



Men's basketball team advances to Final Four

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

Having soundly coasted for the past three games of the WIAC and NCAA tournaments, the UW-SP men's basketball team was bound to receive a challenge sooner or later. Well they got it Saturday and they survived.

In front of another jam-packed audience at the Quandt Fieldhouse, the Pointers defeated the Trinity Tigers 61-55 in what was the toughest battle at home since hosting UW-Oshkosh in the second round of the WIAC Tournament.

"This was an absolute gut-check," Head Coach Jack Bennett said. "I cannot say enough about the ability to execute under pressure and the courage of this team. We're gonna try and take those ingredients next week and see how

far it will take us in good 'ole Salem, Virginia."

Unlike the full-court pressure they had to combat during the prior evening in their battle against Puget Sound, the Pointers met up against an experienced, lengthy Trinity squad that posed problems for the Pointers in the paint.

As quickly as Nick Bennett shot off to the races in the first half, Jason Kalsow stumbled out of the gate.

Bennett scored 13 points in the first half on 5-for-10 shooting. While Kalsow was able to garner five rebounds and four assists, he was unable to manage a point as he missed all six shots in the first half.

With the Pointers leading 28-24 at halftime, Trinity went on a 9-4 run over the first six minutes of the second half to earn their first lead of the game since it was 5-4.

It was now that Kalsow would begin to regain the

form that made him the all-time leading scorer in UW-SP men's basketball history.

After missing his first two shots of the second half putting his scoring drought to eight missed shots in a row, Kalsow converted on four of his final five shots of the game to help the team down the stretch.

After comparing Kalsow's first half performance to the NCAA Tournament game against Gustavus Adolphus two years ago when Kalsow was held to just three shots and seven points, Jack Bennett liked how his star forward was able to turn things around in the second half this time around.

"Here's the difference," he said. "Tonight when crunch time came, he started to make plays. No, it wasn't Jason's best game, but he made some huge plays down the stretch and it was just enough."

Another player who rose to the occasion last weekend was Eric Maus. Along with Kalsow and Bennett (who also received MVP honors), Maus was recognized for his performance in their bracket when he was named to the All-Tournament team. Coach Bennett said even though he's a quiet person, he's very intelligent.

"He's a young man of so few words, but he's a deep thinker (and) he analyzes the game," he said. "It's amazing how many times he plays his most aggressively in the big-

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Candlelight vigil protests tuition



Photo by Holly Sanbo

April Lueck, pictured above was one of a dozen students that participated in a Monday, March 14 candlelight protest to raise awareness of rising tuition costs.

Joe Piscioti
NEWS REPORTER

About 40 people gathered in front of Old Main on Monday night to protest state funding cuts to higher education and the rising cost of tuition in Wisconsin.

The shivering crowd, mostly made up of students, congregated near the doors of the building with candles lit to "commemorate students who have been priced out of higher education and staff who will lose their jobs due to budget cuts."

James Duquette, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), spoke at the event calling it "a somber gathering." He said that the candles represented people who can't afford to pay for tuition at all, who must work extra jobs just to stay in

school, and who won't even attempt to come to college in the future because of the prohibitive costs associated with higher education.

The protest was formed in response to Governor Jim Doyle's 2005-07 Biennial Budget Bill - Assembly Bill 100. The current bill was introduced back in February and is in the hands of the Joint Committee on Finance. The committee has spent the last week holding public hearings across the state, as they look for citizen input on the contents of the bill.

Amy Heart, local Green Party member and former candidate for mayor of Stevens Point, spoke at the event. "Tuition could go up as much as 14 percent this year," she said.

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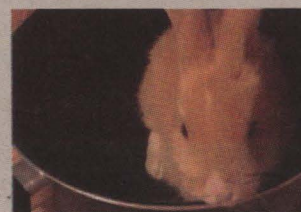


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gest games. Eric is just one of the most genuine people I know and good things happen to him."

Bennett, who finished the game with a game-high 28 points, made one of the most impressive plays of the seasons in the late stages of the second half. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Bennett drove to the hoop and was fouled during his shot. Even though he was knocked down, the ball barely surpassed the rim and bounced into the net drawing the crowd to its loudest decibel level yet. Bennett sunk the free throw to extend the lead to 55-50. After a couple of free throws by each team, Kalsow

cemented the victory with a block.

"I thought Kalsow's block was the play of the game," Nick Bennett said. "You could tell they were really rattled after that because they had a little rhythm going. I thought that was a huge play he made."

Kyle Gusczyński came off the bench to contribute eight points, Jon Krull had six points and six rebounds, while Maus scored eight points and snared four rebounds.

The Pointers travel to Salem, VA this week to play York (Pa.) at 8 p.m. on Friday at the Salem Civic Center with both the consolation and championship games to be played the following evening.

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islature are currently trying to come to terms with a projected \$1.6 billion budget deficit, and cuts to the UW System are one way that they are attempting to curb state spending.

In the 2003-05 budget, funding for the UW System was cut by \$250 million – the largest in history. The cut contributed to a tuition increase of nearly 38 percent over two years.

Tuition is becoming a heavy burden for many students to carry. About 60 percent of UW System resident undergraduates graduate with an average debt load of more than \$16,000.

According to Heart, state budget priorities need to be rearranged. She said that education is a right and that we should guarantee that everyone has access to it.

The issue of education doesn't just pertain to students, according to Heart. It's something that everyone in the state should be concerned about, because the quality and viability of education in the state is tied to all other state issues, she said.

Heart proclaimed that the funding of education was a social justice issue. While she admitted that this version of the budget bill is better than the previous proposal, she encouraged everyone to contact the governor and their representatives to let them know that there is a lot more work to do.

SGA and WISPIRG organized the event with the hopes of inciting students, faculty, and community members to make their voices heard. The Joint Committee on Finance was in Merrill on Tuesday and Madison on Thursday. No other public hearings are scheduled.

Jeopardy master coming to UW-SP for Trivia 36

Marty Grosse
NEWS REPORTER

Ken Jennings, 74 time winner of the game show *Jeopardy*, will visit Stevens Point next month to participate in 90FM's 36th annual trivia contest. Jennings will be collecting material for a trivia book he is writing. This contest is the largest of its kind in the world, and it all starts April 8 at 6 p.m. It is conducted by reading fifty-four contest questions on the air of our campus radio station once every hour. Trivia teams earn points by calling in the correct answers to operators at the radio station.

Keep an eye out for trivia players as they roam around town seeking answers to "Running Questions" that require them to go out into the community to search for

answers. The contest also includes a city-wide scavenger hunt for the mythical "Trivia Stone," which is based on clues given throughout the contest. Trivia buffs will also be marching in a trivia parade which occurs Friday, April 8th at 4 p.m. The parade route winds through campus and offers teams the opportunity to express their creativity, and win prizes. Anyone may join the fun by forming a team and registering the week before the contest. Details are available at 90FM's studios in the CAC building.

Since 1969, the trivia contest has been hosting contestants from all over the state, country, and even the world. This rush of people into the area causes a boom in the local economy which results in record-high sales for some area businesses.

The secret world of the 90FM studio



Photo by Holly Sandbo

"Queer Talk," a gay-themed program produced by the Gay-Straight Alliance, is the latest edition to the collection of 90FM public affairs shows. Although most students are aware of WWSP (90FM), the campus radio station, few students outside of the cabal of disk jockeys, news readers and talk radio hosts know what the studio looks like. Pictured above are hosts Chris Johll (left) and Adian Arnold (right) broadcasting from the WWSP studio.

Midterm Exams are almost over...

only 2 days until Spring Break.

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SGA Corner



As of this paper's printing mere hours remain in SGA Elections 2005-06! Who will be your new president, vice president and senators? Depending on when you are reading this, there is still time to cast your vote, so stop by the SGA homepage and do so by 4 p.m. if you haven't already: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga>.

The results of all elections will be announced at the beginning of the SGA meeting at 6:20 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the University Center tonight.

Last week in the Senate, SGA voted to take over the student role in the Health Services budget. Due to UW System policy and state law, most segregated fee control at UW-SP goes to SGA's Finance Committee, but for a few decades student input on the Health Services budget was through the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC).

The Senate decided, in a close vote, that Finance Committee members shall use their more critical eye on the \$1.8 million budget because of their experience with budgets and their separation from the Health Services staff.

Thus SGA has created the Health Services Oversight and Allocation Committee (HSOAC). This committee is to be made of mostly SHAC members and will have the first look at the Health Services budget before turning it over to the SGA Finance Committee for final approval.

Bylaws will be written soon for the new HSOAC and we're expecting

a detailed breakdown of the budget from the chancellor that will allow students to have the final say over more Health Services dollars.

On the docket for this week's meeting, among other pieces of legislation, is for the Senate to vote on a resolution that would encourage the UW-SP faculty to comply with a version of Individual Campus Plan (ICP).

The heavily-debated ICP is a statute to encourage multi-cultural understanding and diversity for those involved in student government. It makes it mandatory for senators and executive staff to attend at least one multi-cultural club meeting and one multi-cultural event each semester.

The Student Life Issues Committee presented SGA with the results of the survey on whether there was support for a dental plan to be offered on campus through Student Health Services.

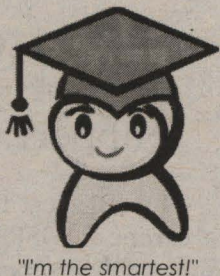
The verdict, with around 80 responses, was yes. However, Dr. Bill Hettler and others within SGA feel that these results do not reflect a large enough section of the student population.

So, the survey is reopened: Are you in favor or in opposition to the establishment of a student dental health plan through Health Services? E-mail acolb948@uwsp.edu or log on to the SGA Web site to let us know what you think.

To find out more about what SGA is up to be sure listen to the SGA Weekly Update on 90FM on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Also, make sure to attend our meetings every week on Thursdays at 6:20 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the UC. There is a public forum at every meeting in which guests are allowed to speak on any topic, on the agenda or otherwise, so please, let us know what's on your mind and help us with the direction of UW-SP.

Walter Wisdom Tooth's



Hardcore Trivia.

This M-word is the most-used word in the English language.

Find answer below.

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Frisson *n.* - a brief moment of emotional excitement.

The passionate kiss gave Beverly quite a frisson.

Like holding the reigns?

I'll bet you do.

The Pointer is currently accepting applications for next year's Editor-in-Chief.

Resumé and clips are due April 1.

For more information contact Adam Mella or send e-mail to pointer@uwsp.edu.

Walter's Answer: Me.



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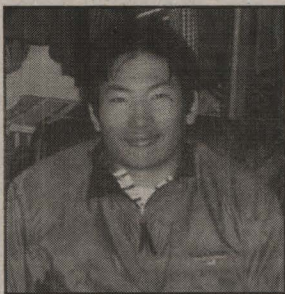
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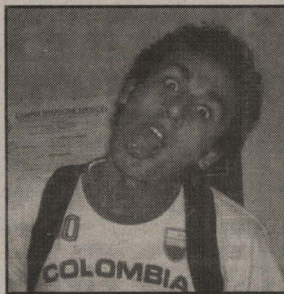
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What was your most memorable Spring Break?



Andrew Roth, Soph. Business

Snowboarding in Utah.



Juah Pablo Ricardo, Fr. ESL

Drinking & Dancing in Cartagena. (Best place to party)



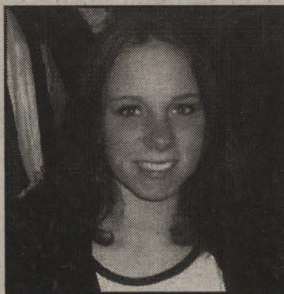
Jaid Gallo, Fr. ESL

Swimming in the Island. (In Colombia)



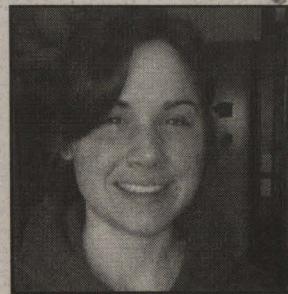
Tierney Baggot, Fr. Athl. Training

Going to Florida.



Donna Puhl, Fr. Spanish

Hiking in the Rockies in Tuson, Arizona.



Becky Bowers, Fr. Undecided

Road trip to Chicago.

Letters to the Editor

Support the campus wind turbine

I would just like to send a quick thank you on behalf of everyone at WISPIRG out to all the faculty around campus who showed their support for a wind turbine on campus. The faculty has played a major part in getting the ball rolling on this project. Our dreams will soon be a reality if we all continue to work together. Big Thanks!

Tony DeBonis

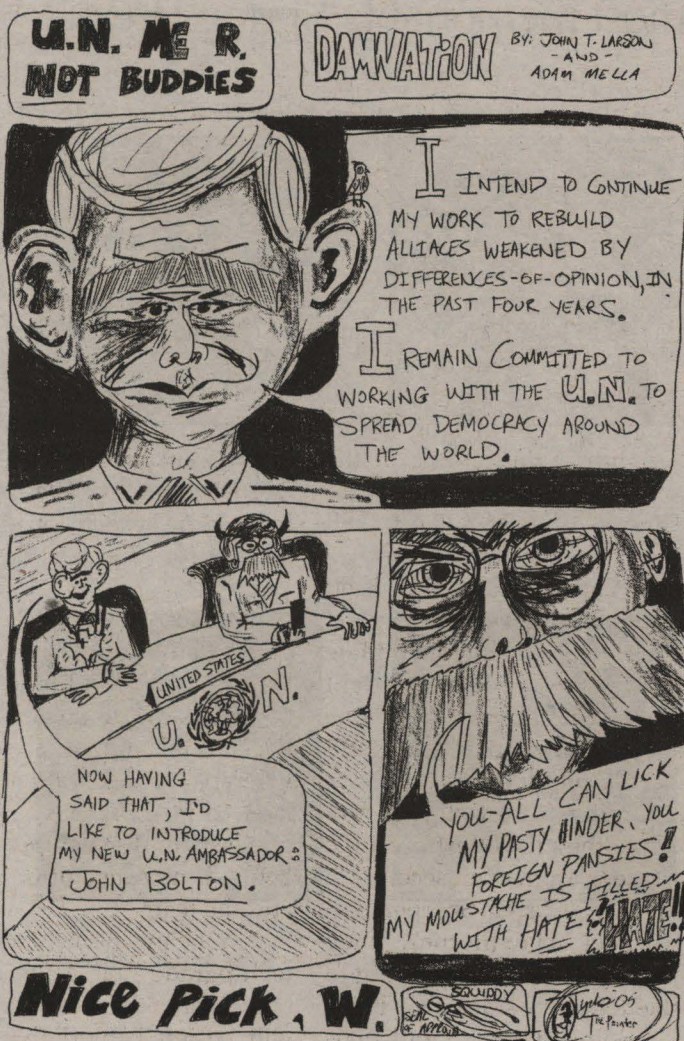
Much thanks to the Student Government Association for supporting the proposal to bring a wind turbine to campus. In April of 2003, UW-SP signed the Tallories Declaration; by doing so, we joined an international community of campuses committed to the principles of a worldview based on sustainability. Bringing a wind turbine to campus would definitely show our commitment to sustainability. In 2004 the university consumed 22,062,127 k Wh of electricity, most of which was generated by burning coal. This practice produces greenhouse gases known for their harmful effects on the environment and the health of individuals. Generating electricity from a new source, a wind turbine, will benefit the university community in various ways. Site assessments have already been made and project investigating continues. We must keep showing our commitment to sustainability. Thanks to all for their support.

Stacy Iruk, WISPIRG

Former conductors' performance outstanding

The Michelsen Hall stage at UW-Stevens Point recently sprang to life with the return of four former conductors of the UW-SP bands. James Arrowood, Don Greene, Don Schleicher and Dennis Glocke brought the house to their feet several times throughout the evening. Scott Teeple, current director of bands, is responsible for bringing together these outstanding music educators. Thank you Scott. Henry Fillmore had to be grinning from ear-to-ear following James Arrowood's rousing rendition of "The Footlifter." What an experience it must have been for those musicians to have spent time learning from and playing for these gentlemen; each with a unique style, all with great musical knowledge and a real passion for education. Near and dear to my heart was seeing Don Greene on the podium once again. He hasn't lost a beat. It was a real treat for me to have played under his baton a number of years ago and I carry a lot of great memories from that experience. Now, my son has had that very special experience as well. He won't forget it! Thank you gentlemen for bringing your special talents back to the UW-SP stage and thanks to the members of both ensembles for a terrific performance.

Rob Whitmire



Your College Survival Guide

MONKEY LOVE

By: Pat "Simian" Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Last week a fellow wrote in, questioning my college survival skills. I responded that I do, in fact, have skills. Skillz even, some of which could accurately be deemed, "madd." To prove these skillz, I said that I would feed myself for a whole week on \$3.

Since then I've had several folks write in asking questions. So let me clarify things:

"Are you using food you have stored up?" No. I'll be starting from scratch. I'll start the week with empty cupboards and only three dollars in my pocket.

"There's nothing special about eating Ramen for a week." I'll probably eat some Ramen, sure. But there's not much challenge in that. The point of this little exercise isn't just to show that I can survive, it's to establish my position as Alpha Male by displaying what passes for plumage around here. Namely, the aforementioned madd skillz.

Want to know exactly how the week turns out? Tune in after spring break.

Hello Young Rothfuss,

How you amuse me with your silly column... it's the best read I've come across in a long time.

I've been wondering about men lately. In particular, boyfriends. I've been asking my gaggle of girlfriends why women have attachment issues. (That's not your question.) I want to know why most males in a relationship like to play games with their bitches. (i.e. "I'm not gonna call her for a couple of days and see if she cracks and calls me first... A HA!") OR id-they just deal with distance better than us women?

My friend and I call our condition, the "Kiss and Cuddle" syndrome. The only reason we go back to our loser boyfriends is cuz we want to hold them and kiss them and squeeze them until their heads pop off "wike kwazy widdle cutie pootie wootie puppies!" I'm rambling now, but why why why does my boyfriend (who lives in Minneapolis) NOT CALL ME, GODDAMN IT!!!!???

-- Anitra Hovelson

Well Anitra, I have a good answer to your letter. Actually, I have two good answers. Luckily, due to a psychotic break brought about by midterm stress, I have two fully-formed personalities willing to give you their opinions on this issue.

EVIL PAT'S RESPONSE:

Why are guys thoughtless, callous, game-playing jerks? Simple, Anitra, because that's what you women have trained us to be.

Let me explain this with a story. Imagine that you're a young boy, and like most young boys, you're a Nice Guy: innocent, polite, and considerate. You meet Julie. She's smart, funny, and pretty. You become friends and slowly but surely you realize you're in love with her.

So you join forensics because she's on the team. You cheer her on when she tries out for the swim team. You talk on the phone for hours at a stretch, really getting to know her.

But while you're investing time and energy into building an emotional and intellectual bond with Julie, some basketball player asks her to the prom. She says yes, because he's a junior, and he has his own car. Plus he's got an ass you can bounce a quarter off of. Let's call him Chad.

Then Chad proceeds to treat Julie like crap, because he doesn't know the first thing about her. But for some reason she clings to him like he's the last life preserver on the Titanic. And all the while, there you are, her friend and confidante. Every night you're on the phone, listening while she cries about how obnoxious and thoughtless he is. But she forgives him because she's in love, right?

Then it slowly dawns on you. Julie will never be your girlfriend. Why? Well, given the overwhelming evidence, Julie doesn't want a boy who listens to her thoughts and feelings. Julie wants a cretin with a nice ass. Guys like Chad get the lovin'. Guys like you are the equivalent of an emotional tampons.

Now if you're a Really Nice Guy you move on with your innocence intact. Then you meet a girl called Erica. Lather, rinse, repeat.

Slide down this emotional razorblade about a dozen times, and you know what you get? You get me. I'm not nice anymore. Over the years I've molded myself into an arrogant bastard so that women find me irresistible. And you know what? It works great.

And now you're complaining that your guy doesn't call you? Get bent, chicky. You women have made your collective bed, and now you have to lie in it. Alone.

NICE PAT'S RESPONSE

Your letter reminded me of a conversation I had with a friend about a week ago.

She told me that she liked getting massages. More than that, she considered them essential for her emotional well-being, especially when she was in-between boyfriends. She went on to explain that she thought touching and being touched was a vital part of being a primate.

Which means, in a nutshell, that her inner monkey occasionally needs some lovin'.

I couldn't agree more. I think that deep down we all have basic monkey urges. Do you remember that experiment we all learned about in Psychology 101? A baby monkey has to choose between two fake mommy monkeys: a wire mom with milk, or a furry mom with no milk. The baby monkey always chose the furry mom. It goes to show how important this cuddling impulse is to us primate types.

I decided to perform an expanded version of this experiment. I added a balsa-wood monkey with a cookie and a handgun; a sheet-metal monkey that gives out bong hits; and a monkey made entirely out of Cool-Ranch Doritos that gets drunk and burns you with cigarettes.

Anyway; to make a long story short, I never got around to finding a baby monkey to experiment on. Apparently you need a permit or something for that. But I CAN tell you that my favorite was the razorwire monkey with a tazer that dispensed sweet, sweet, methadone. I still sleep with it at night.

What's the moral to the story? Shit. I have no idea. Scientists hate monkeys, I guess. There's your moral. I'm outta here. Time for Spring Break.

Games People Play continues to provide Stevens Point with quality gaming materials. Remember, they're right next door to Family Video, inside JadeCo Hobby. Also remember that they are the sponsor to this lovely column, and without them I probably wouldn't be providing you with the monkey humor you so desperately desire. Why not show them your appreciation by stopping by the store?



Sports



Our View From the Cheap Seats



Breaking down the brackets: NCAA tournament preview

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite the fact that several games in this year's Division I men's basketball tournament will be underway or completed when this issue of *The Pointer* hits UW-SP newsstands, my obligatory bracket breakdown is still here.

Now that the tournament is upon us, just sit back, relax and keep this paper close to your Lay-Z-Boy for reference while you're glued to the TV. It's tourney time.

Chicago Regional

The Chicago bracket seems to have few potential Final Four squads than any other regional in the field of 64. That being said, the Chicago regional is home to the No. 1 seed overall, Illinois. The Illini have outstanding guards and a very smart team, as proven by the fact that Illinois lost only once during the regu-

lar season. Luther Head leads Illinois in scoring, averaging 15.8 points per game, and may lead the Illini to St. Louis and the Final Four.

The Chicago regional also features Oklahoma State University, Big 12 conference tournament champions. The crafty Cowboys earned a tough win at Syracuse earlier in the year and defeated fellow Big Dancer Texas Tech three times in the 2004-05 season.

My sleeper pick in the Chicago regional is the Boston College Eagles. While the Eagles still earned a four-seed in the tournament, they have gone 4-4 in their last eight games. If BC can correct their recent downfall, the Eagles can compete with the Illini and OSU for the Final Four.

Albuquerque Regional

The surprise of selection Sunday came in this bracket, as the Washington Huskies were announced as the region-

al's No. 1 seed. UW quietly went 27-5 this year and won the Pacific-10 conference tournament, featuring perennial powerhouses like Arizona.

The knock on the Huskies is their lack of size. UW doesn't feature a prominent big man down low, and doesn't field a player taller than 6-foot-9. This could be a factor in the second round, since Washington's potential opponents - Pacific or Pittsburgh - field taller, more active low post players.

The team to beat in the Albuquerque regional may not be the No. 1 seed, but may be the Louisville Cardinals. UL got a bit of a snub with a fourth seed; the team finished the season with a 29-4 record and won their conference tournament (the second seed in the bracket, Wake Forest, had a record of 26-5 and got into the tourney through an at-large bid). Team leader Francisco Garcia leads the team in scoring (15.4 PPG), assists (3.9

per game) and steals (1.9 per game).

Syracuse Regional

Arguably the most competitive bracket in the tournament includes the likes of North Carolina, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas and Wisconsin. UNC is the regional's No. 1 seed and led the NCAA in margin of victory. UConn is the defending national champion and has overwhelming size in the post. The other contenders bring a bevy of abilities into the regional and should make the Syracuse bracket the one to watch until the title game on April 4.

Austin Regional

If one bracket has the talent to compete with the teams in the Syracuse regional, it's deep in the heart of Texas. The Austin regional features the most loved/hated college basketball program in the nation as its No. 1 seed, the Duke Blue Devils. Duke is led by sharpshooting guard J.J. Reddick, who converted almost 42 percent of his three-point attempts during the season.

The dark horse in Austin is the Utah Utes. The "Awesome Aussie," Andrew Bogut, is a 7-foot tall scoring and rebounding machine. Bogut averaged

huge scoring numbers (20.7 PPG) and pulled down 12.3 rebounds per game as well. Look for Utah to get into the Sweet 16, if not further.

Final Four

At last, we come to the epitome of college basketball greatness, the Final Four. Here is my vision of who will make it to the national semifinals: Illinois, Louisville, UConn, and Duke.

Louisville will give the Illini a run for their money, but Illinois will advance to the title game. In the other semifinal, UConn will get its chance to defend their national title as the Huskies overtake Duke.

National

Championship

I have to go with the odds in this one, with Illinois living up to the No. 1 ranking and defeating UConn in the title game. The Illini would finish their near-perfect season in the perfect fashion - cutting down the nets in the Edward Jones Dome.

To sum up all the March Madness that will follow in the next few weeks, I leave you with the words of the immortal Dick Vitale: "It's awesome, baby!"

What exactly are the Packers thinking?

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

When I was thinking of what to write about this week for my column I scoured several topics in sports news.

Then I came across an announcement that the Vikings had signed Brad Johnson, QB, to a contract.

This prompted me to think of the other teams in the NFC North and while the Bears and Lions are both making moves to improve this off-season, the biggest news out of Packer camp is that Brett Favre will return for the 2005 season.

While this in and of itself is pretty big news for Packers fans (let's not contemplate where they would be right now if that decision had gone the other way), the Packers still have a pretty shoddy defense returning from last year and while they have lost a couple players from the secondary already (Darren Sharper and Michael Hawthorne), they have failed to add anything to the defensive side of the ball.

Some people will say, "Give them time, they still

have the draft and June 1st cuts to look for upgrades." To this I say, you're dreaming.

The Packers don't have that great of a draft pick (No. 24) and so-called draft experts are labeling this as a hit-or-miss draft.

While Favre will be back and throwing to that young, talented group of receivers, he might have a problem staying off his back.

The Packers have lost Marco Rivera and Mike Wahle, 40 percent of their All-Pro offensive line that the Packers have been known for around league for the past several years.

While Ahman Green isn't getting any younger (28 in a league where runningbacks begin to slow down at 30), the Packers better look for some veterans sooner rather than later to possibly put together one last run for a Super Bowl before time runs out on Favre and the team.

In the meantime, they better upgrade that defense this off-season, otherwise the team will be left behind the other teams upgrading above them.

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Pointers' Frozen Four hopes blown away by a strong 'gust'

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

The third time was not necessarily the charm for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team, as the Pointers were shut out 3-0 in the opening round of NCAA tournament play last Saturday by Gustavus Adolphus. The tournament contest was the third meeting between the schools this season.

Women's Hockey

UW-SP was ranked third in the country coming into the game and had split the season series with the Gusties, who were ranked fifth in the nation. The Gusties were beaten by UW-SP last year, 3-2, in the first round of the NCAA tournament in St. Peter, Minn. The Pointers and Gusties played this season's first-round game in Stevens Point at the Willett Arena.

The game last Saturday started off as a defensive struggle, with neither team's defense allowing many offensive opportunities. In the first period, Gustavus and UW-SP collectively attempted only eight shots.

In the second period,

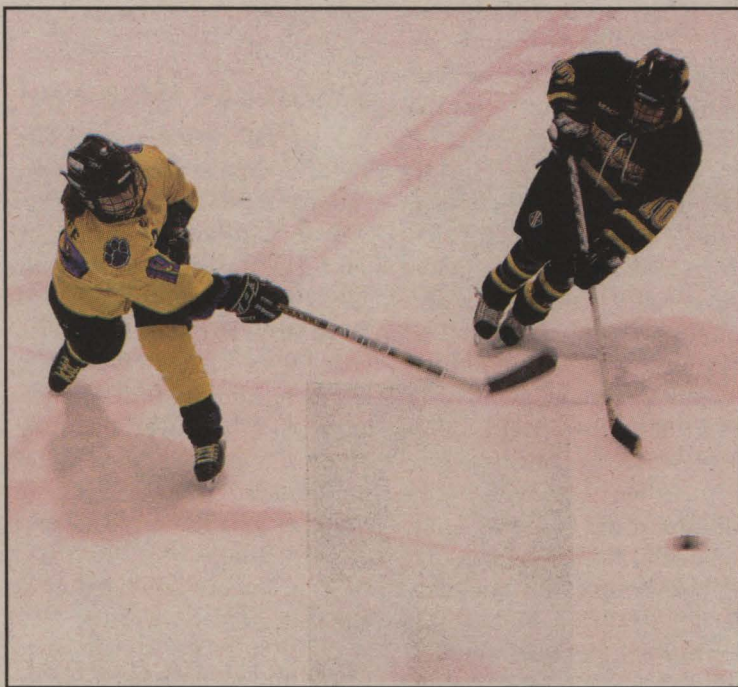


Photo by Holly Sandbo

Jennifer Dorff looks to move the puck against Gustavus Adolphus in last weekend's tournament loss.

the Gustie offense started the scoring. Molly Doyle put Gustavus on the board with a shorthanded goal at the 9:09 mark. The score was assisted by Abby Randall and Andrea Peterson. The Gusties changed the defensive tempo of the first period to a dominating offensive performance in the second, as they out shot the Pointers 13-3 in that period.

Midway through the third period, Pointer goalie Amy

Statz was injured and was replaced by Janelle Korbas. The reserve goalie made several strong stops in net before Peterson lit the lamp for the second Gustie goal at the 15:35 mark. Less than three minutes later, Peterson scored again, her 30th goal of the year, to seal the Pointers' fate.

The UW-SP offense was never able to get momentum, as they were held to only one shot in the final period and had just seven total shots in

the game.

For seven seniors, the game last Saturday would be the final contest in their very successful careers at UW-SP. Ashley Howe, Hayli Hupp, Ann Ninnemann, Liz Goergen, Jackie Schmitt, Jennifer Dorff and Jana Jurkovich have all suited up for the last time as Pointer hockey players.

"We will miss their leadership, experience, and passion to succeed. The graduating group has been the core of this team for four seasons [and] their legacy at Stevens Point will be felt for years to come," said Head Coach Brian Idalski.

The senior class' record is nothing short of amazing, as the Pointers won 87 games, lost 16 and tied seven times during the four-year span. The Pointers will have to make up for the significant loss of the senior class.

"We will need the incoming players to contribute immediately and assume some leadership roles," said Idalski.

The Pointers finished the season 22-3-1 overall and swept the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association regular season and playoff championships.

Mitchler wins 800-meter national championship

UW-SP News Services

Jenna Mitchler posted the best time of the season by any NCAA Division III women's track and field runner in the 800-meter dash at the most perfect time.

Women's Track

The junior middle distance runner captured the event in 2:12.87 to win the NCAA Division III championship on Saturday in Bloomington, Ill.

Mitchler's performance beat out Jessica Minty of Colby (Maine), who posted a time of 2:13.38. Mitchler's previous best entering the meet was 2:14.44 at last week's WIAC championships. She ran a 2:14.80 in Friday's preliminaries.

She is the sixth women's indoor national champion in UW-Stevens Point history and third in the 800-meter run. Leah Juno won the event in 2001 and Jessie Bushman was the champion in 1994.

Mitchler accounted for 10 of UW-Stevens Point's 18 team points as the Pointers placed eighth in the meet. She was also a member of the distance medley relay team that placed fifth in 12:00.85. Other relay members were Marie Burrows, Ashleigh Potuznik and Megan Craig. Julia Slabosheski and Amanda Nechuta both placed in the shot put as Slabosheski was sixth in 44 feet, 5.5 inches and Nechuta was eighth in 43 feet, 11.25 inches.

Mark LaLonde was second in the men's 5000-meter run at 14:36.67. Mitch Ellis also earned All-American honors with an eighth place finish in the high jump at 6 feet, 7.5 inches as the men finished 22nd overall.

UW-Oshkosh won its second straight women's national title and UW-La Crosse won its fifth straight men's championship.

Craig, Hayes earn student-athlete awards

UW-SP News Services

UW-Stevens Point senior Megan Craig has been named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's indoor track and field scholar athlete for efforts on the track and in the classroom.

Craig, a senior from Bangor, is majoring in physical education with a minor in health education and maintains a 3.63 grade point average. She is a member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and has been named to UW-Stevens Point's Dean's List numerous semesters.

She is the first UW-Stevens Point athlete ever to earn the award for women's indoor track and field. Jody Butkowski won the outdoor award in 2003. Craig shared the award with UW-Stout's Laura Verdegan.

Craig won the one-mile run at the 2005 WIAC indoor championships for her second career league title. She won the 3,000-meter run in 2003. Last weekend, Craig earned her fourth All-American honor while placing fifth

with the distance medley relay. In 2004, Craig finished third in the 1,500-meter run and distance medley relay after placing fourth in the 1,500-meter run in 2003. She has also been recognized as her team's MVP.

After an impressive season on the mat, UW-Stevens Point junior Mike Hayes has been recognized for his achievements away from wrestling as an NCAA Division III scholar All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

Hayes, a Beaver Dam native, was the Pointers' highest national finisher, placing fifth at heavyweight at the Division III championships on March 4-5 in Northfield, Minn. He finished the season with a 23-9 record after opening the year with a 4-5 record. Six of his nine losses came to other All-American wrestlers.

Hayes, who is also a member of the UW-Stevens Point football team, is a Biology major.

Sports Briefs

SWIMMING

UW-Stevens Point had three relays earn honorable mention All-American honors as the Pointer women's swimming and diving team placed 35th at the NCAA Division III women's championships over the weekend in Holland, Mich.

The 200-yard medley relay had the highest finish with an 11th place effort in 1:49.17. The 400-yard medley relay was 13th in 3:59.90 and the 400-yard freestyle relay was 16th in 3:41.57.

Jennie Roskopf swam on all three relays, while Liz Herder was on both medley relays. Meghan Walsh and Jerica Crook were on the 400-yard medley and freestyle relays, while Kelsey Crunstedt was on the 200-yard medley and freestyle relays. Lindsey Correll rounded out the 200-yard medley squad.

Emory (Ga.) won the team title, snapping the four-year reign of Kenyon (Ohio).

BASEBALL

The season opens this weekend for the Pointers as they play their first of eight games in Port Charlotte, Fla. with a doubleheader on Sunday against Concordia-Moorhead. UW-Stevens Point also plays games Monday through Thursday during spring break before returning home to open the conference season on March 30.

UW-Stevens Point was third in the WIAC last season with a 25-16 record.

SOFTBALL

The Pointers will take part in the Rebel Games in Orlando, Fla. starting with two games on Sunday against Washington & Jefferson and Westminster.

UW-Stevens Point was 20-21 last season and plays 10 games in Florida over spring break through Friday. The Pointers return home to open their northern schedule on April 2.

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Senior on the Spot

Kyle Grusczyński - Men's Basketball



Grusczyński

Career Highlights

- Appeared in every game for past three seasons.
- Originally recruited and played at UW-Madison freshman year (2000-01).
- Led Seymour H.S. to one WIAA Division II state championship and one state runner-up finish.

Major - History and broadfield social studies
Hometown - Seymour, Wis.
Do you have any nicknames? - KG, Jose (Will), Marc Bulger.
What are your plans after graduation? - Get married, teach and coach high school basketball and to not let Nick Bennett sing at my wedding in a year.
What has helped you become such an accomplished basketball player? - Parents, and my baseball coach for irking me enough to quit baseball and focus on basketball.
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Of course the national championship last year, this year's run in the playoffs and listening to Coach Bennett yell at me about my matador defense.
What's your most embarrassing moment? - Getting crossed over and falling on my ass in the Trinity game and getting an ear-full from my teammates and my dad.
What CD is in your stereo right now? - Usher
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - *Goodfellas*, and the *Indiana Jones* collection, and a must have in every collection the *Matrix Trilogy*.
What will you remember most about UW-SP? - The friends that I made, the national championship and a certain gathering at Kalsow and Bauer's house last year after the Superior game. Involving a mop, a bucket, Bauer, and the ceiling.
What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Parents, Megan, the soon to be World Series champions Milwaukee Brewers (keep the faith).

Hicklin's helping hand leads

Pointers to Elite Eight

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

After receiving news early in the week that Tamaris Relerford would be out for the playoffs, few people were sure of what the Pointers

Men's Basketball

would receive from Steve Hicklin. After Friday night's Sweet 16 game against Puget Sound, Pointer fans should be convinced that the point guard position should be taken care of for the next few years.

Behind a game-high 37 minutes from the freshman guard, the Pointers managed Puget Sound's full court press well enough to pull away with an 81-63 victory. UW-SP also defeated the Loggers last year 100-79.

While Relerford was relegated to the bench for the game, that didn't keep him

from calming his predecessor down and informing him of what was to come.

"I was a little nervous," Hicklin said. "Tamaris really did a good job of telling me what he remembered from last year and what I should do against the press. I wasn't out there by myself."

Other than receiving some valuable minutes from Kyle Grusczyński and Brian Bauer off the bench for defensive match-ups, the Pointers didn't use much of their bench in a game where they struggled to get the ball to half-court past the pressuring defense.

Jason Kalsow (16 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists), Nick Bennett (22 points and five rebounds), Eric Maus (18 points and seven rebounds), Steve Hicklin (15 points), and Jon Krull (four points) combined to score 75 of their 81 points for the game.

Even though he got into some early foul trouble and had to sit out a large portion of the first half, Kalsow affect-

ed the game not only with his playmaking ability, but also with his ability to pass.

"Kalsow's so good," Puget Sound Head Coach Eric Bridgeland said. "If he gets the ball, you attempt to trap him and you really can't trap him because he passes out of there. We call him a white Magic Johnson, he just does everything."

This comment brought a few laughs to the table when Head Coach Jack Bennett heard what was said.


"His quickness is more like Larry Bird," Bennett said. "Jason Kalsow is a trump card; I wish I had a buck for every time I've said it, that's why he's the most complete player in basketball at this level. From what I've seen on TV, he's one of the most complete players at any level."

The Pointers shot 58 percent from the field during the game while they held the Loggers to just 39 percent from the field and 26 percent beyond the three-point line on 26 attempts.


Maus' 18 points tied a career-high.



Hicklin




Vs.




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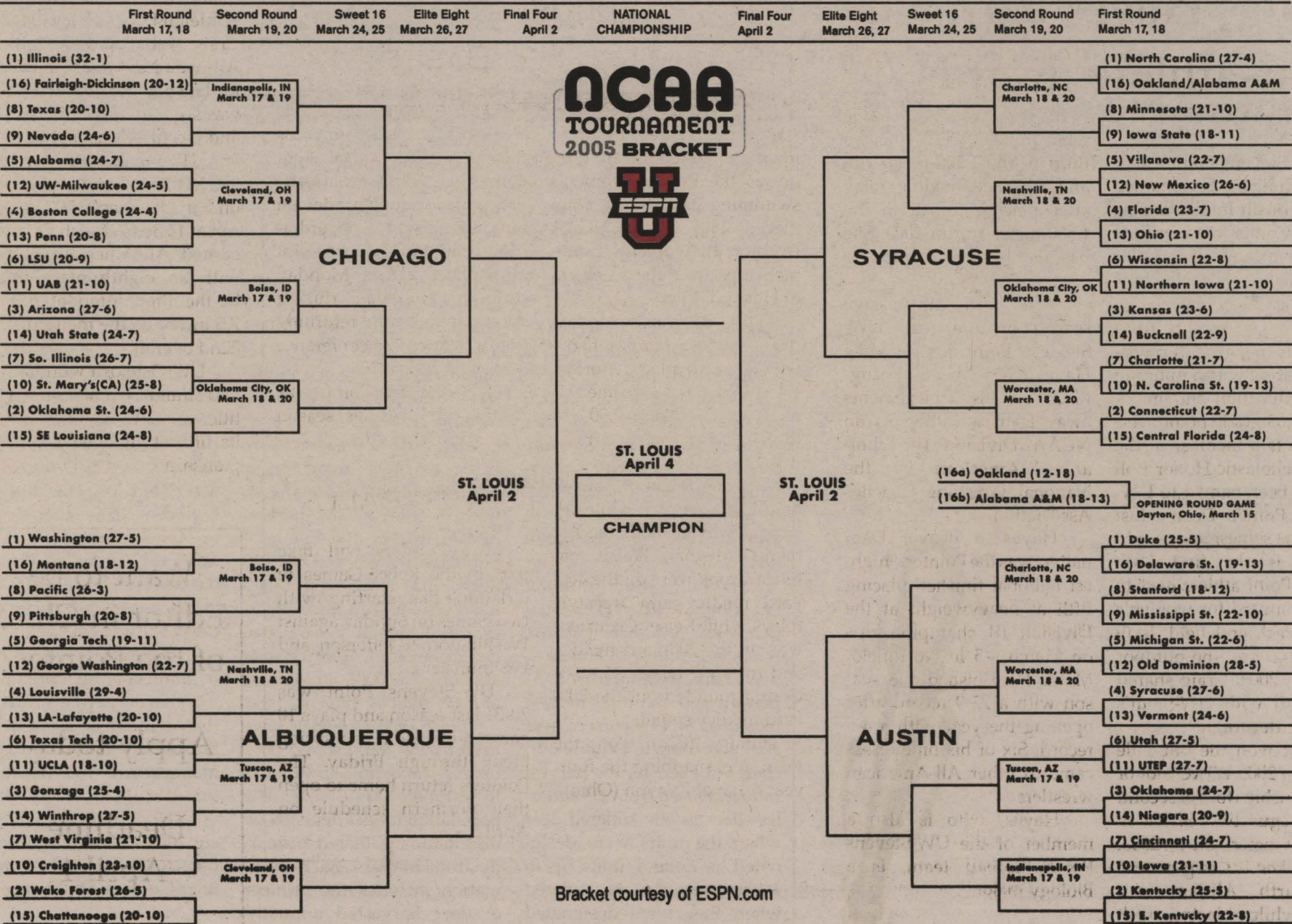
Men's Basketball Final Four

March 18-19, Salem, Va.



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Bracket courtesy of ESPN.com

Poster celebrates preservation of rarest resources

DNR Press Release

MADISON - A free color poster of a short-eared owl flying over a Wisconsin marsh carries a reminder that citizens and businesses can help preserve Wisconsin's rarest species and ecosystems by checking the endangered resources box on their state income tax forms. The poster is available at Department of Natural Resources Service centers, Department of Tourism Tourist Information centers or by calling (608) 266-7012. Donations to the fund are tax deductible.

"Looking for the loon on your tax form and donating to the Endangered Resources Fund helps in so many ways," said Signe Holtz director of the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources. "The fund supports state natural areas, habitat improvements for rare and declining species, re-introduction of native species, the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail and more, all with the goal of maintaining, for future generations, hundreds of plants, animals, and natural communities."

The endangered resources checkoff on the Wisconsin income tax form is the single largest source of contributions to the Endangered Resources Fund, explained Holtz.

"It's the primary source of funding for the management and protection of hundreds of endangered plants, wildlife species and habitats in the state," she noted.

The other major sources of funding for the program are the sale of the Endangered Resources wolf license plates, direct contributions from corporations and donors, and a state match to the checkoff, which is capped at \$353,400.

More than 40,321 taxpay-

ers contributed last year, raising more than \$630,000. Last year, businesses and corporations were also allowed to make tax-deductible contributions to the fund which generated an additional \$11,930.

"By contributing to the Endangered Resources Fund, businesses not only gain a deduction and knowing that they are making a difference in the future of Wisconsin, but they are supporting the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI), which can be a very valuable tool for making sound business decisions in the state," Holtz said.

The NHI has three main objectives: collecting information where rare plants, animals, natural communities and significant natural features are located in Wisconsin; standardizing this information with electronic database and maps for the state; and using that information to protect and manage these rare species and communities.

"This information is invaluable to both local, state, and federal agencies that review development proposals as well as private companies that wish to build or expand without harming rare and sensitive resources," Holtz said.

"Thanks to the generous donations people have made in the past, we have achieved a number of important successes," Holtz said. "But there is so much more work that needs to be done. There are more than 200 plants and animals that have reached a tenuous point in their existence in Wisconsin and are listed as endangered or threatened species. Without the donations from the tax forms, they are in danger of becoming extinct and lost forever to the Wisconsin landscape."

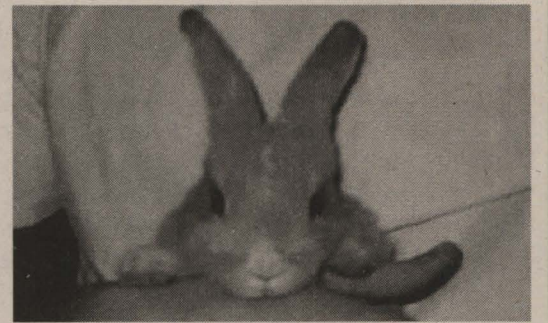
OuTdOoR OdDiTiEs

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Lately, I've been thinking about how hard it is to define "odd." Think about it. How do you put an absolute definition on something so abstract? First of all, in order to define odd, we'd have to define "normal" and, personally, I'm not sure what is normal in this world. However, I am positive that whatever qualities make up "normal," the demented mind behind the following story is definitely lacking.

An individual somewhere out there on the information superhighway has, for the first time in recent memory, taken a hostage and publicly placed a ransom note for the entire world to see on the World Wide Web. The funny thing is, the hostage is a pet rabbit - a rabbit that belonged to the "hostage-taker" in the first place.

A quick visit to Savetoby.com uncovers the story behind this floppy-eared play on the human conscience. According to the Web site, Toby the rabbit was rescued some time ago from the perils of alley-cats and the outside world and is now a "loving, adorable" pet to his John Doe captor.



Fifty grand or rabbit stew?

Apparently, being "loving" and "adorable" is just the sort of thing that'll get a rabbit killed.

The founder of the site claims that if he doesn't receive \$50,000 from the public by June 30, Toby will be professionally butchered and eaten.

Unfortunately, based on information from the Web site, there are enough caring or completely gullible souls out there that Savetoby.com has already raised over \$18,000 through donations or purchases of various "Save Toby" merchandise.

Apparently, the concept of swindling is new to those poor souls.

Hunters registered 518,630 deer during 2004 season

DNR Press Release

MADISON - Hunters registered a total of 518,630 deer in 2004-05 Wisconsin deer hunting seasons, the second highest total harvest in state history and the fourth largest deer season harvest in national history.

Records were set in several segments of the deer hunt, according to data collected and analyzed by Department of Natural Resources wildlife officials. A record harvest of 72,336 deer was set in the Oct. 27-30 Zone T season. Archers set a new record of 93,426 during the Sept. 17 - Nov. 17 early archery season and a total archery season record of 103,571. Muzzleloader hunters also set a new mark of 7,074.

"Considering the adverse weather conditions during parts of the hunting season, this is good news for conservation and herd management in Wisconsin," said Keith Warnke, DNR big game ecologist.

Overall, the number of antlered deer harvested decreased by 30.6 percent, while the number of antlerless deer harvested increased 52 percent and the total harvest increased by 19.9 percent over 2003 according to wildlife officials. On average, the harvest ratio increased from 1.5 antlerless deer to one antlered deer when the units were designated as Zone T units up to 3.4 antlerless to one antlered when they were designated Earn-A-Buck (EAB) units.

EAB units are those in which hunters were required to register an antlerless deer before being able to shoot an antlered buck. Zone T units are those units that wildlife biologists have determined are at least 20 percent over their population goals and for which hunters receive an additional free permit they may use to shoot an antlerless deer.

The near-record harvest still leaves many of Wisconsin's 132 deer management units above population goals but has brought many units closer to their established levels.

Warnke said biologists are proposing for 2005 that there be about 50 Zone T units and 10 EAB units outside of chronic wasting disease management zones. The exact numbers won't be set until the state Natural Resources Board meeting on March 23.

Hunting seasons are based on the estimated deer population, the desired post-hunt population and harvest history. In 1962, the post-hunt population goal was 441,900 deer. Since 1962, deer range has expanded, hunting interest has increased and the goal has grown until today it stands at nearly 709,000 - an increase of more than 60 percent.

Since 1960, biologists have used hunter harvest and population modeling techniques to estimate herd size. The population model depends on information gathered primarily from hunters. Such information includes the number of deer harvested annually, along with the deer's sex and

age. When applied to a specific geographical unit, it is possible for biologists to estimate the number of deer living in that unit. They can then estimate the numbers that may be harvested to keep populations at healthy levels and that are socially acceptable to both hunters and nonhunters alike.

Between 1962 and 1984, the over-winter population estimates averaged 1 percent over the desired post-hunt goal. Between 1985 and 1994, over winter estimates averaged 16 percent above goal, and between 1995 and 2004, the average was 42 percent over goal. Over winter population estimates have been at or within 5 percent of the goal only twice in the last 20 years.

Using the registered deer from the 2004 season to reconstruct the pre-hunt population, the estimated pre-hunt population is 1,443,646 deer without the CWD units being accounted for. The difference between the reconstructed pre-hunt estimate of 1.4 million deer (compiled from the harvest data) and the projected population (1.5 million deer) is 7 percent.

"Progress is being made by hunters in the difficult task to move the herd towards goal thanks to the ongoing dedication of hunters to conservation management in Wisconsin," said Warnke.

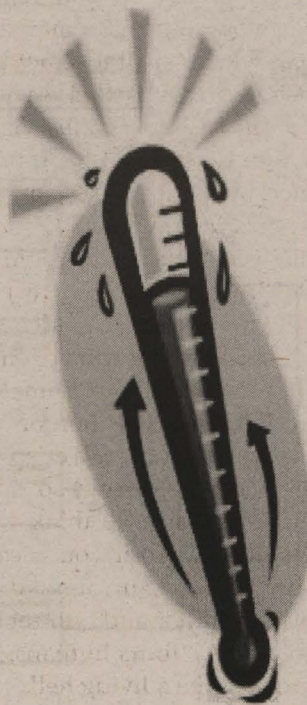
The department will present 2005 season recommendations to the Natural Resources Board at their March meeting.

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Friday: Rain and snow mix.
High: 38
Low: 28

Saturday: Chance of
snow showers.
High: 35
Low: 23

Sunday: Partly cloudy.
High: 43
Low: 23



Arts & Review

Punk 'n' Rock down at the Mission

Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

Four energetic young bands, the Chinese Telephones, the Modern Machines, the Mudgetts and Bob Burns and the Breakups, performed at the Mission Coffee House in downtown Stevens Point last Friday night. Though unpleasant weather kept some punk and rock aficionados away, those who did show, including the performers themselves, seemed to enjoy the experience. Most of those present refrained from dancing or getting a pit going, instead expressing their appreciation by standing still and watching the stage intently. Stevens Point native Dan Opperman of the Chinese Telephones said that he enjoyed playing at the Mission, and that "when (he) was a kid (he) saw a lot of really awesome bands here—Ladybeard, Dillinger Four, Scoobydog, Boris the

Sprinkler, Saltines."

Indeed, the Mission is one of the few places in central Wisconsin where one can throw down five dollars on a Friday night and see three or four good bands from across the musical spectrum and from across America. Owner Jordan Kaiser says that the Mission's philosophy is to encourage people to experience new things. "We bring in metal, bluegrass, hip-hop... we try to introduce people to something new. You might see a band you've never heard of who becomes your favorite," Kaiser explained. He expressed pleasure with Friday's show, saying "(the show was) good rock and roll, especially Bob Burns, who will be coming back to the Mission on April 30 with the bands Moto and Nobody's Housewife."

Yes, he sings "Changes" Cd review: David Bowie, *David Live*

Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

David Bowie is a master of self-promotion, which nowadays means that he usually has a freshly reissued album on the market. Currently he has two, *Stage* and *David Live*, both of which are compilations from 1970s concert tours. I already own *Stage* on a perfectly good pair of cassettes but am a devoted Bowie freak, so *David Live* will concern us here. Like most Bowie products, it's impeccably packaged, stocked with photos and backstory, and the discs aren't bad either. Anyone familiar with his work will know at least half of the tracks, and devoted Bowie freaks will already own them on several other



The Thin White Duke rocks away the seventies on *David Live*.

Drawing by Rebecca Conn

albums. That doesn't matter, though, because this album is one more chance to listen to him live.

And the former Mr. Stardust does put on a good show. Even without being able to look at his flaming coiffure and parti-colored eyes, it's clear that he's giving a hell of a performance, and tracks like disc opener "1984" really pop. He also does some songs concertgoers today seldom get to hear, like "Rock 'n' Roll with Me," which are mixed in

with standards like the inescapable but always enjoyable "Changes."

When all is said and done, another live Bowie album is a little gratuitous, and two may be excessive, but it's nothing plenty of artists haven't done before. Die-hards will want it because it's got his name on it and that's good enough for them, (we all bought *Never Let Me Down*, didn't we?) and more moderate admirers will have a great introduction to his early live work.

Movie Review:

Robots

Blair Nelson

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Robots

Starring Ewan McGregor, Mel Brooks and Halle Berry



image courtesy of impawards.com

Robots, the new animated film from Twentieth Century Fox, opens with two-and-a-half bursting minutes of thrills—but not actually from the picture. The excitement is generated from the full-length trailer for *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*. *Star Wars* geeks rejoice. However, there is nothing wrong with a self-confessional here, because it is fairly likely you or I may be one. Incidentally, *Robots* features the voice talents of Ewan McGregor, who plays young Obi-Wan Kenobi in the prequels. Even James Earl Jones lends voice acting talent; he has merely one line in homage to *Star Wars*—strangely, he delivers it very non-Vader like. We've all heard of product placement in the movies before; the most blatant example is the way Reese's Pieces were advertised in *E.T.* With *Robots*, though, a new term may be on the horizon—character placement. One

wonders what is next for film advertising.

The film itself begins with grandiose flare, albeit with a little excitement: a robot father is about to have a baby in Rivet Town. Obviously that isn't possible, but the gag is that the mother was in labor for twelve months—putting him together. The baby boy is Rodney Copperbottom (McGregor) who wants to become an inventor and meet his hero and fellow grand inventor Bigweld, voiced by legendary comedian Mel Brooks who resides in Robot City. Not exactly your everyday exotic name by any means.

Once Rodney arrives in the city, with his father's words of never give up engraved in his mind, the film really takes off for the first time. The metropolis is a magnificent spectacle, rich with vistas, yet with an antique-like quality. Everything is made mechanically, of course, yet the look is something we've not seen before. Think Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* mixed with unknown future elements, only nothing like the recent *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, which put future and past elements together so creatively.

Rodney soon is placed with the eccentric Fender, (Robin Williams) who offers more laughs than you can count on all your fingers. When he and Rodney are brought into the city in an extravagant way, this is the chance to see the industrial innards of booming Robot City; it's a fast-paced entry, but one filled with wondrous beauty and marvel. Be warned, however; the strong desire to play pinball could befoul you.

Once our robotic friend is

denied entrance to see Bigweld, he tries taking matters into his own hands with the help of his invention sidekick, Crank. He fails, but we are introduced to the movie's villain, Ratchet, (Greg Kinnear) who wants to sabotage robots in order to take over Bigweld's company. That could be the reason, although given the movie's extremely loose plot, who can say? Ratchet reports to the mastermind behind this plan, his mother, Gasket.

"The humor is overdone and the plot is barely recognizable."

Rodney is on Ratchet's list after they clash, but he is still determined to meet Bigweld. In the meantime, he has met Fender's Aunt Fanny, who is voiced hilariously by Jennifer Coolidge in her best work since *A Mighty Wind*, and whose mechanical butt rivals the best of them, even J.Lo. Fender refers to her booty more than a few times, and later they hide in it, then exit just like clowns out of a clown car. Rodney also meets Piper and Cappy, (laconic Halle Berry) too; both are love interests, but apparently Cappy wins his heart, because she helps him successfully get to Bigweld. The film

has a shining moment here when Rodney sets off the best, most elaborate domino setup you'll ever see. Bigweld turns out to be a coward, however, and shatters Rodney's dreams, leaving him crestfallen.

As expected, Bigweld returns to help Rodney in the finale; as he once inspired Rodney to become a genius inventor, so too has Rodney done the same to him. Unfortunately, by this point the film doesn't know what to make of itself; the humor is overdone and the plot is barely recognizable anymore. Even the talents of Ewan McGregor seem out of place, as he voices this underdeveloped character with uncertainty and ironic hesitation, as if not knowing what to do with him. The film nearly self-destructs when Fender breaks into a short rendition of Britney Spears' "Hit Me Baby One More Time." Sometimes you have tots: portions of the humor works, and the look and shine of the robots is splendid, the feel of the city and the important theme of never giving up and following your dreams remarkable. Yet where are the emotional elements that fueled, say, *The Incredibles* and *Finding Nemo*? Those films could be appreciated by adults. *Robots* may be a kid's movie, but it could've allowed some extra room for wit. Maybe it would've been better to break the golden rule of filmmaking—don't show, tell. Well, the filmmakers didn't tell. The humor and glamour is burnt to a crisp and show-boaty. In a city so amazing, you'd hate to think what would happen if you became stuck in it, surrounded by insane humor and odd robotic creatures. To us humans, it'd probably be a living hell.

Percussion from around the world

UW-SP Press Release

The Mostly Percussion Ensemble, a group of 19 percussionists from throughout Wisconsin, will perform at UW-Stevens Point on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The event, featuring only percussion instruments, will be held in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center. The performance is part of the Music Scholarship Series. Admission will be \$6 for the general public, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for youth and free the day of the concert for students with UW-SP IDs. Tickets are available at the UW-SP Box Office, Room 103A University Center, 346-4100 or (800)-838-3378, or at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance.

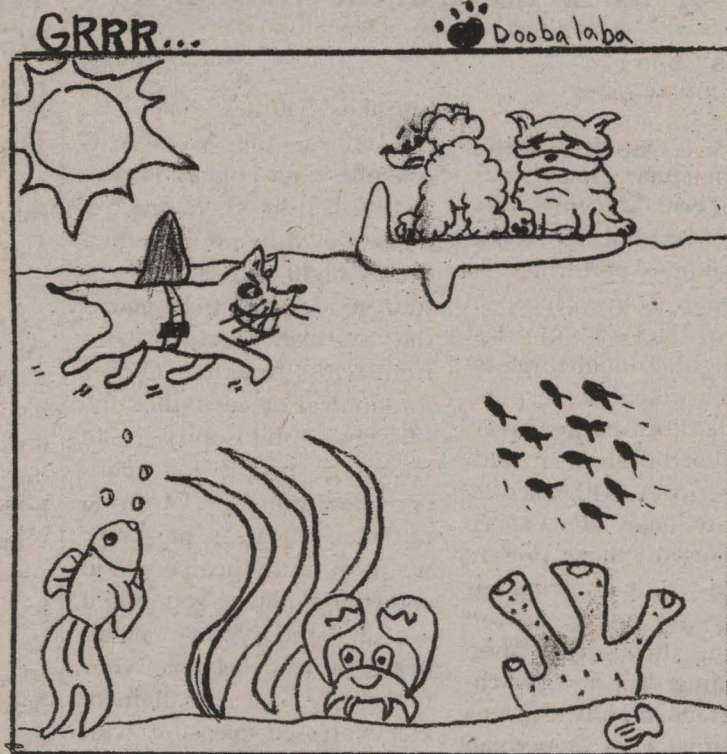
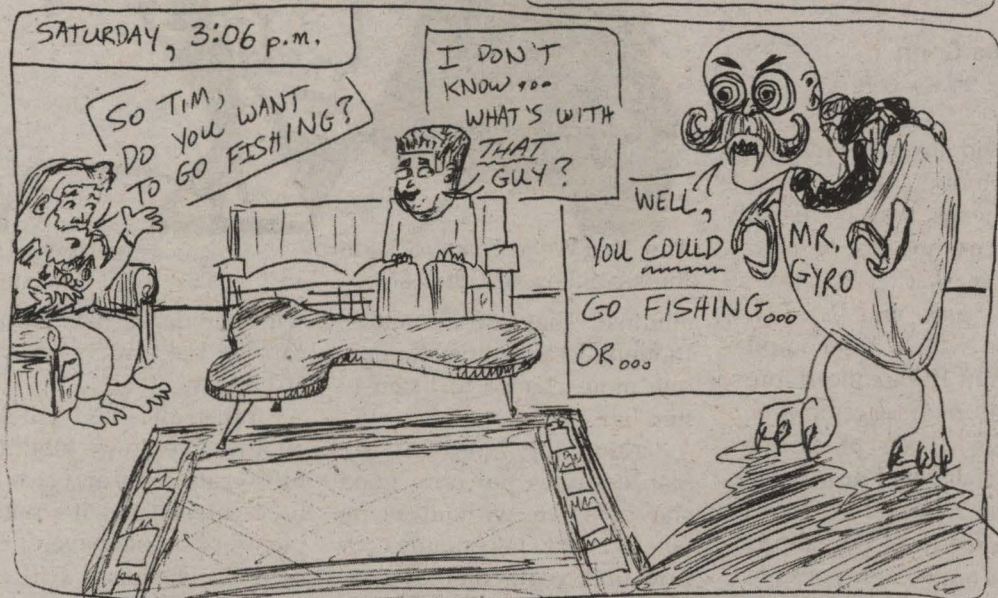
The program will include "Music for Pieces of Wood" by Steve Reich, "Ogoun Badagris" by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Christopher Rouse and "Imaginary Landscape No. 3" by John Cage. All selections featured in the performance are what director Robert Rosen calls "noise music." These compositions contain no conventional use of pitch, but instead employ percussive sounds and rhythms.

Rosen is an associate professor of music at UW-SP. He has been a member of the Lansing, Grand Rapids and Greensboro Symphonies and the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. He and his wife, Andrea Splittberger-Rosen, perform as the Uwharrie Clarinet-Percussion Duo. They made their New York debut in Carnegie Recital Hall in 1980.

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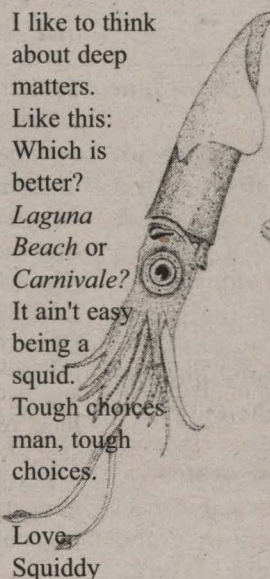
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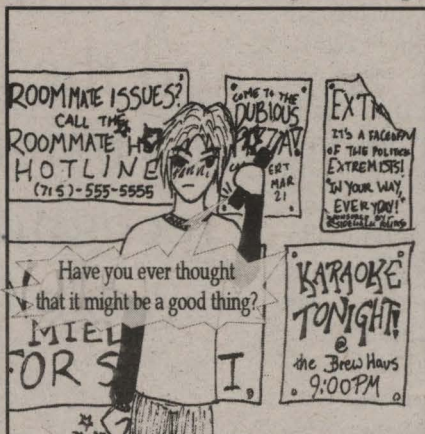
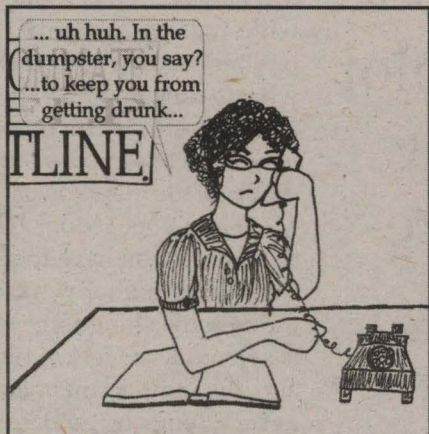
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Love, Squiddy



Resident's Evil

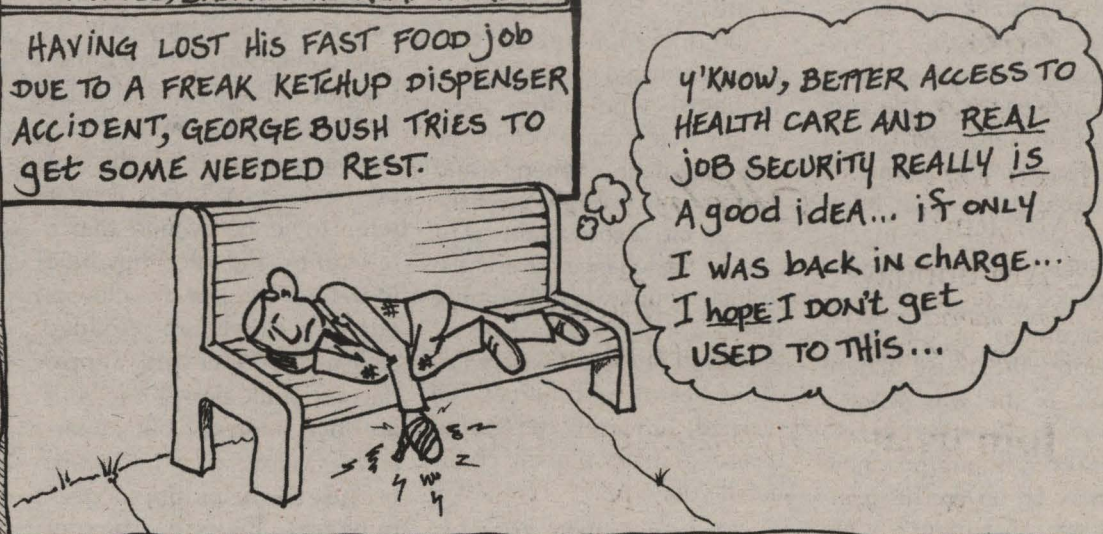
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March 24

7:30 PM

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March 25

1 PM, 6 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter

The Great Vigil

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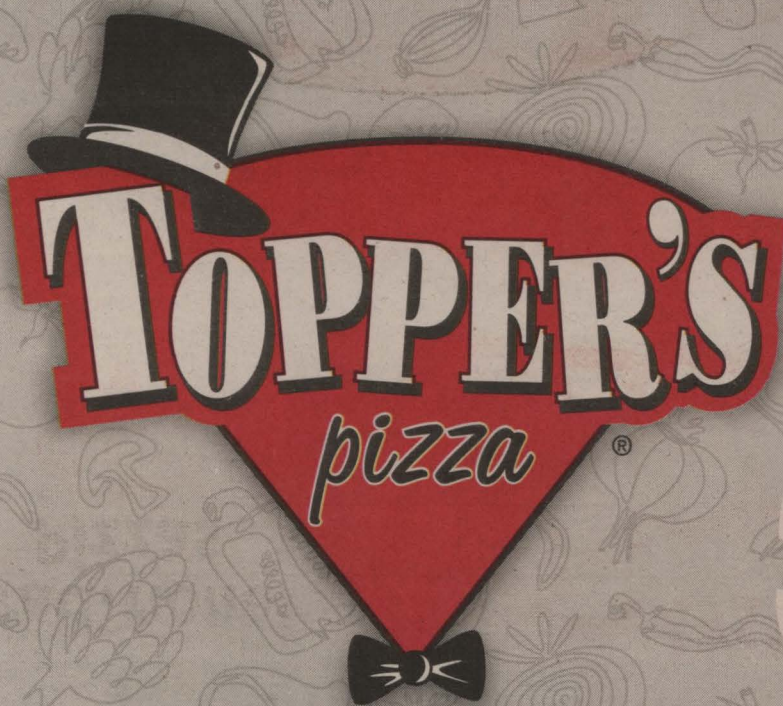
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