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## Chancellor Thomas George leaves UWSP

University of Missouri President Elson S. Floyd informed the University of Missouri System Board of Curators on July 25 of his intention to appoint Thomas F. George chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. George currently serves as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

News media and members of the UM-St. Louis campus community met the new Chancellor at 10 on July 28, on the St. Louis Campus.

George, 56, is expected to assume his new duties on September 1. He succeed Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill, who retired December 31, 2002, and Interim Chancellor Donald H. Driemeier.

As chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, George would oversee all academic and administrative operations of the campus, which had a Fall 2002 enrollment of 16,660 students. He would report directly to President Floyd, who oversees the four-campus UM System.

"The University of Missouri-St. Louis is an outstanding and exciting institution, and it is my privilege to join UMSL and the St. Louis community," said George. "I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, alums, external friends and supporters, Board of Curators, President Floyd, and UM System to move UMSL to even greater levels of excellence in academe and service to St. Louis and the state of Missouri."

Floyd chose George from a list of finalists developed by a 19-member campus search committee composed of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters of UM-St. Louis. The search committee was chaired by Dr. Douglas Smith, Professor and Director of the Center for Business and Industrial Studies.

"I am delighted that Tom George will be joining the University of Missouri family," Floyd said. "His expertise and enthusiasm make him the ideal person to lead a vibrant urban campus like the University of Missouri-

St. Louis."

Known at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as the "students' chancellor," George has been highly engaged with students, faculty, and staff and provides ready accessibility to constituents both on and off campus.

In addition to his role as campus and community leader and fund-raiser, George is a professor of chemistry and physics and an active researcher in the development of theories and mathematical techniques on computers to describe phenomena in chemical/materials/laser physics, with applications to nanotechnology. He maintains active collaborations with scientists around the world and holds the title of visiting professor of physics at Korea University in Seoul.

George's research, including innovations in teaching, has been funded for over thirty years from a wide variety of federal agencies and private founda-

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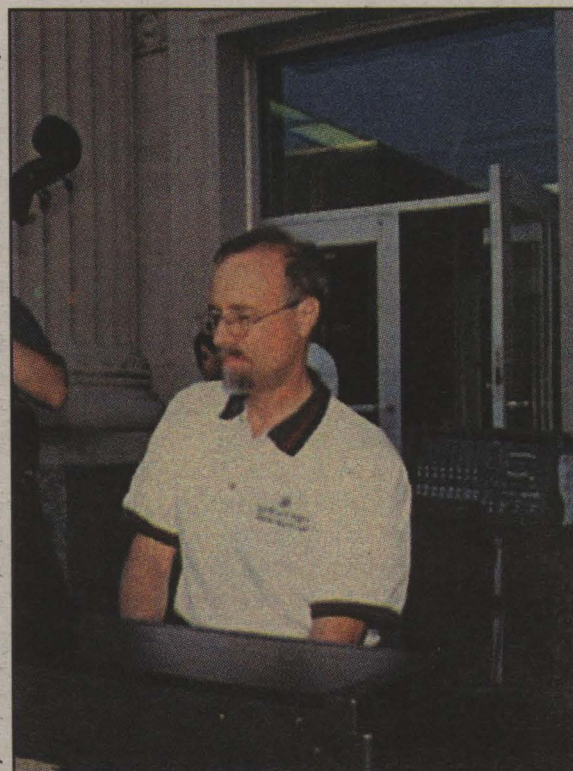


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Here Chancellor George plays the piano. He served as the UWSP Chancellor for seven years.

## UWSP Director of Residential living receives ACUHO award

Robert Mosier, director of residential living at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is this year's recipient of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I) Research and Publication Award.

Mosier was recognized at the organization's annual conference in June in Las Vegas. The award is given annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the body of research and publications related to the housing profession.

ACUHO-I represents housing professionals worldwide, has a membership of more than 5,800 individuals from over 900 college and universities, serving 1.8 million students.

Mosier, came to UWSP in 1971 as an assistant professor of

psychology and has served as director of Residential Living since 1997. He holds a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Ohio State University.

Mosier has published works beginning in 1974, including his annual Profile of the UWSP Freshman Class and articles for the Journal of College and University Student Housing.

Mosier is co-editor of a monograph on management of facilities, author or co-author of four monograph chapters, author or co-author of two book chapters and author of numerous journal and newsletter articles.

In 2001 Mosier was inducted into the National Chapter of Alumni and Friends of NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls) for outstanding contributions to UWSP's resi-



Mosier

## Summer Construction Crowds UC



Photo by Steve Seamandel

Reserve Street, in front of the University Center (shown above) has been the site for construction throughout the Summer. University construction has also revamped some of the parking lots to allow for more parking spots. Lots Q and X have both received a makeover.

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# Life Classes offered for Summer and Fall

Music and theater events, special interest classes, field trips, study groups and peer teaching and learning are some of the benefits of joining Learning Is For Ever (LIFE), a local membership-based association of senior adult learners sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Registration is now open for summer and fall offerings, which begin August 19.

"We live in our minds and the best stimulus is to continue learning," says LIFE president Don Greene of Stevens Point. "As we complete our fourth full semester, 253 members have been busy... learning and listening, testing and tasting, exploring and participating."

The Stevens Point area chapter is one of more than 200 learning in retirement groups across the nation.

Summer and fall courses include "Building a Birch Bark Canoe," "Digital Cameras," "Gardening in Fall," "Introduction to T'ai Chi," "Music in Film," "Portage County Houses: Reincarnations," "Talk, Walk and Picnic at Schmeeckle Reserve."

Other courses offer discussions about classic film and theater, travel pictorials and informational lectures.

Special events for the summer and fall include trips to see Foxfire Gardens in Marshfield, "Pride and Prejudice" staged in Minneapolis and "La Traviata" in Milwaukee, a Victorian Christmas Tea in two local homes, lunches with local officials, a day at Treehaven nature center in Tomahawk and a Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra concert.

A full list of course and spe-

cial event offerings for the summer/fall 2003 are available at [www.uwsp.edu/extension](http://www.uwsp.edu/extension) by clicking on "Browse Our Brochures," then "LIFE Adventures." More offerings will be available during the winter and spring.

To register or for more information, contact UWSP Extension Customer Service at 715-346-3838 or 800-898-9472 or Jennifer Hess at 715-346-2740.

## Two UWSP physicists awarded grant

Greg Taft, associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and UWSP Chancellor Tom George, professor of chemistry and physics, have been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation as part of the U.S.-Hungary Cooperative Research Program. This project is being carried out collaboratively with physicists at the University of Szeged and József Attila University in Hungary.

The amount of the grant is \$13,170, which will enable the U.S. and Hungarian scientists to visit each other in order to carry out collaborative research on ultrafast phase changes in semiconductors. With the use of laser techniques, the scientists will strive to better understand physi-

cal processes occurring in semiconductors at times as short as several femtoseconds, i.e., 10-15 seconds. Such research is important for describing how semiconductors operate in modern electronics and electro-optical applications.

Professor Taft is an expert on short-pulsed lasers and has established a state-of-the-art teaching/research laser laboratory at UWSP. He has published papers on his research in leading physics journals, including Optics Letters.

Chancellor George is an active researcher in chemical, materials and optical/laser physics. His work has led to two co-authored graduate-level textbooks, 14 edited/co-edited books, and 600 journal articles and chapters.

## UWSP foundation discusses future

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Foundation made plans to revise its charter agreements, projected a balanced budget, elected board members, and discussed the search for a new executive director at its spring meeting.

According to Board Chairman John Ross, the charters will be revised to make sure all accounts have a uniform charter format so they can be managed in the best possible way to accomplish the long-term goals of the donors.

Foundation and college development staff plan to personally contact each of the 400 donors who have established endowments.

"Currently, some charters, particularly those on file for many years, are lacking important information," Interim Assistant to the Chancellor for Advancement Bill Meyer said. "We also want to review with each donor the purpose of the original

charter to be sure it is still in keeping with the donor's intentions."

Board member Louis Wysocki of Custer called the planned revisions, "a huge step in the right direction."

Ross reported \$1,705,000 in gifts to the foundation so far this year, an amount that includes \$301,500 for support of the Annual Fund. A balanced operating budget of \$513,000 was projected for next year.

New member Bob Spoerl of Waupaca was named to a three-year term on the board. Spoerl recently served for two years as president of the Alumni Association board. A 1982 graduate of UWSP, he has been president of Premium Brands of Stevens Point since 1991.

Under his leadership from 2001 to 2003, the Alumni Association established several new chapters throughout the state. He has been a member of several boards including the

UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, YMCA, Stevens Point Community Parks and Waupaca Area Parks.

Stevens Point Attorney John Buzza was reelected to a three-year term. Buzza has served for many years as the foundation's corporate counsel. Scott Frazier, professor of physical education, was appointed faculty representative for a one-year term.

Plans are to have a new director in place by fall. That position will report to the chancellor for fundraising activities and to the vice chancellor for student affairs for advancement functions. The directors of the UWSP Foundation, Alumni/University Relations and News Services will comprise UWSP's Advancement Team.

Former Foundation President Bruce Froehle, who resigned in January, was recognized for his service to UWSP and the foundation.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Professor Bob Kase will direct the jazz ensemble playing the swing music of Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, the Dorsey Brothers and Louie "Satchmo" Armstrong. The public is invited to attend the evening of dancing and listening to the music of 30s, 40s and 50s swing.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. They can be purchased at the University Box

Office, University Center Room 103A, on Reserve Street in Stevens Point.

Kase, chair of the UWSP Music Department, is a nationally recognized trumpet soloist, composer and conductor. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the John Radd Memorial Jazz Scholarship for students enrolled in the university's Jazz Studies program.

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## Swing returns to UWSP

The famed Big Band Express will perform for the eleventh consecutive year at Waupaca's Indian Crossing Casino on Friday, August 15, from 7 to 11 p.m.

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## Rock collectors win national honors for slide program

For the fourth time in six years, two area rock collectors have won national honors from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AMFS) for a slide program they developed.

Doug Moore of Stevens Point and Don Kelman of Marshfield won "First Place With Highest Honors" in AFMS' annual program competition for their slide program entitled "Agate Uber Alles (Agate Over All)." They will be honored and receive a prize of \$200 at the society's convention in Cottage Grove, Minn., in August.

Moore is a photography program manager and natural resources instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Kelman is a senior neurosurgeon at Marshfield Clinic.

The slide show, an around-the-world tour of agates and agateers, features agates collected by Moore during a recent stay in Germany as leader of a UWSP study tour. More than 20 people from seven states and four foreign countries contributed advice, specimens, or expertise to the program. It will be copied and distributed to the libraries of

the seven regional federations of the AFMS, made up of about 1,100 mineralogical societies.

Moore and Kelman are both members of the Heart of

Fairburn Agate" (2002), "Agates of the New World" (1999) and "A World of Agates" (1998). Moore also has won first and third places in regional and national

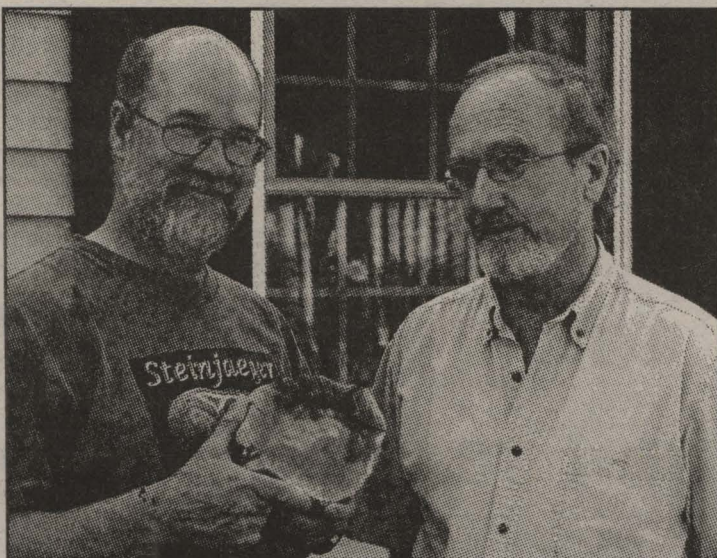


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Moore and Kelman.

Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society of Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids. Moore has been program chair of the group for 20 years and Kelman edits its newsletter.

Moore and Kelman previously won AFMS First Place Awards for their slide programs, "In Search of South Dakota's

competition for articles written for "Rockhound News," a publication of the Heart of Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society.

In addition to the 35mm slide format, the pair plan to offer a digital version of the program on compact disc.

## UWSP students contribute 7,140 hours to community through ACT

Student volunteerism is thriving at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP). Association for Community Tasks (ACT), the student volunteer service-learning program, contributed more than 7,000 hours of service to schools, agencies and organizations in Portage County during the past academic year.

Formed in 1977, ACT included more than 1,400 students volunteering in one or more of five core programs, tutoring, individual volunteering, community group projects, hunger cleanup and campus blood drives.

"Students are an integral part of the overall health and vitality of this community," said ACT adviser Rob Manzke. "Volunteerism and all the positive aspects involved with public and community service augment our student's classroom and campus experiences. This mutually beneficial relationship between the campus and the community is a win-win for everyone involved."

Some ACT highlights of the past academic year include \$800 raised for Operation Bootstrap, Stevens Point Area Tutor Program in which UWSP students tutored in 18 schools in Stevens Point, the Stevens Point Homework Center, the Wisconsin Rapids Study Center and the Rosholt School District

group volunteer projects including Make A Difference Day, Holiday Basket Project, College Days for Kids and March of Dimes WalkAmerica,

and three blood drives, including an additional fall event.

Three new volunteer initiatives are in the works. Adopt-A-Highway through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will give ACT executive board members a volunteer opportunity as a board. A dance marathon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network is scheduled for February 2004. In addition, the UWSP Student Volunteering Booklet is available in electronic format at [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act).

ACT's purpose is to provide opportunities for students to learn through volunteer work in the community. In addition, the organization serves as a liaison between the university and the greater community and its agencies and schools by helping to recruit, place, orient, supervise and evaluate students involved in community programs. Founded with a core group of 56 students, ACT's activities range from College Days for Kids on campus to assisting youths at the Stevens Point First Home. Students manage and oversee the entire program, with a 10-member student executive board overseeing daily operations, volunteer activities and setting organizational goals.

For more information contact Manzke, ACT adviser and assistant student involvement/employment manager, 715-346-2174.

## Energy Fest-goers flock to Custer

By Lindsay Heiser  
FEATURES REPORTER

On the weekend of June 20-22, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) hosted a Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair at the ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer, Wis., just seven miles east of Stevens Point on Highway 10. The MREA is a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting a sustainable future through renewable energy and earth-friendly products, and the association's annual Fair hails as the world's largest event of its kind.

More than 160 exhibits were on display from Friday through Sunday, and at each booth, representatives were available for questions. For home and business owners, there were companies selling wind generators, solar panels and cabinets and furniture from sustainable wood sources. A booth displaying alternative building materials such as corncobs, adobe and straw instead of traditional, more consumptive materials, was a popular attraction.

Environmental advocacy groups such as the Sierra Club and Earth First distributed information regarding their campaigns to save the environment, and fairgoers also had opportunities to subscribe to various environmental publications such as Mother Jones and Mother Earth News magazines. An alternatively fueled vehicle showcase was the highlight of the fair for many; hybrid vehicles that run on substances such as hydrogen or vegetable oil were on display.

Vendors sold everything from organic cotton clothing to natural soap and herbal products to food for fairgoers. Central Waters Brewing Company provided locally-brewed beverage throughout the weekend, and nonstop entertainment on the main stage, which included bands Irene's Garden and Reptile Palace Orchestra, singer Tom Pease, and the Traveling Freak Show provided fun for everyone in attendance.

Keynote speakers Randy Udall of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency in Aspen, Col., and Will William, Vietnam Veteran and peace activist, spoke to the crowd about the benefits of solar energy and about the war in Iraq, among other issues, respectively.

Additionally, over 100 workshops were offered to fairgoers over the course of the weekend, in 14 different tents. Workshop topics included energy conservation, solar powered water pumping, composting toilets, organic gardening, yoga and drumming. Special workshops were available for environmental educators, and workshops specifically for children were also held, which included papermaking, solar racecars, solar-powered LEGOs and ice cream making.

In case you didn't catch the fair this summer, mark your calendar now for the MREA's 2004 fair, to be held June 18-20 at the same location. What better way to spend the summer solstice than by learning about solar energy and many other interesting, earth-friendly topics?

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## UWSP environmental education course offered to other colleges

A "Fundamentals of Environmental Education" online course, developed at UWSP, is being offered to colleges and universities across the nation.

According to UWSP Distinguished Professor Rick Wilke, "Few colleges offer a specific course in environmental education. The United States Environmental Protection Agency supported the development of this course to change that." The UWSP course was designed with the intent to make it available for use by other colleges and universities.

The course has been offered twice through UWSP and once through Murray State University in Kentucky. Revisions were made after each offering. The latest revisions will be completed this summer and the course will then be ready for widespread distribution. Universities from

Montana, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and New Jersey are already interested in offering the course.

The Fundamentals of Environmental Education course strives to provide educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to incorporate quality environmental education into their instruction. Participants discuss the history, definition, and goals of environmental education, develop an understanding of the professional roles and instructional methods of environmental educators.

Approximately 80 educators from 28 states and from as far away as Pakistan and Peru enrolled in the course this past year.

"[It] should be valuable to current teachers, those training to be teachers and those who work with teachers," Wilke said.

Fundamentals of Environmental Education was developed in collaboration with national EE experts, using materials produced by organizations such as the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), World Wildlife Fund, Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET. The course is based on the "Guidelines for the Initial Preparation of Environmental Educators" document produced by NAAEE. There are six units in the course, and each unit corresponds to a theme from the "Guidelines" document.

There are a variety of assignments and readings associated with the course. These include brief writing assignments in conjunction with each unit, group discussion board postings, and a culminating assignment. There are no textbooks or exams.

According to course instructor Susan Toth, "Students do not have to be available for class at a particular time, but we do want them to keep current by completing the weekly work. They can do this when it is most convenient."

Holly Carson, who took the course last fall, says about her experience, "I have found a definite direction for the environmental education I present, and new insights into how I can provide better environmental education. I think that it's wonderful to have such a class available, and as a distance learning course!"

The course will be offered again this fall by UWSP. For more information about the course or enrollment information, please log on to <http://www.eetap.org/-eecourse> or contact Sarah Wilcox at [swilc700@uwsp.edu](mailto:swilc700@uwsp.edu) or (715) 346-4957.

## Area student first recipient of new scholarship

An Auburndale student is the first recipient of a scholarship established by a Wausau bank to benefit students from northern Wisconsin pursuing a degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Mary Robus, an incoming freshman from Auburndale who participated in UWSP's Upward Bound program, has received \$500 to help defray her first semester's tuition at UWSP. Associated Bank of Wausau established the account under the leadership of Regional President John P. Evans.

"We appreciate the generosity of Associated Bank of Wausau and President John Evans," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson. "This gift will support deserving students, such as Mary Robus, as they pursue degree programs at UWSP."

The scholarship fund is coordinated by Upward Bound, a federally funded program at UWSP serving about 80 disadvantaged high school students from central and northern Wisconsin. The year-round program is designed to improve the students' academic and decision-making skills while preparing them to obtain a post secondary education.

The Associated Bank gift will continue to assist graduates of the program who enroll at UWSP.

## Ladies, step outside for a final summer fling

The Wisconsin Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program will offer its final workshop for the year at Treehaven Field Station in Tomahawk on August 22-24.

Women are invited to attend this relaxing, learn-by-doing outdoor skills program, which offers nearly 20 different hands-on classes including, fly fishing, canoeing, archery, survival, panfishing, rifle and shotgun shooting, outdoor cooking and more, all in Treehaven's northwoods setting.

"Outdoor recreation is becoming more popular among women as they look for fun ways to get exercise and relieve stress," says Peggy Farrell, BOW assistant director. "Many women today are disconnecting from the 'wired' world and heading outside to connect with nature. The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program provides a welcoming path to that connection."

"BOW provides a safe learning environment where participants can try new activities, improve their skills, and get outdoors more as a result," she said.

Programs like BOW give the opportunity to learn in the company of other women, providing an atmosphere of camaraderie rather than competition, added Farrell. Research shows adult women prefer this supportive approach that allows them to set personal goals and progress at their own pace.

"It is an amazing thing to see a group of 100

women from all walks of life, ages 18 to 80- something, gather together, cheer each other on, and make new friends," she said. Although some women sign up to attend the program with friends or family, many come on their own and feel immediately welcome. Nydia Kien of Milwaukee was one of those women.

"It was a little scary going alone to the workshop," says Kien who first attended BOW in 1999. "But the security and comfort of the BOW structure has given me new experiences, new interests and friendships, and created a lifelong passion for being on the water." Kien has since honed her skills in canoeing and kayaking and has gone on to become an instructor with BOW.

This workshop, offered annually at the end of summer, gives participants a chance to step outside for summer fun before the season's green starts to fade. No experience is necessary to participate.

Registration fee for 2-nights lodging, food, instruction, equipment use, and entertainment is \$240 per person. Register soon, as space is limited. For more information, contact Peggy Farrell, (715) 346-4681, or email [peggy.farrell@uwsp.edu](mailto:peggy.farrell@uwsp.edu). Visit the BOW web site at [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome/index.htm), or call toll-free, (877) BOWOMAN (877-269-6626).

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# Former Pointer named new baseball coach

Pat Bloom, a former pitcher and assistant coach at UW-Stevens Point, has been named the school's head baseball coach.

Bloom, a 2001 graduate of UW-Stevens Point, takes over for Brian Nelson, who accepted the head coaching position at Rockford College. Bloom has a psychology degree from UW-Stevens Point and recently completed a Master's Degree in Sports Sciences at Miami University (Ohio).

A Tomah native, Bloom played two seasons at Carthage College before completing his final two seasons at UW-Stevens Point. A relief pitcher, he was a member of two conference championship teams at Carthage and one Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title team at UW-Stevens Point. Bloom also played on Carthage's 1997 Division III World Series team that defeated UW-Stevens Point in the second round.

Following his playing career, Bloom spent one season under Nelson as the Pointers' pitching

coach as UW-Stevens Point won the WIAC tournament and advanced to the Division III tournament.

He spent the past year as a graduate assistant in the Miami athletic department, working closely with the CHAMPS/Life Skills program and teaching two classes designed for freshman student-athletes. Bloom was also in charge of community service and leadership programming for Miami athletics.

"I'm very excited to be back in Point and closer to family and friends," Bloom said. "To come home and take care of a program that has flourished recently is a great honor. I hope to carry on what Brian has done and instill a few new things, to take the program to the top."

UW-Stevens Point has one of the nation's winningest Division III programs over the past seven years with a 212-82-1 record (.720 winning pct.), including three WIAC titles and five NCAA tournament appearances.

"Pat is out of the same mold as our previous two coaches," said UW-Stevens Point Athletic Director Frank O'Brien, noting that both Nelson and Scott Pritchard were former Pointer players and assistant coaches before taking the head coaching position. "He has tremendous enthusiasm and knows the effort it takes to continue the success we've had here in recent years."

"It's always been a dream of mine to have my own program," Bloom said. "I have a tremendous passion for coaching, baseball, and working with people."

Nelson leaves UW-Stevens Point ranked second on the school's all-time wins list with a 121-49-1 record in just four seasons. He is the third UW-Stevens Point staff member to take a Division III head coaching job in the past five months. Football assistant Jeff Judge landed the head job at Anderson (Ind.) in February and men's basketball assistant Ken Koelbl was hired at UW-La Crosse in May.

## Semling returns to Pointer mens basketball

Eight years after leaving the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Bob Semling returns to the Pointer men's basketball staff as the team's Associate Coach and Director of Basketball Operations.

Semling was in the same position at UW-Stevens Point from 1988-95 before a seven-year stint as an assistant coach at UW-Green Bay. Last season, he was the Director of Basketball Operations at the University of New Mexico. Semling replaces Ken Koelbl, who was named the head coach at UW-La Crosse. Koelbl replaced Semling at UW-Stevens Point eight years ago.

A Merrill native, Semling also has a history with Pointers' head coach Jack Bennett, serving as Bennett's assistant for two seasons at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, including the Red Raiders' 23-1 squad in 1982-83.

"It came down to my special relationship with Jack and a chance to come back to Wisconsin," Semling said of his decision to leave New Mexico and return to UW-Stevens Point. "I believe in the purity of Division III basketball and I knew firsthand that the Stevens Point staff is a great family. My entire family is in Wisconsin and especially the Central Wisconsin area."

During Semling's tenure at UW-Stevens Point, the Pointers won two conference championships and made two NAIA national tournament appearances. Semling also was an assistant coach for two years at UW-Eau Claire and one season at Park Falls High School. He

was the head coach for three seasons from 1985-88 at Wausau West High School.

"We had some outstanding applicants and inquiries into this job," Bennett said. "But Bob brings the kind of experience you just don't match. He's coached at every level and he's very competent. He'll fill all the needs this job has."

In fact, the two first worked together after Semling's sophomore year of high school when he was a camp counselor at a Milwaukee Bucks camp that Bennett was working while the head coach at Marinette High School.

"We've stayed very close for a long time," Bennett said. "I'm so happy to have someone coming in that I not only have a professional respect for, but that I personally feel close to as well."

"When Jack called and told me about the position, I got very excited about coming back to the state that I've spent my entire life," Semling said. "Jack was one of the guys who really inspired me to get into this profession. He has been a real mentor to me."

Semling will be directly in charge of the team's administrative duties, including the program's summer camps.

In seven years under Bennett, the Pointers have won four straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crowns, earned three NCAA tournament bids and made two trips to the "Elite Eight." The Pointers are 88-22 over the past four years and were 24-4 last season.

## UWSP 16th in NACDA director's cup standings

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point had another impressive finish in the NCAA Division III Director's Cup standings, placing 16th among 424 Division III schools to rank in the top 20 for the seventh straight year. The standings, which measure the top overall athletic program in Division III, are sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. Sears had sponsored the standings for the previous seven years.

Points are awarded based on finishes in NCAA tournament competition. UW-Stevens Point qualified for NCAA tournaments in 10 of its 20 sports with wrestling

posting the highest finish at third place. Men's indoor track and field placed seventh and men's cross country was 11th. Men's basketball and women's soccer were the only team sports to qualify for the postseason.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference had three of the top 16 finishers as UW-Oshkosh was eighth with 561.5 points and UW-La Crosse was 10th with 512.5 points. UW-Stevens Point totaled 478.5 points.

Williams (Mass.) easily won its fifth straight overall title with 1,158.25 points. Emory (Ga.) was second with 779 points

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## 2003 POINTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### DATE OPPONENT LOCATION TIME/SCORE

Sept. 6 Augustana College Rock Island, Ill. 1:00 PM  
Sept. 13 Tri-State University Fort Wayne, Ind. 12:30 PM  
Sept. 27 Butler (Spud Bowl) HOME 1:00 PM  
Oct. 4 UW-La Crosse La Crosse 1:00 PM  
Oct. 11 UW-Stout (Homecoming) HOME 1:00 PM  
Oct. 18 UW-Eau Claire HOME 1:00 PM  
Oct. 25 UW-Oshkosh Oshkosh 1:00 PM  
Nov. 1 UW-Whitewater (Parents' Day) HOME 1:00 PM

## 2003 UWSP SOCCER SCHEDULE

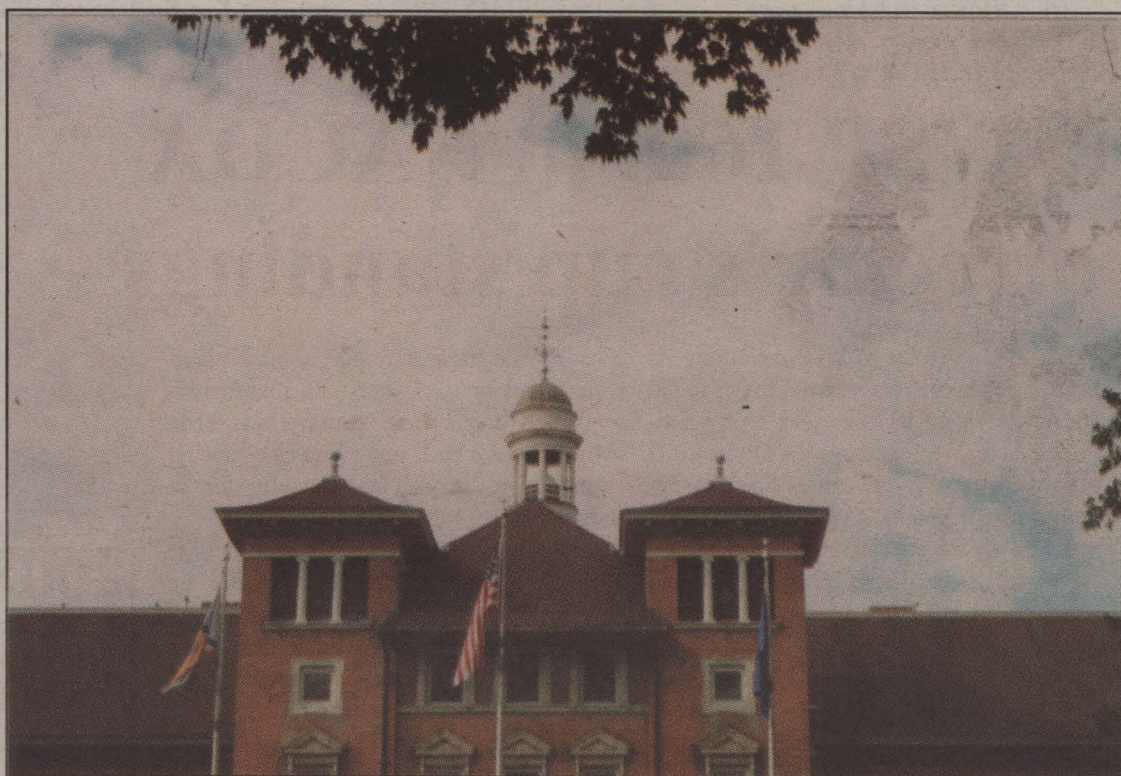
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Aug. 31 Sunday Lawrence University HOME 2:00 PM  
Sep. 4 Thursday Carleton College HOME 4:00 PM  
Sep. 10 Wednesday Wheaton College Wheaton, IL 4:30 PM  
Sep. 12 Friday UW-Platteville Platteville 4:00 PM  
Sep. 14 Sunday Macalester College HOME 4:00 PM  
Sep. 20 Saturday UW-River Falls HOME 2:00 PM  
Sep. 24 Wednesday UW-Eau Claire HOME 4:00 PM  
Sep. 27 Saturday University of Chicago Chicago, IL 3:00 PM  
Sep. 30 Tuesday UW-Stout Menomonie 7:00 PM  
Oct. 4 Saturday William Penn University Sioux City, IA 1:00 PM  
Oct. 5 Sunday Morningside College Sioux City, IA 1:00 PM  
Oct. 8 Wednesday UW-Oshkosh Oshkosh 4:00 PM  
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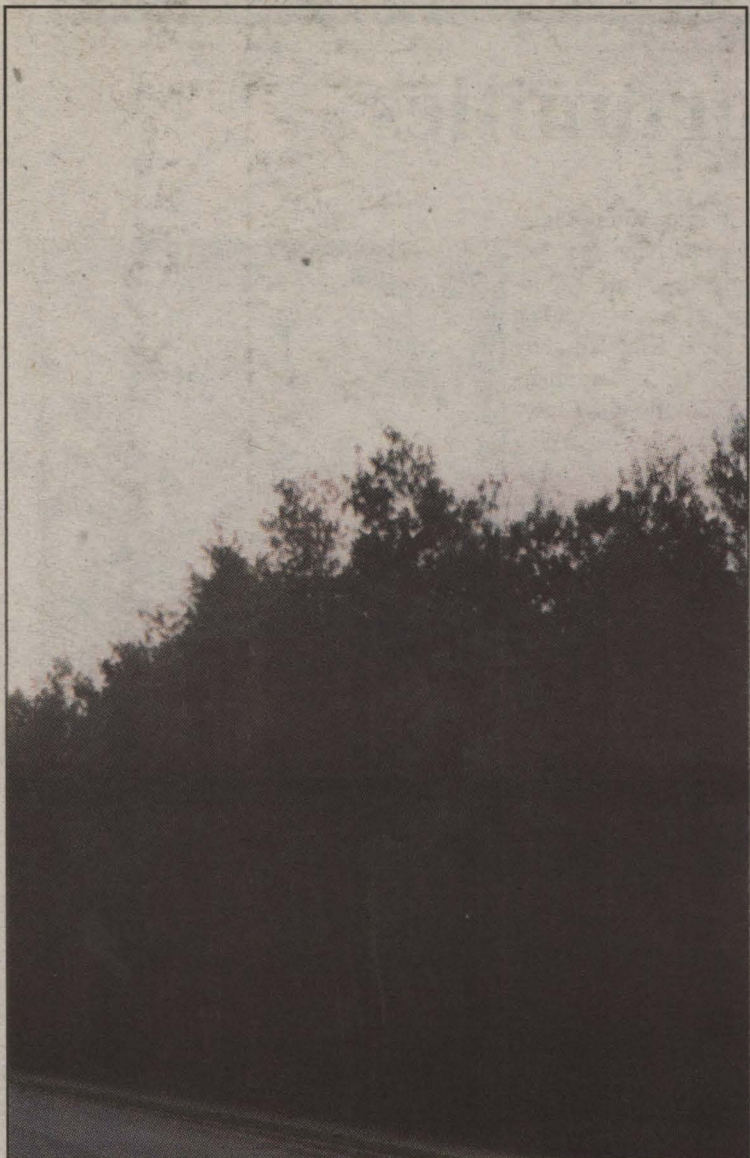




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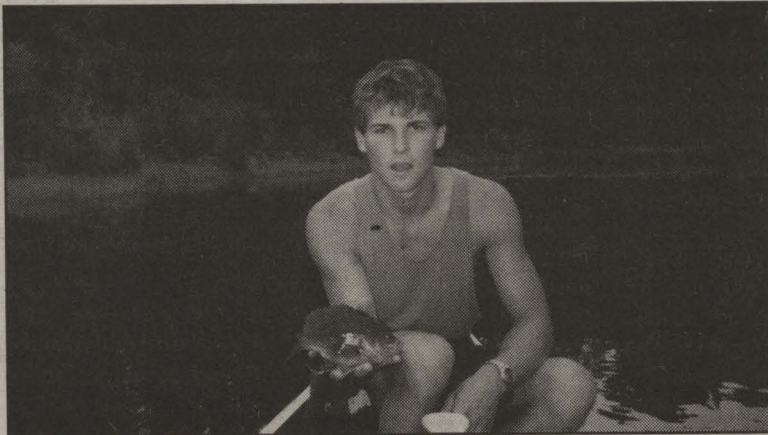
# A plethora of panfishing opportunities

The answer for sluggish summer walleye fishing

Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Once the hot weather sets in around the Wisconsin River Valley, traditionally popular walleye fishing starts to set into a summer slump. The weakened prospect of landing a keeper walleye during these hottest months leads many to go back to the basics of simple panfishing to fill the summertime void. Not surprisingly, the great fishing opportunities of Portage County seem to rise to the occasion when called upon for frisky bluegills and crappie in place of the sluggish 'eye.

The best place to find abundant numbers of adult bluegill and crappie is most certainly the river and its connected tributaries, backwaters, and sloughs. Time and time again, the Wisconsin is the answer to an angler's plea. Flats, stump fields,



Check out that monster bluegill.

Photo by Author

and slack water are a good spot to look. Bait shops are usually a good help to point you in the right direction. While the river is the most obvious answer, the region offers a large selection of excellent inland lakes that are literally teeming with big panfish.

Tactics for panfish are as varied as methods for worshipping the gods. I try to concen-

trate on simplicity. Hell, if a cane-pole, hook, and worm are all that is needed, then by all means, stick to it. All too often, anglers try to go over the top while panfishing by gumming up the works with fancy rigs and unnecessarily expensive equipment. Remember, crappies and bluegills are relatively stupid fish. You don't need a P.H.D. to butter a biscuit.

While some claim that panfishing does not supply the same excitement as large gamefish do, these fish definitely provide a fun summertime activity and a tasty dinner from the frying pan. Sometimes catching a big bluegill on super-light tackle can provide an equal thrill, and taste, that is found in spring walleye fishing. Even a small stringer of big crappies can easily feed a group. A simple beer batter mix and a compliment of buttered potatoes and asparagus has the makings of a gourmet dinner. So when summer's heat has got you down, go to town, on the plentiful population of eager panfish.



Dinner for the whole

Photo by Nick Winters

## Kick back and relax tonight

Mars and aurora borealis highlight night sky

Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Universe dwarfs us all. The stunning magnitude of the heavens can only be understood by looking out into the night sky and simply imagining the possibilities. Every year that passes brings new and exciting discoveries to the study of this vast question of astronomy, space, and time. I've looked into the technical aspects of stargazing and the other galactic arts, and since decided that these interesting subjects actually fall into the 'Outdoors' category of collegiate journalism. Therefore, I bring you a sneak peak of August's most anticipated space moments.

The hands-down highlight of the astronomical year, and August in particular, is the tempting tango between earth and mars lined up for the 27<sup>th</sup>. That's right folks, that filthy red orb we call neighbor is threatening our backyard once again as the two planets are on a crash-course to their closest approach in recent history. Unless anyone reading this plans on living to be thousands of years old (vampires and zombies don't count), or piloting the first manned mission to mars, it will be the closest you will ever be to the red planet in your whole life.

The next time mars may ever

again dare to threaten mother earth like this will be sometime in the 2300's, and that is only if Jupiter's gravity is cooperating. Astronomers believe that the last time this happened was well over

will probably pass by us somewhere near 34,649,589 miles, give or take a few, depending on traffic.

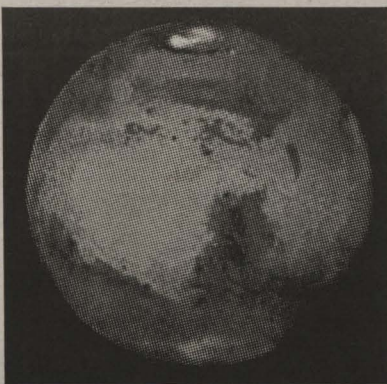
The nerve! On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the red planet will be the



Super-intense Aurora Borealis lighting up the night sky.

Photo by S. McGreevy

5,000 years ago, and possibly as long as 60,000 years ago.



The fiesty red-devil Mars; too close for comfort.

Submitted by author

Consider yourselves lucky readers.

How close does that horrible jerk of a planet plan on coming to our beautiful blue realm? It may make you puke to hear it, but mars has stated publicly that it

second brightest object in the sky next to our faithful moon. So feel free to gaze, or rather, for those earth-loving hobby-astronomer vigilantes, fire weapons in the general direction of that evil planetismal. I won't tell.

If that doesn't fully excite your nighttime appetite, perhaps you would enjoy watching the wonderful Aurora Borealis, otherwise known as the northern lights. These fantastic nighttime performers appear over Stevens Point all year long, however, the months of August and September are often the most spectacular viewing months. Several websites offer detailed information on current solar wind readings, making predictions for Aurora activity more accurate and reliable. Combine that with clear summer skies and you've got another great activity to enjoy out of doors.

## Don't let seamonsters spoil your summer vacation this year

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OUTDOORS EDITOR

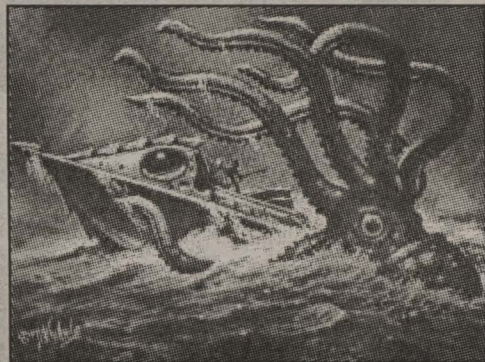
Everyone knows about sea-monsters. Scaly, evil, multi-appendaged behemoths of the ocean deep, that are forever attempting to capture and eat sea-vessels and sailors. They appear on olden time maps and in stories told by one-legged Vikings. Truly scary stuff.

Soon we invented GPS and torpedoes, however, and the seas were once again safe for travel and exploration. We still have sea-monsters like the Loch Ness Monster and the eerie giant squid though, which are purely mysterious and lacking in evil. Sea-monsters nowadays are simply a farfetched dream, near the realm of impossibility, yet there are some who still believe.

We all have sea-monsters in life. Me. I have heaps of sea-monsters in my summer schedule. Lots of free time somehow equals lots of sea-monsters to chase, mathematically and philosophically. Catching a tame falcon, learning to whistle, building a bar in the kitchen, and writing my book have all been especially elusive sea-monsters for me this summer. I'm down to only one month and I have barely organized a formidable search party for any one of these lost beasts.

The last weeks of summer vacation are usually filled with regret, at the lessening chance that these personal sea-monsters will ever be found before the rigors of fall semester descend. Like fluent German, daily work-outs, and the homemade wine distillery before it, the trained hunting falcon dream will probably stay a pleasant summer thought.

I can't go and let these shortcomings, laziness, and broken dreams get me down though. This summer has already been filled with plenty of flat earths, Northwest passages, and tooth fairies. Hey, at least I went camping a few times, tried sushi, and caught a snapping turtle larger than my own thorax. Set sail and a steady course comrades, I've fixed a strong harpoon.





## Portage County's Best Beaches

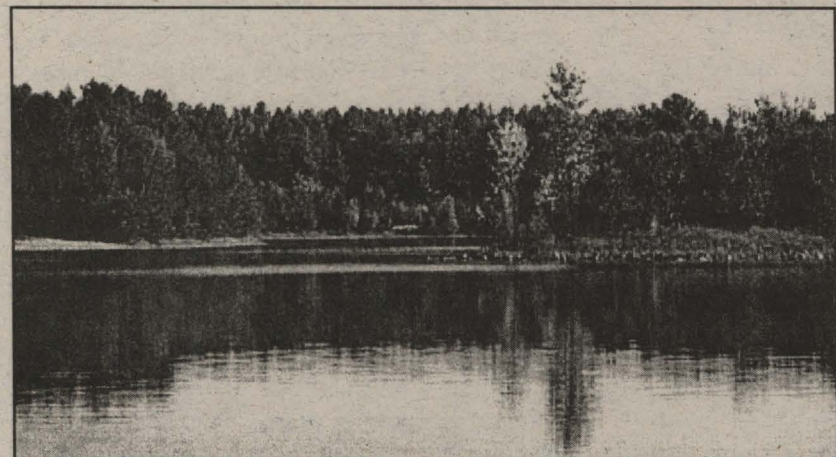
### Summertime's Hottest Hangouts

**Adam M.T.H. Mella**  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A favorite activity for summer outdoors fun is a trip to the beach. Perchance it is the delight of a cool dip in the water, or maybe it is the rad beach games like volleyball and Frisbee that

the best ways to pass a hot summer day.

Portage County may not seem like a place that reeks of world-class beach destinations. With the Wisconsin River as our main watershed, it is easy to



*The Finest Beach in Portage County, nestled on the beautiful Lake Joanis*

Photo submitted by author

summon people to the sandy netherworld. Some claim the view of scantily clad Central Wisconsin sex symbols is the reason for this profound attraction. Still others insist that the chance meeting of burning nuclear sun and pasty winter skin is the obvious answer. Whatever the case, Wisconsinites agree that a visit to the local watering hole is one of

make such a fool-hearted observation. However, what at first may seem like a barren wasteland of horribly flat prairie-land, is in fact a secret harbor for exotic sand beaches and mysterious coves of wonder. As proof, I have compiled a comprehensive list of such glamorous realms for The Pointer Summer Issue that is sure to sizzle and please.

#### Most Obvious Beach

Many folks that visit Point for the first time immediately assume that the only place to swim is in the muddy Wisconsin River. The city parks do offer two beaches on the mighty Wisconsin, with one at Mead Park and one at Bukolt Park. These two are really one in the same. Crowded with young river-pissers, brown water, seaweed, and undesirable views of the opposite bank. On a high note, they easily have the hottest teenage lifeguards in the city... Oh yeah.

#### Sexiest Beach

If sexy adults, sexy sand, and sexy water are what you are looking for, look no further than the enchanting county park on the beautiful Lake Emily. Located just ten easy minutes east of town on Highway 10, Lake Emily radiates sexiness like no other beach in Portage County. Glowing white sand and crystal blue freshwater makes this beach the one that everyone is talking about. A large floating raft and large overall size makes this secret cove the most popular and sexy beach on

our exclusive list. It is rumored that Cher once graced this secluded seashore.

#### Portage County's Finest Beach

While the other beach destinations on this list are all fine

**"Some claim the view of scantily clad Central Wisconsin sex symbols is the reason for this profound attraction."**

#### Best Beach to Get Cancer

Collins Lake Beach. The bold letters say it all. While this beach also has a raft, the water is so polluted from a freak mercury spill in the 60's that it is dangerous. Avoid this beach unless cancer and danger is your sort of thing.

#### Best Picnic Beach

For a good day trip to the waterfront, Sunset Beach on the beautiful Sunset Lake is one picnic basket and a thirty pack of Red Dog short of perfection. The park in general is very nice, secluded, and well maintained. Bring your friends, beach games, and other necessary supplies to make this beach a full days worth of tax-free fun. Bonus points are awarded for Speedos and creativity. And finally...

choices, I have yet to find a beach in this fine region that can match the backyard gem of UWSP's own Lake Joanis. Located just a mile north of campus in the famed Schmeckle Reserve, Lake Joanis' North and South Beaches cannot be beaten, as this man-made pond serves up two perfect beaches on one small lake. You didn't hear it from me though, as the University implemented a "no swimming" policy in the 80's. Since this rule is far from enforced, it has secretly become one of the most exotic and lesser-known beaches in the area. The water is warm, the sand is soft, and the beach is almost always private, so clothing may be optional. This dynamite formula combined with the backyard atmosphere rate this beach as the most alluring swimming hole in all of Portage County.

## Five ways to make your summer 'berry' fun

### A beginners guide to finding Wisconsin's delicious wild berries

**Adam M.T.H. Mella**  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A major part of outdoors enjoyment comes from reaping the plentiful bounty that nature provides us. Be it fresh fish, a sleek piece of driftwood, or a perfect memory, the things we take from nature make it fun and keep us wanting a return. Summertime in Wisconsin is filled with these sorts of opportunities. One of the most enjoyable and trouble-free summer activities is wild berry picking.

Take a note from the animal kingdom and wise up. Bear, deer,

and rabbits alike often name Wisconsin's delicious wild berry forage as their meal of choice come the months of humidity. Humans too, are catching on to this excellent summer pastime. Famous for cranberries and cherries, Wisconsin also holds great habitat for blackberries, blueberries, huckleberries, strawberries, and raspberries. The only hard part about filling up your freezer with enough berries to last all year, is gaining the motivation and time to go out and find these bountiful wild gems.

Central Wisconsin is home to all of these wild berries. Knowing where to look is the most important step to locating good patches of wild fruit. Open fields, railroad grades, waysides, and public hiking trails are all great places to start searching for berries. Portage County has lots of public land. County plat books can be found at the public library, which will help you to locate suitable areas to go berry



Raspberries

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hunting.

The first wild berry to bloom is the wild strawberry. This is also the hardest wild berry to find, especially in large quantities. The strawberry begins to appear in June, with most of the best picking done during that month. However, it is possible to find this fruit all summer long with luck and cooler weather.

July is berry-prime-time in Wisconsin. The blueberries, huckleberries, and raspberries all peak during the beginning of July's super-hot weather. These berries almost always grow in large patches making them ideal for group picking. People often confuse blue and huckleberries, because of their similar design.

Huckleberries are a darker blue or even purple when ripe compared to the paler blueberry. Raspberries, on the other hand, are easy to spot, but hard to resist.

Late August and early September is the best time to find blackberries. This plant and fruit is larger than the other berry bushes, making them easy targets for a keen eye.

Little equipment is needed for berry collecting. A good size bucket along with a pair of gardening gloves usually does the trick. Early morning is the best time to pick berries, as they are the largest and juiciest at this time of day. Also, the bugs are less of a nuisance before the sun cooks the air, making for a more enjoyable experience.

Harvested berries can be consumed on the spot, or frozen for later use. Pies, jams, and straight up raw, are the best ways to use this great natural resource. Next time you have a few spare hours, go ahead and try hunting

for Wisconsin's wild berries. Coming home with a bucketful, or even just a handful, is a rewarding adventure in itself.



Blueberries

Submitted by Author



Blackberries

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## Summer reading 101

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

One of my summer goals was to relax by doing a ton of reading. Amazingly, there are other books to read this summer beside Harry Potter V. Here are a few that have now been crossed off my summer list.

**Harry Potter IV: The Goblet of Fire** by J.K. Rowling. OK, so I had to read the fourth installment before the fifth. The fourth of seven Potter tales is perhaps my favorite yet; it's significantly longer, tallying at over 750 pages, although it's an easy read and flows quite well for a children's book.



The series gets darker as Potter gets older, and the fourth follows suit. More plot twists, surprise characters and even a death plagues the fourth book, and I hear the fifth is even darker.

Rowling was smart to not follow her cookie-cutter pattern of year after year as well; *Goblet of Fire* features a few "special" changes that are welcome after adapting to the first three years, although I did miss the Quidditch rivalries. I flew through this in about two weeks.

**Cat's Cradle** by Kurt Vonnegut. I had never read a Vonnegut book and after years of hearing "You've got to read something of his," I caved. *Cat's Cradle* came heavily recommended and proved to be quite enjoyable.

The book almost contains a short story feel to it as most of the 140+ chapters are only one or two pages in length. The quirky writing of Vonnegut may be difficult or boring to follow for some, but if you can get into his style, you'll be halfway through the book before you put it down for the first time.

*Cat's Cradle* is definitely a necessity for anyone's list who hasn't read it yet and I'm glad to have crossed it off my list, even though my list is now a few items longer because I'd like to read more Vonnegut.

**The Art of Happiness** by Howard C. Cutler and His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. I'm not a Buddhist, but this book really opened my eyes toward a lot of Buddhist teachings, practices and methods for relaxation, patience and healthy living. The majority of this book is an interview between Cutler, a psychologist, and The Dalai Lama over the course of a few years. At times, the dialogue is dry and difficult to follow, but as you may think, there are some great analogies, stories and lessons offered by The Dalai Lama throughout.

I was actually disappointed with the editing and syntax of the book; I found a few typos and improper grammar which made the book feel a little rushed and non-professional. However, the message is still strong and clear, if you seek it. The Dalai Lama offers advice about how to cope with people who annoy you, the importance of compassion and selflessness toward others and has made this summer a little more enlightening for me.

**Philosophy and The Simpsons: The D'oh of Homer.** This book is a collection of essays based on philosophical stances and compared with scenes and trends from throughout the years of the show. It's a little more difficult to read this like a normal book; one essay per day, or week, works well.

Essays range from pure entertainment to serious, mind-boggling stuff, so it's best to plan ahead when picking a chapter. It also features an essay written by UWSP's very own English prof, David Arnold.

## Animated titans collide

While *The Simpsons* set a high standard years ago, late-90's step-child *The Family Guy* borrows and enhances what *The Simpsons* did best. Both of the shows' third seasons become available on DVD this fall: which should you buy first?

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

In the next month, *The Simpsons* and *The Family Guy* will both release their respective third seasons on DVD. For *The Simpsons*, the third season marks the beginning of their "Golden Era," whereas the third season of *The Family Guy* is its unfortunate last.

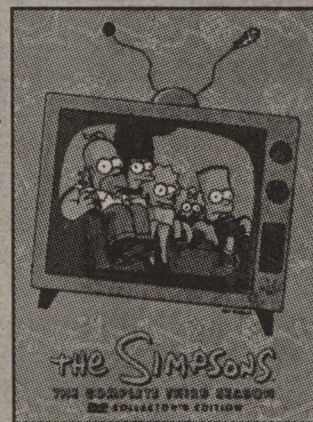
### The Simpsons

*The Simpsons*' third season is undoubtedly the beginning of their stronger seasons. While still holding a serious and entertaining plot, each episode gains a little bit of edgier adult, religious and political humor.

For those who found the first and second season DVDs a tad on the dry side, the third season should, for the most part, fill in the baby's head soft spots with jolts of intellectual and sophisticated laughs.

The third season, first aired in 1991, contains 24 episodes. Many of them are among fan's all-time classics; Flanders opens "The Leftorium," Bart is accused of murdering Principal Skinner and heading the Springfield Mafia, Krusty is reunited with his father (voice done by Jackie Gleason), Flaming Moe's, Lisa making Homer's NFL gambling picks, Homer on the Nuclear Plant's baseball team (featuring eight MLB cameo voices), a Sideshow Bob encounter, a Homer-marries-Marge flashback episode, Treehouse of Horrors II and also a reunion with Herb, Homer's long lost brother.

Expect to see many early versions of now-popular characters like Professor Frink, Otto, a dumb Chief Wiggum, Moe, Dr. Nick Riviera, Fat Tony and Troy McClure/Lionel Hutz, in addition to Mr. Smithers, who finally finds a permanent skin color and appearance this year. Other than Gleason, the biggest cameo voice is the season premiere with "John Jay Smith" (Michael Jackson).



### The Family Guy

Where *The Simpsons* stops short of the line, *The Family Guy* picks up. And goes with it. For a long, long, long long time.

It's amazing how far *The Family Guy* extends some of its jokes. Often, they'll cut a joke off at the punchline, leaving it to your imagination, and then not only say the usually graphic or obscene punchline, but extenuate it further to drop your jaw another inch.

It's without a doubt that *The Family Guy* borrowed as many styles from *The Simpsons* as Krusty stole bits from Steve Martin. In many ways, *The Family Guy* took what made *The Simpsons* what it is, perfected the science to the joke's delivery, and based an entire show off of it.

For example, a major feature of *The Family Guy* is referring to an event from the past and then showing it happen in a hilarious flashback, ranging from a few seconds in length to at times nearly a minute. Some of the flashbacks are from things that various family members have done to



spoofs on old popular TV shows. On the first volume of *The Family Guy* DVDs, TV shows that have been touched include *Sesame Street*, *Scooby Doo*, *The Andy Griffith Show* and *The Jeffersons*, and often mix two elements for shock value. For example, one scene

showcases an alcoholic private investigator Bert sleeping with Ernie and getting called down to Hooper's Store to check out a homicide.

*The Family Guy* blends many other trends from *The Simpsons*, ranging from family structure (a pet, baby, son, daughter, mom and dad) to character behavior, as Peter often acts stupidly a la Homer. However, extreme tweaked differences include a talking, alcoholic too-good-to-do-tricks dog named Brian and an extremely intellectual one-year-old baby who speaks with an 18th century English dialect and vows revenge on his mother who kept him entrapped in the womb for nine long months.

### So, what the deuce?

If your pocketbook is suffering and you have the unfortunate task of choosing between *The Simpsons* and *The Family Guy* DVDs, you can't go wrong with either if you appreciate the style of each show. However, since I've got to pick one to prove a point, I'll say to pick up *The Simpsons*. Then, after your next paycheck, get *The Family Guy*.



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## DVD Review: Spun

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Take a few current stars, a lot of makeup and a five-day meth binge, and you've got *Spun*: a whacked-out trip from buyer to dealer to "the cook" which showcases the negative impact that comes with not only methamphetamine, but any type of addictive substance.

The main characters, played by Brittany Murphy, John Leguizamo, Jason Schwartzman, Mena Suvari (of *American Pie* and *American Beauty* fame) and Mickey Rourke are all heavily addicted to methamphetamine. The film follows the characters around north Los Angeles as a lab blows up, addicts fiend while waiting for shipments and a denial-filled addict attempts to revive a hopelessly flickering flame with an ex-girlfriend.

The film's message is unde-

nably strong and predictably comparable to *Requiem for a Dream*, minus an over-the-edge intense climax.

However, the film isn't an entire parody of *Requiem*. The conclusion, while lacking the



absolute knock-out punch that comes with *Requiem*, is just as fitting and leaves the viewers much to ponder about the future of some of the characters.

There are actually a few

comical pokes throughout the film, although your lasting impression won't classify the movie as remotely funny.

Director Jonas Ackerland's intent is not to show the harmful consequences of drugs, even though that obviously comes across multiple times throughout. One of his definite intents, however, is to show that anyone can become addicted to something.

These characters have been intensified to more easily prove the point, which is perhaps a minor downfall to the film: its unbelievability. Then again, I'm not a meth-addict, so I wouldn't know much about how authentic the actions taken really are.

The DVD is definitely worth the \$3 rental fee, and features a soundtrack primarily written and performed by Billy Corgan of The Smashing Pumpkins. While not for the faint-hearted, *Spun* will entertain you.

## Does no TV really make you go crazy?

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I grew up with TV. I hated when I missed out on a good show because of homework or an engagement of some sort. Over the years, I've definitely become addicted to it.

I am currently without TV for possibly the first time ever. It's by choice, not force. So far, I'm holding up fairly well.

It all came about by summer. We enjoyed TV for the first few months until it suddenly vanished, if you catch my drift. We decided to hold off on the hook-up though. The TV still sits triumphantly with its compatriots (the stereo, DVD player, VCR, DAT player and multitude of other instruments with neat acronyms), although it doesn't get quite as much love as it used to.

Of course, I miss the good-ol' stand-bys: ESPN, nightly world news, and the occasional flip to MTV and Jeopardy!. However, news and sports are covered by my trusty friend the Internet, where I get to read about exactly what I'm looking for without having to deal with brainwashing commercials and ugly game-show contestants.

In the meantime, I've obviously been getting out a bit more and watching "nature's TV," despite how much I loathe that term. What a way to cheapen nature: tag it with a TV-equivalency.

But I digress. On the flipside, I've taken more of a liking to DVDs and Mario Kart lately. (Video games and I maintain a very distant, yet fruitful, relationship.) After not seeing a glowing TV screen for days on end, it's actually a tantalizing treat to beam it up and watch a movie you've been dying to see for awhile.

Luckily, the weather has been nice enough this summer that it hasn't been difficult to keep my mind off the tube. Come winter, and more importantly, football season, we'll definitely need the juice.

As nice as it is to not have to pay a cable bill, we are, somewhat ironically, getting re-hooked at the end of August, when I'll hopefully avoid the mysteriously addictive perils of trashy talk-shows and horrible infomercials.

## Wookie's Corner: Is Phish the biggest fish in the sea?

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Jamband kings Phish traveled the country for their first summer tour since 2000 and after a somewhat disappointing New Year's run and winter tour seem to be back on track.

Although only two shows in Atlanta officially sold out, extra tickets went for as low as \$15 or \$20 in the parking lots for most summer shows. Perhaps the \$50 face value ticket price complicated touring plans a bit - I've had a few friends, myself included, who had to make a last-second decision on whether to go based alone on ticket prices.

As for the shows, putting it simply, they were what you'd expect from an aging group of guys in a rock band coming off a two-year hiatus. Some shows' set lists looked sub-par; chock full of new mellow tunes sandwiched around older less-popular songs. However, there were "sleepers," or shows that many touring fans skipped because of geographic locations, where Phish threw down old-school style and made everyone cringe, wishing that they had made the drive.

For example, the second set from July 15 in Utah that achieved the status of instant classic thanks to a "Mr. Completely" sandwich with "Big Black Furry Creature From Mars" into "Buried Alive" back into "BBFCFM" as the meat, not to mention a "Low Rider" jam.

The two nights at Alpine Valley on July 18 and 19 and ensuing three nights at Deer Creek after Alpine proved to be an unforgettable Midwest run, containing many bust-outs of songs that haven't been played since their hiatus, including "Magilla," "Buffalo Bill," "Suzy Greenberg," "Good Times Bad Times" and "The Lizards".

And let's not neglect to mention the first "Harpua" in nearly 5 years in Pittsburgh on July

29, in addition to a first set consisting of nine songs played for the first time all summer, including, among others, "Daniel," "Camel Walk," "Fee" and "McGrupp".

Phish capped off their summer tour by drawing nearly 70,000 fans to Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, ME for their festival, "IT." Fans came away tired, sick of traffic and a bit muddy, and reviews have been mixed at best. The undeniable highlight seems to be the fourth set on Saturday, played from atop the base's Control Tower. The dubbed "Control Tower Set" clocked in at a little over an hour and was a free-flowing ambient jam complete with psychedelic lights and people repelling up and down the tower in sync with the jam.

While Phish hasn't totally won me back, and perhaps never will, they certainly made some waves in the jamband pool this summer.

It's still unknown whether Phish will do any more touring in 2003 but there will be plenty of opportunities to check out other bands heading through the Midwest.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: **Leftover Salmon/Del McCoury Band**, The Barrymore, Madison

Friday, Sept. 19: **The Big Wu**, Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee

Friday, Sept. 26: **Lake Trout**, The Rave, Milwaukee

Thursday, Oct. 2: **The Big Wu**, The Barrymore, Madison

Thursday, Oct. 2: **Robert Walters' 20th Congress**, Luther's Blues, Madison (21+)

Thursday, Oct. 9: **Keller Williams**, The Orpheum, Madison

Friday, Oct. 17: **Umphrey's McGee**, Studio Hall, Oshkosh

Friday, Oct. 31 & Saturday, Nov. 1: **moe.**, Aragon Ballroom, Chicago

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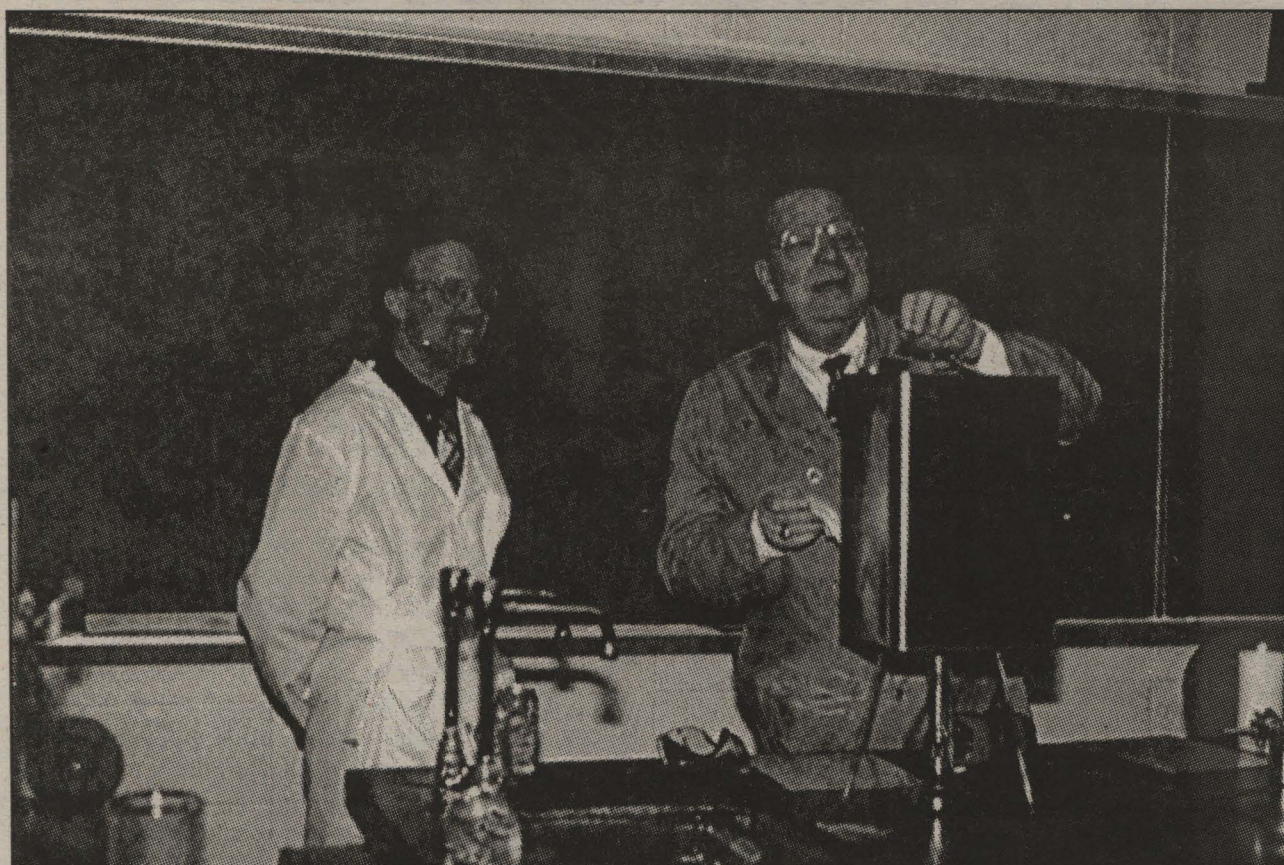
Roger & Me  
NYPD Blue, Season 2

August 26

Lord of the Rings: Two Towers  
(Fullscreen/Widescreen)

ER: Season 1  
The Simpsons: Season 3





Chancellor Tom George (left) participates in a class with Professor C. Marvin Lange. George is Professor of Chemistry and Physics.

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tions. His work has led to 600 articles, two co-authored textbooks, and 14 co-edited books. His scientific achievements have garnered prestigious awards such as the Marlow Medal and Prize from the Royal Society of Chemistry in Great Britain and fellowships from the Guggenheim, Sloan, and Dreyfus Foundations. He also has been named a fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, the American Physical Society, the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been on the editorial boards of six different scientific journals and is currently one of the two editors of the International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Group Theory, and Nonlinear Optics.

George has served as chair of the Physical Division of the American Chemical Society and chair of the Northwest Academic Forum of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. He is a commissioner on the Midwestern Higher Education Commission and is on the founding Board of Directors of the Distributed Learning Workshop. George has served on the Council of State Representatives of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Budget Committee. He has organized various international conferences and served on many review panels for universities, funding agencies, and other organizations.

In Wisconsin, George has been on the board of directors of the WiSys Technology Foundation and the board of commissioners of the Academic Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory. He has served on a variety of civic boards, where his offices include president of the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America (he is an Eagle Scout), president of the United Way of Portage County, and vice-president of the Stevens Point Area YMCA.

As a musician, George has studied with faculty at the Berklee School of Music in Boston and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and has performed extensively in public. An accomplished jazz pianist, he has performed as a soloist and with combos/ensembles (including singers), especially in connection with university and community events. In a duo with a trumpeter/flügelhornist, he has recorded a compact disc entitled Close Your Eyes: Women Jazz Composers under the Hester Park label.

Born in 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, George received his high school diploma in 1963 from Friends' Central School, where he earned varsity letters in soccer and wrestling; he received the distinguished alumni award in 2003. He completed his B.A. degree (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1967 with a double major in chemistry (with honors) and mathematics (with honors) from Gettysburg College, which gave him the distinguished alumni award in 1987. He earned his M.S. degree in 1968 and Ph.D. degree in 1970 in theoretical chemistry from Yale University, followed by postdoctoral appointments at MIT and the University of California at Berkeley.

In 1972 he joined the faculty at the University of Rochester where, by age 29, he attained the rank of professor of chemistry. In 1985 he moved to the State University of New York at Buffalo as dean of the faculty of natural sciences and mathematics for six years. Prior to coming to Stevens Point in 1996, he served for five years as provost and academic vice-president of Washington State University.

George has been married since 1970 to Dr. Barbara Harbach, who is an associate professor of mathematics and computing at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (formerly professor of music at Washington State University, 1991-97). She is a harpsichordist, organist, recording artist, and composer, and she is co-editor of the journal Women of Note Quarterly and co-owner of Vivace Press. She has the following degrees: B.A., Pennsylvania State University; M.M.A., Yale University; D.M.A., Eastman School of Music; Konzertdiplom, Musikhochschule, Frankfurt, Germany; and Honorary Doctorate in Music, Wilmington College, Ohio.

## Academic Profile

### Heather

UWSP marketing student

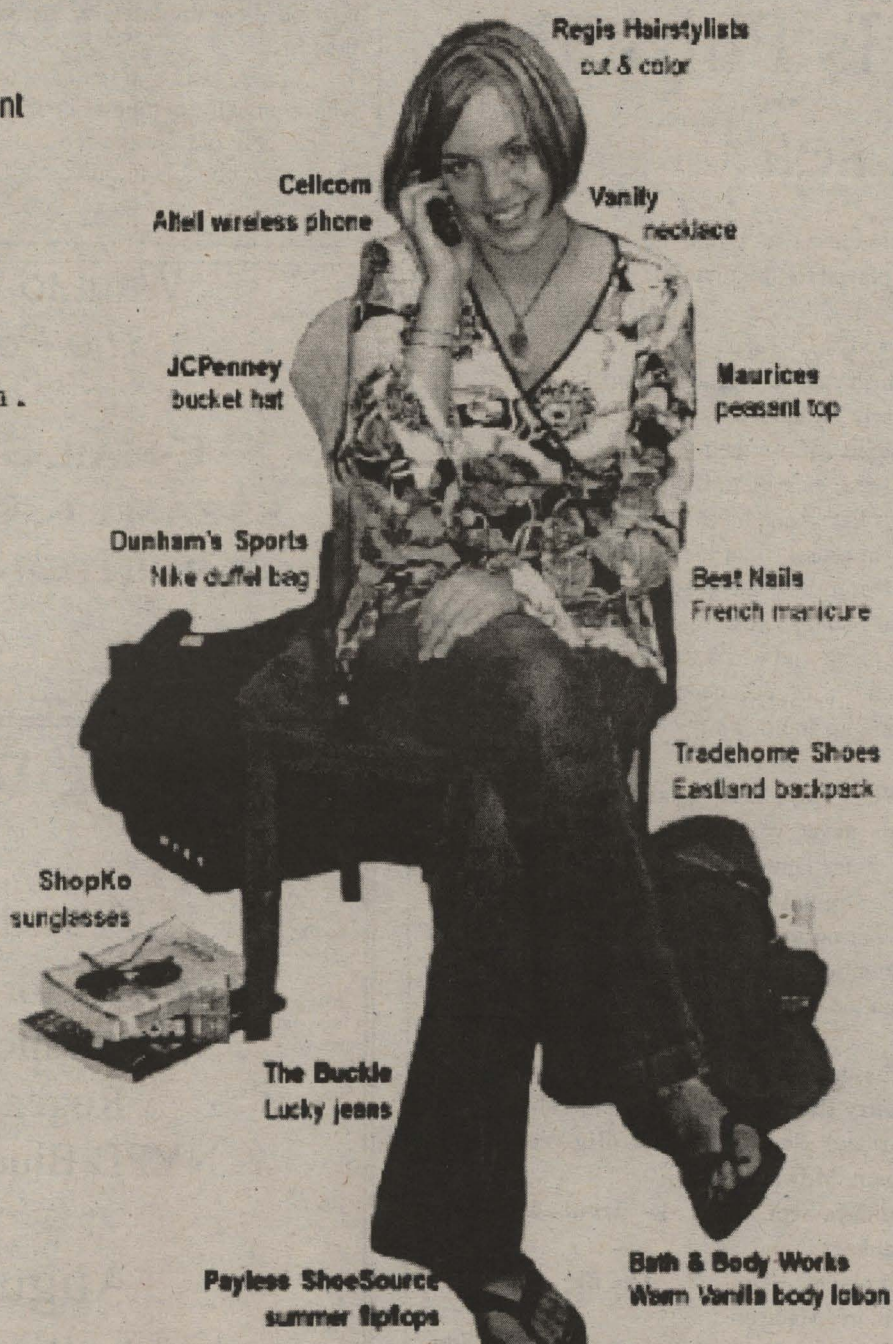
>Thinks she aced the pop quiz in Econ.

>Prefers Ramen noodles to tuna.

>Has a date on Friday with Steve, but thinks there's more chemistry with her lab partner, Rob.

>Shops Centerpoint Marketplace to get what she really needs to get her through the semester.

>Smart girl.



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