports fans. If this summer gave me anything, it gave me lots of time to reflect (while sealcoating driveways, no less) on my time (going on four years) here at UWSP.

Well, I got to thinking, and one of the thoughts that came up was "If I could become anyone on campus, who would I be?" Some candidates I came up with were Sheila Miech (great person, and access to the girls locker room is definitely a bonus), Josh Iserloth (gotta be a babe magnet at parties...due to large feet), and the zamboni driver at Willett Arena (come on...this guy is almost a god at hockey games).

Although each of these candidates deserved ample consideration, none compared to athletic director Frank O'Brien. Why, you ask? Well, our venerable AD holds considerable power...the power to create new and creative competitive sports. I already have a list of new, original sports that I am glad to share in order to enlighten my readers.

Fantasy Jersey-chasing: A group of "players" get together and draft a list of potential "targets" that include athletes from various sports around campus. These "players" must do everything (and I mean EVERYTHING) possible to seduce these athletes at parties, bars, class, etc. Whoever gets the most "targets" wins a free tuition payment, along with a trip to health services for a little "testing". Disclaimer: Sports Editors at *The Pointer* are top "targets".

DeBot Pie Smuggling: This was a staple when I was in the dorms, so why not make it a sport? Players are divided by their dormitories (sorry, I don't like using the words "residence hall") and try to smuggle as many pies out of our fine eating establishment as possible. Hey, some of those lunch ladies are tougher against the run than Warren Sapp.

Naked Run: Hell, it's already a long-standing tradition in Point, so why not make it a little more organized? Slap temporary tattoo numbers on the participants' backs, and give the winner immunity from appearing on soft-core pornography web sites. Charge admission. Tell me how this

wouldn't make money!

The Lot R Pointer 500: We've all seen people do laps around this popular lot located in front of the UC, searching for that elusive open space. Why not make it a demolition-derby atmosphere? The last car that is still functional gets the spot. Drivers get bonus points for picking off skateboarders.

The DeBot-to-Dorm Sprint:

I remember suffering through...err...competing in many of these. I don't know what they put in the food there, but it seems like five minutes after eating, I'm about ready to blow a gasket. It takes a special athlete to run from DeBot to Roach or Hyer without a blowout. If you

can make it to South Hall, I bow down to you, because you are the epitome of a super-hero. Trust me, not the cleanest of sports, but it should make for quality entertainment.

Till next time, GO POINTERS!!!



View from a Pointer: Women's soccer deserves a hand

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

What were you doing in 1996 around the start of the school year? Personally, I was just a dorky freshman in high school, hoping that I wouldn't have to push a penny around a toilet. My main concerns were getting my parents to splurge for cable and looking forward to getting my license so I could drive my folks' station wagon.

The reason for taking a trip back into the mid-90's does not have anything to do with the fact that I just heard "Wonderwall" by Oasis. Instead, it just happens to be the last time the UWSP women's soccer team lost a conference match.

With a victory on Tuesday over UW-Whitewater, they have won 56 consecutive conference matches and counting. No other women's soccer team, regardless of division, has won that many in a row. The streak, as I shall refer to it, started with a victory over UW-River Falls on Sept. 13, 1997.

Since that day, Point has recorded 44 shutouts, outscored their opponents by a margin of 289-13 and have allowed just one team to score more than one goal.

I mean that's just ridiculous, giving up just 13 goals in 56 games. One would think that a team with that much dominance would get an inflated ego and cockiness would be dripping off their uniforms. If I had won 56 straight games of anything, I would never shut up about it.

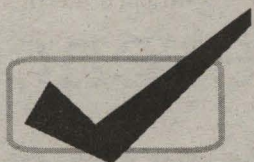
The main reason that this team does not get too full of themselves is Head Coach Sheila Miech. One of the most successful coaches in the history of women's soccer, she has even seen her picture appear in *Sports Illustrated*. But when she was questioned about how significant the record was, she hadn't even given it much thought.

"I don't think the record is as important as having our team play well," said Miech. "We are always looking to the next team, and I'm just happy that we haven't had a let down for that long of a time."

Miech's players seem to reflect her attitude. Every year, you can count on the team playing hard and different players stepping up to fill the roles that the graduated seniors have left behind. No matter who is scoring the goals, there is no one player who is bigger than the team and everyone seems to understand that.

As I continue to wonder how the Mighty Mighty Bosstones ever had a hit single, I would like to offer my congratulations to Coach Miech and all the players that have had a hand in the streak; just don't get a big head about it.

ACTIVE OR INACTIVE?



For legal and practical reasons, student organizations need to be re-recognized each fall to maintain formal recognition status. To complete the re-recognition process, the following is required:

- 1 A list of current officers with addresses and phone numbers.
- 2 An Advisor Contract Form signed by your advisor(s) stating that he/she will advise your group (forms are available in the Student Involvement & Employment Office).
- 3 A completed Risk Assessment Questionnaire (to help protect organizations and advisors).
- 4 An updated copy of your constitution if outdated by three years. (NOTE: Constitutions need to be updated a minimum of once every three years.) In addition, if non-students are members of your organization a risk management statement needs to be added to your Constitution.
- 5 **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE** at ONE of two re-recognition meetings (PRESIDENTS or DESIGNEES) scheduled on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24 at 7PM in the Legacy Room of the University Center.
- 6 **ADVISOR ATTENDANCE** at ONE of several Risk Management sessions which will be offered through November 4th.

Please register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the Student Involvement & Employment Office, lower level of the University Center. Groups not re-recognized will not be included in the Student Organization Directory and will not be able to use university services.

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UWSP Wakeboard Club makes a splash at the collegiate nationals

Leigh Ann Ruddy and Ben Dieck
OUTDOORS EDITOR OUTDOORS REPORTER

The Stevens Point Collegiate Water Ski Team (SPCWST) joined 15 other teams from across the country to participate in the Collegiate Wakeboard Nationals last weekend in Wisconsin Dells, with two UWSP riders finishing in the top 10.

Amy Nack, a junior majoring in Biology, placed 6th in the women's division, and Eric Sakowski, a freshman, placed 6th in his heat.

The Collegiate Wakeboard Nationals were held at the Tommy Bartlett Thrill Show site, where water ski shows take place during the tourist season. Other teams involved in the national competition traveled from schools from Western Michigan University all the way to Florida Southern University, as well as most of the UW schools.

The Wakeboarding Club is a sister club to the Water Ski Club of UWSP. This group of students shares an interest in water sports and becoming better at what they love to do. The club has just recently obtained a new Malibu Response LX speedboat with a boom for barefoot train-

ing along with a skylon, wedge and fat sac for wakeboarding.

The clubs include all types of water sports, but mostly practice with barefooting, wakeboarding and water skiing. If the SPCWST or the Water Ski Club is of interest to you, check out their website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/waterski/>, or email skiclub@uwsp.edu. These clubs offer an opportunity to get to know more about these sports as well as improving your skills in the water.



Photos by B. Dieck



Above: Amy Nack finished 6th in the Women's Division at the Collegiate Wakeboarding Nationals in Wisconsin Dells last weekend.

Left: Wakeboarders wait and relax as they compete in the nationals.



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Tom Brown, Architect and Environmental Specialist, Stevens Point, Wis.

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Enjoy a Wilderness Safety and Hiking workshop at Treehaven Field Station on Saturday, September 14.

The one-day workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop costs \$25, which includes lunch.

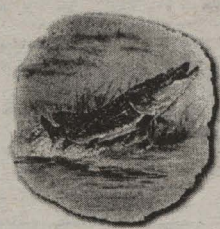
Equipment is provided but participants may bring their own packs. Good fitting boots are recommended. To register or for more information, call Treehaven at (715) 453-4106 or e-mail jeverson@uwsp.edu.

Treehaven is located between Tomahawk and Rhinelander, off County A. The facilities include conference rooms and classrooms, living centers for overnight lodging, a dining hall, library, nature store and trails for hiking or winter sports, all located on 1,400 acres of northern forest.

The two cents of Mr. Winters...Adam's neighbor and long-time professional fisherman.

Hey fishing folks! I'm here to talk about something very important. That something is the current walleye regulation on the Wisconsin River Systems. After nearly 25 years of fishing on this river, I've realized over the last couple of years that 11-14 inch walleyes are the most prevalent fish in the system, and the best eatin' too. So let's contact our local DNR and let them know that we will not take the 15-20 with spawning potential, which the current regulation allows for taking. Take action and be responsible! Preserve our resources! Well then, 'till next time, "Go on and get!"

-Mr. Winters



Adam Mella

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Let's go fishing

The scoop on Portage County's fishing

For those readers who have spent their summers away from the grand Wisconsin River valley here in Point, the fishing opportunities for the past four months have been predictable, with fishing consistently slowing from the summer peak in July to the present late summer phase. This time of the year is traditionally one of the most sluggish for action and productivity in most parts of the northern U.S. While persistent fishing will eventually bring success, a general improvement of the fish-bite will first begin to increase within two to three weeks, along with the looming autumn weather's cooling trends.

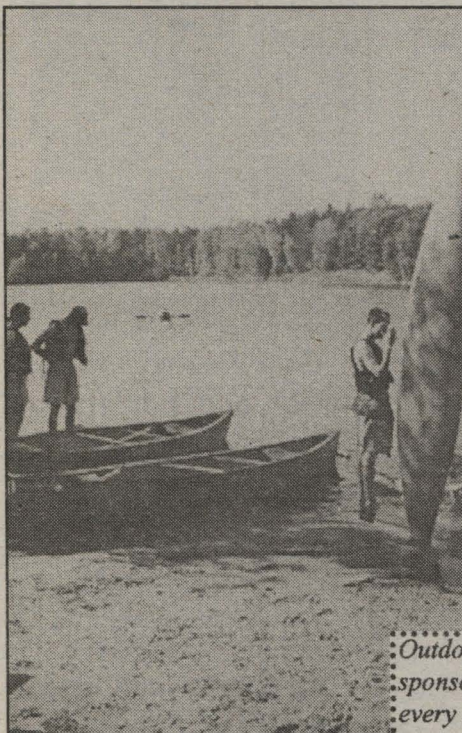
Do not fret, fellow anglers, for plenty of quality fishing opportunities are available if you know where to look, and how to think like a fish. With proper preparation and timing, that being mostly from twilight until 2 a.m. during hot weather, fishing in Portage County will be both enjoyable and successful. Here's the scoop for those of you who can't wait to drop a line.

Reports on the walleye fishing throughout Portage County have been fair to good on the Wisconsin River, its backwaters and flowages. While numerous inland lakes including Lake Elizabeth and Lake Joanis hold populations, any local will tell you that the river is the way to go when seeking those big 'eyes.

Known best in this area for walleye, the Wisconsin River is also a world-class fishery for almost every freshwater species in North America, from its headwaters in Vilas County's Lac Vieux Desert, to the Mississippi River. Smallies, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge, catfish, sturgeon, largemouth bass every variety of panfish and many rough species like carp and suckers are also present. Also roaming the area are birds of prey such as bald eagles, and many aquatic mammals and insects.

Your best bet for catching fish this week would be the Wisconsin River beneath the Lake Dubay Dam or backwater areas for panfish or walleye. Try inland lakes for panfish suspended in deeper water like Sunset Lake, Lake Elizabeth, or Lake Joanis in Schmeckle Reserve. The key to success right now is to fish after dark or on cloudy, cooler days when fish will be most active. By boat, or from shore, central Wisconsin is bountiful with good fishing opportunities. Throughout the year, I will attempt to provide the readers with accurate and helpful information in order to improve and assist them in their fishing endeavors. I readily welcome any fishing information, tips or questions which will help me to write a better article, at Amell889@uwsp.edu. Until next week, "Let's go fishing."

Students glide free on Lake Joanis

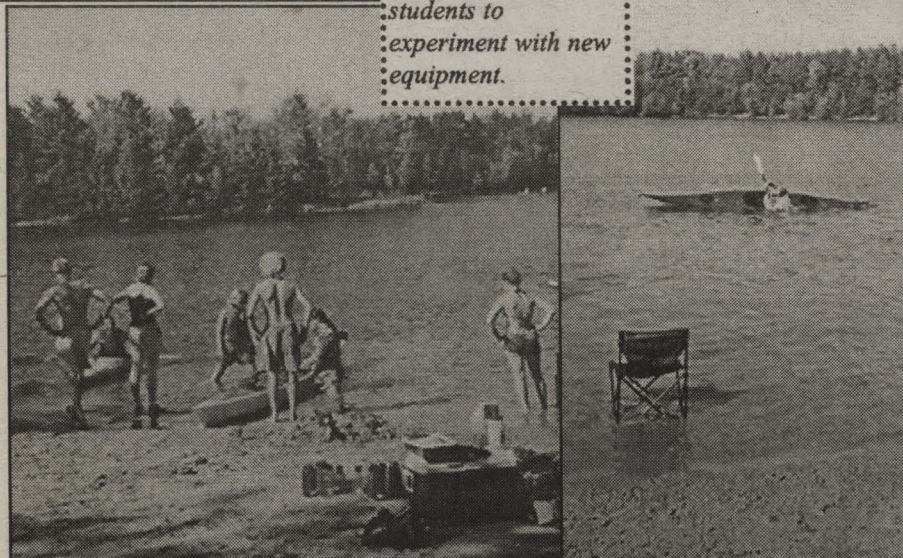


Photos and Text by L. Ruddy

Outdoor EdVentures of UWSP held their second all-free campus demo days last Saturday, September 7. Outdoor EdVentures holds this event in order to let all students experience what Outdoor Ed. has to offer for rental equipment and enjoy a day of leisure.

This year's event had a great turnout; with the weather's cooperation, Lake Joanis was a sure pick to spend a day outside. Participants got a chance to try out their skills paddling canoes and kayaks and were offered instruction on rolling kayaks, special strokes and much more.

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The author studies hard, examining articles in *Deer & Deer Hunting* and *Turkey & Turkey Hunting* Magazines in order to pick up the latest hunting tips.

Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

So, I must make an official apology to all of you who hunt for animals. I must say I wasn't much of a knowledgeable staff member when it came to knowing much about hunting and all that it entails.

However, I've learned.

Over the summer, I worked for magazines such as *Deer & Deer Hunting*, *Turkey & Turkey Hunting*, *Wisconsin Outdoor Journal*, and *The Trapper & Predator Caller*, to name a few, and I cannot express the amount of knowledge I have picked up because of this opportunity.

I've been around hunting all my life. Every year, my dad goes bow-hunting in the fall and turkey hunting in the spring. He actually took me bow-hunting one year, but I was 5 years old, and I wasn't much of a patient hunter.

Patience. Yep, I've figured it out. That's what it takes to be a hunter. There are so many aspects of hunting that it turns into a year-round quest, and I had no idea there were so many things to consider. And for that, my fellow hunters, I apologize; because I

had never given you the respect or "props" you deserve.

I am not a hunter. I will never be a hunter. But I do know what it actually takes to be a hunter and I think you get more of a bad rap than you actually deserve. But I will say this, I challenge all deer hunters or any kind of hunter to submit their stories to share their trials, triumphs and defeats with the rest of us. Because this is all people need in order to overcome their stereotypes of such a controversial event. Let them know what you do to become a hunter, and prepare all year for such a short season.

I'll do the same. I've learned tactics and strategies along the way by reading these magazines and working with some of the finest outdoor writers in the field.

And by the way, I will go hunting this year; however, my weapon of choice is a 35mm camera, and I'll try to shoot the biggest buck you've ever seen. I may not be successful, but that's not what hunting is all about. It's about getting out there, and learning so many lessons from the animal that you are hunting.

Good luck this weekend, bow-hunters!



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Debate

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other countries.

As the nation continues to grieve and honor those who perished in this tragedy, we find ourselves trying to regain the security and normality felt before Sept. 11, 2001. Although things will never be the same, the future depends on our attitude as individuals as well as a nation. "You have to live differently," said Forbes. "We must learn to deal with it individually in order to feel comfortable as Americans."

War

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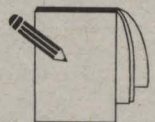
in over a decade. While Republican "hawks" attest to rumors of al-Qaeda links and large scale development of weapons of mass destruction as more than enough reason for a "preemptive strike," the rest of the world seems to be waiting for some kind of physical proof of the need to attack Iraq. There has been no physical proof despite constant speculation.

Instead of evidence, Bush cronies refer to Hussein as "evil" or a "devil," the same tactics of propaganda to which every nation resorts to conjure up opposition toward their enemies. Basically, the only argument for toppling the Hussein regime is that he's a bad man. If the United States made a policy of unprovoked attacks against every nation with weapons of mass destruction, we'd have to take out North Korea, India and China.

There are many reasons why an attack on Iraq could be as devastating to our nation as the Vietnam War. Worldwide support for the U.S. war against terrorism would disappear as America would for the first time become the aggressor in a war. Meanwhile, a military strike would unite the Middle East against the U.S. Former key allies such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia have already opposed military force in Iraq. Unilateral action against Iraq would isolate the US from the rest of the world, which for some reason doesn't see the need for force before diplomacy. Finally, the Bush administration has done an extremely poor job of selling the American public on the idea. How will our nation support a war that many members of the president's own political party do not feel would be justified.

See news happening?

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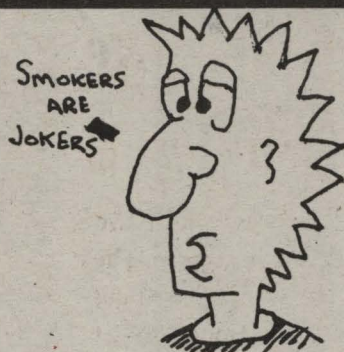
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Words of Wisdom From the Senior



I love creepy people.

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I'm proud to announce my triumphant return to the pages of *The Pointer*, although this time around you'll have to page all the way to the back. Though my poignant editorializing will remain a staple of this student newspaper, I'm afraid that my vibrant photo will not. Along with my former title of editor, I've handed over the right to display a photo in print to Scuba Steve, our new head honcho.

There are a few more personal changes that I feel the need to inform my loyal readers (and some of you newcomers) about. I've finally shucked that filthy habit of smoking, though I hope that my once beloved cigarettes and I can still be friends.

I searched high and low for some piece of acceptable clip art to replace my handsome mug, but found it was tough to get my message across in a PC enough way. I thought I'd go for that cool picture I have of a snake attempting to make love with a garden hose, but the copy editors gave that the kibosh right off the bat.

Anyway, it's great to be back in school. It feels good to get into the hustle and bustle again. Although, I must admit that I was growing to like the laid back atmosphere of summer in Point. Even though there were still a lot of people around, they weren't in my face all of the time.

With many of the college students cleared out of town, I was given the chance to step back and notice some of the more interesting characters here in Stevens Point. The more eccentric citizens of this fine town stood out even more distinctly to me without the swarm of young people in front of me. I'm sure there's plenty of interesting community leaders that I could have begun noticing. But since a lot of my Point sum-

mer was spent in dirtball bars, I noticed all the wackos instead.

I should have known that my summer would be a strange one when I pulled up to a red light in late May and watched a crucifix wielding nutjob ritualistically bless the crosswalk before biking across it. Even though he was wearing a winter coat and had a stocking cap on underneath his bike helmet despite the 80 degree weather, somehow I didn't see that coming.

It took only a few trips to the local taverns to locate a psychotic John Travolta look alike. Though he constantly tried to pick up women with his Grease-lightning hairdo, I never did see his greasy black tresses work any magic. His country music crooning may have wooed a few ladies when I saw him perform on karaoke night, however.

But the gold medal winner of the wacko Olympics this summer had to go to a toothless ex-con named Lester who I was forced to converse with every morning around 6:30 a.m. You see I work in the produce department of a local grocery store, and Lester comes in every morning to gather up all the spoiled produce we pull from the shelves. God only knows what he does with the stuff, but he claims to "take it to the nuns so they can make wine with it."

Despite his inability to pronounce basically any word due to his lack of teeth, Lester loved to make conversation while loading up a cart full of spoiled fruits and veggies before he'd go hit on my manager for a few minutes. This alone qualified him as a world class creep, but one day a fellow co-worker told me something about Lester that set him apart from all the other screwballs: he'd gone to jail for doing his sister.

Needless to say, I'm glad to go back to school.

Movie Review

Signs

M. Night Shyamalan

M. Night Shyamalan hit the mark with his Oscar nominated first film "The Sixth Sense" instantly making a name for himself in the industry. While his second project, "Unbreakable," didn't meet with as enthusiastic of a response from critics, I felt it was another strong effort.

With his directorial style maturing, his third film, "Signs," eclipsed the \$200 million mark at the box office and received mostly favorable reviews.

This film is an alien movie with almost no actual aliens in it.

Relying on an almost "Jaws"-like suspense from the unseen.

When crop circles, which prove to be no hoax, develop in the backyard of an Episcopalian reverend who has lost his faith, his entire family is forced to question their entire belief system.

Shyamalan has developed a style of suspense that doesn't culminate in a thrilling climax

but rather provides an eery sense of impending doom steadily throughout the film.

One couldn't help but think back to the films of Alfred Hitchcock during this flick (the opening credits are supported by eery score reminiscent of Bernard Herrman's work with Hitch).

Shyamalan truly presents precise visuals by displaying exactly what he wants the viewer to see and nothing more. Many shots are filmed from reflections or other distorted images.

While the film characteristically comes together at the end, it doesn't seem to draw to a definite finish. Instead, when it ends the characters come to some great realization that forever reshapes their completely uncertain futures.

Signs further entrenches M. Night Shyamalan into his still developing niche in the film industry.



Live Music Schedule

The Mission Coffeehouse

Sept. 14 – Planet Melvin
Jonathan Rundman

Sept. 20 – God and the Baby Jesuses,
The Squish, Sentinal

Sept. 27 – Silik, Middleworld,
Taxi War Dance

Sept. 29 – Frontenacs
The Leghounds
Modern Machines
Death & Taxes

Witz End

Sept. 12 – David Nelson Band

Sept. 13 – Carlos Washington
and the "Amazing" Giant
People

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DNB's *Visions Under the Moon* proves solid

With their third album *Visions Under the Moon*, the David Nelson Band accomplished their first full length studio effort. Compiled from a week's worth of recording sessions at the Aladdin Theater In Portland, the project preceded a live performance at the same venue.

Much of *Visions* can be described as bordering on country without the twang. While consistent throughout, the album first peaks with the third track, *Fable of a Chosen One*. A band can always prove itself with a decent Bob Dylan cover, and the David Nelson Band really succeeds with "Absolutely, Sweet Marie."

The eleven minute "Snakebit" provides a lengthy jam and "Kerouac" adds a new dimension to the sound of the album. Though not technically a live album, the sound recorded in the Aladdin Theater makes it seem like it is. The album offers what almost any music fan can appreciate.

Candy canes, cake and a side order of funk: a menu of live summer music

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I entered this summer with a promise to myself: I was going to make a conscious effort to go see as much live music as I could. While never a regular concert-goer, I'd always enjoyed the occasional shows I'd attended in the past and wished to go and see more. Intentions to see more shows usually ended up unfulfilled.

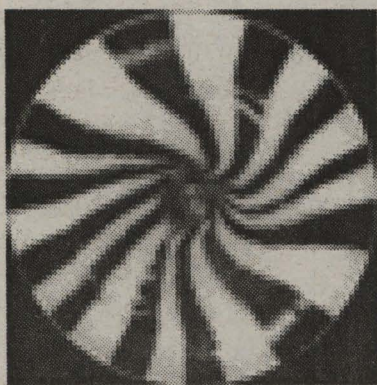
So this summer was going to be different, and I'd spend some of my meager summer job earnings on some live music. After a few poorly attended local shows at the end of the school year, I was ready to start the summer off with some larger shows.

I missed an early chance to see Social Distortion at the Rave. I would have absolutely loved to see this show. But one of the rare opportunities to see Social D perform in the Midwest (much less Wisconsin) passed me by.

A chance to rebound didn't come my way until Summerfest. I'd seen Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers perform there the year before and thought it was a worthy group to see again. An afternoon of the antics of Wisconsin favorite (and personal hero) Pat McCurdy and a frosty tap beer hit the spot. Though his cleaner show (after all, Summerfest is a family event) McCurdy managed to squeak "The Masturbation Song" in along with his staples of "Sex and Beer" and "Screw You."

But I wasn't there to see Pat McCurdy. As the Marcus Amphitheater was filling up, I was disappointed by the performance of the Brian Setzer Trio, but my night was revived by Petty's opening with "Running Down a Dream." The show was pretty solid at the beginning with the usual Petty classics but as it slowed down for some songs from the upcoming release, the crowd grew a bit restless. By the show's end, Petty returned to his hits and the show ended on a fairly upbeat note. But I walked out with the feeling that I'd had more fun the year before.

Two weeks later, I was motivated enough to go it alone to see "The White Stripes" at the Modjeska



Theater in Milwaukee. The mostly younger crowd wasn't impressed by the opening act The Clone Defects. But as Jack White III opened with the gritty guitar riff for "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground" to an immense American flag tumbling down the backdrop, the crowd got what they came for.

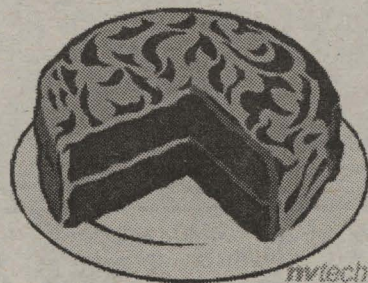
With only Jack and Meg White on stage (they're ex-spouses, not siblings as they sometimes claim), The White Stripes have one of the most distinct sounds I've ever heard, and the show had an even more unique feel. Each upbeat guitar and drum romp was matched with a smooth organ and drum groove. The usually silent Meg White even soloed in "Rated X."

Despite the MTV success of their single "Fell In Love With a Girl," The White Stripes choose to leave out that song from their setlist

and turned to some of their best from their two early, less commercially successful records. The Modjeska was hopping as the Stripes closed out their show with a "Let's Build a Home" to get everyone bouncing.

Next on my list was Cake's minifestival at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul. In addition to Cake, other notable bands included Modest Mouse and The Flaming Lips. I unfortunately missed Modest Mouse's early performance in the lineup but settled into the middle of moderate sized crowd just in time to experience The Flaming Lips. They proved to be one of the most visually oriented performers I've ever seen with a hoard of people in barnyard animal costumes dancing among giant disco balls and tossing enormous confetti-filled balloons into the crowd.

I only knew of a few Lips songs but enjoyed the whole set. Many times reaching a mystical sound, The Flaming Lips were definitely worth experiencing. They closed with the familiar "She Don't Use Jelly" and the powerful "A Spoonful



Weights a Ton."

Cake took the stage to the sound of a talented hand percussionist

and jumped into to upbeat "Love Her Madly." Any Cake fan would have appreciated this show, filled mostly with their hits and favorites. "Comfort Eagle" and "The Distance" stood out as high points in the show. The hits were also mixed with both Willy Nelson and Johnny Cash covers. Initially closing with an extended "Short Skirt, Long Jacket," the band encored with the bluegrass band The Hackensaw Boys for another Johnny Cash cover before ending the night with a unique version of Black Sabbath's "Warpigs."

The last show I managed to see before getting into the swing of school again was a performance by George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic at the Orpheum in Madison. The show drew a very diverse crowd, with a fairly wide age range. I'd gone to this show somewhat on a whim and didn't really know what to expect.

After a rowdy but unpolished performance by the young THC Mercenaries, members of the Parliament Funkadelic slowly made their way on stage. The show never really seemed to get off the ground and rainbow dreadlocked George Clinton unfortunately spent much of the time off stage. Even when he did appear in front of the mostly unenthusiastic crowd, his constant beating on the microphone grew annoying. Different bandmembers from the enormous cast of performers made their way on and off stage with each song. As the show dragged on, long jams kept the same musicians on stage but failed to really get into any kind of groove and really seemed to be drawn out.

All in all, the show was an experience I don't regret but didn't really fulfill my expectations. To sum it up a friend joked, "It would have been good if it didn't suck so much."

Country acts to visit UWSP: will anyone care?

Adkins, Worley headline yet another mainstream oriented fall concert

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Yet again, music lovers at UWSP will be offered only a major concert by mainstream artists. This isn't very surprising coming from the same campus organization that booked *Vertical Horizon* a few semesters back. In fact, Centertainment hasn't succeeded in booking a major act that more than a few freshmen would be interested in seeing since I first arrived in Point.

This year, Centertainment's big fall concert is titled "Big Men of Country Tour" and features the country music "sensations" Trace Adkins and Darryl Worley. It's not only my complete distaste for contemporary country music that makes me cringe at this depressing news. The real problem is the fact that Centertainment seems to ignore big acts on the college and alternative music scene, opting for mainstream concerts that attract few UWSP students.

Centertainment has favored

country acts in the past, booking *Lone Star* (probably only based upon their cross-over hit *Amazed*). It's sad that country is the only genre that remotely deviates from the usual pop concerts in UWSP.

While it may look bleak for music lovers, Centertainment does occasionally bring in some alternative acts to the Encore. The plus side to these events is that these concerts are usually low-priced and are, therefore, sometimes worth attending. However, the majority of the real music out there can only be seen off campus at businesses like The Mission and Witz End.

As a music fan of legal age, I've attended several quality shows at Witz End and look forward to many more this fall. However, a lot of students aren't old enough to go to this bar, and therefore miss out on the music. The Mission does provide an 18-and-over music environment, but is much too small to house any kind of major act.

For these reasons and more, it's sad that Centertainment can't seek out more college-oriented musical acts. I think segregated UWSP students deserve a little bit more.

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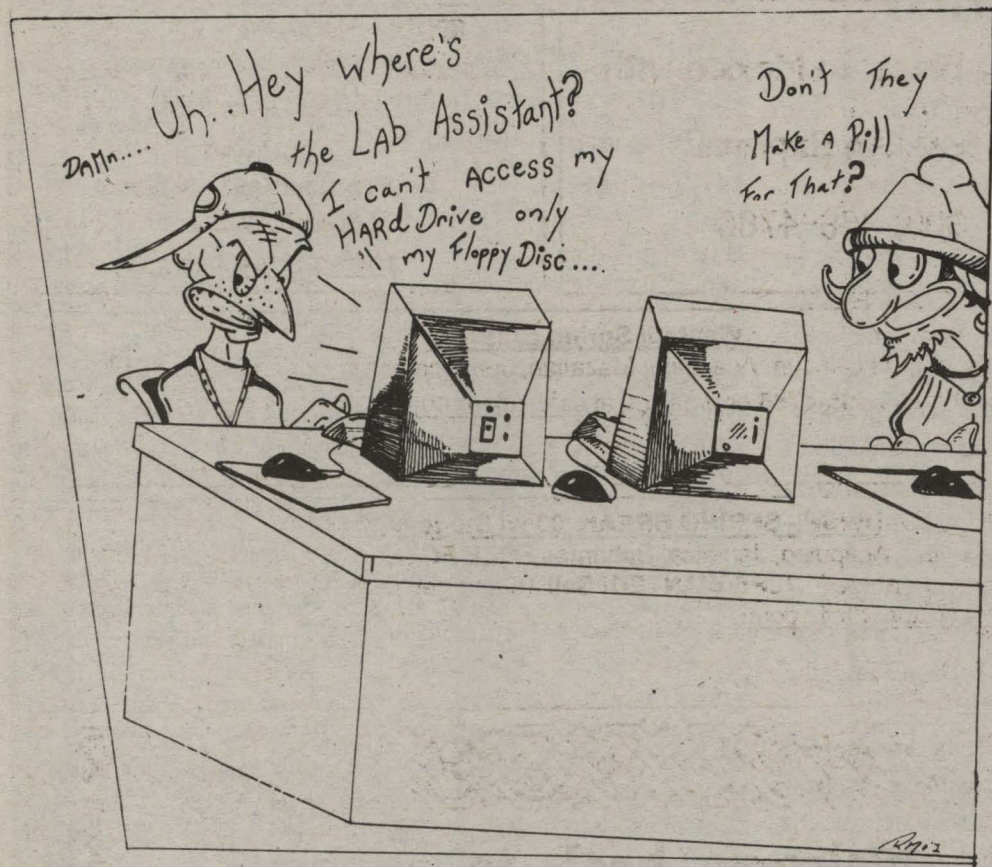
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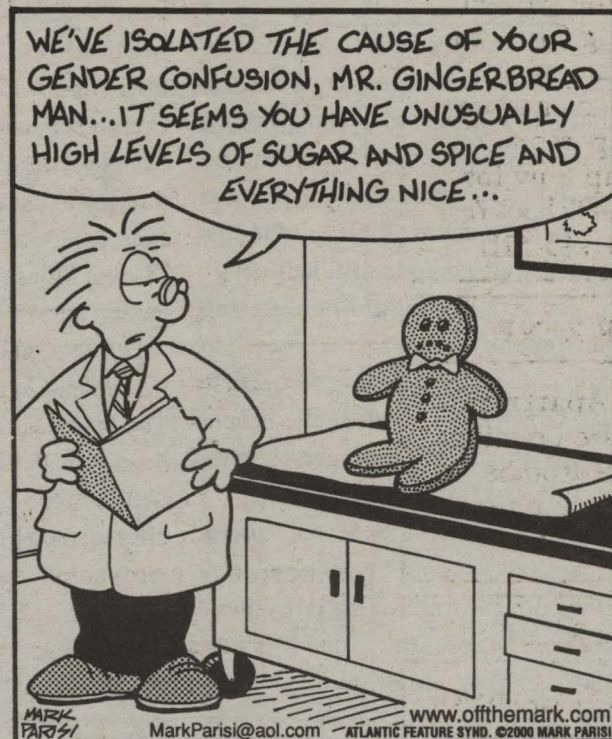
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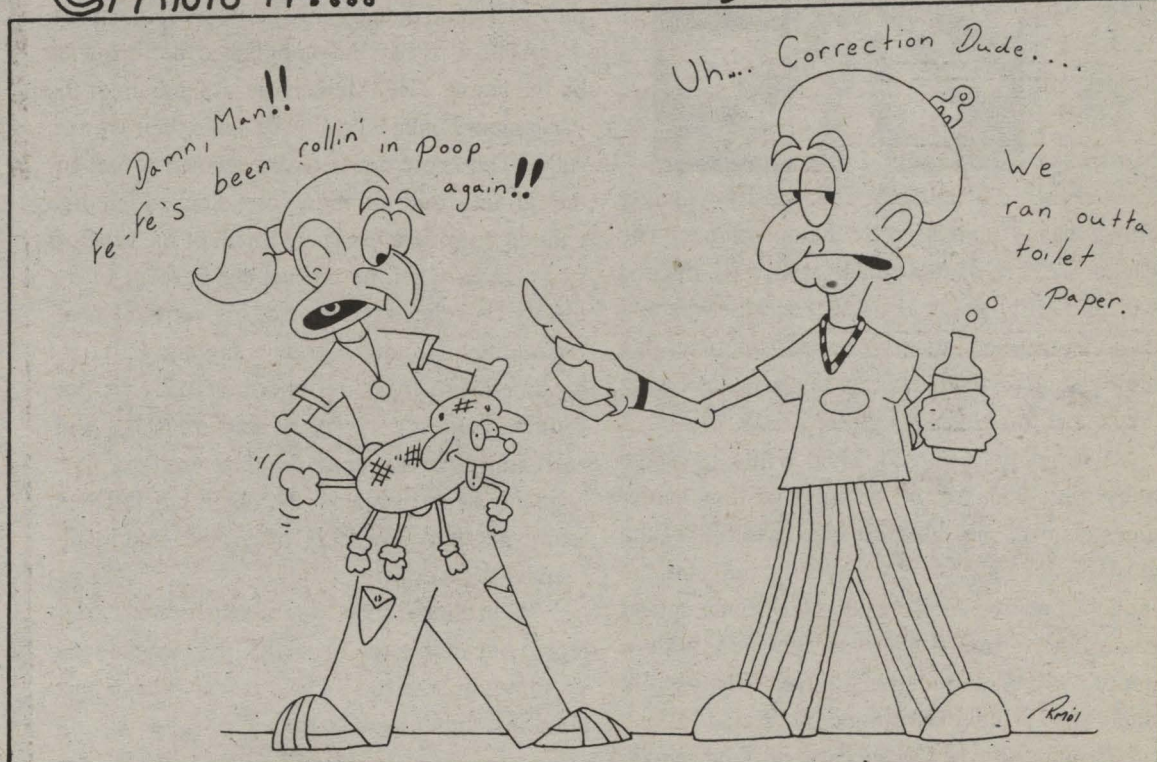
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