The widely promoted sexual discussion was successful in bringing in a large crowd to the University Center Tuesday evening. Whether or not they were satisfied is a matter of debate.

**FAc fire still under investigation**

**Joe Pisciotto**  
*News Reporter*

The fire that blazed in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) on the afternoon of April 12 is estimated to have caused around $90,000 to $100,000 in damage. The investigation is still ongoing said Jeff Karcher, Director of Safety and Loss Control at UW-SP.

A third-party engineering company has been hired to investigate the cause of the fire and to assess the damage. As of right now, the cause of the fire has not been determined when the investigation commences and to what caused the fire and that a more accurate cost will be determined when the investigation is complete.

Temporary repairs have been made to the roof of the FAC. Permanent repairs will be done when the official investigation has ended.

Fire officials and university officials confirm that the alarm was off when the fire occurred. According to Karcher, it was turned off as a result of construction activities related to the renovation of the FAC.

"There was a breakdown in the communication chain," he said. "The proper individuals were not notified to make certain that the alarm was operational."

To prevent future failures and accidents of this type, the Department of Facility Services is now more involved in overseeing the construction process, and Protective Services has stepped up their presence in the building by checking on the alarm system every day.

"Alarms are being tested nightly on the 31 to 7 shift while the building is closed," said Bill Rowe, Chief of Protective Services on campus. The increased testing frequency will continue throughout the construction period.

There was no alarm malfunction, and all systems are currently in working order. Classes returned to the FAC the day after the fire, and continue to operate as usual.

There is no set time period for the investigation.

"We'll continue to work on it, and we should get more information in the next few weeks in terms of the actual costs," said Karcher, adding that the time period may fluctuate depending on what the third-party company finds during the investigation.

**Eco-fair exibits**

A representative from the Midwestern Renewable Energy Association offers information at an ecological fair designed to celebrate Earth Day and to promote eco-friendly technology.
A large amount of vomit was discovered on Neale Hall, the perpetrator that left the waste was not the first and second floor stairwells of the hall.

Sources within the Stevens Point Police Department state that a number of students will be charged with crimes ranging from possession of marijuana with intent to sell to possession of drug paraphernalia. According to these sources this raid was "only the beginning" of a major effort to combat narcotics trafficking on campus.

Drug raid at Knutzen Hall

James Wendler
NEWS REPORTER

The Stevens Point Police Department, along with Campus Protective Services executed a search warrant on Knutzen Hall Friday morning at 8 a.m. The raid was part of an ongoing investigation into a marijuana distribution ring on campus.

Police seized a significant amount of marijuana with an approximate street value of $500. Police also seized money and drug paraphernalia.

Organic food coming soon

Marty Grosse
NEWS REPORTER

UW-SP's Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG), is working to make organic food available to students. WISPIRG is a group of student interns dedicated to environmental, consumer protection, and civil rights activism. The group teams university students with professionals in their field of interest, allowing them to effectively tackle problems all across Wisconsin.

Over the last 15 years, WISPIRG has served as a voice for the public's concerns over air and water quality, forest conservation, and promotion of democracy.

WISPIRG has conducted a survey of 400 UW-SP students asking them what their opinions are on the availability of organic foods at campus stores. WISPIRG member Bethany Stiloski foresees the plan working without a hitch. "The results of this survey," she said, "will help to make organic foods readily available to students."

This action by WISPIRG will only place organic foods in the C-store and the Pointer Express food store. Dining services, such as Debot, will not use organics at this time.

This change in availability will come at no added cost to student fees.

Next year, the matter will be passed on to the Student Government Association, and they will push to have dining services use organic foods in their meal preparations.

This issue will need continuing support next year as the facilities' dining contracts expire, and the SGA will attempt to implement their plan. "Next year," said Stiloski, "concerned students should come to student senate meetings to voice their concerns and to help put this plan into action."
Walter Wisdom
Tooth's
Hardcore Trivia

I'm the smartest!

Everyone knows that Timms Hill is Wisconsin's highest point at 1,952 feet above sea level. But what is the high point in Portage County? Answer on page 5.

Mella's got the conch

Two thousand mind-blowing Stevens Point memories in 1,000 words

A few people confronted me on my last columns, "The cost of living," for coming down too hard on Point. As I said, I love Point - always will. Letting the title of this column speak for itself, I'll get right into backing that up, with loving recollection.

Looking through my extensive files last night, it seems I've befriended 713 people, one cyborg (unknowingly), a kitten and three rabbits in my five years on campus. Granted, most of those people are long gone, and two of the three rabbits won't talk to me, but that's pretty fit, overall. Most of the people were cool, too. Real down-homey; friendly-like and open-minded.

And speaking of rabbits, Stevens Point has more than its share - way more. A recent study by the American Leopold Society found a shocking overabundance of rabbits in Point. Something to the tune of 13.8 per city block (the nation-wide average is 5.4). Call it weird; call it bizarre; call it adorable - I don't trust 'em. Anyways, it's nice to know I'm not the only one noticing this horrifying trend.

Academically, I've never been too hot. I started off my SP career with a 1.9 GPA fall semester. The only thing that saved me from expulsion was that A- in Tai Chi. Things have been going better ever since. I started going to class ... well I try my best. It just goes to show you that book-worming isn't the only way to get by. I consider myself successful. So does my grandma. She thinks my double major is "distinguishable."

Maybe I've parted a bit too hard; maybe I can attribute a small sliver of my attendance problems to being a night owl. There was the time when I had an argument with a birch tree over beta symmetry theory. And the time we got lost on run-way 32 at the Stevens Point airport in a severe fog storm. For the most part, my wild-side has led to good memories though. I've been having a blast in the UW-SP bowling league for 10 consecutive semesters without missing a week. My team, No Funny Stuff, won two championships and two runner-ups over the years. We also took 10 consecutive team average crowns along with our 10 drinking titles. Good times.

I'll never forget driving a John Deer Gator through Schmeekle Reserve without headlights - that was pure madness. While I'm on Schmeekle, I'll get running barefoot through a snowly swamp out of the way. That one's a bit hazy. Oh ... and the nudity; there was plenty of nudity when Point was a bit hazy, too. But mostly, there was plenty of nudity up on the north beach of Lake Joannis. Hell, to be honest there still is. I can't get enough of it. If I think I've spent more time naked in the past five years than I did in my first five. If you go through college without skinny dipping in Joannis, you shouldn't get a degree. I'm working with administration on that one.

"They" always say in a nasally voice, "Make sure you get involved in things. You'll meet people and have a real boot. Really." Lame as it sounds, it's true. I've been quite involved, and I'm glad I was.

I wrote, directed and starred in a TV show - Chef Ninja - where we'd cook hippocopotamus and choreograph shifty ninja sequences in the Hansen Hall kitchen. Boy, that was bizarre. We cancelled ourselves after two and a half shows. Speaking of Hansen, I was hall governor for something like a week. That actually was pretty lame. Just kidding ... for ass 17.

Moving into sophomore year, I got into writing Outdoors for The Pointer, which has been one of the best moves of my life. I can't believe all that is coming to a close now. Seems like yesterday when I published my first story on old Suick musky lures in October '02. Geesh. Anyhow, that whole thing went real well for me. Hucky-duck, as the kids say. Hot dope.

Then came the radio station. I've only been on-air at 90 for the past year now, doing the Gordon Grenada Show on Tuesday mornings. I wish I would've started that sooner. It really expanded my musical knowledge something fierce. I also started the Taco Club, which has gone national, and the Galactic Club, which hasn't. My junior year, I was elected as the Portage County Causeway Authority. Land-bridges fascinate me and we have quite a few - 27 at last count. I think it's so very important to have that excitement for the things in your life. Without it, things lose their luster too soon.

Which brings me to Kate. I met her over three years ago at a whiskey party and took her ice-fishing at four in the morning. The rest, as they say, is history. She'll be my favorite memory when I leave here. She too, fascinates and mystifies me; way more so than earthen-bridges or rabbits.

The fishing in Point has been pretty good as well. The Wisconsin River and her sexy walleyes will always hold a special place in my tackle box. I could stroke my moustache for hours reminiscing on Point and how it changed my life, but space is finite.

Maybe this has been more boasting or confession, rather than reminiscence, but at least 90 percent of the above has been true. Maybe I want to place some invisible worth on all those intangible things I can't remember. An education transforms a person. So does time. That's the kind of thing you can't put a finger on, immense as it was.

When I pack my ping-pong table and map collection into the Baby Truck on May 23, it will be a sad day. I've had my fill; darkness falls. Hopefully, I've done something valuable in between all my waywardness. It's those long-term things that never seem clear. I just keep moving in a direction with purpose, and hope it's the right one. Adios kids.

Enjoy yourselves,

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A Retreat for Young Women

May 20 - 22, 2005
River Pines Retreat House
Whiting, Wisconsin

This weekend is for high school and college women, ages 14 through 26, who would like to experience the life and spirituality of St. Clare and St. Francis, as well as the life of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. The setting for the retreat at River Pines Retreat House is quiet and restful, located on the shores of the Wisconsin River in Whiting, Wisconsin. For more information, contact:

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Dear bike thief in Pray-Sims,

Are you wondering why the bike you stole is no longer parked outside your lair? Are you wonder­ing why the cable you locked the bike up with is hanging impom­tenly in the wind? Ha! It is because I, Liz Bolton, saw the bike on my way to school and rescued it from your clutch­-ing. How dare you steal from me? This is how the story goes. I was walking to school, and I happened to glance at the bike racks to my right, wistfully thinking of all the wonderful times I had with my bicycle, and how I wished it would come back.

And what did I see? A strangely familiar fender and Blue Steel, reunited with a basket. Could it be, proud owner. I thought? Oh yes, it was. And to add insult to injury, someone had put a fresh new lock on MY bike.

At this point, I would like to thank the Pray-Sims custodian, the wonderful people at Residential Living and the valiant men and women of Protective Services whose bolt-cutters rescued my bicycle from the thief’s evil grasp.

Some may ask: Liz, why didn’t you lock up your precious bicycle? Well, I will tell you why. My bike lock broke the week before, and when I went to get my refund of K-Mart cash, I had to spend it on spaghetti and Tuna Helper instead because I had no food.

I stored my bicycle away for a week, but it begged to be ridd­den. I left it out for one night and lo, someone stole my sweet bike, aptly named Blue Steel.

Let me just say, bike thief, you got off lucky. If I had caught you in person, you would be much worse off than a simple busted cable lock. While I can’t specifically say what I would have done, the living tactic comes to mind.

I have enough righteous anger to take out 12 bike thieves in a sin­gle bound. You couldn’t hope to stop me.

My question to you, bike thief, is why you feel the need to steal from your fellow brethren and sisters at UW-SP? We face the same rising tuition crises and Easy-Mac diets. Why must you kick a fellow student when she can’t even afford a square meal?

Maybe you stole my bike to ride over to Plover and deliver Meals-on-Wheels in the freezing rain, but I doubt that. More likely, you are some underclassman who was partying too hard at my apartment complex and decided it would be hilarious to steal some­one’s bike. In that case, I hope you get scabies and your hair falls out.

Liz Bolton
Managing Editor
The signs for the "Hot and Steamy Sex Talk" have been all over campus for the past two weeks. The program, sponsored by CHILD (Cooperating Helping Innocent Lives Develop), was advertised to students as an educational talk from a renowned expert on sex. What students got, however, was a disguised lesson in right-wing opinions.

So-called "sexpert" Vicki Thorn has a bachelor's degree in psychology, is an extreme anti-choice advocate, and has been trained as a trauma counselor. However, none of her training came into play during her "sex talk." Instead, the audience was misled to believe that she was an expert in biology. Ms. Thorn drew pictures of fallopian tubes, talked about different types of hormones that cause certain actions, and warned that birth control will slip in "I constantly make these types of tactics to try to influence women and men," leading me to conclude that she would move on to the leading act.

"El Mexcal (or something)"

There's a really great Mexican Restaurant out on highway 10. It's way out there on the edge of town, near the construction. It's called La Mexcal or El Mexcal or something like that. Honestly, I don't pay much attention to the name. I'm too busy obsessing about their awesome food. For years Points didn't have a single decent Mexican place, and now we have one where not only is the food good, but the service is quick, and they're open until 10 p.m. on weekends. A real rarity in this town. Nice for night-owls like me.

El Mexcal (or something)
Plants have friendly personalities

One student's adoption of vegetative companions has brightened her life

Erica Schulz

All through the winter months they sat, brightening my drab windowsill, plants have friendly personalities, but to take them for granted.

One student's adoption of vegetative companions through the short days of the winter kicked off a SCHMEECKELING of joy in my room. I associate the plant's growth with the rejuvenation of the outside world, and am surprised how much fresh air and oxygen plants can provide during the winter months. Taking care of the plants during the winter is a rewarding experience.

Hansen Hall, so little sunlight actually seeped into the room, hindering my plant's growth. Although this was a problem at first, I made friends with the "sunnysiders" and was able to keep my plants in a friend's room. Need-free to say, the flowers never even bloomed.

During that next summer, I wanted to start off another adventure with plants that were already growing. I could tell they had a chance.

I pampered them Ernie and Bert, not because I am an avid viewer of the children's show Sesame Street, but because I associated the names with the appearance of the plants. I didn't realize what a mistake it was.

Thankfully, Bert has long since passed, and I no longer need to feel embarrassed over my defense of explanation. Ernie, on the other hand, is thriving. He is my largest plant thus far, and I plan to repot him quite soon.

Once Ernie began to show progress, it seemed like a good idea to go ahead with more plants. I bought an aloe plant, naming him Marley (again sharing the longer, vibrant days of spring: sharing the longer, vibrant days of spring.

I also recently purchased a cactus, which I named Cecil. His maintenance is simple, sunlight. I would recommend Cecil to anyone starting out with plants. Although they aren't full of foliage, they still supply green energy in a room, and require little effort.

I also took care of my roommate's plants, which consists of watering the plants syphonically (slowly and deftly) and making sure they feel at home.

Of course, it's all in good fun. I don't really sit at home on a daily basis to console my plants, but it does bring comfort to know that I've cared for them. I am often told they are among my favorites. I have a passion for plants, and I will keep them as long as I have the time.

Now conscious of ignoring my vegetative friends, I've decided to share the longer, vibrant days of spring: enjoying the sunny days.

Here is my suggestion for keeping focused during the spring fever is now upon us. I do not think any college student can honestly say that they are not fiddling to get out and enjoy the warmer temperatures while soaking up some sun in the process. However, finding the time to relax and kick back, while hitting the sand courts for a rousing game of volleyball, seems to come as a price for many of us. Inevitably, studying for exams, projects, and writing final papers all seem to take the back seat to our escape from the winter snow.

In the midst of the craziness of the last few weeks of the semester, a time that is often plagued with an overabundance of stress, a medium can exist where studying and enjoying the long overdue spring weather can be attained. The release party for Brightside/Nightside will be held April 28 in the Edna Carlsten Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the Noel Fine Arts Center. A reception will kick off the event at 6:30 followed by a poetry reading featuring authors from Brightside/Nightside. Because of fundraising, Barney Street is available for free, so anyone who would like a copy is encouraged to stop by the party and get one.

For those unable to attend the release party, next week in the University Center there will be a booth in the concourse where students can pick up a copy.
One hour in a quirky salon with much to offer

Adam Rodewald
PointLife EDITOR

At 2:30 p.m., the hair salon is quiet. A woman of average height sits at the front counter looking through an appointment book. She wears large circular earrings.

There are two stations for cutting hair that are made to resemble marble. A man is cutting hair and two dryer chairs remain unoccupied and awkward against the far wall. Sarah chuckles as she says, “We don’t use them as much as other places that have older women who get rollers set in their hair.”

Hair models hang in the pictures on the far wall. They gaze directly at each customer who walks through the door and smile seductively as if to say, “Your hair could be like mine.”

Haircraft takes up more space than one-and-a-half dorm rooms, and it is located in the U.C. in the LaFollette lounge. Only two people can get their hair cut at a time, but the stylists are efficient. There are three employees, and only two work full time: Reyna Abuniz and Sarah Ross.

As the man with dreadlocks leaves, a third enters. Sarah comes over to him and asks, “Too much hair?” Her teeth show through her welcoming smile, and they begin to chit-chat.

The buzz of hair clippers reverberates through the salon, and murmuring voices from two different conversations meld together. In the background, Matchbox 20 is playing softly on the radio. Then a fourth guy enters, and Haircraft begins to feel like a social hangout.

People can come in for a haircut any day of the week except Sunday. Weekday hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are also open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. A standard cut costs a reasonable $11.

After about 30 minutes, Haircraft quiets once again, and two dryer chairs remain unoccupied and awkward against the far wall. Sarah chuckles as she says, “We don’t use them as much as other places that have older women who get rollers set in their hair.”

The salon is not limited to college students, though they make up the majority of its clients. “We have lots of students, faculty, and staff... Anyone can come,” said Sarah.

Just then a woman comes in to look over the hair products. She wears a bright blue shirt with a leaf pattern and blue jeans. She has two rings on each of her hands. “Just holler if you need help with anything you’re looking at,” Sarah says as she sweeps the hair on the floor.

Reyna helps out a girl who steps by to make an appointment. They know each other by first name. “I can take you now!” she says.

The environment can be personal in a small salon like this. Reyna said, “There are a lot of new faces, usually, at the beginning of the semester... new freshman... then [I] learn who people are over the year.”

By 3:30 p.m., six people had come and five had gone. Sarah still had a grin on her face, “To bad it’s a slow day!”

Faces in the crowd: Meet this "Sage" professor who courts the love of wisdom

Jessica Sword
PointLife CONTRIBUTOR

The meaning of the word philosophy is derived from two ancient Greek words: “philo,” meaning “to love” and “Sophia,” meaning “wisdom.” To pursue answers to philosophical questions means to court the love of wisdom, whatever it may be.

“We need to be complex and integrated into the world around us; it’s empowering.”

Is ignorance bliss? Would life be better if we approached it differently? How would it change if we approached it differently? These are just a few questions that have troubled the minds of humans since the beginning of time.

James Sage is in his second year as a philosophy professor at UW-SP. He is noted for his teachings in environmental ethics course. Sage offered his passion for teaching, “I love getting students excited about philosophy and the role it plays in our everyday lives.” He smiled and continued, “I get an energy from my students. We need to be complex and integrated into the world around us: it’s empowering. We don’t need to be at the mercy of what others tell us.”

After receiving his Ph.D., Sage was drawn to UW-SP because of the campus’ strong connection with the environment. Sage is a teacher of environmental ethics - the application of ethics to behavior in the environment - philosophy of science, examining scientific theories for content and structure, explanatory function, and confirmation and Epistemology - the study of nature, limits and bases of human knowledge.

UW-SP was the first school in the nation to offer an environmental ethics course. This summer Professor Sage will reintroduce Philosophy 301: Philosophy in Popular Mode. It is a writing-intensive course with changing themes such as sci-fi and popular film. The class examines how popular culture represents life or a possible future.

When not in the classroom, Sage spends his time gardening and bicycling. He has also taken to amateur woodworking. “I’ve made a few birdhouses,” he laughed. “My next project is a compost bin.”

“We can choose to have knowledge and think about how life can be different and we can be cognizant. I choose knowledge.” Sage ended. “Don’t shoot to be proficient, take education and be profound.”
Sports

Nation's home run kings, ninth-ranked team resides at UW-SP

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

After a two-week absence from the American Baseball Coaches Association Division III poll, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team re-entered the top-25 at No. 9 with a 3-1 record in non-conference play last weekend. In the process, the Pointers became the first team in Division III to reach the 60 home run mark this season.

The first game in the Saturday doubleheader against Ripon College was the only loss the Pointers took all weekend. The Red Hawks capitalized on three UW-SP errors to score a 3-1 win in game one. Both pitchers in the game threw complete games, with Ripon's Bill Nolan surrendering only one run and striking out six in the win. UW-SP's J.C. Reinke took the loss despite striking out nine and scattering seven hits.

The Pointers came back strong in game two against the Red Hawks, picking up a win and a split in the series. UW-SP first baseman Ryan Jones, already the school's all-time home run leader, broke a 7-7 tie in the sixth inning with a two-run homer. The two RBIs gained from Jones long ball put him atop the UW-SP all-time RBI list with 149.

In a reversal of fortunes from game one, the Pointers used Ripon's six errors to finish Saturday with a 10-8 win.

Jablonski earns perfect game as Pointers collect 20-win season

UW-SP News Services

UW-Stevens Point posted six straight victories over the weekend, including three shutouts, to seal its 13th consecutive 20-win season.

Softball

The Pointers opened the week by sweeping first place UW-Oshkosh 3-0 and 24-0 on Tuesday in Rock Island, Ill. The two games from St. Norbert on Thursday by scores of 3-1 and 6-1. UW-SP swept Lakeland 8-0 and 11-3 on Sunday to finish the perfect week.

Freshman Kelly Jablonski (Stevens Point, Wis.) did not allow an earned run over 23 innings last week and threw the third perfect game in school history with a five-inning gem against Lakeland. She pitched a school-record 11 innings in the win at St. Norbert and finished with nine strikeouts and one walk for the week. Stephanie Anderson (Milwaukee, Wis.) also had two pitching wins, posting 11 strikeouts and allowing just five hits in 14 and one-third innings.

Laura Zierler (Kaukauna, Wis.) had a big week at the plate, hitting .789 (11-for-19) with three RBIs. Rebekah Bauer (Stevens Point, Wis.) hit .476 (10-for-21) and Korryn Mark LaLonde (Park Falls, Wis.) had a perfect week.

The Pointers host Ripon and Edgewood this week in their final home games of the season before taking part in the second WIAC Cluster weekend at River Falls. The cluster will determine the regular season champion at UW-SP and the weekender at 7:4-in kayg jg p al, tracing first place UW-Eau Claire, who are 8-2.

The Pointers again turned to another in-state non-conference opponent, Marian College, on Sunday. In game one, a three-run homer by Nat Richter separated another close game which was tied at six in the seventh inning. The Pointers shut down the Sabres in the final two innings to ensure a 9-6 triumph.

UW-SP pitcher Kevin Pankow earned the victory in game one, becoming the 11th different Pointer hurler to win in the last 11 games.

The final game of the weekend displayed the power of UW-SP's offense. An 18-2 blowout of the Sabres was highlighted by an 11-run fourth inning for the Pointers. The seven inning contest featured five RBIs from Pointer left fielder Ryan Byrnes and three RBIs from third baseman Tim Schlosser. Three other Pointers collected multiple RBIs in the game.

"Playing these non-conference games poses a challenge for us in a way that allows us to move forward in every aspect of the game," said Pointers head coach Pat Bloom. "[The games] showed us that we've got to be on our toes.

"It's kind of like we have a target on our backs," said Bloom.

The Pointers faced a different sort of non-conference opponent on Wednesday, as they took on Division I member, the University of Illinois-Chicago. The Flames of the Horizon League are 20-15-1 overall and 3-5 in conference.

"There's a big misnomer in terms of what people perceive as the differences between Division I and Division III," said Bloom. "For us, the key is that we are playing a good Division I team."

The Pointers discovered just how good UIC was in the Flames' 20-5 drubbing of UW-SP. Each Pointer pitcher who threw in the game allowed at least two runs and lasted no more than two innings.

The Pointers stand at 26-6 overall and 13-3 in conference. This weekend, UW-SP travels to Superior for a four-game series with the Yellowjackets. UW-SP finishes the regular season at home against WIAC leader UW-Whitewater. The Warhawks are one game ahead of the Pointers in the conference standings.

Track teams enjoy quality performances at Augustana Meet of Champions

UW-SP News Services

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's teams both earned second place finishes at the Augustana Meet of Champions over the weekend in Rock Island, Ill.

The Pointer women placed second in their events with NCAA provisional qualifying marks. Runner-up provisional performances were turned in by Julia Slabosheski (Princeton, Wis.) in the discus at 147 feet, four inches, Teresa Stanley (Whitewater, Wis.) in the 3000-meter steeplechase at 11:16.50, Liz Goegern (Apple Valley, Minn.) in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:04.18 and the 1600-meter relay team at 3:56.31.

Nicole Pooley (Fennimore, Wis.) was also second in the high jump at five feet, 2.5 inches and Jenna Mitchler (Kaukauna, Wis.) had a provisional time while placing third in the 800-meter run at 2:13.9.

The men's team won two relays, taking the 400-meter relay in 42.30 seconds and the 1600-meter relay in 3:38.18.

Jock Briefs

Disc Golf - Jake Merritt of the UW-Stevens Point Disc Golf Club finished in 3rd Place at the Standing Rocks Open Tournament on Saturday, April 23. With over 100 players shooting the two, 24-hole rounds, Merritt battled stiff competition and stiff winds. In total, the UW-SP club fielded 14 players in the largest amateur tournament in the state.

Football - Former UW-Stevens Point quarterback Kirk Baumgartner has been selected for induction to the Football Hall of Fame on August 12-13 in South Bend, Ind. Baumgartner is one of four players from Divisions F-I-A, II, III and NAIA in this year's class. He is the first UWSP player ever selected for induction to the Hall of Fame. Baumgartner is a two-time Western Intercollegiate Athletic Conference induction into the Hall of Fame, joining Mark Riedel, who played at UW-Oshkosh from 1918-23.

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CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE FOR UW-SP'S ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
The rise and fall of the Favre era for the Green Bay Packers

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

For over 10 years, Packer fans enjoyed numerous 10-win seasons, MVP-caliber performances from Brett Favre, and a running game propelled by a dominant offensive line, but it looks like this era is reaching a fast halt.

Aside from the abysmal draft (which I will get into in a moment), the Packers are seeing problems outside of the draft war room for the first time in recent memory.

Running back Ahman Green was arrested this week on suspicion of domestic violence. While this most likely won't affect Green reaching the field this season, this is a hard shot to the face of an organization that has prided itself on fielding class citizens for the past decade.

Also, a Miami newspaper is reporting this week that cornerback Al Harris is being investigated on accusations of sexual assault. Allegedly, Harris and a group of individuals assaulted a woman in a private room at a strip club. The woman went to a hospital and was then sent to a sexual assault treatment center where she inevitably filed a report with the local authorities.

I hope the Packers are taking this seriously because these are some potentially serious allegations.

In keeping with the ongoing theme of disgruntled Packers, Javon Walker is skipping the mini-camp this week in search of a new contract. Walker has hired agent Drew Rosenhaus, the same agent who is currently calling for a new contract for Terrell Owens from the Philadelphia Eagles, to get him more money. "I fully expect [Rosenhaus] to get me what I deserve and what I need," Walker said. "Basically, I want to be here in Green Bay for the long haul but I also want to see if they value me, too, and to see how much they want me to be here."

It's great to see he's got his priorities straight.

As for the draft, what was newly hired Ted Thompson thinking? I realize it was expected that Thompson would draft the future quarterback once Brett Favre retires, but isn't this the same team that fielded the 23rd ranked scoring defense last season? Do I even remember the 2004 draft? Yikes.

Ahmad Carroll had a tough rookie season, forcing him to become nothing more than a mediocre ball hart. In 2005, the Cubs found themselves in the best position they had been in since the mid- and late-1980s. The well-known and well-documented demise of the Cubs in the 2003 post-season could be the harshest punishment dealt out by the oppressive deities of baseball.

The 2004 season brought new hope, as major publications did the unthinkable; they predicted a Cubs World Series victory. These hopes met a quick end when young fireballer Mark Prior began the season on the disabled list and another injury to stars like Kerry Wood and Sosa led to a disappointing season without even a playoff appearance.

When Garciaparra's groin tore in St. Louis last week, the hopes for a successful 2005 campaign may have been wounded right with it. Garciaparra was supposed to make up for the losses of Sosa and Moises Alou, who hit a combined 74 home runs in 2004.

Garciaparra decided to have surgery on his torn groin, which could mean the end of his season. Garciaparra was supposed to come back and play for the Cubs this year, but any contribution he would make would probably be too little, too late.

Like the famous Monty Python line says, "Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition." For the Cubs, the baseball inquisition should always be expected.
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Bad luck can be a bear ... literally

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

As the saying goes, "lighting never strikes the same place twice." Apparently, that cliched little phrase doesn't apply too well to brown bears, as one Alaskan man knows all too well.

Scott MacInnes, a 51-year-old geophysicist from the Anchorage area, was the unfortunate recipient of not just one, but second, not-so-friendly visit from the muscular behemoths, scientifically classified as Ursus Arctos, while jogging on a subdivision street near his home last week. Though the attacking bear has not been identified or tracked down, it is believed to be a middle-aged sow that was more-than-likely tending to one or two cubs when MacInnes crossed her path. Once the bear lost interest, MacInnes was forced to walk nearly a mile and a half to find help.

Amazingly, 38 years earlier, in 1967, MacInnes was attacked by another brown bear while venturing along the well-known Resurrection Pass Trail, in south-central Alaska, with a friend. In this attack, MacInnes was beaten senseless and bitten repeatedly by the bear before the friend was able to ward off the animal with a few blasts from his shotgun and the sharp blow of a walking stick to its head. MacInnes suffered severe injuries to his legs and arm, but recovered fully from the wounds.

The latest attack on MacInnes significantly re-injured at least one leg and also his abdomen and neck.

But, once again, the unfortunate soul is expected to heal in time.

According to one biologist, records of Alaskan bear attacks dating back to the late 1800's show that MacInnes is the only person in history to have been attacked by a bear twice in his lifetime.

Perhaps, once the wounds have healed, Mr. MacInnes might be wise to consider moving to a new, bear-free locale. A Florida hurricane would likely seem laughable compared to the steaming jaws of a man-eating brown bear.

Visit apex of Door County

Stephanie Davy
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

Listen carefully. There aren't any cars or televisions to be heard - only the splash of waves and a brisk North wind. Staring out into the darkness of night, there aren't any distant streetlights or neon signs - simply trillions of stars sprinkling the inky blackness. Glance closer and you might see the North wind. Staring upon the stars, one might wonder that awaits is well worth the endeavor.

The Potawatamie Lighthouse.

No cars nor bikes are allowed on Rock Island, however hiking the 900-acre island is anything but unpleasant. There are ten miles of hiking trails that include various treasures along the way. One of those treasures is Wisconsin's first federal lighthouse, called the Potawatamie Lighthouse. Volunteers stay at the lighthouse, serving as hosts to daily or weekend travelers. As you continue along the trail, take notice of the three cemeteries where many of the lighthouse keepers rest. On the north side of the island is what looks to be an open field filled with flowing grasses and an ancient apple orchard. This site is where a failed fishing village was once located.

One day's hike around Rock Island brings a little wonder that awaits is well worth the endeavor.

The Viking Boathouse, now a massive museum, once held immense parties and elegant dances for its guests.

Allen Center set for celebration

Free use of kayaks, bicycles and more planned for 2005's end-of-school-year

Pat Griffin
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

Do you love the group fitness programs at the cardio center? Do you regularly stop down to check out new products at Outdoor Edventures? Then next week's celebration will be right up your alley.

On Thursday, May 5, the Allen Center, located behind Smith Hall, will be holding its end-of-the-year celebration. Together, the Cardio Center, Group Fitness Center, Outdoor Edventures and the Student Health Promotion Office have teamed up to present an afternoon bash with lots of activities.

From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, the field behind Pray and Smith halls will be hopping.

Group Fitness will kick things off with an "On-Road" event schedule with all classes being offered outside and accompanied by music. In order, the course schedule includes Dynamic Legs, Cardio Kickboxing, Dynamic Abs, Boot Camp, Dynamic Arms, and Hip Hop. All courses are structured into 30 minute sessions with 10 min breaks in-between.

The "Off-Road" portion of the schedule will contain a short bike ride from 3-3:30 p.m. and a long ride from 3:30-6:30 p.m. - both on the Green Circle Trail. Outdoor Edventures will be providing bikes free of charge for usage. A run and a walk, beginning at 4 p.m, will also take place.

Outdoor Edventures has their own activities going on with free demos of all their equipment. Canoes and kayaks will be available for use at Lake Joa-is and there will be some great gear sales taking place as well.

Student Health Promotion will be providing free food, Powerade, and water, along with helpful nutritional information throughout the day.

The Cardio Center will be offering free workouts and tours of the facility during the event. Fun-loving staff members will be on-hand for assistance, as well as in the booth to renew memberships for the following year. Prizes such as Nalgene bottles, mugs, shirts, flip flops, beach towels, Breviahs, bags, and large candy prizes in a Cardio Center duffle bag will be given out throughout the day.

"It's a great way for students to get involved and see what the Allen Center has to offer," said Allen Center supervisor Sheryl Poirier.

The "Groovin' in the 70s" theme will be a fun way for students to learn about the Cardio Center, Group Fitness, Outdoor Edventures, and Student Health Promotion activities. All students are encouraged to stop by for a great time, some free food and drinks, and lots of great deals.

Weekend Weather Outlook

Friday: Partly cloudy.
High: 59
Low: 35

Saturday: Partly cloudy.
High: 55
Low: 32

Sunday: Partly cloudy.
High: 50
Low: 32

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Amazing Alaskan adventure - Part III

Hilary Bulger
OUTDOORS REPORTER

July 6 - At the farm - Yesterday was our introduction to paddling... Paula and Marie were our rafts' names. In oar rigs, and set out for the Mighty Polk [Rafting Instructor].

July 7 - This day was amazing! After a rainy morning and a good 22 mile stretch down the Nolns we reached Tazlina Lake. We came upon it slowly and then the light blue water of the lake surrounded us and the glacier and the mountains towered above us. - Leah

July 10 - 5 miles - Today we held the first ever Tazlina Lake Regatta... After a competitive start, sails were rigged and everyone relaxed and had great fun floating along with the wind in our sails. - Brian

July 11 - 20 miles - Today we paddled from the head of the Tazlina to the upper abdomen. We saw a mild mannered grizzly who seemed quite content with its weight but in turn as to what its opinion of steamed oysters was. - Sam

July 12 - Layover Day - Great day today! We had some classes on getting rafts unstuck, and on rescues. We got to throw rope bags at people floating down the river and at Polk's head. Later in the afternoon Matt, Evan, Hilary and I went to find a lake. We didn't find it, but after a five mile hike to nowhere, on the way back we found some blueberries. They were delicious. - Sam

July 13 - 18 miles - Sun keep shining! We got an early start on the river today. I was in a paddle rafter with Sam, Hilary, Ashley, and Evan today. All goes well until Hilary, who was captaining, tries to eddy out and falls over the M.A. - Leah

July 14 - 29 miles - Why does my brain work so much better out here? I think it's all a frame of mind actually, considering we saw a pipeline [the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline], a bridge, several people, and half a dozen houses and today I still say "out here." I guess Bel and Ian's reading is right on about wilderness being an idea rather than simply a place. I like the lil' bit of wilderness I find myself in right now. - Hilary

July 15 - 21 miles - ...in my estrogen paddle rather the trio of singers harmonized well and poor Leah had it riff, spewing a few chunks overboard, but luckily she managed to keep her paddle stroke in sync... Quite a crazy night for Ashley and Hilary, just having a good time taking Gatorade shots - which went right to their muscles. They were very giggly... Some good laughs this night. - Tracy

July 16 - 25 miles - Got really windy today paddling the Copper. I was actually captaining and found our raft struggling to move where I anticipated. Think my crew hated me for having them paddle forward a gazillion times in a row. - Tracy

July 17 - 18 miles - Today was a day where life got bigger... We also picked up the Chitna River, which seemed to double the size of the river. Holy hugeness Batman. One of the highlights of the river came to us in the form of Wood Canyon... lots of water being squeezed between narrow walls creating crazy boils and whirlpools. - Polk [Rafting Instructor]

July 19 - Layover Day - So today was a layover day and we did whatever we felt like doing! Some hiked up to an abandoned railroad station and cabin, others sat and relaxed. It was such a beautiful place to spend a day: views of glaciers, mountains, and lots of waterfalls. - Ashley

July 20- Independent Student Travel - 4 miles - Our Independent Student Travel ... us a FIRST in all of NOLS rafting history; damn we're good! We did a great job communicating and sticking together on the water, and our only stop was at a tributary for water... Evan was trying to be polite and land us on a riverbed while simultaneously jumping out to dock us, and was unfortunately pushed by the boat into VERY, VERY deep water. - Ashley

July 21- Independent Student Travel - 5 miles - We stopped to have a moment with a beautiful waterfall. And now, here we are at camp. This campsite gets four stars, excellent gravel bar with stupendous waterfall on one side, glistening glacier across the river and plenty of clear water nearby. - Elise

July 22 - 40 miles - [Author's notes - 1] This day was one of the most amazing of my life. 2) Allison was with us on the adventure, but chose to write in third person for this entry. They got all packed up and went on the water by 7:10 a.m. The first large obstacle was the sand dunes. Approximately eight to ten miles long and five miles wide of complete sand... Next was Baird Canyon (I heard it was really beautiful.) They crossed Copper Lake and stopped at Abercornie Rapids. The group was pumped up - it was about 6:30p.m. While scouting the rapids, they saw a bear on the other side of the river. After the scout, on the way back to the boats, they ran dead on with a huge grizzly. They ran the rapids with a breeze. They rolled in at 7:30 or 8:00 - tired, wet, cold, and hungry. All in all - it was a great trip. One last thing - there were seals surrounding their sand island. - Allison

July 24 - 1 mile - On an excursion to the glacier we were all blessed with amazing cultural experiences. One woman from Oklahoma who traveled with a Turkish entourage mistook the I-Team [the Instructors] for Eskimos and asked if we were racing down the river. Hilary learned rafting is better on hot water and that glaciers are indeed the epicenter of culture. - Pat

July 25 - Layover Day - Transference of this to that which is important to you after this power in numbers, river skills, fun, bears, wind, reading a river, sushi, smiles, the journey, seals, salmon, icebergs, rigging, flow of life, stop focusing on future, enjoy now. I wish you good luck. Jess [Rafting instructor]

July 26 - 32 miles - It's late evening now, and I'm huddled inside my wee tent, feeling warm and comfortable, as the wind and rain that pelted us all day continues, while I appreciate having enjoyed what was a difficult day to have spent entirely outdoors... We talked yesterday about all we'd learned on the river, and I'm pleased that we still have more to go. - Craig [Proctor]

It was 267 total miles and with a little help from the current and no help from the wind, it was only getting better, and now we were heading to the Prince William Sound...

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Rock, angst and pride: Morrissey and the Smiths

Rebecca Conn
ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

Pride Week has arrived at last, and UW-SP's Gay-Straight Alliance is featuring a daily booth in the UC concourse where the New Romantics for the goth crowd. Morrissey and the Smiths famously grew up playing leftist punk and goths were fighting the New Romantics for the quintessential post-modern image. A sharp band bound out of the suburbs of Manchester. Calling themselves the Smiths, the band was formed by a gaunt young man with a James Dean quiff who bore himself with the gloom and grand splendor of a spiritual heir of Oscar Wilde. This was Steven Morrissey, known to the world henceforth as Morrissey.

Bold and fiercely catchy, Morrissey and the Smiths did what their forebears David Bowie and the New York Dolls had done: they embodied an amorphous, aggressive sexuality that should have sent the staunchly hetero rock crowd running, but then hooked them in close with memorable, rocking compositions and intelligent lyrics. When Morrissey danced onstage with flowers jammed in his back pocket, straight boys jumped up to kiss his hand.

"When Morrissey danced...straight boys jumped up to kiss his hand."

The Smiths became famous for playing deceptive favorite upbeat songs lushly lined with Morrissey's morose, misanthropic and darkly angry lyrics, like "The Queen is Dead" and "Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now," which mused "Why do I smile/At people in the eye?" They also performed songs full of self-doubt, homophobia and bizarro homoerotic longing, Moz was famously celibate, and it's still not clear whether he likes girls, boys or anything like "Girlfriend" and the unabashedly sweet, definitely queer "Ask." Shyness and rage are not far from your mind if you do all the things in life you'd like to.

After the Smiths' acrimony ended, Morrissey began a series of solo career, putting out albums like the fantastically incendiary political ballads "Why do I smile/At people in the eye?" There's a new feature in the Morrissey lexicon of queerness-lisbosity. Funny, touching and very deep, "The Lazy Dyes" is the story of a housewife's awakening to her desire to go and join the girls. Morrissey sings it with such convincing passion that one is encouraged to wonder about the transvestite spirit of the late Oscar Wilde, his weirdo gay identity, and gives new creative life to a famous poet. Next were

Sweet violin music this weekend

UW-SP Press Release

Violinists Angela Harrison and Lindsay Demske will perform in a joint student recital at the UW-SP on Saturday, April 30, in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center. The program will begin at 3 p.m. and will be open to the public free of charge.

The program will include "Sonatina 100" by Dovrak, performed by Harrison, "Sonata in G Major" by Johannes Brahms, performed by Demske, and "Remembrances from Schindler's List" by John Williams. "Concerto in D minor for two violins" by J.S. Bach, and "Mi Mancheria" by Luis Bacalov, performed by both violinists.

Harrison is a junior majoring in choral and instrumented education. At UW-SP, Harrison has been involved with the UW-SP Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir. Demske is a senior majoring in music education with a minor in psychology. Damske has been involved with the UW-SP Symphony Orchestra.

Send your original work, 15 lines or less to room 138@uwsp.edu so you can see them in The Pointer's next issue! That's just next week.

In Memoriam: Sir John Mills

Rebecca Conn
ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

It isn't every day that someone who has been in any profession, much less excelled in it, for nearly 80 years passes away. Sir John Mills took his first stage role in 1929, and died this week at the age of 97. Mills performed in over one hundred films alongside great and famous performers, such as the late Charlie Chaplin, Sir Alec Guinness and Jim Broadbent. He won an Oscar for his role in "Ryan's Daughter" and appeared memorably in the works of Ingmar Bergman, Gandhi and War and Peace. He is also the father of actresses Juliet and Hayley Mills.

With his death, a brilliant corner of theatre history dies. Robin Roberts' The Get and Arthur Herman's Vacancy, both of which are social satires that deal with the avid vicissitudes of the upper class, draws on this great and famous performer and is set in a near future.

Finishing the evening were two pieces by Andrew Pech, Kitchen Table is a short, sharp drama about coming to terms with the death of a parent and the necessity of embracing one's past in order to progress into the future. Disturbed, the evening's longest piece and, judging by the laughter, the favorite of much of the crowd, is a comedy about a paranoid man, Ben, played by Roger Reichard, and the people who may or may not be living in his closet. Poor befuddled Ben's stammering and the salty swearing of his landlady, the aptly named Miss Grimstone, played by Beverly Welter, kept the audience roaring. So did the flouncing, flaring and frankly irresistible women in his closet, led by the sultry Ophelia, who was played by Megan Kunz. After all the laughs were done, though, the ending provided a moment of pathos, and asked the audience to wonder who the mad one(s) really were. All those of us who were there can do is look forward to next year, and urge all who weren't there to attend.

Local talent front and center at the Playwright's Showcase

Rebecca Conn
ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

The second annual UW-SP Extension Playwright's Showcase, which took place this past weekend, featured five short dramatic pieces by local authors, performed by local players. The event, which was fashioned after a typical, demonstrated that it isn't necessary to go to the West End to enjoy thoughtful drama or truly absurd comedy.

The night opened with Mark Rozmarynowski's Killinger, Andi's comic, touching piece about the purr- posedly convoluted legacy of a famous poet. Next were...
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The reporter abroad: A bit of Spanish flamenco dancing

Rebecca Buchanan
PONTIAC CHRONICL

Flamenco, salsa, merengue—three traditional Spanish dances that I am sure most of you have heard of, but few have seen!

I was lucky enough to see a flamenco show in southern Spain, and I would have missed out on one of Spain's greatest traditions if I had skipped it.

Flamenco is more than a dance, but a forceful artistic expression of sorrow and joy. Though its origins are hard to trace, it is tradition­ally performed by gypsies in Andalusia (southern Spain). There is no strict choreography and dancers use their impromptu form to express basic movements. The flamenco dancer's posture is still in order to show pride and grace, but also to demon­strate a restrained passion.

Guitarists accompany the dancers to keep the rhythm and singers, who have a harsh, vibrating voice, add another dimension to the show. All three of these performers work together to create an entertain­ing atmosphere complete with different sounds, beats, move­ments and expressions.

The dancers have differ­ent props that can be used depending on the dance. For a more upbeat song, the dance­r's staccato footwork in high­heeled shoes becomes more furious as the beat of the gui­tar quickens. Castanets, woody­den hand clappers, are also used to create a faster 'click­ity' sound.

For a slower song or a dance between a man and a woman, hand movements are used to express feelings or to tell a story. Sometimes women twist fancy lace shawls around their bodies or use decorated fans to display other emotions.

The men traditionally wear pants and a vest, while the women usually wear brightly colored (often polka-dots) dresses that fit snugly and flare out at the bottom. These costumes add to the ambience of the authentic flamenco traditions and attract the audience's attention.

As I watched each flamenco performance, I was com­pletely stunned at the style of dance, the footwork and castanets. The fact that anyone can move with such grace and artistic expression while at the same time keeping the rhythm and beat to the gypsy and singers, is absolutely amazing! In all my years as a dancer (never would I have been able to dance flamenco) and all of the dance shows, ballets and musicals I have seen, this fla­menco show in Spain was by far the most incredible dance performance I have ever seen.

Spain should be proud of their flamenco art because they have a unique form of artistic expression. Flamenco will always be known as a traditional Spanish art that no other country will ever be able to imitate. If you ever have a chance to visit Spain, see a flamenco show and indulge in the rich culture that Spain has to offer.
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